



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

FALL PROGRAMS 2026



The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township
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The four pillars of our common life unite us to one another and empower us to live out our mission and vision.

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A Place of Belonging, A Season to Begin Again

Dear PCCT Members and Friends,

A new program year is ready to launch. Beginning with Welcome Back Sunday on September 13, we'll dive into the fall season, and a calendar filled with events and activities that gather us as God's people, invite us to build deeper connections with one another, and focus our efforts on loving neighbors and serving people in need.

We organize our congregational life around four pillars – **Worship**, **Connect**, **Learn**, **Serve** – that unite us to one another and empower us to live out our mission and vision.

I am excited that we'll soon be back in the sanctuary for Sunday worship, and to hear all the great music Caitlyn has planned for our choirs. Plus, Steve really knows how to make the organ sing! Come and get a fresh start to each new week as together we grow in our knowledge of and love for God.

At its heart, PCCT is a place of belonging where we seek to extend a genuine sense of welcome to all. With that in mind, we offer a variety of social gatherings throughout the year to help people get to know each other better and feel more connected across multiple generations. For those looking to form more in-depth bonds, consider joining one of our fellowship groups – there are options for both women and men to get together in casual settings, most often on a monthly basis, but several meet more frequently.

Children and youth have their own fellowship groups and programs that begin shortly after Labor Day. Elizabeth has expanded offerings for all ages – the most noticeable change is a new weekly format for our mid-week Chat & Chew kids' program. Church School, Breakfast Club, and Confirmation focus on empowering young people to develop life-long faith practices. Education for adults is offered under the "Faith Forward" umbrella, which includes everything that follows Sunday worship.

As our faith takes shape at every age, it moves us outward too. We offer a number of hands-on service projects and ongoing collections specifically aimed at alleviating hunger and providing support for people in times of need. Getting on a list to assemble Breakfast Bags for nourish.NJ or volunteer at the Community Food Bank is a great way to support these efforts. Not to be missed events include Harvest Sunday and our NEW Food Packing Event in October.

As we begin again in this new season, I eagerly look forward to seeing you, hearing from you, and experiencing the joy and wonder of being part of this community of faith – our place of belonging together.

Yours in Faith,

Pastor Tom



WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

Sunday, September 13 - worship at 10 am

Stay for a BBQ lunch and activities both inside and out.

Celebrate coming back together as we launch a new program year. The day begins with worship at 10 am in-person and livestreamed from the Sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will be back too! Nursery Care will be available and after the Children's Message, we'll have a special Church School preview for K-8th graders. Following worship, a BBQ lunch will be served in Mulford Hall. All are welcome to join us in this fun annual event. Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers with chips, side salads, and lemonade will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. We'll have games and fun for all ages, with a bouncy house for kids! A Free Will offering will help offset costs of the event. Sign-up to Volunteer [HERE!](#)

SAVE THE DATE! OKTOBERFEST

Friday, October 2, Hosted by the Zehner Family and Fellowship Committee

Join friends to welcome in the fall season. More details to follow through eblasts and bulletin announcements.

FALL MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, October 25

5:00 pm - 6:15 pm, Halldorson Hall

Individuals and families considering church membership, and anyone interested in learning more about our congregation are invited to attend this brief informational session with Pastor Tom and members of our Welcoming Committee. Alternative arrangements can be made for anyone unable to attend. New members will be recognized in worship and during a reception following the service on Sunday, November 1. Please speak with [Pastor Tom](#) to indicate your interest.



MEAL PACKING EVENT

Save the Date! Saturday, October 24

10 am - 12 noon, Mulford Hall

Saturday, October 24th is going to be an exciting day for our church community - PCCT will be sponsoring a meal packaging event hosted by [The Outreach Program](#)! Our congregation will be packaging 10,000 meals that will be donated to local partners and organizations that serve food insecure families in New Jersey.

Meal packaging events are fun and easy for all ages, and our event will require help from the entire congregation! We need volunteers to set up the event, many volunteers to package meals on 10/24 from 10-12, and we need donations from the PCCT family to purchase the ingredients for 10,000 meals.

Keep an eye out for more information on how your family can volunteer and donate to this special event in the Sunday bulletin and the weekly e-blast!

If you have any questions or you want to get involved, you can reach out to the Mission and Outreach committee. For more information contact the [church office](#).

[Sign up HERE to help!](#)



WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

September: A musical theme runs through our first three services back in the sanctuary as we consider ways to get “Back in Tune” after a summer when regular routines aren’t always followed. We’ll hold a 9/11 remembrance, celebrate the start of Church School, commission the Confirmation Class and give bibles to third graders.

October: World Communion Sunday (Oct. 4) celebrates our connections with Christians across the globe. Worship on Oct. 18 will be followed by a sermon discussion in which participants will be asked to suggest a title for the sermon they just heard. We’ll also introduce our Stewardship theme: Footprints of Faithfulness.

November: The month is filled with special Sundays, beginning with All Saints’ Day and a remembrance of members who died this year, which are followed by *Pastor in the Pews* and our annual Stewardship/Harvest Sunday. Advent begins the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend.

DINNER CHURCH

Wednesdays, September 30 and November 11

6:00 – 7:15 pm, Mulford Hall

Join us as the PCCT community gathers for an informal, interactive, and inter-generational worship service centered around a shared meal. Seasonally themed prayers, music, and a brief message will invite those who attend into the sustaining presence of God as a source of hope and strength. There is nothing you need to bring. Expect to be fed in body, mind, and spirit and to be on your way home no later than 7:15 pm. Dinner Church dates for 2027 are: Jan 13, Feb 10 (Ash Wed), and May 5. RSVP [HERE!](#)



PASTOR IN THE PEWS

Gratitude

Sunday, November 15

Join us for a special service of worship planned and led by members of the congregation who will be reflecting on the theme of Gratitude and how it reorients us away from worries over scarcity and not having enough to a greater sense of appreciation and abundance. If you would be interested in being part of the design team, leading a portion of this service, or sharing a story of your own, please contact [Pastor Tom](#).

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 pm in Halldorson Hall

Led by the Deacons, Pastor Tom, and organist Steve Zimmerman, this contemplative service of candlelight and music provides an opportunity to honor and give thanks for our departed friends and loved ones. During the service, we will take time to remember by name those who have recently passed and those long-missed during the holiday season. All are welcome to join us as we acknowledge our grief and claim the hope we share in God's eternal love.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 pm

Saint Patrick Church, 85 Washington Ave, Chatham

Join with Chatham friends and neighbors across all faiths and traditions in a joyous celebration of the many blessings we share. The service is sponsored by the Interfaith Council of the Chathams and Green Village. Offerings of non-perishable food items will be received for Chatham United Methodist Food Pantry; monetary donations will go to the Chatham Emergency Squad.

◆ Youth and Family Ministries Fall 2026 ◆

THOUGHTS, QUESTIONS, IDEAS? EMAIL ELIZABETH AT:

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SUMMER UPDATES



Vacation Bible School - Rainforest Falls!

We had a wild week this Summer at VBS! Crafts with Ms. Erin, Music with Ms. Caitlyn, Snacks with Ms. Phyllis, Suzanne, and Linda, and Bible Stories with Ms. Elizabeth! We even had a visit from the Turtleback Zoo, where we learned that rainforest biomes exist in more places around the world than we knew! We loved learning more about God's wonderful creation!



Youth Mission Trip - Project Crossroads in Marion, VA

Seventeen High Schoolers and Nine Chaperones took a road trip to Marion, Virginia to work with a local organization, Project Crossroads. We sanded, built, painted, stained, scraped, but not in that order! We were blessed to have the community's support in volunteering to help those in need in the rural community, and to help homeowners with projects that made a big difference in their lives.

I hope your summers were filled with rest, fun trips, and memories to last a lifetime. We are so happy to have you back in town and to look ahead to our programming and fellowship opportunities!

WELCOME!
BACK!

Nursery and K-4 Programming

Chat and Chew

Join us almost EVERY Wednesday this Fall for our weekly children's fellowship!
From 5:30 to 7:00pm, we make dinner, play games, and enjoy music time with Ms. Caitlyn! All are welcome - please bring friends!

[Register here!](#)

Please note the two dates for **Dinner Church** this Fall. We would love to have families attend together as we expand our worship opportunities!

2026 Dates:

September 9
September 16
September 23
September 30 **FAMILY CHAT + CHEW at Dinner Church!**
October 7
October 21
October 28
November 4
November 11 **FAMILY CHAT + CHEW at Dinner Church!**
November 18
December 2
December 9
December 16

Parents Night Out

Parents Night Out, Kids Night In!
Mark your calendars for our 2026 PNO Dates!
From 5:00 to 8:00pm, we have dinner, play games, and enjoy a movie! Ms. Emma, Ms. Elizabeth, and volunteers will lead this program for young children through grade 8!

2026 Dates:

September 25th
October 23rd
November 20th
NEW! Saturday, December 12th Elf's Day Out

[Register here!](#)



Nursery and K-4 Programming

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, September 13th

Welcome Back Sunday!

Join us for our first service back in the Sanctuary for the fall! We will kick off the church year with worship, and a celebration following the service. There will be a bouncehouse, food, and more!

Sunday, September 27th, 2025 Third Grade Bibles + Communion Workshop

Each year, third graders are gifted their own copy of the Bible during Worship. Please check with Elizabeth to make sure your child is signed up!

Please join Ms. Elizabeth for a special class to learn about the Sacrament of Communion. Children will learn the importance of this celebration for **World Communion Sunday on October 4th.**

Nursery Care

Nursery Care is available every Sunday from 9:50-11:15am, and extended for our Faith Forward events that follow from 11:00am-12:00pm. Children from infancy to preschool age are invited to spend time during Worship in the Nursery. We have a changing table, pack n' play, and toys for children.

Church School

Church School is for all children in grades K to 8 and begins in worship. Children leave Worship together at 10:15 am with Ms. Elizabeth. Children in grades K - 4 gather in A-5, while grades 5 - 8 gather in the Youth Suite.

In order to have two separate Church School Classes, we need your help! This is a limited time commitment, and lesson plans will be provided.

[Please use this form to register for teaching.](#)

[Please use this link to sign up for a Sunday!](#)

Church School will begin on September 20th.



Middle School Programming

MS Youth Fellowship

Grades 5 to 8 are welcome at our Middle School Youth Fellowship Events! On Sundays from 5:00-7:00pm, we will share dinner, play games, and other themed activities.

All are welcome - please bring friends!

[Register here!](#)

Sunday, September 27th

Fall Fellowship Kickoff

Sunday, October 18th

Cooking Challenge!

Wednesday, October 28th

Halloween Celebration at Chat and Chew
Volunteer with K-4 programming this evening with costumes! Dinner, games, and music from 5:30-7:00, and MS fellowship from 7:00-8:30pm.

Sunday, November 1st

Manhunt, Movie, and More

Sunday, November 22nd

Capture the Flag/Game Night

Sunday, December 13th

Christmas Party

Breakfast Club

We are excited to welcome fifth graders into the fold for Sunday Breakfast Club! After the Children's Message in worship, grades 5 to 8 are invited to come downstairs and spend time in their own space in the Youth Suite to share food, connect with each other, and explore a weekly lesson.



High School Programming



Senior High Fellowship

Grades 9 to 12 are welcome at our Senior High Fellowship Events! On Sundays from 5:00-7:00pm, we will gather for service and fellowship opportunities. Ideas welcome! All are welcome - please bring friends!

[Register here!](#)

Sunday, October 4th

Cooking for Our Community -
Making Takeout for Church Families

Sunday, October 25th

Pizza, Games, and Service Brainstorming

Sunday, November 15th

Friendsgiving

Sunday, December 6th

Cookie Baking Fellowship

Youth Mission Trip

2026 Mission Trip Reunion

Saturday, September 12th, 4:30 - 6:30pm

Join us for a fun and relaxed evening as we celebrate the accomplishments and share memories from the 2026 Mission Trip! All participants are invited to attend. [RSVP here.](#)

2027 Youth Mission Trip Planning Team

First Meeting: Sunday, October 4th, from 7:00 - 7:45pm

This team meets monthly to plan all aspects of the trip, including the fundraiser. Past Mission Trip participants interested in attending the 2027 trip are encouraged to apply. Contact Elizabeth for more details.

Next Year's trip will be the week of June 20, 2027.

Fall Programming

Music Ministries



A Message from Director Caitlyn Huetz

Dear PCCT Family and Friends,
I am full of excitement for the year ahead of us. I am looking forward to the music, special events, and connecting with everyone after a restful summer. My goal this season is to provide as many opportunities for music making to as many people as possible. Collaborative music changes lives, heals the soul and connects us to our faith in a powerful way. I hope you can join us this season in that journey.

With gratitude, Caitlyn Huetz
Director of Music

Meet our Organist!

We were delighted to welcome Steven Zimmerman to our staff in July, as PCCT's organist! In this vital role, Steve will provide instrumental music on the organ and piano during worship on Sundays and at other services throughout the year, leading congregational hymn singing and accompanying the choir. He will also play for choir rehearsals on Thursday evenings and serve in a supporting role to Caitlyn as Director of Music.



Adult Music at PCCT



Join PCCT Adult Ensembles!

Calling all musically inclined members of the PCCT community! We want you to join one of our ensembles!

When? Thursday evenings beginning September 10th!

Sanctuary Ringers: 6:45pm-7:45pm

Chancel Choir: 7:45pm-9pm

(Highschool aged musicians are highly encouraged to join!)

Can't commit to a full season? Join us during the holidays and for special services. Do you play an instrument and are interested in playing during a service this year? Email Caitlyn Huetz for more information.



Sign up to get emails from me!

Handbell Open House 10/4

Thinking of joining the Sanctuary Ringers? Come and learn to ring in a low stakes and fun environment!

When? October 4rd, 2026

After worship, head over to Halldorson Hall! Learn about the handbells and how to play from our current members.

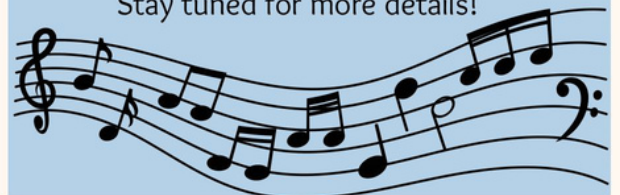
New Choir Robes for 2027!

The time has come for a refresh for our choir robes! You can help us fundraise this fall by donating to our robe fund - or by joining us in October for our fundraising Coffeehouse!

PCCT Choir's Coffeehouse on October 17th!

Join us for a casual, family friendly night in support of the PCCT Choirs. Half open-mic, half talent show, all fun! Sign up to sing, play, read a poem, juggle – the floor will be yours!

Stay tuned for more details!





Children's Music



PCCT Children's Ensembles

Join us once again this year for musical opportunities with our Children's ensembles! Performing in service throughout the year and on holidays with opportunities for singers and non-singers alike!

PCCT Children's Choir (Kindergarten+)

Youth Ringers (grades 5+)

PCCT Youth Chamber Musicians (4th +)

Christmas Eve Pageant + Holiday Choir

Look out for an email from Director Caitlyn Huetz for more information about performance dates and rehearsals!



Calling all Instrumentalists!

Does your child play an instrument in school? Are they interested in sharing their music with the congregation? Join Chamber Musicians!

Email Director Caitlyn Huetz for details on how to participate!

Fall Performances!

Come take part in service performances with the Children's Choir and Youth Ringers!

Sunday October 4th: World Communion Celebration

Wednesday November 11th: Dinner Church!

Sunday November 22nd: Harvest Sunday

Sunday December 13th: Lessons & Carols





MISSION AND OUTREACH

Community FoodBank of New Jersey, Hillside

Saturdays, September 19, October 17

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Volunteers ages 12 and up are invited to join us at the Community Food Bank, located in Hillside. Depending on the day, we may end up assembling food boxes, sorting donated items, or repackaging bulk food for distribution to local warehouses. We never really know what's in store until we arrive! Participants must sign up in advance. Carpooling can be arranged for those who need it. For more information contact the [church office](#).

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Monthly Breakfast Bags

Collection of bags before the 4th Wednesday of Every Month. Leave in Church Office

Sign-up [HERE](#) (It's helpful to know how many bags to expect.)

As these bags are moved several times before they even arrive at nourish.NJ, It really helps to have no more than 12 taped closed breakfast bags in a box/large bag. Fresh Direct bags are very helpful and easier to use than cardboard boxes. Please keep an eye out for friends or neighbors who might use Fresh Direct as we always need more bags.

Shopping List: small box of cereal; box of shelf stable milk like Parmalat; 100% fruit juice box or small water bottle; granola bar; fruit cup; plastic spoon; napkin; brown lunch bag; tape.

Assembly Instructions: Please wash hands and wear surgical gloves when assembling **Breakfast Bags:** put one of each item in a brown bag and tape the bag shut; drop off any day during the scheduled weeks between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm Mon. – Thurs., by 2:00 pm on Fridays during the summer. For more information contact the [church office](#).



Annual Market Street Mission Coat Collection Collection from 9/8 - 10/26

We will be collecting gently used, clean coats, new handmade or purchased warm winter hats, scarves and gloves for the Annual Market Street Mission Coat Giveaway . Look for the large collection box in the Upper Lobby

Chatham Community Food Distribution at Chatham United Methodist Church Collection from 9/8 - 10/26

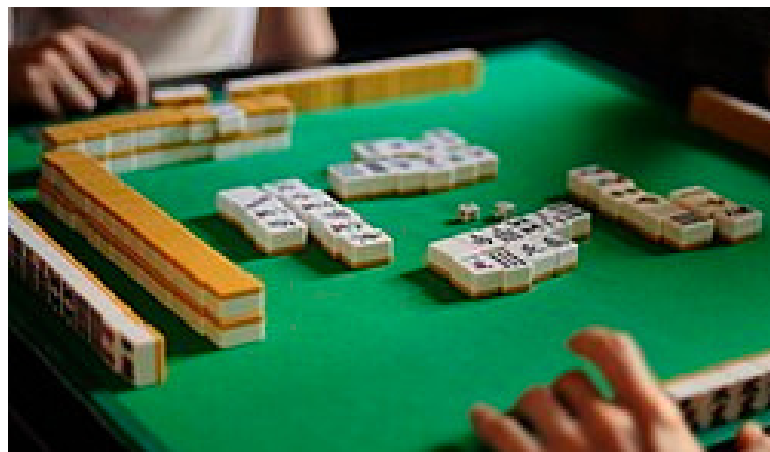
PCCT will be collecting food quarterly for the Food Pantry housed at the Chatham United Methodist Church (CUMC). We will be collecting food throughout September. Please place your donations in our "Food Collection Bin" in the Upper Lobby or bring to church with you on Sunday, September 27. Bags and a list of most wanted items will be available inside the glass entranceway. Future collection dates will be communicated through weekly eblasts and bulletin announcements.

PCCT Community Garden Located offsite

PCCT's Community Garden is tended by volunteers who donate the produce to support the efforts of Helping Hands and the Food Distribution at Chatham United Methodist Church each week. This year we grew lettuce, Swiss Chard, kale, beans, tomatoes, eggplant, rhubarb, grapes, carrots, beets, peppers, squash and lots of tasty herbs.

Our rhubarb has been a big hit this year and used to make strawberry shortcake kits each Wednesday!

With this year's crop, we expect to have donated over 1,000 pounds in the 5 years we have been up and running. Many thanks to all our builders, shovelers, and gardeners for making our fifth season a resounding success! God Bless! In September we will be picking lots of vegetables and also preparing beds for fall planting. Please [sign-up](#) to help. Novices welcome.



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group Fall Kickoff

Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 pm

Oakflower Brewing Company, 1932 Long Hill Rd., Millington

Join us on for a casual evening and a pint or two. All men of the church are invited for fellowship and casual conversation. Sandwiches and appetizers provided. Please RSVP to [Pastor Tom](#) by Sunday, Sept. 13.

Men's Group Monthly Gatherings

First Saturdays, beginning October 3, 7:30 am, New Parlor

The PCCT Men's Group returns this fall after a successful first year. All men of the church are invited to join us for coffee and a light breakfast. Casual conversation will be followed by a more focused topical discussion on matters of faith and life. Monthly meetings will be supplemented by occasional social and fellowship events during the evening and/or on weekends. Please RSVP to [Pastor Tom](#) by Wed, Sept 30.

NEW GROUP! MAH JONGG

Every other Thursday Starting on Thursday, October 22

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

A new group is starting at PCCT on October 22nd for Mah Jongg players. We will be playing every other Thursday afternoon from 2-4 pm at the church. We will be starting with three tables and can expand if needed. You will need to bring your National Mah Jongg League, Inc. 2026 card. It would also be helpful to have additional sets of Mah Jongg tiles.

We will be using Sign Up Genius to make sure we have enough players for each date.

Initially, we can accommodate players with at least some knowledge of Mahjong as we are not a teaching group. For those who are just learning and need extra help playing, we hope to be able to find someone to teach in the spring. (In the mean time, consider taking lessons at the Adult School of the Chathams, Madison and Florham Park!). For more information contact the [church office](#) with questions and TO BE ADDED TO OUR EMAIL DISTRIBUTION.



WOMEN'S GROUPS

A New Day

Begins Tuesday, September 15, a new meeting date for September only due to Labor Day

11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Halldorson Hall

Our enthusiastic group of senior women meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 11:30 -1:30. Bring a sandwich and beverage, delicious desserts are provided. Enjoy devotions, new friendships and camaraderie while having lunch followed by varied programs and activities. Please join us - all senior women are welcome. Transportation can be provided, if needed. Looking forward to seeing you on September 15th!

For more information contact the [church office.](#)

The Next Act

Begins Monday, September 21 (discussion of summer book *Theo of Golden*)

10/12, 10/26, 11/9, 11/23, 12/7 (baking at 9 am)

9:30 am - 11:00 am, New Parlor

This group meets twice monthly to navigate the next phase of our lives through prayer, fellowship, discussion, and healthy doses of laughter. Any woman is welcome to join us!

For more information contact the [church office.](#)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Begins Monday, September 21

10/19, 11/23 (the third Monday of every month)

7 pm, Griswold Parlor

Calling all knitters and crocheters - beginners, experts, and anyone in between are welcome! The prayer shawl ministry meets on the third Monday of each month during the program year. Refreshments will be provided, so we can sip, stitch, chat, and learn to knit. Yarn and needles will be provided if you're a beginner or don't have a project in the works.

For more information contact the [church office.](#)



WOMEN'S GROUPS

Milestones

Tuesday, September 22, 7 pm

Please join the Milestones group for a Welcome Back evening in the PCCT garden at Lisa Duke's home on Tuesday, September 22 at 7 pm. We'll share lively conversation, cocktails and light bites to kick off our season. For more information contact the [church office](#).

Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 pm

We will gather at Stacy McCann's to discuss *Gift from the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh - a collection of essays that explore themes of solitude, simplicity, and balance in life and relationships. For more information contact the [church office](#).
Future monthly dates to be announced in eblasts and bulletins.

OUTSIDE SUPPORT GROUPS

Compassionate Friends

Third Sundays (Second Sundays in June and December), 7:00 p.m. in Halldorson Hall

Compassionate Friends provides comfort, hope and support to families experiencing the death of a child and helps others better assist the grieving family.

Website: www.compassionatefriends.org

Alcoholics Anonymous, Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. Theos Room

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who come together to solve their drinking problem. It doesn't cost anything to attend A.A. meetings. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about their drinking problem. A.A.'s primary purpose is to help alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Faith > Forward

FALL CALENDAR

We gather as a community following Sunday worship to strengthen our bonds with one another and engage the world through service and education.

FELLOWSHIP TIME ADULT EDUCATION HANDS-ON-MISSION SPECIAL EVENTS

Date	Event
September 13	Welcome Back Sunday Picnic
September 20	Church School Kick-off Celebration at 11:00 am Downstairs Lobby
September 27	Speaker from Refugee Assistance Morris County (RAMP)
October 4	Bell Choir Open House
October 18	Name That Sermon ---- American Red Cross Blood Drive
October 25	Gratitude and Mindfulness: A Path to Enhanced Well Being
November 1	New Member Reception
November 15	Addressing Food Insecurity: Action, Faith, and Community Impact
November 22	Harvest Festival/Food Sorting
December 6	Advent Around the World



FAITH FORWARD:

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS ON SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE MORRIS COUNTY (RAMP)

Sunday, September 27

11:15 am, Halldorson Hall

Refugee Assistance Morris Partners' (RAMP) mission is to extend hospitality to families fleeing persecution. RAMP provides hands-on co-sponsorship to help legally documented refugees resettle safely in Morris County - assisting with housing, healthcare, English tutoring, and job placement to guide families toward self-sufficiency. This September marks a milestone as RAMP celebrates its 10th anniversary and welcomes a new president. Join us for an engaging Faith Forward session featuring a guest speaker from RAMP about its transformative impact, its goals for the coming year, and how PCCT's ongoing partnership helps build a "Bridge to a New Life" for our new neighbors - and learn how you can get involved. All are welcome!

NAME THAT SERMON

Sunday, October 18

11:15 am, Sanctuary

Have you ever played strictly by the rules, only to feel that life is not fair when someone else receives an unexpected break? Join us in the Sanctuary following worship for a sermon discussion led by Pastor Tom Brown as we dive into two challenging scriptures: Jonah 3:10 - 4:11 and Matthew 20:1 -16. In both stories, God's radical generosity offends those who feel their favored status was earned through hard work and obedience. Whether you want to unpack the morning message, share your perspective, or wrestle with tough questions in a warm community, all are welcome!



FAITH FORWARD:

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS ON SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP

GRATITUDE AND MINDFULNESS: A PATH TO ENHANCED WELL-BEING

Sunday, October 25

11:15 am, Halldorson Hall

In this one-hour workshop, Cara Maksimow, LCSW, a local clinical therapist, will guide us through the transformative power of practicing gratitude and mindfulness. Cara employs mindfulness-based, trauma-informed positive psychology to help individuals manage anxiety, stress, and emotional health challenges. This workshop delves into the art of gratitude, exploring its significance and the profound impact it can have on our overall well-being. We'll uncover the mechanisms behind gratitude's healing benefits, delving into the interplay between mindfulness, self-compassion, and neuroplasticity. Through gratitude practice and mindfulness, we'll unlock the potential for personal growth and resilience.

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY: ACTION, FAITH, AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Sunday, November 15

11:15 am, Halldorson Hall

Food insecurity continues to affect many families across our region. Join us for a special adult education session exploring local hunger and how PCCT makes a meaningful difference. This program connects PCCT's hands-on service at the October 24 Food Packaging Event (see page 5) with Harvest Sunday on November 22. Featuring a guest representative from a key community partner - we will discuss the local impact of hunger, hear real stories from the front lines, and learn how our collective outreach helps nourish our neighbors in need.



FAITH FORWARD:

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS ON SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP

ADVENT AROUND THE WORLD

Sunday, December 6

11:15 am, Halldorson Hall

Join Pastor Ed Aponte for a multi-sensory exploration of how Christian communities across the globe celebrate the season of Advent. Through a rich tapestry of sights and sounds, this guided tour highlights the vibrant traditions, sacred music, visual arts, and distinctive cultural customs that reflect our shared Christian faith around the world. Come deepen your connection to the global Church and experience the universal spirit of the season. All are welcome!

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS DURING THE WEEK

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF RUTH

Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 am, beginning September 16, Theos Room

Members and friends are invited to join us for an informal, conversation-based study of the book of Ruth. This short, beautifully crafted book tells the story of two women - Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi. After both are widowed, Ruth chooses to cast her lot with Naomi and follow Naomi's God, a decision that reshapes both their lives and, ultimately, threads its way into the lineage of King David. Along the way the study will explore themes of loyalty, belonging, and how God's providence moves through ordinary acts of faithfulness and generosity. All are invited to join us as we explore this beloved four-chapter book together.

Footprints of Faithfulness

OUR SHARED JOURNEY CONTINUES



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STEWARDSHIP 2027

We are excited to announce the launch of our 2027 Stewardship Campaign, **Footprints of Faithfulness: Our shared journey continues**

Our theme reminds us that every act of generosity leaves an imprint. Through the gifts of time, talent, and financial support, we help shape the path that others will one day follow. We walk in the footsteps of those whose faithfulness built the church we cherish today, and through our own faithful giving, we prepare the way for future generations.

Our stewardship goal is **\$730,000**.

Pledge cards for the **Footprints of Faithfulness: Our shared journey continues** campaign will be mailed in early October.

Stewardship Sunday will once again coincide with **Harvest Sunday on November 22**, a day of celebration, giving, and support. Let's continue the journey together and leave our footprints. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

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