



# TOWER CHIMES



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Community Presbyterian Church of Merrick

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MOIRA

*“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6*

Dear Church Family:

“Trick or Treat!” Who hasn’t heard the chorus of children in costumes with excited faces expecting a candy bar or sweet treat? That’s the part of Halloween I love, I admit. Candy manufacturers love it too: they sell over 2.3 billion dollars’ worth of candy during this season.

Some say only Easter trumps Halloween as the top candy season.

All that candy isn’t the only problem with Halloween. The pagan roots of Halloween depict this night of ghosts and other worldly creatures to appear. It was a scary time and people carved jack-o-lanterns to frighten off the ghosts. The ancient Celts would also blacken their faces to ward off evil spirits. For this reason many Christians refuse to observe Halloween.

Present day Halloween is a mixture of modern sweets and ancient fears. On one level it’s good for children to face their fears – pretending to be superheroes and conquering it in a safe and protected way.

It’s even better for them to face their fears knowing Jesus Christ, who conquers the demonic powers and worldly dominions around us. For this reason the day after Halloween is “All Saints Day.” We celebrate all the people who have come before us in the light of Jesus and that we are connected to them by faith. We don’t have to be afraid. We also observe Reformation Sunday, October 28, to lift up the church as a place where Christ is first, faith is first, grace is first and God and his word is Sovereign over all.

So let’s introduce our children not just to the superheroes named after transformers and ninja turtles and superman and his crew, but to the saints of the ages. Let them know the living saints of today – of the church. Let us be these living saints. Let us raise our children to be saints; doing acts of kindness and walking in the light every day.



Faithfully yours,  
*Pastor Moira*  
Moira Ahearne  
Pastor

## CLERK'S CORNER

### Some Random Thanks

If you've been with us the past couple of Sundays, you've heard my shout-out to certain members of the congregation during the recent Street Fair.

As Presbyterians, we are supposed to be modest when taking credit for good works. We believe that good works are not the key to heaven, but are nevertheless an integral part of all that we do.

So this is why I have raised a few select members for recognition:

First, hats-off to Diane Wood for her suggestion for the street fair to allow passers-by to leave prayers for inclusion in the next day's service. Not only was it a great idea, but it provided an outlet for those in need. As I mentioned time after time, the street fair is our opportunity to hold our small congregation out to others who may need support.

Second, David Brackett took Diane's idea one step further. He took it upon himself to wander the fair searching for those who are were in need of a prayer. Many were received, which were later raised at worship the following morning.

Of course, thanks go out to all the others who presided over our table at the fair during the day. We appreciate their donations of time that Saturday. I was particularly impressed by the enthusiasm of Bobbie Lewis' grandkids in reaching out to visitors to the fair.

Blessings,  
Gary



From  
September

(From Sept. 2): "For our friend, Petra as she needs strength and peace in her battle with stage 4 breast cancer." (Mary L.);

Prayers of healing for Jessie Mannix and Lenna Frugia;

(From Sept. 9): Carol and Denise for a cure from cancer;

Brian that he has a great school year and that he joins a club!  
Charlotte's upcoming surgery (Anne R.);

God's healing and grace for all in the new year;

"Continued health for my mom, Natalie, who is returning home from rehab this week. Thanks be to God." (Scott D.);

The Persecuted Church through the world;

A prayer of thanks to all who helped at yesterday's BBQ!  
(Charlie L.);

(From Sept. 16): Those who have nobody to pray for them.

(From Sept. 23): Deke Gregorio who fell and broke his shoulder.

(From Sept. 30): Anne Reynolds who is having a terrible time with tinnitus;

Lily with prayers of wellness as she's been suffering from a cough for weeks, and thanks for filling in for Cathy on the organ;

"Prayers of Gratitude for mom's return home and for her continued wellness. Praise the Lord!" (Scott D.);

"Our friend Ruth who is going through cancer treatments."  
(Pat and Vinny L.);

A sense of civility and morality in American politics!;

"Thanks for your prayers for my cat, Prince, who is at last doing better." Jo G.

## OCTOBER

## HAPPENINGS

### October Birthdays

Gary Stuber	1
Therese Grgas	4
James Forbes, Jr.	9
Diane Wood	9
Jessica Stuber	10
Amanda Pitt	12
Fran Kelly	17
Mona Grimm	19
Rich Kelly	19
Cathy Donohue	22
Matthew Foster	22
Ginny Arcuri	26



*(If your name did not appear here, it's because we don't know it's your birthday! Please call Diane Wood at 623-9495 so we can add your name to our list!)*



**OCT. 7 is WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**, and we will again be participating in the **PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING**.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows Presbytery Mission to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers,

because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

Twenty-five% of the offering stays with our congregation enabling us to reach out to those struggling through oppression and injustice, and 25% is retained by our mid council.

This Offering sustains our witness in many forms and at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (USA), but all are bound together in Christ. Together they are a living proclamation of the peace we know in Christ, who puts an end to hostility and speaks peace to all, near and far.

Offering envelopes are included in this October Tower Chimes for your convenience or you may use the offering envelopes found in the pews on Sunday, Oct. 7.

Thank you.

**Mission & Stewardship**



**BIBLE STUDY CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!!** Come join Pastor Moira for a six-week course as you'll explore **The Great Themes of the Bible.**

Identical classes will be held in both the Merrick and Freeport churches giving you more opportunities to be able to attend. Here is the October schedule:

**THIRD Class:** Oct. 10, 12 noon at CPC (brown-bag lunch encouraged) or at 5pm on Oct. 16 at Freeport Presbyterian (178 S. Ocean Ave. - 379-1114).

**FOURTH Class:** Oct. 23, 5pm at FPC or on Oct. 24 @ 12 noon at CPC (brown-bag lunch encouraged).

If you are interested in attending, please call or text Pastor Moira at 917.327.2119 or email her at moiraahearne@aol.com to let her know. This way, she can also call you if one of the classes is being canceled at the last minute.

If anyone has any questions, please give Pastor Moira a call!

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL **7PM** CLASSES IN FREEPORT HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO **5PM**!!!!!!



**OCT. 12**

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**OCT. 13**

CPC's fall Holiday Bazaar and Garage Sale is scheduled for **Friday night, Oct. 12 from 7-9pm and Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10am-3pm.** Food and drink will be available Friday night and an affordable and delicious lunch will be served on Saturday beginning at 11:30am.

We will again be having our usual tables - baked goods, white elephant, jewelry, new and old items, holiday merchandise, toys and games, electronics, books, CDs DVDs, antiques, housewares, etc.,

And **NEW** this year, we'll be having a few vendor tables and a raffle, with 100% of the raffle proceeds to benefit local charities.

Also new this year is the decision that **ALL** prices on anything donated for the bazaar will be set by our deacons, so please keep that in mind when donating.

And as usual, we are always in need of items to stock our tables, so please look around your homes to see what you'd like to donate to the bazaar. We'll accept almost anything **except personal care items and CLOTHES. No CLOTHES this year!** But we will accept shoes, hats, pocketbooks, and other clothing accessories, just no clothes. And as always, **we ask that all donated items be clean and complete, easy to transport and lift, and in good condition!**

Please call the church first before bringing your items down so someone is there to accept them. If you can't get to the Church, please give one of us deacons a call, and we'll make arrangements to have your items picked up from you.



Volunteers will be needed to not only set-up Thursday evening around 9pm-ish and Friday during the day, but to 'man' the tables Friday night and Saturday, and then to 'break down' the bazaar Saturday afternoon when it's over. Please call the church office or Mona (546-6757) if you can volunteer your time.

Please remember to put these dates aside, and thank you in advance for your continued support of our bazaars and garage sales! **Your deacons, Jessie Gregorio, Mona Grimm, Rich Kelly, Mary Leschinski, Diane Wood and Bobbie Zimmerman-Lewis**

All **TOWER CHIME ARTICLES** each month will be due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the prior month. If you have something for the Nov. Tower Chimes, please email or deliver it to the office by Oct. 15. Thank you!!



**Our next Women's Fellowship Breakfast will be on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 10am in Grafing Hall.**

Please join us for light refreshments, prayer, praise, and a good time! Be sure to bring a friend! Any and all women are invited to attend! If you have ANY questions, please call Fran Kelly at 221-3561.

## **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

### **Oct. 28, 2018**

On Halloween of 1517, a German monk named Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Church. These 95 Theses expressed his concerns over corruption found in the Catholic church. One of his primary concerns was the church selling "indulgences" to people in order to release them from having to serve penitence for their sins.



An act which he considered to be people trying to buy their way into heaven. This act opened up a debate with religious scholars of the time that eventually lead to the Protestant Reformation.

Reformation Day has been observed as a holiday since the mid-16th century, but its official date of October 31st was set until about 1717. This is when it became an official German observance and the date from which it would spread on an international level.

The Presbyterian Church celebrates Reformation Sunday on the last Sunday of October, commemorating a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition and giving Presbyterians an opportunity to celebrate our heritage and history, to affirm our central theological convictions and to consider God's ongoing reformation of the church.

CPC will be serving communion on the 28th, therefore children will worship with their families in the Sanctuary (meaning no Sunday School).

**The 2018 Peace and Global Witness theme is 'Sanctuary Geneva'.**

Not long after Roman Catholic Mary Tudor rose to the English throne in 1553, the outspoken Scottish reformer John Knox felt compelled to leave the British Isles. After a spell in Frankfurt, Knox joined a fellowship of religious refugees from across Europe who had thronged to Geneva.

The Swiss city's most famous resident, the French lawyer and humanist John Calvin, was himself a Geneva immigrant. His first prolonged stay in the city came years before, when war in Germany prevented him from traveling to Strasbourg.

Calvin helped create an atmosphere in Geneva welcoming to outsiders. A hospital was established for refugees, as well as an academy for their education. Knox ministered to a congregation of English-speaking refugees that met in the same auditorium where Calvin lectured, the Calvin Auditory, a building still in use today for English worship. The bustling mid-sixteenth century city reverberated with the polyglot theological and political ideas of the Reformation. Knox marveled at his time in Geneva, calling it "the most perfect school of Christ that ever was in the earth since the days of the apostles."



Calvin's emphasis on placing full trust in God, as opposed to any earthly ruler, aimed to infuse Genevan life with gratitude and faith. He hoped that the doctrine of salvation through election would ease the anxieties of a people living in an age of plague, war, and dislocation.



For Calvin and for Knox, growing in trust of God and love for God enlarged a community's ability to respond to God's call to love and service, no matter where its residents came from.

and a group speaking on **organ donation**. We're working on commitments from other professionals as well!

As you can see, this is not an insignificant undertaking. We are looking forward to significant support from both our Church and the Freeport Church. We will also be reaching out to the other local churches, the interfaith nutrition center, and be doing some advertising in the local papers. Our goal is to let the community know that we are here and that we care for all people.

As Charlie says, we are "the small church with a big heart". Let's prove it on October 28!

*Yours in faith, David & Charlie*

## **CPC IS HOSTING A Community Health Fair**



**ON Sunday, Oct. 28 1-4pm!**

That's right! CPC is hosting a FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR in Grafing Hall on **Sunday October 28 July 29 from 1pm-4pm**.

Our Outreach Committee would love to see a great turnout so the people donating their time will feel that their efforts are appreciated. **So please encourage your family and friends to attend.**

So far we have commitments from the following professionals to donate their time:

An **internist** (with his staff) who will be doing blood pressure and glucose tests; a **nutritionist** who will have information and be performing body mass index tests; a **psychotherapist** who will be available to discuss general issues related to grief; a **podiatrist** and a **chiropractor** who also practices aroma therapy; an **orthodontist**;

**Wed.,  
Oct. 31**



We wish everyone a fun and safe Halloween! Here's some food for thought from Pastor Moira:

A 10 year old little girl was asked by another classmate, "what is it like to be a Christian?". The girl replied, "it's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."



## **WHAT'S NEW???**

**COMMUNITY PRAYER MINISTRY – EVERY SUNDAY EVENING AT 6PM!**

Pastor Moira has begun a Community Prayer Ministry on Sunday evenings at 6pm. Anyone who would like to pray with her and others may dial-in and join the community prayer group!



All you have to do is:  
Dial **1-605-472-5570** a minute or two before 6pm; and then a recording will ask you for an Access Code. Simply punch in **500245** and then the # sign. You are now connected to Pastor Moira and all the others who dialed-in to join that evening's Community Prayer Ministry!



C.P.M. allows you to pray for your church, pray for yourself and pray for others from the comfort of your own home!

The initial idea is for the C.P.M. to 'meet' every Sunday night at 6pm. However, there will be times when Pastor Moira will not be available to participate. However, all those calling-in may still pray together! She will try to let you know when she will not be available.

If you have ANY questions about this new Ministry, please contact **Pastor Moira** via phone or text at **917.327.2119** or email at **moirahearne@aol.com**



**Remember,  
The Power of Prayer  
can move mountains!**

**WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER!!!**

We would like to welcome a new member to our CPC family..... Andrea Zurita-Burlacu! (Phonetically pronounced "An-DRAY-a" and "BER-le-cue") Andrea was welcomed into membership on September 23 during the worship service.

She and husband, John, moved to Merrick a year or so ago with their children, Tristan age 4 and Madison age 1-1/2. Please extend a warm welcome to the Burlacu family, and don't be shy to introduce yourselves, they're a lovely family!

**WE'VE ALSO HAD A BAPTISM!**

Andrea and John's daughter, Madison Fay, was baptized at CPC on September 30! Several members of Session and our Board of Deacons attended the 1pm baptism along with mom, dad, brother Tristan and friends and relatives of the family. Pastor Moira officiated while godparents Monica Burlacu-Rivera and Hernan Rivera looked on with pride!



Our congratulations to the Burlacu, Zurita and Rivera families!

**A NEW DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

is being revised for 2019, so please check your listing as it appears in the 2018 Directory and let Barbara Rivera know of any changes (phone, email, address, family additions, work phones, etc.) OR if you would like your listing added to or deleted from our Directory.

Barbara hopes to have the Directory done by the end of December which should give you enough time to go over your listing. Please call Barbara if you have any questions.

Thank you!

**NOW IS A VERY EXCITING TIME AT THE CHURCH**

AND TIME TO think about joining either Session or our Board of Deacons for the 2019 slate. Please, pray about how YOU might be called to serve the church.

Every single one of us has been given gifts for ministry to share and to exercise – like muscles! Help is needed in all aspects of our life together as a community of faith, from lending a hand to our property commission, to encouraging and delivering food pantry donations, to planning worship, to doing dishes after coffee hours.

Please join in praying for volunteers to step up to the joyful task of serving the Lord through this congregation. Your thoughts, suggestions and questions are most welcome.

It's also a great time to **VOLUNTEER TO BE AN**



**USHER** or to serve **COMMUNION** in **2019!** Won't you join our teams?

Please call **Bobbie Zimmerman-Lewis** (917-968-5600) if you like to join either or both teams. Anyone may be

an usher, but you must be a member of the church to serve communion. The 2018 lists are



being looked over now and we'd love to add a few more names for 2019. The **ASSUMPTION** stands that all of the 2018 volunteers will be re-upping for 2019, unless, of course, Bobbie hears from you otherwise. Please call Bobbie by Nov. 30 to add your name to or remove it from the 2019 list, or if you'd just like more info about serving. Thank you!

#### DID YOU PAY YOUR PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT YET FOR 2018?

It's almost time to plan the 2019 budget!

A check made out to **Community Presbyterian Church** in the amount of **\$36.78** is all it takes.

All Presbyterian churches are mandated to pay Presbyterian Church (USA) for each one of their members because every Presbyterian member shares in the benefit of the PC (USA)'s system of government. Per capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It exists to allow the whole church to share equitably in those things that make us Presbyterian.

If you haven't yet written that check, please do so. And if you're not sure if you've paid yet or not, please ask Nancy Stuber.

#### Also Don't Forget to Check-out CPC's FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE -

If you haven't joined our CPC Facebook or taken a look at our website, now is the time! We are trying to keep both sites current and interesting, but we need your help! Since pictures say 1,000 words, take out your

smartphones when you see something interesting and snap a quick photo. You can forward the photo to me on Facebook messenger,

email ([emmalou3273@gmail.com](mailto:emmalou3273@gmail.com))

or text at [516 698 7484](tel:5166987484).

If you come across an interesting fact or article, please forward that, too. Together we can continue to reach out to others not only in our congregation, but our community.

Thank you!

Cathy Donohue



### WHAT'S COMING UP IN NOVEMBER?



- 11/1: All Saint's Day
- 11/2: Community Day
- 11/4: Stewardship and Pledge Sunday with Brunch; Daylight saving time ends
- 11/6: General Election
- 11/7: Bible Study Class #5 - 12 noon at CPC
- 11/10: 10am Women's Fellowship Breakfast (tent.)
- 11/11: Veteran's Day
- 11/13: Bible Study Class #5 - 5pm at Freeport Presbyterian Church
- 11/14: Healthy Boundaries Training at Presbytery
- 11/15: December Tower Chimes articles due
- 11/18: Thanksgiving Sunday with the Children's Harvest Table
- 11/21: 7pm Session meeting (tentative)
- 11/22: Thanksgiving (office closed)
- 11/25: Christ the King/Reign of Christ; Communion

**And don't forget the Deacons will be collecting turkeys and \$ for the Pantry for Thanksgiving during the month of November!**



**Let's see how many families we can give a good Thanksgiving!**

# OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 AA 7:30-9:30p	3 OPA 7-10pm	4 NA 7-9:30p	5 AA 6:45-9:30p	6
<b>7 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY WITH THE PEACE &amp; GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING</b> 9am Worship Service with Pastor Moira in the pulpit; Communion (servers Scott Dodge, Jessie Gregorio, Joe Nelson and a volunteer); Usher Team # 1 (Pat Dubovick, Charlie Leschinski, Charlie Leschinski Jr., Nancy Stuber and George Weeks); <b>Children will worship with the families in the sanctuary</b> ; Refreshments; NASC 1-6pm	8	9 AA 7:30-9:30p	10 Bible Study #3 – 12 noon at CPC OPA 7-10pm	11 NA 7-9:30p	12 AA 6:45-9:30p (to meet downstairs) <b>7pm-9pm CPC Garage and Bake Sale</b>	13 Presbytery Day in Bethpage – 9:30am-3:30pm <b>CPC GARAGE &amp; BAKE SALE 10am-3pm</b>
<b>14</b> 9AM Worship Service with Pastor Moira; Usher Team #2 (Scott Dodge, Fran Kelly, Al Lewis and Bobbie-Zimmerman-Lewis); <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> ; Refreshments;	15 Nov. Tower Chimes articles due	16 Bible Study #3 5pm at FPC 9:30pm; AA 7:30-9:30p	17 7pm Session at CPC OPA 7-10pm	18 NA 7-9:30p	19 AA 6:45-9:30p	20 10am WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST IN GRAFING HALL! All women invited!
<b>21</b> 9AM Worship with Pastor Moira; Usher Team #3 (David Brackett, Jamie Brackett, Mona Grimm and Joe Nelson); Minute for Mission; <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> ; Refreshments	22	23 Bible Study #4 5pm at FPC AA 7:30-9:30p	24 Bible Study #4 12 noon at CPC OPA 7-10pm	25 NA 7-9:30p	26 AA Anniversary Party 5pm-11pm	27 9am Presbytery Meeting in Southampton
<b>28 REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> 9AM <b>Communion Service</b> with Elder Gary Stuber presiding; Communion (servers David Brackett, Mary Jane Gould, George Weeks & volunteer needed); Usher Team #4 (Janel Crummy, Jessie Gregorio, Tom Rose and Joe Schuessler); Minute for Mission; <b>Children will worship with the families in the sanctuary</b> ; Refreshments; <b>1pm-4pm HEALTH FAIR at CPC!!</b> 	29	30 AA 7:30-9:30p	31 Have fun and be safe!  OPA 7-10pm			