



Collingswood Presbyterian Church

The Pulse

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On September 11, 2011 we will remember a traumatic and horrifying day that forever changed the world. Our lives as Americans would be forever scarred and our vision of world forever tainted by the events of September 11, 2001. We still live with two wars and the death and injuries that affect thousands from countries all over the world. No, we have not forgotten- nor should we. However as Teresa Lockhart Stricklen, from the Presbyterian Office of Theology, wrote,

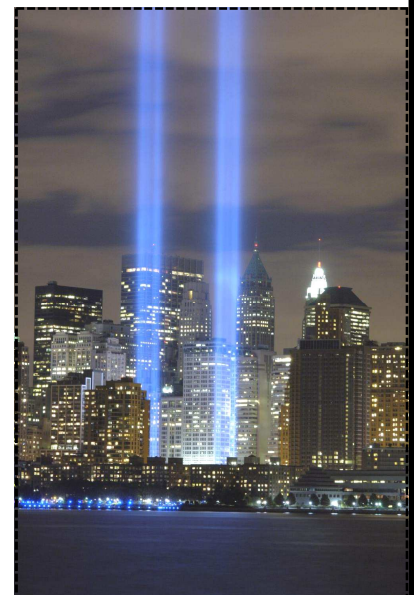
“Traumas are not healed if they stay locked away within. They fester in the dark, growing more obscure lenses that nurture more pain because they can only take in the negative. This is why it is imperative that Christians place any trauma experienced, including our national trauma, within the context of Jesus Christ, his crucifixion and our resurrection hope.

Christians are realistic in acknowledging the reality of the cross. However, the great message of all Christians is that there is Resurrection in the face of the violence posed against the peaceable Kingdom of God that welcomes all into its reign. Trusting in the resurrection reality serves as resistance to a violent way of life antithetical to God’s Way in and of Jesus Christ.”

In other words, we still are a people of hope and peace. We, who have known great tragedy in the cross, reaffirm our belief that in spite of such trauma, God loves all, forgives and longs for peace in this world. We are called to work for peace, seek justice, and walk humbly with our God. That will rebuild our world more than any retribution, war or violence.

Join us in the worship service on 9/11/11 at CPC and at the community event after church. I pray that you re-commit yourself to bring peace to our world so this horror may end. May God bless all the peoples and countries of this world with peace.

Pastor Kate



A Service of Remembrance and Hope **Sunday, September 11, 2011—1pm**

Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of 9/11/01
At the clock at Zane School on Haddon Ave.



**We will honor our fallen heroes,
those emergency personnel who
responded and those who still
serve our country and community.**

**Join with our community
religious and civic leaders
as we look with hope to a
future of peace and
stability.**



(Our service start time returns to 10:30 on Sept. 11. Plan to stay after church day. We will be taking orders for hoagies. A sign up sheet will be available in the narthex. After lunch we will walk over to the clock on Haddon Avenue for the commemorative service)

Why do we give?

by Craig A. Satterlee

“Why do we give money to the church?” a child asks her mother, who is filling Sunday’s offering envelope. How will the mother answer her daughter’s question? How do we answer this question for our children? How does the preacher answer this question for us? Do we say that we give to help pay the church’s bills? Do we say that we give because of all the good things the church does—teaching children, standing for the best things in the community, fostering happiness and human welfare, providing help and friendship, and caring for people in need? How about answering by reciting a Bible verse or telling a Bible story? What verse would we choose? What story would we tell?

If we tell people to give in order to get, people might conclude that God is like a crooked politician whose favor we can purchase. That’s what Simon the magician thought in Acts. “Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money, saying, ‘Give me also this power so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit’” (Acts 8:18–19). If we tell people to give out of obedience to a divine command to tithe, God might become an angry judge who demands and enforces.

[We first] proclaim the good news “that God’s love, confirmed in Jesus Christ, is freely, graciously, offered to each and all, and . . . that we are to love God with our whole selves and to love and do justice to our neighbors as ourselves.” To preach stewardship, then, is to proclaim the gospel in such a way that Christians respond by giving their money, spending their time, using their abilities, or however we define stewardship in response and service to Christ, often by supporting Christ’s church—specifically, the congregation. Somehow, preaching stewardship is a response to God or the gospel. In this regard, the stewardship sermon is different from the fund-raising appeal made by the symphony, an alma mater, or the cancer society.

Whatever verse or story we pick, the Bible tells us that our giving is an expression of something bigger and more profound than our church. In terms of money and giving, Scripture’s greatest gift is to keep before us the reason we give to God. We give to God in response to all that God has given us—particularly in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus—and as a way of sharing in God’s own will for and work in the world.



Adult Education



Year with the Bible- Jump right in!!

This new program is a great way to work our way through the Bible together. Just a few minutes a day will open up a new understanding of God's word to us. Each Sunday there will be a weekly reading schedule listed and there will more explanations of the passages on the CPC web site (www.collingswoodpres.com) Also you are welcome to attend the Sunday morning Bible Study starting on October 2 at 9:00 am in the lounge to discuss the passages and their meaning to us today. Study guides will be available for purchase.



Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

How did the early church begin? Join us in a study on the Book of the Acts of the Apostles on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in lounge starting on October 5, 2011. Materials for study will be on the table in the narthex.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TRIP TO THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

Open to all members, family and friends!

Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus

Sunday, **October 23, 2011** - 12:30 pm tour

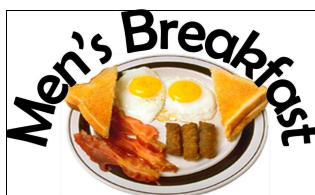
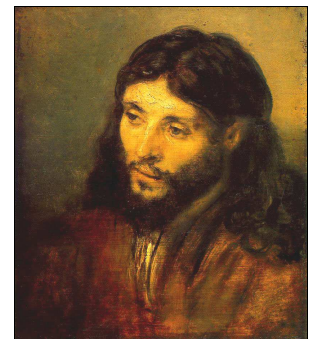
Cost \$25 per person \$23 for seniors

All payments due by Sunday, 9/18

We will be car pooling.

Questions, please contact Lorraine Brown

609 617-3272 cell or lorraine.brown@comcast.net



September 24 - 8:30 a.m. at the Crystal Lake Diner
Order from the menu and pay for your own meal.
A great chance to fellowship with the men of CPC!

Christian Education News



**Rally Day Is Coming September 18th!!!
Breakfast - 9:30 in the Dining Room**



**To Parents of all Sunday School & Youth Group Kids:
There will be an important meeting at 10:00 a.m.
in the lounge to register your child and get
information about the plans for the new year.
We will have activities for the kids.
Please plan to attend!!**

Sunday School Begins September 25

Sunday School will restart on September 25th. This year's program is *Digging Into the Bible*. The children will have fun learning about the stories in the Bible and how they came together in one book. Sunday School will be available for Pre-K-7th Grade, with 8th grade and above staying for the church service. Sunday School will begin after Children's Talk. Parents are asked to please pick up their children at the end of the church service in Calvin Hall.



“Jesus Makes a Difference Everyday” at Vacation Bible School

This years VBS theme was *Inside Out & Upside Down On Main Street*. Around 50 children came and enjoyed time with our Main St. residents Heidi Claire, Justin Time, and Chef Pierre, before heading off to fun filled classes and activities. The week of VBS ended with the youth performing the songs they learned to their parents followed by an ice cream social. Special thanks to all those who helped teach the classes, prepare the food, and donate the supplies necessary to make the event a success.

Christian Education News

Welcome to our new seminarian, Ryan Appleby!

This year our church will be blessed with a student from Princeton Theological Seminary who will work with our worship and Christian Education programs. His first Sunday will be September 18 and he will continue to work with us until April of 2012. Each Sunday he will assist in worship, teach a class, visit members and work with the middle school kids in the evening. We will need people to sign up to host Ryan for lunch each Sunday.

Please sign up in the narthex after church or call the office if you are interested in getting to know this great guy! Here is his BIO:

I am a second-year seminary student working on my MDiv at Princeton Theological Seminary (PTS). This is my first experience working in parish ministry, and I am extremely excited to learn a little bit more about what it's like to be a pastor. God has given me a passion for education; throughout my life, I have taken every opportunity given to practice teaching and to become a better educator. I've worked extensively with elementary and middle-school children, tutoring, teaching Bible, and serving as a camp counselor. I also worked in the Department of Housing and Residential Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, organizing and leading educational events that taught students about diversity and its importance, health, environmental issues, and how to survive as a college student. I have also worked with various student organizations at UNC-CH as well as PTS to educate others about LGBTQ issues. I am a member of PTS's BGLASS, an organization dedicated to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for PTS community members of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions through education and awareness. I hope that working with Collingswood Pres will allow me to share my passions with others as well as help me to further develop the skills necessary to be a great teacher and pastor. I have a lot to learn from this experience and all of the people who I will encounter through it, and I could not be more excited.

Youth News

New Youth Group Beginning Sunday Nights

October 2nd will be the first meeting of the new church youth groups. Jr. (6th-8th grade) & Sr. (9th-12th grade) will meet simultaneously between 6 -7 pm. In addition to games, music, and Bible studies, the youth can look forward to weekend retreats, parties, and a mission trip in the summer. We look forward to all the fun possibilities that this new program can provide.



Confirmation Class will begin in October

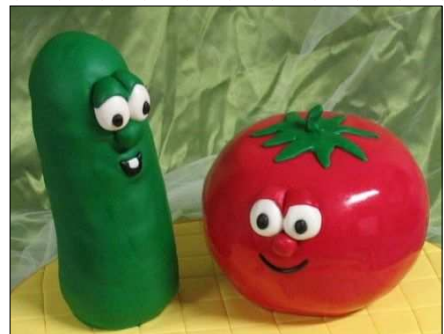


We are inviting all youth grades 8-9 who are interested in confirming their faith to join the Confirmation Class starting the first week in October. We will be having a mandatory parents and students meeting on **Thursday, October 6, 2011** in the lounge.

This program, led by Pastor Kate and Elder Anna Lee Bachtell, is a yearlong exploration of the Bible, what Presbyterians believe, how we worship, our Mission in the world and our church order. We seek to help the young people to work out their faith and beliefs. We usually meet twice a month from October to May. Confirmation Sunday will be in June.

If you missed joining the church and you are a Senior High or College Student, watch for information in January 2012 for a shorter course on joining the church.

Special thanks to CeeCee Moul and her friend Shannon, Andy Wilson, Ashley Banko and Doris Ottman. They watered, weeded and harvested tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and spices for the Collingswood Food Pantry. Great Job!!!



DEACONS' CORNER

We're collecting cold cereal for St. Paul's Food Pantry in Collingswood. Please place your donations on the table in the back of the church.



Save the Date!!!!

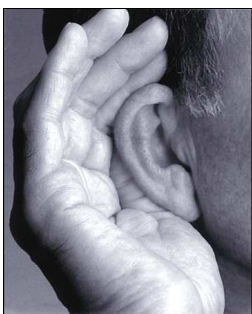
Wednesday, October 26
Blood Drive at
Collingswood Presbyterian Church
Watch for info on how to sign up.



New Visions is in need of new or gently used bath towels for their shower facilities. Towels should be placed on the table in the back of the church.



Thank you for your generosity and please keep the patrons of New Visions Homeless Day Shelter in your prayers.



We have a brand new hearing assistance system for anyone who has trouble hearing during the service. Please ask an usher and they will be happy to give you a unit. As we only have 6, we ask that you please return the unit at the end of each service.

MUSIC NOTES



Calling All Singers. . .!!!

Youth Choir - New members needed ages 6 to 16! Choir rehearsals are before church most Sundays. Casual and fun! Your child just has to love to sing! Sign up will take place Sunday, September 18th! Any questions, you may contact lorraine.brown@comcast.net

Adults - The Chancel Choir practices each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you share our love of music and would like to join us, see Stacy Lagakos after church. All are welcome!

. . .and Ringers!!!

Handbell Choirs - Rehearsals are starting on Wednesday, September 21. We practice each Wednesday. There is a group for everyone. Plan to join! Call Marjorie Miller at 858-6851. Looking forward to seeing you!



New to bells?

4th Grade through adult will meet 5:15 to 6:00
It's easy and fun. We have a good time.

Returning to Bells?

6:00 - 6:45 (Intermediate)
6:30 - 7:30 (Advanced)
7:30 - 8:30 (Memorial)

~ OUR CONGREGATION ~

- ◇ We welcome into our family of faith Eli Prince Bermudez baptized on May 29, 2011. Proud Parents are Sammy and Art, and don't forget happy brother Milo!
- ◇ Welcome to the world Diane Patricia Corso born to Gus and Melissa Corso on May 7. Sister Lilly is very happy to welcome a new sister!
- ◇ Welcome to the world Madison Quinn Young born to Jamey and Karen Young on 8/11. Big sister Alexandra is very pleased as are grandparents, Linda and Paul Young!
- ◇ Please keep Mark Wheeler's wife, Kim, in your prayers as they anticipate the birth of their second child in mid-September.
- ◇ Please keep Susan Kwiatkowski in your prayers. She broke her leg in May and has been home bound all summer! Pray that her leg heals and she can return to work soon.
- ◇ Please keep Candace Lowden's mother, June Hart, and Lorrie Heuser's mother, Elizabeth Baggett, in your prayers as they transition to their new homes at Collingswood Manor
- ◇ New addresses:

Ruth and Harry Binder	Anna Lee Bachtell
401 E. Atlantic Avenue, Apt. 215	709 Champion Avenue
Haddon Heights, NJ 08035	Collingswood, NJ 08107
323-8266	854-0033
- ◇ Please keep in your prayers all who suffered damage from hurricane Irene. We especially pray for Meg Standing's sister in Vermont and Lorrie Heuser's brother in New Port News, VA.
- ◇ Please keep Laura Eife and Tom Varley in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding here on October 15.

“Blessed are those that can give without remembering and receive without forgetting.”

May we never forget to say “thank you” to so many who do make a difference in the life of the church by reading the liturgy, serving communion, lighting the candles, collecting the offering, greeting others at the door, singing, setting up and cleaning up, and so much more every Sunday to make CPC the special place it is to come and worship. We are blessed to have you among us; thank you for your gracious heart and willing spirit.

Shanna Morascini, Worship Ministry.



Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?

In 2001, Collingswood Presbyterian Church appointed a visioning team and after a time of review, they came up with new ideas and a new vision for our church.

The good news is that we achieved our objectives to develop greater youth programs, welcome new members, repair the building and reach out to the changing community. Since we are one of the fastest growing churches in the denomination, the national church wants to know how we are doing.

On Sunday, **September 25**, we will be asking you to fill out a questionnaire about CPC. Sunday School will be extended by 15 minutes that day so we can fill out the forms at the end of church. Please, especially new members, come to church that day!!!



\$674.00 . . .

That is the amount of money that Viridian has sent to CPC since last December thanks to the people who chose Viridian to supply electricity to their utilities. Those people also saved money on their utility bill because Viridian's rates have been lower than the utilities since Viridian came to NJ in May of 2010*.

In addition, at least 20% of the electricity from Viridian they used came from local renewable resources (wind, solar, etc.) so these people have also helped preserve and save our environment. Viridian's use of renewable resources has avoided the production of over 167 million pounds of CO2 emissions. That's the equivalent of planting almost 10 million trees or not driving 184 million miles. A household using an average of just 750 kw a month would avoid 1,266 lbs of carbon emissions a year.

Yes, 25 CPC members made a choice to save money, save the environment, and help the church. It only took them 5 minutes to sign up.

Imagine the impact on the environment and the assistance to the church if more people decided to ask their utility to get their electricity from Viridian?

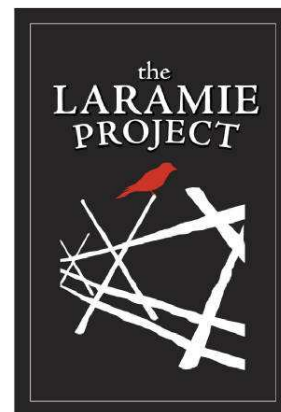
Does this pique your interest? Do you want to help? If you have a computer, you can go to www.viridian.com/cpc or call Keith Haines at 856-816-7810 or 856-779-7357 for more info.

Together we can continue to help ourselves, our church, and the environment, all at no cost to us.

**No energy supplier can guarantee future savings, regardless of what mailings or phone solicitations might say, but Viridian has been consistently lower in all of NJ's markets over the past year as well saving their customers over 8½ million dollars.*

Our Collingswood Community

Plan to attend the play “The Laramie Project” directed by our own Amy Henderson Riley at the Scottish Rite Auditorium on October 13, 14 & 15 at 7:30 p.m., with a 2:00 matinee on the 15th. A panel discussion will follow the Friday evening performance with Mayor Malley, Pastor Kate and other town leaders.



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### ARE YOU “PATCHED” IN?

Check out the Collingswood Patch, an online newspaper that sends daily emails to keep you up to date on everything that’s happening in town. Go to [collingswood.patch.com](http://collingswood.patch.com) and click on “Sign-up” to stay in the loop!

## A Prayer for Peace

Almighty God, we pray for peace in the world. Help the leaders of all the countries to make good decisions. Help us all to learn to live together and to try to understand each other even though we may seem very different from each other. Remind us when we forget, that we are all your children who share this earthly home. Help us to live in peace and harmony. Amen.

# Walk for CROP

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

A Church World Service Program



## Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

From First Baptist Church of Collingswood at 12:30 pm\*

Short and long routes on Haddon Avenue and Knight's Park

**Church World Service helps disaster victims by:**

- Providing clean water Giving tools and blankets
- Temporary shelter to homeless people
- Food and agricultural education Seeds and tools
- Construction education and starter tool kits

**25% of all money raised goes to the**

**Collingswood Food Pantry at St. Paul's**

*They need our help feeding 500 adults and 300 children*

\*Want to walk? Contact Bonnie @ 609-922-3240 or [bonnielynnel@verizon.net](mailto:bonnielynnel@verizon.net)

**OR donations can be sent to**

First Baptist Church of Collingswood (*CROP Walk in check memo line*)

23 Frazer Avenue, Collingswood, NJ 08108

Attn: CROP Walk

Lunch will be served after church in the Dining Room. After lunch we will head over to the Baptist Church for the walk.

## *When Children Go Off to School*

Heavenly Father, You have blessed our home with the presence of children. We have been delighted and happy by the growth and development of their spiritual life and personalities. Our hearts have been inspired by the innocence of childhood and the adventure of youth.



As these children go away to school, we pray that your guiding love may accompany them. Guard and keep them from the fears of the day, the terrors of evil. Make strong their love for you and respect for all people. Bless the teachers who seek to help them in their academic development and Christian character. Inspire them with wisdom.

We pray for the grace to accept this transition from home to school as a part of your great plan in the growth and development of their young life. Free us from any temptation to over possessiveness. Grant that we may not hinder the life of our students with too much advice or crippling sensitiveness. May we allow freedom for the development of their initiative. Help us to live our lives in a way that may be an invitation to all youth to find the secret of Thy presence.

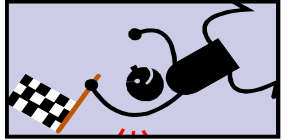


Bless our children with health. Grant them diligence in the pursuit of knowledge. We pray that they learn the unselfish art of friendship and good choices. In your name we pray, Amen.

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RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 18TH!!!  
COME FOR BREAKFAST at 9:30  
REGISTRATION/ PARENT MEETING AT 10:00**