



May 2023

# The Belltower

The Newsletter of the Clover Hill Reformed Church

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## Sunday, May 7, at 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter / Communion  
Confirmation  
Romans 1:1-17 Matthew 9:10-13

## Sunday, May 14, 10:00 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Romans (3:28-30) 5:1-11 Matthew 11:28-30  
Mother's Day

## Sunday, May 21, at 10:00 am

Seventh Sunday after Easter  
Romans 6:1-14 Matthew 6:24  
Last Sunday of 2022-2023 Sunday School Program

## Sunday, April 28, at 10:00 am

Day of Pentecost  
Psalm 146 Romans 8:28-39 Acts 2:1-4



## Communication and Contact Information

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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](mailto: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!](#)

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### 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

[Click here for COVID Precautions Update](#)

## Streaming Worship Services

We have 2 trained volunteers (Amy Frank and Gary Tully) who are qualified to operate our newly revised and very simple streaming system. We are seeking new volunteers to step in and help. Training takes about one hour (depending on how comfortable you are with operating a computer) and would be an ideal situation for high school aged teens to earn service credits. Currently our YouTube broadcast services some 30-35 families and individuals per week and we would hate to have this service curtailed. Anyone interested please contact the church office at [CHRC1834@gmail.com](mailto:CHRC1834@gmail.com) or 908-369-8451 or Bob DiMilia at [redimilia@gmail.com](mailto:redimilia@gmail.com) or 917-855-5335.



## And Check Us Out on Facebook!

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



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](mailto:chrc1834@gmail.com).

Dear Clover Hill,

Did you know that Darwin did not say the phrase, “survival of the fittest?”

I was listening to a conversation between Krista Tippett and Janine Benyus about Benyus’s book, [Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature](#)

this back and forth happened in the interview,

*Tippett: Darwin didn’t say “fittest,” he said “fit.”*

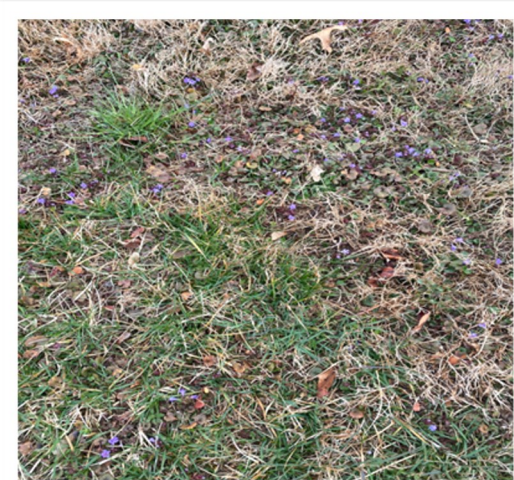
*Benyus: He said “fit.” Herbert Spencer, who was a political scientist at that time [repurposed the phrase as “survival of the fittest.”]*

*Tippett: But that is incredible. Let’s stop and take that in because we built our entire society around “survival of the fittest.”*

*Benyus: I know. I know... He did not say that. He said, “survival of the fit.” Which means: fit to place, fit to your community. Because he understood... that organisms don’t just move into a place; they co-create a place and then the place creates them, and then they create the place.”*

Let me offer this illustration so we are on the same page. There is a reason we do not see palm trees in NJ. This place is not “fit” for them. This place instead is fit for lots of evergreens and maples, tomatoes and corn, and so much more. But not palm trees.

Now why am I writing about this?



I’ve been at Clover Hill for 15 months and I’m starting to see some of the natural things that can grow in our community of faith. (This picture shows what naturally grows in the “yard” of the parsonage.)

There is a group of folks at church that have been thinking about trying new things and imagining a new future for church gathering. But whatever we try in the future needs to be natural to the gifts and interests in the people within our community. It needs to fit where we are here and now.

This concept is developed in “natural church growth” but became more clear to me after hearing this interview.

Two things I hear, and you do too, all the time:

1. Well, we’ve always done it this way.
2. We really wish we had more members of our church.

If we were to look at those two statements through the lens of “what is fit?” here and now, I wonder what we would learn about our future as a church?

Can you think of gifts and interests within our community that would be a natural place of growth in our greater community?

Can you think of how CHRC might expand our ways of doing church by exploring gifts and ideas that we have not explored before?

We each have so much to offer when it comes to the future of our community of faith. We must, just like Benyus does, look at what is naturally growing. What is fit to grow in the soil of our community of faith?

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Beth

[www.bethscib.com](http://www.bethscib.com)

Cell: 732-735-2112

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

# Message from the Pastoral Search Team

## Search Team Update:

Just as spring represents the birth of new animals and new plant life, we are hopeful that it is also the beginning of a new story for our church.

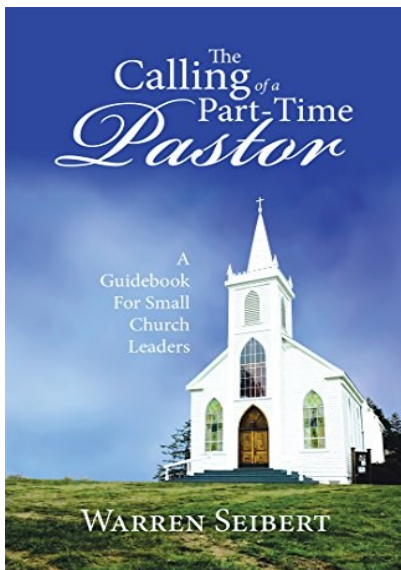
We learned quite a bit during our 'mock interview' session with Pastor Beth and are adjusting our first round interview questions accordingly. We are revisiting the Church Profile and Mission Study to refresh ourselves on what we said about our church and what is important to us in pastoral candidates. The session with Pastor Beth provided the team with practice which should ease our comfort for our upcoming interview sessions with prospective candidates.

As we wait to receive more Pastor Profiles, we continue to pray and reflect on this journey. We ask for your continued prayers and look forward to a bright future together.

Your Search Team:

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This month we would like to share the 2nd of the 7 C's for calling a part-time pastor from our team's guiding reference, 'The Calling of a Part-Time Pastor' by Warren Seibert.



### 2. Calling (pg. 84)

*Your pastor should feel a calling to a part-time ministry. This is not something they are just doing because they can't find a full-time call. They know this is precisely what they are meant to do. They are even willing to work another job in order to be able to serve a smaller church that may not be able to afford to have a pastor with them otherwise.*

*Even more, they sense a calling to serve with your particular church in ministry. This is the people and place that your pastor believes would truly please God for him or her to serve among, using the gifts and training that God has provided to build up and equip the church for works of ministry. A search committee should hear a pastoral candidate articulate this sense of calling to serving as a bivocational pastor with a church like your church. It needs to be apparent that a particular candidate for your ministry is "all in" and is not just biding time with you, waiting for something else to open up or some other opportunity to come their way.*

*In the same way, the church must also understand that you are called to a ministry with a part-time pastor at this time in your church's history. The fact that Christ is calling a pastor to serve in your church is proof that God has good intentions for your church. That God has plans for your church. That perhaps the best years of your church may not be in the past, but just ahead, in ways you can't even imagine.*

# Message from the Pastoral Care Team

Coordinator: Nancy Lane ([nlane54@gmail.com](mailto:nlane54@gmail.com))

## *News from the Pastoral Care Team*



Bill Merrington, the author of Pastoral Care The Practical Guide, writes: “Jesus formed what appeared to be ordinary relationships and friendships: his family; the (12) disciples; (and) three special disciples - Mary, Martha and Lazarus, along with others. He reminds us of the importance of friendships. In one sense, this is the heart of pastoral care - one friend helping, supporting, and enjoying the company of others.”

The Pastoral Care Team is available to assist in a variety of ways. Perhaps you can help by providing a small meal that the PCT can then direct toward a family in need. Our team members keep a strict code of confidentiality to protect the privacy of those under our care.

If you would like to learn more, please contact the

- church office ([chrc1834@gmail.com](mailto:chrc1834@gmail.com)/908-36-8451),
- Pastor Beth ([pastorbeth.chrc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbeth.chrc@gmail.com)/732-735-2112), or
- Nancy Lane ([nlane54@gmail.com](mailto:nlane54@gmail.com)/908-399-4791).

# News from the Spiritual Growth Team

Coordinator: Carolyn Keck ([carolynkeck64@gmail.com](mailto:carolynkeck64@gmail.com))



"She (my mother) became a warrior far superior to any epic hero. She became a giant on her knees. With a sword in one hand she battled the enemies of death and disease, and with her other hand stretched toward heaven she kept beseeching God's help and His mercy."  
- Bishop T.D. Jakes

## Thanks to our Sunday School Teachers

As the regular Sunday School year wraps up at the end of the month, we would like to take the time to thank those who dedicate their time and talents to the children of our church. This year, this fearless crew embarked on the 'Spill the Beans' journey with Pastor Beth using a new, and different, curriculum. Special thanks to Patty Agnew, Lesley Amnott, Marilyn Fineman, Amy Frank and Nancy Lane for all of the time and energy they put into sharing the love of God with our children.

Special thanks to the families of the children in our Sunday School for bringing them regularly and to the children themselves for the smiles they bring each week as they engage in the Children's Sermon with Pastor Beth.

The last session of the 2022-2023 Sunday School program is Sunday, May 21. The 2023-2024 Sunday School program will begin September 10.



## Summer Season Sunday School (SSSS) program June 4 through August 27, 2023



This year's SSSS Curriculum is called, 'This I Believe' and it focuses on teaching the Apostle's Creed. Much of the material comes from the book, 'Laying the Foundation: A Family Study of the Apostle's Creed' by Luke Wilkerson.

Children need an introduction to the Creeds to shape their worldview and to learn about basic Christian faith practices like how to forgive, pray and tithe. Only in this way will they learn how to live as Christians in a world that is increasingly non-Christian. The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest Christian creeds, confessed by believers as a summary of the faith for more than 1600 years. When Reformer Martin Luther was compiling his Small Catechism for Christian families, he included three essentials: the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed. Martin Luther said of the Apostles' Creed, "Christian truth could not possibly be put into a shorter and clearer statement." This summer we will be covering the basic beliefs found in the Apostles' Creed, the Belgic Confession and the Heidelberg Catechism.

As with past summers this year's SSSS will be a 'grab and go' format. That is, all materials will be provided so all the 'teacher' has to do is familiarize themselves with it beforehand and teach.

If you are interested in teaching a week this summer please contact Marilyn Fineman at [marilyn@fineman.me](mailto:marilyn@fineman.me).

# News from the Spiritual Growth Team, continued...

## Confirmation Sunday, May 7 -



On Sunday, May 7, Riley Walsh will be confirming the vows that her parents made on her behalf at baptism. Once again, we participated in joint confirmation instruction with our sister churches. A group of young people from Clover Hill, Neshanic and Three Bridges has been attending classes together since the fall, led by Pastor Ryan Nace of Three Bridges. Week after week, they prepared through readings and participated in conversations learning about and exploring their faith in the context of our reformed tradition.

Please plan to be with us on May 7 for what is always a joyous occasion as we welcome Riley. Following worship, the Fellowship Team will be hosting a reception in Riley's honor.

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.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Come - Be - Reflect -**

**Share an hour of enjoying a meal, touching base with God and each other.**

**Date:** Thursday, May 18, 2023

**Time:** noon- about 1:00 pm

**Location:** Nevius Fellowship Hall or behind the parsonage, weather permitting (bring a chair)

**Bring:** something to drink, your lunch, and yourself

An opening prayer, 15 minute discussion on Bible/religious topic, fellowship, closing prayer will be provided to deepen our experience together.

**No need to RSVP, you do not need to attend each one, just show up!**

If you need further information please contact the church office (908-369-8451 or [CHRC1834@gmail.com](mailto:CHRC1834@gmail.com))

*"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42*



## Devotions and Prayer Time

Come and be in community with others while we seek God's guidance for the new day.

Come join in each Wednesday at 6:30 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.

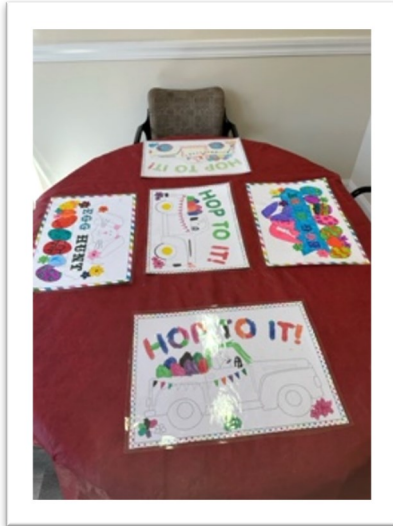
Wear your pajamas and robe. Now we know why you can unmute sound but hide video for early birds on Zoom.

Please use the Zoom information provided on page 2 of this Belltower or in your Friday's "Coming Up" email.



# News from the Spiritual Growth Team, continued...

## Easter Placemats



The children in our Sunday School (and their families) decorated Easter placements for The Maria Regina Residence. The Maria Regina Residence is a residence in Somerset, NJ for retired priests. There are currently 11 retired priests living there who were thankful for, and enjoyed the children's efforts.

Thanks to Nancy Lane for providing the placemats for the children to decorate, Mark Amnott for laminating them, George Farrell for delivering them and taking the photos and to all who decorated one (or more) placemats.



## CHRC Choir Rehearsals Sundays at 9:00 am.

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

When I was a kid, the parish I belonged to was a rather big one. We were told it was comprised of approximately 10,000 families. On Sundays, we had 10 Masses. Yes, you read that correctly, ten. In some of the time slots there was a simultaneous Mass going on in the school gym with the so-called guitar Masses. When I became an altar server there were times I was scheduled to serve in the school. That was the first time I ever heard Sister Janet Mead's version of the Lord's prayer which one of the nuns played on bass guitar. If you've never heard it or are up for a bit of nostalgia here's a YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/WlgT-Lj8-no>

However, I digress. My Dad, sisters and myself tended to go to the 11:00 Mass in the church building. That was the one that had the adult choir. I was always fascinated with the music they sang. It didn't sound like what we were singing in the pews. It had different voice parts and made for some interesting music. (Oh yes, there were some clunkers too. Every choir has its pieces that just don't sound as they ought.). By the time I was in high school my Dad and I didn't always go to the same Mass. On those occasions I discovered you could sit in the choir loft when there was no choir. I did that a number of times. One Sunday, the organist asked me to consider joining the choir. I was caught off guard but I thought about his request and decided to try it out. I was glad I did. It was a choir of about 15 people. I felt as though after that I got more involved in the life of the parish. When I was in college, I sang in the Campus ministry choir. After college I sang in a parish choir of about 60 people. That was a great experience. That same choir sang at my first Mass!

What's my point? Music can affect our lives in so many ways. I find more than anything it brings joy to people. When our choir and the Three Bridges choir sang together on Good Friday I was so filled with joy. We could take an ordinary song and with a little bit of effort make an amazing sound to give praise to our God and experience joy while either singing or listening to the song. Have you ever thought of the joy you could experience if you shared your talents, given to you by God, with the whole congregation? Think of the joy you could experience as well as the joy you could share.

Our choir generally sings from the Sunday after Labor Day until Pentecost. We meet at 9:00 on Sunday to rehearse and we sing during the 10:00 worship service. Consider this a personal invitation to join the choir.

Let us sing in faith and love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

George Farrell



# News from the Spiritual Growth Team, continued...

[VBS Child Registration Form](#)

[VBS Volunteer Registration Form](#)

**Register Now!**

at [www.cloverhillchurch.org](http://www.cloverhillchurch.org)



**FREE** for  
age 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Volunteers  
grade 6 - adults

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Discover God's Light and Love at Camp Light, with Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, Games, Service and Science.

- Campers will learn about light, colors, and God's promises and love for them.
- Campers will discover God's light in all of us and what we need to do with that light.
- They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and how the Bible's lessons connect to their lives.
- They will celebrate how God's Love works in the lives of familiar Bible characters and explore how that light works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Serving age 3 through grade 5- FREE- Volunteers, age 11 and up, welcome.  
(Parents with children younger than age 3 may register as a volunteer with their children).

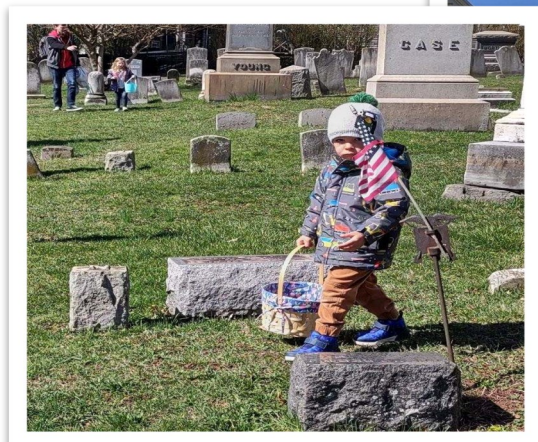


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Family VBS Resources:  
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# News from the Spiritual Growth Team, continued...

## Activities and Worship during Holy Week



Palm Sunday, April 2—Egg Hunt



Sunrise  
Service  
Sunday,  
April 9



Resurrection Sunday  
April 9, 10:00 am  
Worship  
Christ is Risen!

# News from the Fellowship Team

Coordinator: Barbara Sarzillo ([barbarasuesarzillo@gmail.com](mailto:barbarasuesarzillo@gmail.com))

Fellowship and Service Teams meeting will be on Monday, May 8, at 3:00 pm on Zoom

## Confirmation Sunday—May 7, 2023

Please join us after worship  
In the Nevius Fellowship Hall  
for Coffee and Cake  
in Celebration of our  
2023 Confirmation Class



## Skeins of Hope

Skeins Zoom meetings will be on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 8:00 pm.  
Diana Reinhardt (908-369-4362 or [greinhardt9@gmail.com](mailto:greinhardt9@gmail.com))

# News from the Service Team

Coordinator: Barbara Sarzillo ([barbarasuesarzillo@gmail.com](mailto:barbarasuesarzillo@gmail.com))



## It's Raining Cats and Dogs!

For the month of May the Service team  
will be collecting Pet food for the clients of  
Fisherman's Mark.

It has recently been brought to our attention  
that the clients are often finding it difficult to feed their pets.

Since we all know how much our pets mean to our family  
let's try to help those that are already struggling  
by donating food for their furry family members.

A Bin will be placed in the Narthex for donated goods



**Thank You!**

## 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.



PossAbilities Thrift Boutiques offer an exclusive opportunity to shop quality resale merchandise at affordable prices. Both locations assist in providing a valuable service to our local community while serving as vocational training, career exploration, employment and volunteer opportunities for people with different abilities. **Every time you shop, you make a difference!**

Individuals gain experience in a retail setting as they learn customer service, donation processing, point of sale and pricing skills. Participation provides meaningful life experiences that enhance an individual's independence and full involvement in their community. Both locations fulfill Abilities' longstanding mission of expanding opportunities for individuals that we serve while supporting the needs of our community.

For more information about Abilities visit [www.abilitiesnw.org](http://www.abilitiesnw.org)

**Shop both locations 6 days a week**

**Monday 10AM-4PM; Tuesday-Friday 10AM-5PM; Saturday 10AM-4PM**

# News from the Communication & A/V Teams

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



If you take pictures at any church event please share with the church office admin ([chrc1834@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:CHRC1834@gmail.com)).

## Belltower Deadline

Please submit all write ups to be included in the June issue, to the church office ([chrc1834@gmail.com](mailto:chrc1834@gmail.com)), by Thursday, May 18, 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](http://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](mailto:miclover@gmail.com)).

Communications Team Members:

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

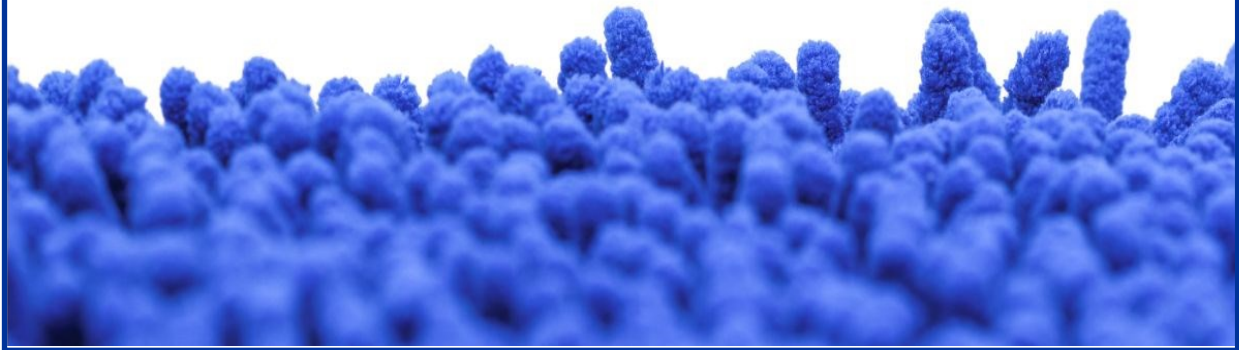
**All social media items must go through the church office before they can be posted. Please send all write ups to Lynn– Totten at [CHRC1834@gmail.com](mailto:CHRC1834@gmail.com) Thank you!**

# News from the Stewardship Team

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

## The Stewardship Team is Still Carpet Shopping

As you may have noticed, the carpet in the Narthex and parts of the Sanctuary has stretched and developed ripples. It appears that the carpet is too old to be restretched to remove the ripples, as it was installed just over 20 years ago. We are in the process of collecting bids to replace the areas that could become tripping hazards. Initial estimates are in the \$11,000 to \$20,000 area.



## GARDENING ANGELS

On May 10th, at 8 am  
the Gardening Angels  
will meet at the  
Church Parking Lot Garden

All are welcome!

Contact Diana Reinhardt  
908-369-4362



New members always welcome!

Next Clean Team Meeting:  
May 2, at 8 am

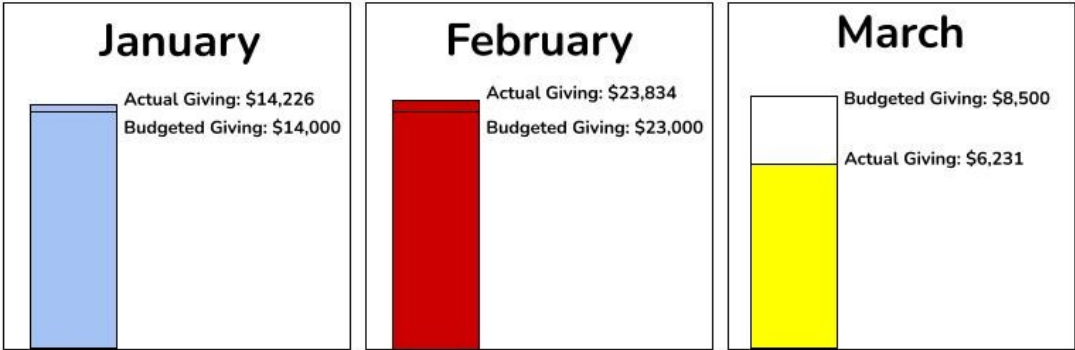
Contact Yvette du Fosse'  
908-246-1966

**Next Stewardship Team Meeting:  
May 11, 7 pm, Zoom**

# News from the Stewardship Team, continued...

<b>Cash Financial Snapshot (as of 4/27/2023)</b>	
Income Year to Date	\$67,550.64
Expense Year to Date	\$48,292.41
<b>Balance to Date</b>	<b>\$19,258.24</b>
<b>TD Checking Balance (Operating Cash):</b>	
<b>TD Money Market Account (Savings)</b>	<b>\$184,325.61</b>
<b>TD Money Market Account (Restricted Funds)</b>	<b>\$38,800.11</b>
<i>Accessibility Fund</i>	\$5,089.63
<i>Benevolence Fund</i>	\$423.03
<i>Building Fund</i>	\$5,330.95
<i>Castellano Scholarships Fund</i>	\$1,099.61
<i>Kris Kanach Library Fund</i>	\$646.52
<i>Mary Nevius Music Fund</i>	\$5,118.08
<i>Memorial Fund</i>	\$18,416.29
<i>Paving Seal Fund</i>	\$2,676.00
<b>Total of all Operating and Funds Cash:</b>	<b>\$235,207.70</b>

## 2023 MONTHLY GIVING RECAP



<b>Year to Date (thru March)</b>	
<i>attributable &amp; non-attributable gifts - excludes Memorial Gifts</i>	
Actual Giving:	\$44,392
Budgeted Giving:	\$45,500
Difference:	- \$1,108



# Pluckemin Medical Equipment Ministry - may help someone

Dear Clover Hill Family,

I wanted to make you aware of a great organization that assisted my extended family recently.

In need of Medical Equipment? Started in 2010, The Pluckemin Medical Equipment Ministry is dedicated to improving the lives of our clients and their families through the redistribution of used medical equipment, at no cost to them. The medical equipment ministry collects and distributes gently used medical equipment to the community. They have hospital beds, wheelchairs, motorized scooters, crutches, walkers, adult diapers and more. The list is quite extensive and this ministry works locally and abroad. If you have a need, donation, or some time to give, please contact 908-396-6057. <https://ppcmem.org/> or Facebook. Pluckemin Presbyterian Church 279 Rt. 202-206 PO Box #402 Pluckemin, NJ 07978

Adult and Pediatric Medical Equipment Catalog: <https://ppcmem.org/about-us/medical-equipment-catalogs> The catalogs represent some of the items that Pluckemin Medical Equipment Ministry receives as donations. Call 908-396-6057 for availability, since they might not always have the items listed.

## HOURS OF OPERATION:

Saturday's 8:00 am – 11:30am by appointment for equipment pick up.

Saturday's 8:00am – 10:00am for equipment returns/donations.

Thursday's 9am-4pm for equipment returns or donations and 1pm-4pm, by appointment, for equipment pick up.

**SPRING 2023  
BIBLE  
CONFERENCE!**

**\*\*Join Sue McGeown!\*\***

**WHEN:** Saturday, May  
13th, 9:30 a.m. – Noon

**WHERE:** North Branch  
Reformed Church Fellowship Hall,  
Bridgewater, NJ

**HOW:** Please register via email  
[susanmcgeown@gmail.com](mailto:susanmcgeown@gmail.com) or call  
NBRC @ 908-725-2313.

**\*\*It's Free!\*\***

**RUTH &  
NAOMI  
PARTNERS IN  
ADVERSITY**

*"Where you go I will go, and where  
you stay I will stay. Your people will be  
my people and your God my God."*  
Ruth 1:16

**Bring a friend!  
Wear your slippers!**



# MAY 2023

Confirmation Sunday/End of 2022-23 Sunday School Program/Pentecost

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8:00 am Clean Team 11am-2pm meeting NFHall 7:00 pm Search Team meeting NFHall	3 6:30 am Early Bird Devotion & Prayer Time Zoom 8:00-11:00 am Prayers 11am-2pm meeting Upper Room 12:30 pm Funeral reception in NFHall	4 11:30am sanctuary use by organist	5	6 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous In-person meeting NFHall
<b>7 Confirmation Sunday</b> 9:00 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship & School / Communion Confirmation 11:00 am Coffee Hour	8 3:00 pm Fellowship & Service Teams meeting Zoom	9 11am-2pm meeting NFHall 7:00 pm Consistory meeting Zoom	10 6:30 am Early Bird Devotion & Prayer Time Zoom 8:00 am Garden Angels meet 8:00-11:00 am Prayers 11am-2pm meeting NFHall	11 11:30am sanctuary use by organist 7:00pm Stewardship Team meeting Zoom	12	13 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous In-person meeting NFHall
<b>14 Mother's Day</b> 9:00 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	15	16 11am-2pm meeting NFHall	17 6:30 am Early Bird Devotion & Prayer Time Zoom 8:00-11:00 am Prayers 9:00 am Pastoral Care Team meeting NFHall 11am-2pm meeting NFHall 6:30 pm Elder meeting Classis	18 Belltower deadline 8:30 am The Church Has Left the Building Zoom 11:30am sanctuary use by organist 12 noon Lunch Bunch parsonage lawn or NFHall 8:00 pm Skeins of Hope meeting Zoom	19	20 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous In-person meeting NFHall
<b>21 Last Day of 2022-23 Sunday School Program</b> 9:00 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship School	22	23 11am-2pm meeting NFHall	24 6:30 am Early Bird Devotion & Prayer Time Zoom 8:00-11:00 am Prayers 11am-2pm meeting NFHall	25 11:30am sanctuary use by organist	26	27 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous In-person meeting NFHall
<b>28 Pentecost</b> 9:00 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship School	29	30 Prayer "Refresh" 11am-2pm meeting NFHall 7:00 pm Search Team meeting NFHall or Zoom	31 6:30 am Early Bird Devotion & Prayer Time Zoom 8:00-11:00 am Prayers 11am-2pm meeting NFHall	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p><b>Consistory</b> The Consistory will meet on Zoom Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 pm.</p> </div>		