Jesus is the most important and controversial person in all of history; His name stirs up virulent hatred in some people and radical devotion in others. Jesus claimed to be the Son of God. As a result, every person on earth must decide what to do with Him.

He did not leave us the option of ignoring Him or washing our hands of the matter. There are really just two choices: Believe Him or reject Him. Rejection will result in judgment and eternal separation from God (John 3:18), but eternal life is promised to all who trust in Him.

Believers must also decide what they will do with Jesus after salvation. Faith in Him isn’t just the way to eternal life in heaven; it is also to be our way of life here and now. If we believe in Jesus, we will: FOLLOW HIM. Christ’s sheep hear His voice and submit to His leadership. WORSHIP HIM. As we grow in our love for and trust in the Savior, our natural response will be to adore and praise Him. SHARE HIM. We should want everyone to know this wonderful God who rescued us and transformed our lives. LOOK FOR HIS COMING. To be with Jesus face to face is our greatest hope and joy. This life is only a breath compared to the time we’ll be with Him in eternity.

Let us look for ways to demonstrate our faith in Him today. We should train ourselves to be on the lookout for opportunities to obey Him, worship Him, and share the good news with others. If believers commit to meeting as many needs as the Lord brings to their attention, then a lethargic church can be transformed, becoming a true body of believers who function together for the glory of God.

~ Charles Stanley, In Touch Magazine

Submitted by Joe Schuessler from our Christian Education Comm.
**Women’s Fellowship**

**Attention, Ladies!**

We will be hosting our next Women’s Fellowship breakfast here at CPC. It will be held on Saturday, **June 18 at 10am** in Grafing Hall. Please join us for light refreshments, prayer, praise, and a good time! Be sure to bring a friend!

We’ll be taking the summer off and starting up again in September!

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**June 5 -- “Musical Legends”**

The Merrick Chorale will be performing favorite melodies from America’s Songbook, sung with glee and gusto, at the Merrick Public Library beginning at 2pm. It’s FREE, air-conditioned and guaranteed to make your feet tap! The Chorale director for this performance will be Herbert Bradensten. Please join them!

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**June 12 – Christopher Donohue**

will be our special musical guest. He and our choir will offer a rousing Anthem, and Christopher will be playing his instruments and singing with us during the service.

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**June 19, A DOUBLE BLESSING** – Mark your calendars for June 19 as we celebrate FATHER’S DAY AND RECOGNITION SUNDAY here at CPC. Please join us as we pay homage to all fathers AND say thank you’ to our Sunday school children; to their teacher, Christine Mooney; to our choir members; and to our choir director, Cathy Donohue, These ‘thank yous’ will take place at the coffee hour after the worship service. Please join us!

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**Prayer Requests From May**

Angelina
Ariana
Beverly Burke
Bob Fritz
Cassandra
Christine Mooney and her family
Young Christopher
Craig
Danny, Erica & Cassie Grimm
Dina
Don
Dorothy D’Mata and family
Fred D’Mata, may he rest in peace
Young Elizabeth
Francesca
Frank
Gabrielle
The family of James Martin
Jennie

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Jonny Anderson
Katherine & John In
Columbus, Ohio
Kaye Barry
Lillian's soul, may she rest in peace
Marie
Marie Glodzik
Mary Johnson
Meg
Michael and family
Michele
Carol Murphy & her family
Pat
Persecuted Churches
Rich Kelly
Robert
Ron Williams
Rose
Theresa
For all those in harm’s way who will make their sacrifice in the coming year.
FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY - This is just a friendly little reminder that I will be collecting the weekly pledges throughout the summer. I know that the summer is a time for rest and relaxation and some of us may not attend church on a weekly basis for numerous reasons, but the church bills don’t take a summer break! They need to be paid in a timely manner, and your pledges go a long way towards paying those bills.

I know I can count on you to keep up with your pledges during the summer months. They may be dropped off at the church (you may put them in the mail slot if no one is in the office) or they may be mailed to me at my home address: 26 Briarcliff Drive, Merrick, NY 11566. Thank you in advance, and have a wonderful summer! See you in September.

Nancy Stuber

An excerpt from the Long Island Council of Church’s June Newsletter…..

NEEDED THIS WEEK IN OUR FOOD PANTRIES
We have not yet received executed contracts for 2016 from Nassau County for either the chaplains they ask us to provide in the Nassau County Correctional Center or for the food and other emergency assistance that the Dept. of Social Services asks us to provide--which means we cannot yet submit vouchers to be reimbursed for the money we are spending on these services. And each year the county reimburses less of the cost of this help. Moreover, Suffolk County provides no reimbursement for the clients they refer to us for assistance.

Donations to support our emergency food centers and the other help we provide would be greatly appreciated. These should be sent to:

The Long Island Council of Churches
40 Washington Street
Hempstead, NY 11550

Or call 516-565-0290 to charge your contribution to a credit card.
You can also donate on-line through https://www.LICCDonate.org:
To My Wonderful and Caring Church Family,

2016 has been a year that I could not have imagined.....from cracked ribs to kidney failure to heart failure. I have had four hospital admissions and have only been home once for 3 weeks and twice for 2 days. I haven’t been home now since March 3 as I am currently in rehab.

Without all the prayers, visits, cards, and phone calls, the past five months would have been impossible! My room has looked like a florist, and I have had so many compliments from those who come to my room.

I still have more surgery that has to be done when I get strong enough. I don’t know when I’ll get home, but I look forward to getting back to my church family.

I would not have been able to concentrate on getting better if it wasn’t for Ann Peterson. I have peace of mind knowing Ann is taking care of Frank and handling everything else that needs to be handled in the house. I cannot thank and praise Ann for all that she does. THANK YOU ANN!!!!!!

I look forward to seeing each one of you and my beloved Community Presbyterian Church.

Yours in faith,
Beverly Burke
OLD TESTAMENT READERS
FOR THE SUMMER
Pastor Wright will still be with us through the summer, and he would love Old Testament reading volunteers when it’s his turn to preach. The dates are: July 21, 28 and September 4.
Please sign-up in the book in the back of our Sanctuary.

S. Talbot Thayer, choral director from Calhoun High School from 1958-1985, passed away on Friday, April 22. A Celebration of Life service is planned for Sunday, July 31, which would have been his 86th birthday. For further details, contact Ingrid Bloomfield at 679.7964 or email her at garfieldrn@aol.com.
Our sympathies to his friends and family.
**Church Garage Sale**

**SPONSORED BY OUR CPC DEACONS**

WHEN: Saturday, July 16 rain or shine
WHERE: Front lawn of CPC
Time: 10am-4pm

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR CHURCH’S PROGRAMS!**

Here’s your opportunity to get rid of unwanted or unused 'stuff' and help the church out at the same time!

**WE DO WANT:**
Clothes (ON HANGERS), shoes, small furniture, housewares, glassware, tools, rugs, throws, luggage, pocketbooks, computer and car stuff, books and magazines, baby items, knick-knacks, pictures and frames, pet items, linens (washed), games, toys, etc.

**WE DON’T WANT:**
your garbage, hazardous materials, personal items (for health code reasons), or items that are not sellable

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

All items MUST BE CLEAN !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
All items MUST BE IN WORKING ORDER
All items MUST BE COMPLETE (such as puzzles)

or they won’t be accepted and you’ll have to lug them back home!

~ You may drop off your smaller items at church (on the stage) **AFTER June 16** during Barb’s office hours, or on Sundays before or after church. Please get in touch with one of our deacons if those times are not conducive to you.

~ We will be accepting large and cumbersome items ‘the morning of’ from 8am until 9:30am.

~ If you want any of your unsold items back, you’ll have to pick them up after the sale. Any unclaimed items will be at the disposable discretion of the deacons.

Volunteers will be needed **before, during and after the Sale.** Please speak with one of our Deacons to sign up to help. Thank you!

Refreshments will be on hand to purchase.
JOINT AUGUST MEETING (tentative) - There will be a joint meeting of the Board of Deacons and Session on Friday, August 19 at the home of Gary and Nancy Stuber. It will be held outside, weather permitting. Those attending will be contacted with more details as the date nears.

The last Sunday of summer worship will be Sept. 4, and CPC’s Aloha / Welcome Back Sunday and Brunch is scheduled for September 11.

The CPC Office Will Reopen On Wednesday, September 7 At 8:30am!

NOW IS A VERY EXCITING TIME AT THE CHURCH AND TIME TO think about joining either Session or our Board of Deacons for the 2017 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.
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Have a Great Summer

See Ya in Church