



The Belltower

July/August 2023

The Newsletter of the Clover Hill Reformed Church

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Sunday, July 2, at 10:00 am
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost / Communion
Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13;

Sunday, July 9, 10:00 am
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 16, at 10:00 am
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
VBS Sunday
Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112;
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 23, at 10:00 am
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 30, at 10:00 am
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sunday, August 6, at 10:00 am
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost / Communion
Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15;
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 13, 10:00 am
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 20, at 10:00 am
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

Sunday, August 27, 10:00 am
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124;
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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The office of CHRC is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.
The office administrator will be working remotely each Wednesday and available by phone (908-369-8451 by leaving a message) and email (chrc1834@gmail.com)



Worship With Us Online

Sundays at 10:00 am

Our live-streamed services will be accessible in real-time through:

YouTube [Click Here to check out our YouTube Channel!](#)

Zoom Login for meetings only

By computer:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/3847369806>

Meeting ID: 384 736 9806

Passcode: 5hhNCv

By phone:

+1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 384 736 9806

Passcode: 544042

Clover Hill Reformed Church has lifted all COVID-related restrictions.

If you are not feeling well (COVID, flu, or other potentially contagious illness) please stay home and join us via Zoom.



CHRC is Back on Instagram!

If you are on Instagram follow us! Our Instagram name is 'Clover_Hill_Reformed_Church_' (that's right, there is a 'dangling' underscore at the end).

Our Instagram account has been 'quiet' for two years, but like most of the teams here at Clover Hill, the Communications Team is getting back on track post-COVID and using Instagram to communicate to both those within and those outside the church is part of that renewed activity. By the end of the summer (maybe sooner) we hope to have a regular posting schedule to Instagram but will certainly include special events as they happen, so if you want something posted to Instagram, send to our office administrator (CHRC1834@gmail.com)

Thanks to Jolan Lyons for her past posts on Instagram and getting the account turned over so that we can continue the great work she started.

Don't forget to 'like' and 'share' our posts!

And Check Us Out on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/cloverhillreformedchurch>



Remember, to increase the church's presence on Facebook, like, and share.

Even if you are not a Facebook user, you can still see our church's Facebook page.

If you have any content that you would like to see up on Facebook, send to the Office Administration

chrc1834@gmail.com.

Dear Clover Hill,



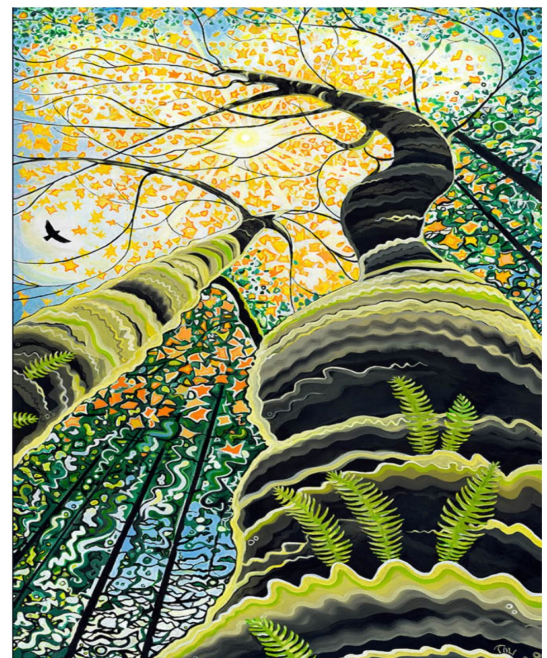
One of our neighbors was over the other day and noticed that there was a large poison ivy curling around most of one of the trees in the yard. He said to me, “you need to cut that off down at the bottom or else it will strangle that tree.” Next thing I know, he’s walking over into the yard with a machete. He hacked at the ivy for a bit and said, “give it a day or two and you’ll start to see the leaves wilt and eventually fall off.” *You can see them already wilting.*

The next morning, I examined the tree, saw the ivy and also saw that this tree had seen its fair share of trauma. I stopped to be by the tree and think about how it lost this limb or that bark. I said a prayer for it as I imagined the ivy was loosening its grip.

This summer, we will explore several texts that speak to our human roots and the faith that lies deep within us through stories from the book of Genesis. The people who populate these stories are not perfect and struggle with many emotions. *“They are like us! All the while, God is with them. God is beside them despite every ill-thought-through decision or selfish thing they do and in every noble and dignified thing they do.”*

There is a piece of art by Andrew Talbot in a resource that I am using to study the texts. Andrew calls this piece “Release” in that he wanted to shake off all that was inauthentic and live a more authentic life growing into the light.

Is there something that you would like to “shake off?” If you consider what is most important and what will bring joy, hope, peace, and love to your life, what might need to be “cut off” in order for it to lose its grip on you?



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Peace be with you,
Pastor Beth

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Use this [calendar link](#) to schedule time with me

Message from the Pastoral Search Team

Search Team Update:

The Pastoral Search committee had the opportunity to interview a pastoral candidate this past month. After many meetings of fine tuning our first-round questions we were able to put them to use. The candidate was interviewed using Zoom. The questions were divvied up to each of the members of the team. When it was time to ask a question the team member introduced themselves, gave a brief account of their history within the church and then asked the question. The format ran smoothly and gave the candidate the opportunity to speak to individuals as well as the entire group.

It was the group's decision to not move forward with this candidate. The experience of going through the interview was good experience for the team. The team is looking forward to having the opportunity to interview future candidates and applying what was learned from this experience. The team continues to ask for prayers of guidance as we go through this process.

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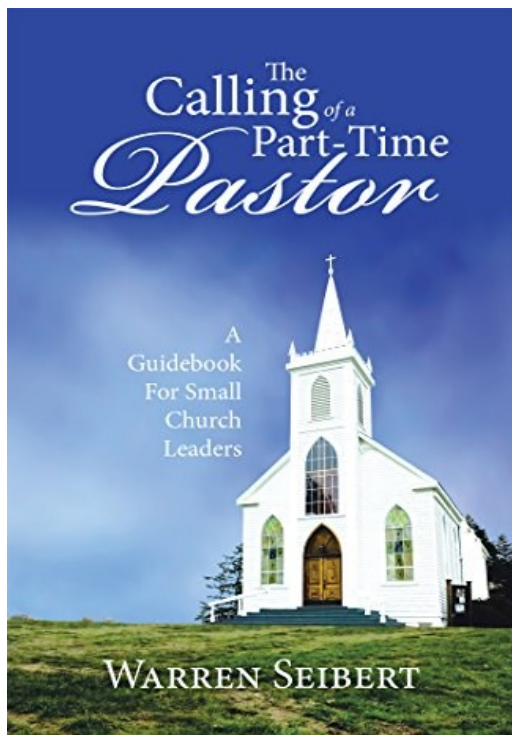
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Excerpt: The Calling of a Part-Time Pastor, by Warren Seibert. (pgs.85-86)

4. Clarity

Focus. Focus. Focus. It must be kept, first of all, on your mission as a church. Nothing should be allowed to distract or side-track you from the purpose for which you were called- to make disciples. This mission should be clear to the congregation, to the pastor being called, and to every other leader in the church, especially to those directly involved in calling your new pastor. After all, if you don't know why the church exists, what are we calling a pastor to help you to do? What do you plan to achieve together?

Focus should also be concentrated on formulating appropriate and realistic expectations for your part-time pastor and the church. The "job description" should not be vague but highly specific, from the number of Sundays a year the pastor should preach and even down to the amount of time each week the pastor is expected to spend on sermon preparation, "office work" or home visitation. This then needs to be communicated widely to

the whole congregation in an effort to avoid, as best we possibly can, any misunderstandings and hurt feelings between some members of the church and the pastor.

News from the Stewardship Team

Consistory Facilitator: David Gwin (CDavidGwin@gmail.com)

Updates from The Stewardship Team:

Finance-

- **Giving** so far this year is running very close to what we expect for this time of year (just slightly behind our target). Most of the households who made an annual pledge are on track to meet those goals. If you would like to check your mid-year giving, please reach out to our financial secretary, Carol Levitt (malevitt@gmail.com), and we can provide you with a copy of your mid-year statement. As always, we are grateful for all of the support and thank you for maintaining your pledges!

Property-

- **Carpet:** Stewardship Team is in the final stages of coming up with a recommendation to deal with the carpet ripples in the Narthex and Sanctuary. We should be able to offer a recommendation to Consistory for their July meeting.
- **Steeple:** As previously mentioned, the steeple and spires are very much in need of some tender loving care! Some of it just needs power washing and paint, but there are other parts that have rotten wood and there are some leaks during rainfall. We are fortunate to have found a contractor who specializes in this work and who has worked on several other churches in the area, all of whom were pleased with his work. So later this summer, be on the lookout for some scaffolding and construction around the church building! The cost of this project should be around \$30,000.



News from the Stewardship Team, continued...



GARDENING ANGELS

On July 26 and August 23
the team will meet at 8:00 am
to work in the church gardens.

Contact Diana Reinhardt
908-369-4362

***Next Stewardship
Team Meeting:
August 9, 2023
7 pm Zoom***

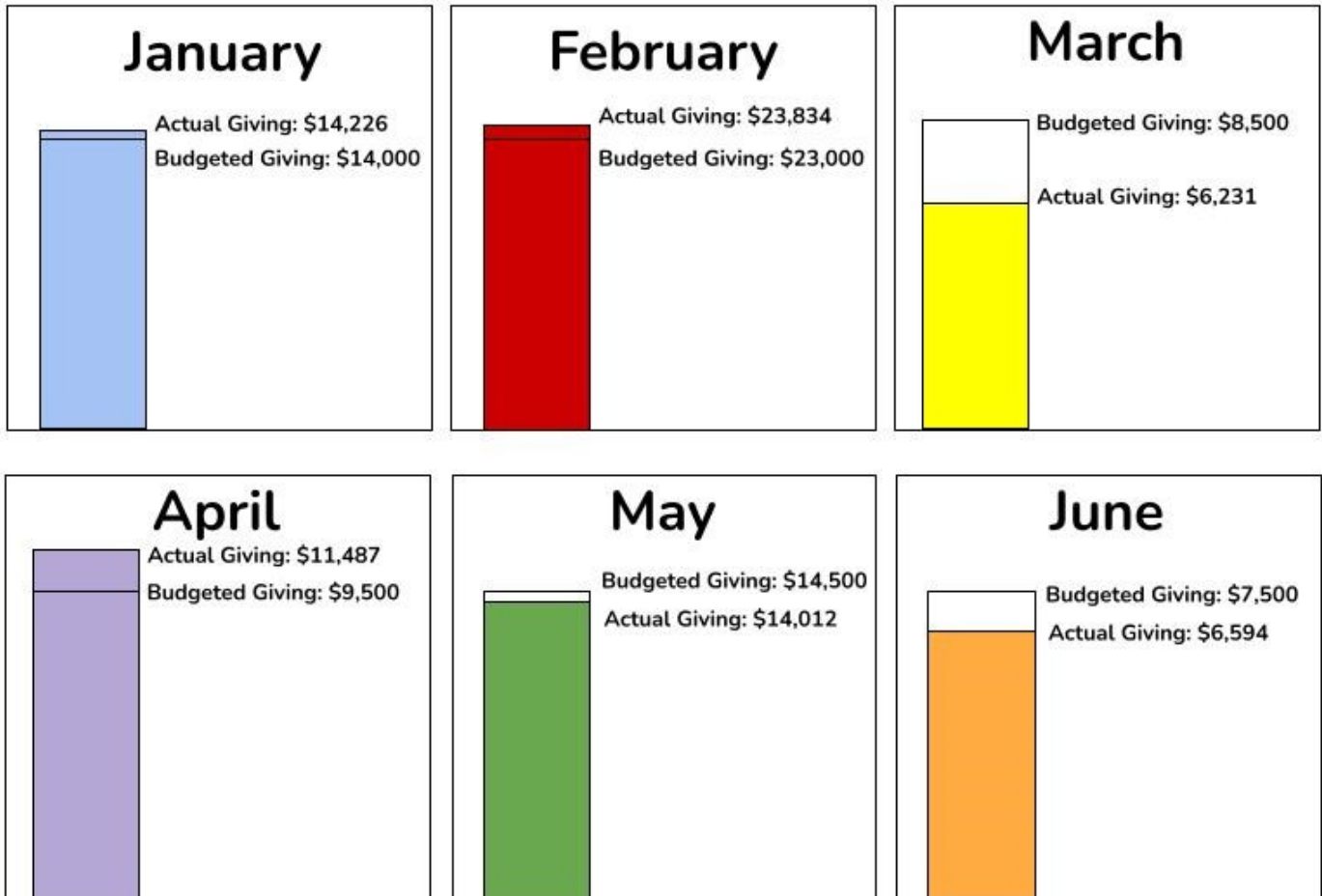


New cleaners always welcome!

**Next Clean Team Meeting:
July 18 & August 15 at 8:00am**

**Contact Yvette du Fosse'
908-246-1966**

2023 MONTHLY GIVING RECAP



Year to Date (thru June)

attributable & non-attributable gifts - excludes Memorial Gifts

Actual Giving:	\$76,485
Budgeted Giving:	\$77,000
Difference:	-\$515



News from the Stewardship Team, continued...

Cash Financial Snapshot (as of 6/27/2023)	
Income Year to Date (excluding special gifts)	\$90,197.84
Expense Year to Date	\$70,368.17
Balance to Date	\$19,829.67
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TD Checking Balance (Operating Cash):	\$14,588.49
TD Money Market Account (Savings)	\$46,516.45
TD Money Market Account (Restricted Funds)	\$38,613.51
<i>Accessibility Fund</i>	\$5,089.63
<i>Benevolence Fund</i>	\$173.03
<i>Building Fund</i>	\$5,330.95
<i>Castellano Scholarships Fund</i>	\$1,099.61
<i>Kris Kanach Library Fund</i>	\$556.50
<i>Mary Nevius Music Fund</i>	\$5,118.08
<i>Memorial Fund</i>	\$18,319.71
<i>Paving Seal Fund</i>	\$2,676.00
Vanguard Savings as of 6/27/2023 (opened 5/2023)	\$243,549.80
Total of all Operating and Funds Cash:	\$343,268.25



Message from the Pastoral Care Team

Coordinator: Nancy Lane (nlane54@gmail.com)

News from the Pastoral Care Team



“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did to for Me.”

Matthew 25:40

It is summertime, school is out, the days are longer, and the pandemic is over. This month’s topic is “Happiness and Contentment”. It seems like most people can sense when they are sad, but do they even understand what it means to be truly happy? The following excerpts, from the article, [11 Habits of Supremely Happy People](#), written by Dr. Travis Bradbury (January 30, 2023) summarizes the habits of happy people. The full article can be found here: [\(5\) 11 Habits of Supremely Happy People | LinkedIn](#)

“We’re always chasing something—be it a promotion, a new car, or a significant other. This leads to the belief that, “When (blank) happens, I’ll finally be happy.”

While these major events do make us happy at first, research shows this happiness doesn’t last. A study from Northwestern University measured the happiness levels of regular people against those who had won large lottery prizes the year prior. The researchers were surprised to discover that the happiness ratings of both groups were practically identical.

Happiness is synthetic—you either create it, or you don’t. Happiness that lasts is earned through your habits. Supremely happy people have honed habits that maintain their happiness day in, day out. Try out their habits, and see what they do for you:

- They slow down to appreciate life’s little pleasures.** Happy people know how important it is to savor the taste of their meal, revel in the amazing conversation they just had, or even just step outside to take a deep breath of fresh air.
- They exercise.**
- They spend money on other people.**
- They surround themselves with the right people.** Happiness spreads through people. Surrounding yourself with happy people builds confidence, stimulates creativity, and it’s flat-out fun.
- They stay positive.**
- They get enough sleep.** Your energy, attention, and memory are all reduced when you don’t get enough quality sleep. Sleep deprivation also raises stress hormone levels on its own, even without a stressor present. Happy people make sleep a priority, because it makes them feel great and they know how lousy they feel when they’re sleep deprived.
- They have deep conversations.** They engage with other people on a deeper level, because they know that doing so feels good, builds an emotional connection, and is an interesting way to learn.
- They help others.** Taking the time to help people not only makes them happy, but it also makes you happy.
- They make an effort to be happy.** No one wakes up feeling happy every day and supremely happy people are no exception. They just work at it harder than everyone else. They know how easy it is to get sucked into a routine where you don’t monitor your emotions or actively try to be happy and positive. Happy people constantly evaluate their moods and make decisions with their happiness in mind.
- They do things in-person.**
- They have a growth mindset.** People’s core attitudes fall into one of two categories: a fixed mindset or a growth mindset. With a fixed mindset, you believe you are who you are and you cannot change. This creates problems when you’re challenged, because anything that appears to be more than you can handle is bound to make you feel hopeless and overwhelmed. People with a growth mindset believe that they can improve with effort. This makes them happier because they are better at handling difficulties. They also outperform those with a fixed mindset because they embrace challenges, treating them as opportunities to learn something new.

Happiness can be tough to maintain, but investing in the right habits pays off. Adopting even a few of the habits from this list will make a big difference in your mood.

Message from the Pastoral Care Team, continued...

CARE NOTES: You may have noticed a new display case under the Spiritual Growth bulletin board in the Narthex. The pamphlets are a resource provided for you, so please feel free to take what you need. Topics include grief, prayer, and forgiveness. If there is a topic you are particularly interested in, let your Pastoral Care Team know.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

LIBRARY EVENTS

[Events - Somerset County Library System of New Jersey \(libnet.info\)](#)

Adult Recess - Recreational and social time for adults

Friday, July 07: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Hillsborough branch

AGE GROUP: ADULT

EVENT TYPE: SOCIAL GAMING

Who says kids get to have all the fun? Bring your friends, and make some new ones as we play games, complete puzzles, construct LEGO, or color while enjoying fun conversation.

SEEMS TO BE EVERY FRIDAY AT THIS TIME

Creative Aging Workshop - Mindful creative visual arts learning for older adults

Monday, July 10: 10:00am - 11:30am

Hillsborough branch - Program Room AB

AGE GROUP: ADULT

EVENT TYPE: SOCIAL HEALTH & WELLNESS CRAFTS & HOBBIES ARTS & CULTURE

Presented by Hillsborough branch librarian Jen Sulligan

The following agencies offer bereavement groups, caregiving support groups and so much more:

Hunterdon Healthcare

<https://www.hunterdonhealth.org> events

<https://www.hunterdonhealth.org/classes-events?type=1636>

Hunterdon Hospice is starting a new Morning Bereavement Group

1st Wednesday of the month 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Call 908-788-6600 to register

RWJBarnabas Health

<https://www.rwjbh.org/events>

Capital Health

<https://www.capitalhealth.org> › our-locations › hopewell /events

[Penn Medicine Princeton Health](https://www.princetonhcs.org)

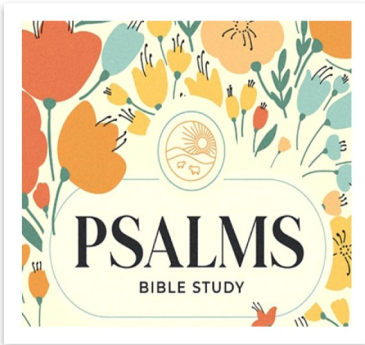
<https://www.princetonhcs.org>

The Pastoral Care Team is here for you. Please be on the lookout this month for a survey coming from CHRC addressing the needs of this team. If you would like to learn more, please contact the church office, Pastor Beth, or Nancy Lane.

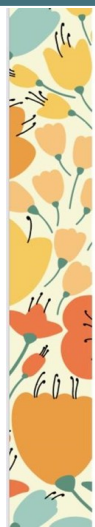
News from the Spiritual Growth Team

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Summer In The Psalms



Summer is a time to slow down, listen to music- hear the music of Psalms. During Summer we slow down and simplify our lives- grilling, walking on the beach, swinging in a hammock. Long, warm, breezy summer days remind us how God changes the seasons according to his perfect timing. Simplify your Bible study this Summer with the Psalms.



Finding Comfort in THE PSALMS

**The LORD
is my light
and my
salvation
whom shall
I fear?**

PSALM 27:1

READ

[Psalm 27](#)

AUTHOR

King David

NOTES

The psalm was probably written toward the end of David's years as king, circa 980 BC. The second half of the psalm is so different from the first that some ancient Hebrew teachers believed it was two psalms strung together. The maturity displayed leads today's scholars to believe it was written in the later years of David's reign, perhaps when his son Absalom tried to create a coup d'etat.

How can this psalm help you?
In what circumstances?



PSALMS for Expressing Gratitude

**Give thanks
to the Lord,
for he is good:
his love endures
forever.**

PSALM 107:1

READ

[Psalm 107](#)

AUTHOR

King David

NOTES

This psalm contains 43 verses and is one of the longer psalms in the Bible. While its date of writing is uncertain, many scholars believe it was written during a heightened sense of unity in the nation of Israel, such as when David was king. The pattern of this classic psalm is to name things men had done, name God's punishment to inspire them to change their minds, and His deliverance.

There are all sorts of ways to stray from God's path. Reflect on an area in your life that could be a danger for you and ask for God's loving protection.



PSALMS for Receiving Guidance

**Know that
the Lord has
set apart his
faithful servant
for himself;
the Lord hears
when I call to
him.**

PSALM 43

READ

[Psalm 4](#)

AUTHOR

King David

NOTES

In David's older years his son Absalom tried to take over the throne. Some scholars believe verses 4 and 5 offer counsel to Absalom's men, David's enemies. Verses 2 and 3 seem to be spoken to these foes of the king. It could also be that David is addressing his own leadership. They would be most likely to take his words seriously. The psalm reflects a frustration that many of us have gone through—that of being slandered while trying hard to do everything right. He puts it in God's hands easily as a witness to us.

Verse 4 implies that when we are praying we should take some time to be silent. What might we get from silence?



PSALMS for Finding Wisdom

**I have hidden
your word
in my heart
that I might
not sin
against you.**

PSALM 119:11

READ

[Psalm 119:1-56](#)

AUTHOR

Unknown

NOTES

Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the Bible with 22 stanzas and 176 verses. It is also the longest chapter in the Bible. Psalm 119 is very repetitive in its thought that we have the best opportunities to walk in God's will by understanding His word. It's almost a type of mental programming, hearing the same positive thought over and over. Psalm 119 is one of three "acrostic" poems found in the Old Testament. The 22 stanzas feature one for each of the 22 characters that make up the Hebrew alphabet.

Some people are not readers as much as visual learners. How can we make the Bible important to them? What are some ways we can share our enthusiasm?

News from the Spiritual Growth Team, continued...

Dear members of the Clover Hill family,

Thank you for the greetings, cards and good wishes since the birth of our babies. Thank you for the outpouring of love on June 11 as they were baptized and welcomed into the Clover Hill family. It was especially meaningful to share this day with so many who knew and loved their Great Grandmother Laura and Great Great Aunt Jean for whom they are named. We offer our heartfelt thanks to you, one and all.



With love and gratitude,
Elizabeth, Casey, Amy, Russell & Jennie
the parents, grandparents and aunt of Adalynn Laura and Aubrey Jean



"We are to pray in times of adversity, lest we become faithless and unbelieving. We are to pray in times of prosperity, lest we become boastful and proud. We are to pray in times of danger, lest we become fearful and doubting. We are to pray in times of security, lest we become self-sufficient." - Billy Graham



We invite you to take a moment or so, as you can, between the hours of 8 and 11 Wednesday mornings, and pray for all of those who are called by God to be connected to Clover Hill. He will guide our Church, our country, and our world on a path of faith and benevolence to all.



Same day of the week –
different time!
Wednesdays at **7:00 am** on Zoom

When we pray together, we experience God's presence.

For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."

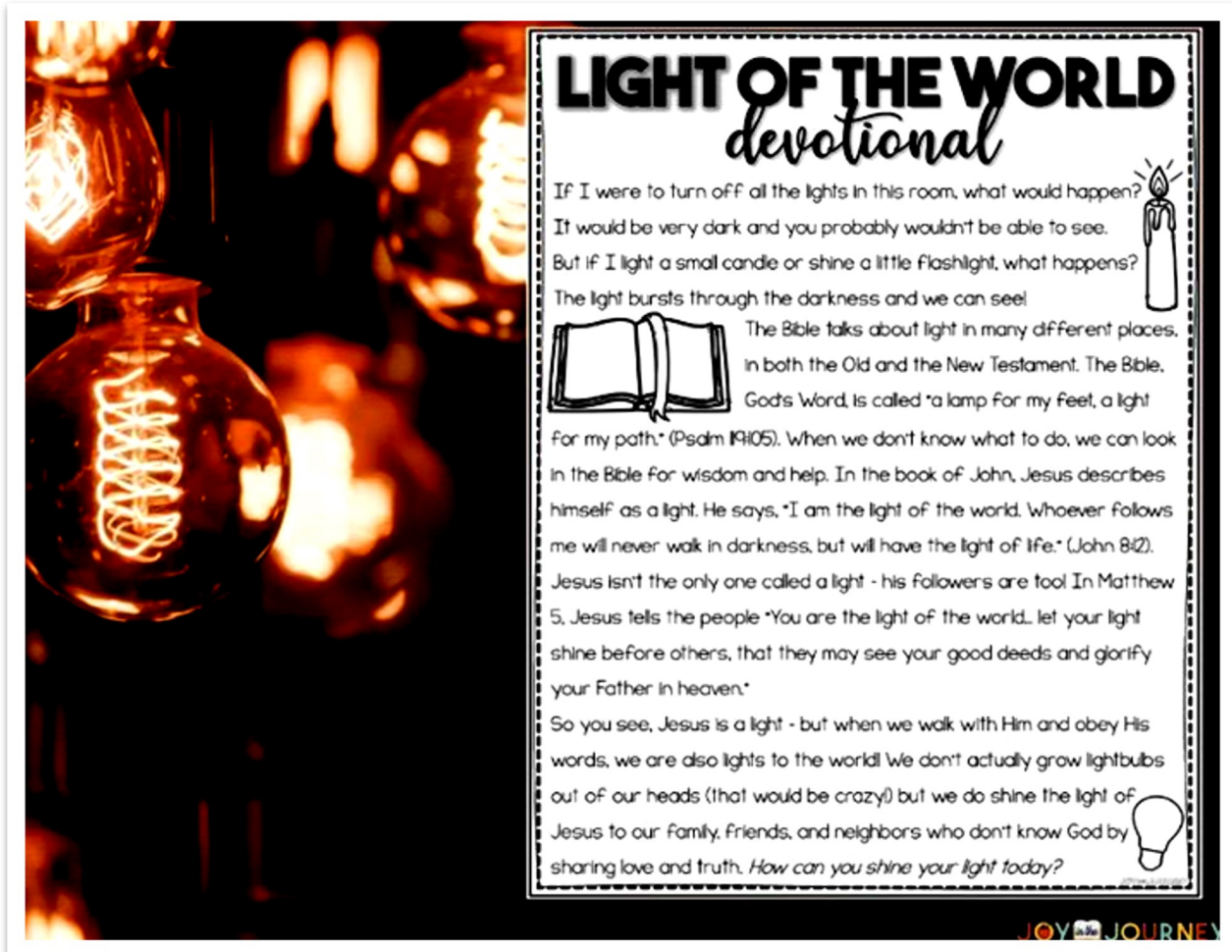
Matthew 18:20 (NLT)
Ephesians 3:12 (NLT)

Come and be in community with others while we seek God's guidance and comfort for the new day.
Come join in each Wednesday at 7:00 am on Zoom for a 10-15 minute time of devotion, scripture, sharing of concerns and joys, prayer, and lifting those on the CHRC prayer list to God.
Come as you are – PJs allowed!

Questions: email Lynn_Totten (chrc1834@gmail.com)


News from the Spiritual Growth Team, continued...

“Say prayers all the time.
Keep showing up as faithful followers of Jesus.
Pray for each other and pray for me.”




LIGHT OF THE WORLD
devotional

If I were to turn off all the lights in this room, what would happen?
It would be very dark and you probably wouldn't be able to see.
But if I light a small candle or shine a little flashlight, what happens?
The light bursts through the darkness and we can see!




The Bible talks about light in many different places. In both the Old and the New Testament. The Bible, God's Word, is called "a lamp for my feet, a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105). When we don't know what to do, we can look in the Bible for wisdom and help. In the book of John, Jesus describes himself as a light. He says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12).



Jesus isn't the only one called a light - his followers are too! In Matthew 5, Jesus tells the people "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

So you see, Jesus is a light - but when we walk with Him and obey His words, we are also lights to the world! We don't actually grow lightbulbs out of our heads (that would be crazy!) but we do shine the light of Jesus to our family, friends, and neighbors who don't know God by sharing love and truth. *How can you shine your light today?*



JOYride JOURNEY

The VBS Team thanks CHRC and Neshanic Reformed Church Congregations for the planning, preparations and prayers of support as we approach this much anticipated week.

Who knew whether:

- a rainbow would appear in the Narthex?
- we would be 40 campers strong?
- Camp Light would have a VBS Song Playlist?
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1Lkc13pytPAfoc-vBKNBpn8jopJjFaVA>.
- we could make our own cloud that rained?
- that colored lights can be mixed?
- our teens volunteered because they remember their VBS experience?
- Kids could do a Service Project?

Who knows?

God knows and He helps us realize the power of Christian Education and the power of His Word when it is demonstrated by children every Vacation Bible School Week

News from the Spiritual Growth Team, continued...

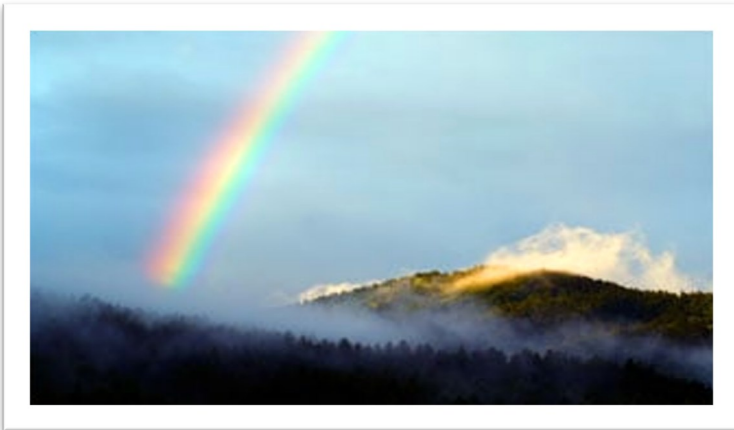
Vacation Bible School 2022 at CHRC, continued...

“... Do to others what you would have them do to you.”

Children learn by doing and doing for others teaches them to be selfless, generous and productive members of society at a young age. A service project can also teach them social skills, planning and how to be a leader.

Our VBS 2023 service project is creating “clean kits”. Service is one of the best ways to teach our children the value of empathy. CHRC partners with

Campers will let their lights shine through service: creating hygiene kits for the Rescue Mission of Trenton, donating pennies and coins to S.H.I.P. and collecting non-perishable foods for Flemington pantry.



Camp Light - Vacation Bible School

Hygiene Kit Mission

During Vacation Bible School, we will be assembling hygiene kits for the Rescue Mission of Trenton.

Please help us help those less fortunate by supplying items for these kits.

Everything donated will be appreciated and used. Note that some of these items are available for bulk purchase from Amazon.

All items should be delivered to the church (Neshanic or Clover Hill) by Sunday, July 9.

VBS participants may bring their items to Clover Hill with them on Monday or Tuesday (July 10 or 11.)

Sign up here for "Hygiene Kit Mission" -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4dada62fa7fc1-hygiene/60654094#/>

Thank you so much for your support of this project.

Amy Frank for Camp Light - VBS 2023 frankfmly@yahoo.com

News from the Spiritual Growth Team, continued...



Can you find your hand?

Watch our rainbow continue to grow.

What color light ray is the longest?

Which color light ray has the greatest energy?

VBS Family Fellowship Dinner:

Our sister church,
Neshanic Reformed Church
(715 Amwell Road Hillsborough NJ 08844),
will host a dinner for your entire family on
Friday evening, July 14 at 6 pm.

It is a time to celebrate your child's
learning and sharing with food, fellowship, friends and good conversations.

We ask, for planning, that you provide the number of attendees for the dinner
no later than Wednesday, July 12.

Please RSVP at VBS arrival or departure.

Our office administrator (Lynn– Totten) should receive this information from an adult.

NRC's Fellowship Hall is air-conditioned.

All congregants are welcome.

Please contact the church office (908-369-8451 or chrc1834@gmail.com)
by Wednesday, July 12 to inform us of many in your party.

Apostle's Creed Challenge

Check out the Spiritual Growth Team (SGT) Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

Match the symbols to the parts of the Apostle's Creed.

How would you fill in the graphic organizer?

What symbol would you draw for parts of the Apostle's Creed?

The Apostle's Creed is the focus of Summer Season Sunday School 2023.

Watch this link.

<https://youtu.be/-EWnnJfqleY>

Can you master saying the Creed with actions?

I believe in the Holy Spirit
(John 15:26; 16:7-8, 13-14; Acts 13:2),
the holy catholic Church
(Galatians 3:26-29),
the communion of saints
(Revelation 19:14; Hebrews 10:25),
the forgiveness of sins
(Luke 7:48),
the resurrection of the body (1 Thessalonians 4:16; John 6:39),
and the life everlasting
(John 10:28; 17:2-3 ...)

What do you say
YES!
to in the Creed?

The APOSTLES' Creed

1. We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
2. and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
3. suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
4. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God The Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
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We believe!

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News from the Spiritual Growth Team, continued...

CHRC Choir

George Farrell, organist/choir director / (deuscaritasest@aol.com) or cell number (732) 599-4077

A while back the poet T.S. Elliot wrote a book of poems called the Old Possums Book of Practical Cats. His poems were taken word for word and transformed into a musical, which first appeared in London, then became a hit in New York. The musical is called "Cats." In his poems, T.S. Elliot says that all cats have three names. The first name is the name that the people the cat lives with, give it. Like Fluffy, Boots, Garfield or Cisco. According to T.S. Elliott, the cat has another name that others call it. In the musical, the cat might be called by others, McCavity the thieving cat, or Mephistopholes, the magical cat, or Old Deuteronomy, the wise old cat. But, Elliott says, the cat also has a third name. This is a secret name that reflects all that the cat really is. In the poetry, the cat spends all his life contemplating his real name before God.

T. S. Elliott wasn't writing about cats. He was writing about people. In some ways we all can be thought of as having three names. There's the formal name we receive from our parents. There's the name our friends use to call us. And then, there's that special name which we receive from God that reflects whom we really are. For example, I have a formal name, the Reverend George A. Farrell. But my friends call me George. I still have another name though, which I'm not sure of yet. It's the name that states who I am in my relationship with God. I received this name from God at my baptism. It expresses my deepest intimacy with God. This name states in a simple voice the unique reflection of God I was created to bring to the world. I was given this name at my baptism. I'll have to spend the rest of my life coming to a deeper and deeper knowledge of who I am before God. I'll have to spend the rest of my life learning what my name is.

We're all baptized in the name of God. The goal of our lives is to find the particular, unique expression of God's love that we've been empowered to make present in the world. The goal of our lives is to reveal our most profound name.

On your search for that profound name, how about stopping by to join with the choir! We're going to start our new choir season with rehearsal on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM. If you're not sure if you want to be in the choir, come to the rehearsal on September 10 and/or September 17 and see how you feel about it after singing with others. There is no commitment to join if you try it out and decide it's not for you.

Our first Sunday of singing at Worship will be on Sunday, September 17.

Sincerely in Christ,

George Farrell

News from the Fellowship Team

Coordinator: Barbara Sarzillo (barbarasuesarzillo@gmail.com)

Fellowship and Service Teams meeting will be on Tuesday, August 15, at 2:30 pm on Zoom



Skeins of Hope

Skeins Zoom meetings will be on Thursday's, July 20 and August 17, 2023, at 8:00 pm.
Diana Reinhardt (908-369-4362 or greinhardt9@gmail.com)

News from the Service Team

Coordinator: Barbara Sarzillo (barbarasuesarzillo@gmail.com)



Along with our furry friends The Service team would like to thank all who were able to donate to the pet food collection.

Many bags, cans, and treats were donated to the clients of Fisherman's Mark by the CHRC Family and our sister churches Neshanic and Three Bridges Reformed.



Please remember our local food pantries during the summer months.

The Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (CAN) - Food Distribution Center AND Flemington Area Food Pantry

Coffee-Tea
Pancake mix
Canned Vegetables
Jelly
Tuna fish
Ketchup

Deodorant
Shampoo
Soap
Dish Soap
Plastic wrap
Paper Towels

Cereal
Canned fruit
Peanut Butter
Pasta and Sauce
Canned Chicken
Mustard

Laundry Detergent
Toothpaste
Toilet paper
Band-aids
Foil wrap
Pet food

A bin is available in the narthex for all donations.

News from the Service Team, continued...

Each month the service team will spotlight a local service organization.

In the Spotlight

This information will be based on the organization's activities and is intended to create awareness in our communities. If you have an interest in donating or volunteering, please follow the link supplied for more information.



Womanspace is a leading not-for-profit agency that provides a wide array of services to individuals impacted by domestic and sexual violence. We are dedicated to improving the quality of life for survivors and their families.

Womanspace is the only agency with staff specifically trained to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Mercer County, New Jersey. Clients come from every geographic, socio-economic, cultural, racial, sexual orientation and religious background and present a diversity of needs – from the emergency need for safety to the long-term need for housing.

Services provided by Womanspace are essential to the community. We work in conjunction with the court system, police, social service providers and many private nonprofit organizations within the county to coordinate the response to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their families.

- **Counseling and Support Services** are provided by master level professionals offering both group and long term individual counseling for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Services are available regardless of ability to pay. Spanish speaking counselors are available for all services provided by this program.
- **Residential Housing Services** foster independence and self-sufficiency for victims of domestic violence.
- **Education & Training** plays an active role in the life of Mercer County, working to develop a coordinated community response to interpersonal violence that will provide safety and support to victims, as well as advocate for accountability and consequences for abusers. Education and Training staff members and volunteers are available to provide information, education, training and technical assistance to professionals, community groups and individuals that are affected by or concerned with violence and abuse.
- **Children's Services** an array of services are offered to children who are affected by domestic violence. A safe, child-friendly place where through the use of art, music and skilled counselors children can begin to work through the trauma experienced in a house where fear had previously reigned.

CONTACT Womanspace, Inc, 1530 Brunswick Avenue Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 Phone 609-394-0136



Exciting news! Our collaborative first two events of “the church has left the building” with Clover Hill, Neshanic, and Three Bridges Reformed churches were great successes in assisting our area community missions that we are setting our sights on a fall 2023 event.

If you would like to get in on the planning of this next venture, please reach out to Pastor Beth (pastorbeth.chrc@gmail.com) so that you will be in on the start up meeting to be held in July.

News from the Communication & A/V Teams

Consistory Facilitator: Communication – Michelle Clover (miclover@gmail.com)



If you take pictures at any church event please share with the church office admin (chrc1834@gmail.com) so we may include them in our social media and Belltower. Not all pictures will be used but it is good to have them on file.



Please be aware we have a Family Photo Release form on file in the church office that limits the publication of the minors in our church family. Please check with the office admin before posting any photos on social media platforms.

Office Hours Information

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from
9:00 am to 2:30 pm.

The office administrator works remotely each Wednesday and is available by phone (908-369-8451 by leaving a message) and email (CHRC1834@gmail.com).

Belltower Deadline

Please submit all write ups to be included in the September issue, to the church office (chrc1834@gmail.com), by Thursday, August 17, 2023.

Whether we are social distancing or gathering at church, you can always stay on top of what is going on through:

- Belltower and bulletin announcements/inserts
- Facebook
- Instagram
- church website: www.cloverhillchurch.org
- emails from MailChimp
- Zoom worship/meetings/activities



If you would like to join our 'team' and help us spread the word about what is going on at our church, contact Michelle Clover (miclover@gmail.com).

Communications Team Members:

Bob DiMilia, Janet Durborow, Marilyn Fineman, Lynn– Totten,

All social media items must go through the church office before they can be posted. Please send all write ups to Lynn– Totten at CHRC1834@gmail.com Thank you!

Three Bridges Reformed Church
A 150th Anniversary Celebration Event



PRESENTS

Trio Fontēs

July 15th (Saturday) @ 6PM

Three Bridges Reformed Church
470 Main Street
Three Bridges, NJ 08887

✦ a free community event ✦



with Guest Artists:
EunJoo Lee-Huls & Edward Huls



The mission of the Reformed Church Home is the compassionate care of our elders in a spiritual environment. This year marks our **31st Annual Golf Classic**, for over 30 years the key factor in sustaining a successful event is the continued support we receive from our donors, corporations, and the Reformed Churches. We humbly ask that you consider a special offering to help us reach our goal so we may continue our vision to create an environment that will ensure the best quality of life for our elder population. This year's Golf Classic will support the need to purchase a handicap bus that will be used to transport our residents to medical appointments, day trips, outings such as local restaurants, stores, and theaters. Your generosity will have a positive impact on the daily lives of our seniors and contribute to the many services offered daily. The Reformed Church Home is truly blessed through the years with the support of the Reformed Churches. Please help us reach our goal and continue to serve our residents.

Please visit the RCHome website to full information and/or to make a donation:

<https://reformedchurchhome.com/reformed-church-home/news-and-events/events/>

JULY 2023

Vacation Bible School 7/10-14/23

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