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Bimonthly
Newsletter

The Viewpoint



Christ's Community Church at the Riverview Avenue Community Center

Rev. Andrew Chapdelaine

Dear CCC Community,

I pray that you all have been well, and that you have been beating the heat of these last few weeks! September and October are a very special time of year—as schools start again and schedules fill up with more business in September, it feels that the life that slows a bit in the summertime goes back to how it was before. So it is with us at Christ's Community Church: the program year begins to wind down as the liturgical year restarts in a few months, and we restart the pattern of our faith lives that the church calendar models with periods of hope, joy, repentance, celebration, and the entirety of our lives as we live them together.

October presents us with another reminder of the cycle of the years, the seasons, and our lives: the air gets cooler, the days are shorter, and we see how the world begins to prepare for winter. So, too, do we. As always, we keep those members of our community in our prayers who cannot be with us in person: our homebound members, those dealing with illness and injury, and those recovering from operations that keep them away from the community that they love and worship with. Our deacons, as well as our other members, are praying for you, and are happy to visit with you. If you are someone who needs pastoral care, or would simply appreciate a visit, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or to Nathan. We are here for you!

As a reminder, I remain on a part-time schedule as I take the rest of paternity leave. I am in the office on Sundays and Mondays, but I am still available as needed for pastoral care needs, visits, and other duties outside of those days. In October, I will be out of the office for two Sundays, and then will return to my normal full-time availability with office hours Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10:00–2:00. I look forward to seeing you more and more this fall, as I settle back into a full-time schedule in October, and as families remain in place after a busy summer. Whether you have been on the move these past months, or have been a more consistent presence in worship, your place in our family of faith is vital and deeply appreciated, and I can't wait for our worshiping body to be together once again.

May God bless us all as we continue to walk together in faith, love, and service.

In faith and fellowship,
Rev. Andrew Chapdelaine

Our Vision:

*To Know Christ
and make Him K*



Prayer List

The gift of prayer enables us to join with one another in consecrating our world, our lives, and our ministries to God.

Please lift in prayer: Sandy Reilly, Jean, Abel Mwantembe, Lisa Jeffries, Global neighbors and communities, communities supported by our congregation, victims of war, victims of natural disasters, hate crimes, the homeless, elderly, the hungry, our nation.

SESSION 2026

Moderator: Rev. Andrew Chapdelaine

CLASS OF 2026

Lisa Jeffries

Emmanuel Saylee

CLASS OF 2027

Holton Falk (Clerk)

Sandy Reilly

CLASS OF 2028

Sue Parker

Sheila Cummings

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The first Sunday of every month
8:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
September 6 and October 4
We serve until 8:40 a.m.
Family and Friends are also invited!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Coffee hour every Sunday, except
the first Sunday when we enjoy
breakfast together, following
worship service.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

11:30am | Parlor
September 5 and 19
October 3 and 17
Newcomers are welcome

Stay tunes for new ministry activities.



LIFFE CENTER MEAL



Volunteers prepare and serve an
evening meal at the 63rd Street
Life Center of Eastern Delaware
County.

OCTOBER 31

CHURCH MOUSE

9:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.
September 11 and 12
October 9 and 10



It has been a busy summer for the Session, with meetings in both July and August this year. We welcomed Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine back from his paternity leave to a part time work level in- to October. We also approved returning Chester Eastside to our mission funding list, and added Interserve USA (sponsors for Amy and Ethan Ring's work in India, and Ethan's current employer) to the list as well. We agreed to sponsor Abel Aruan in his application to inquire into becoming a pastor in the Philadelphia Presbytery. Abel joins a long list of people we have sponsored for inquiry over the last 30 years.



However, our primary focus this summer has been on the former Calvary building. Bethel Community Baptist church has leased it for over a decade, with the initial expectation of purchasing it outright. While they have been faithful renters, they have never been able to accumulate any funds to buy the building. Thus our original contract had to be rewritten to remove all those purchasing terms and to update it in general. That has been completed and we hope to have a new contract signed by the end of August. We have named Tracy Johnson to be the spokesperson to the congregation for all of our efforts. A committee consisting of Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine, Tracy Johnson and Holton Falk has been meeting and talking with the Bethel team as we mutually press forward and pray about further resolution on what to do with the building.

Holton Falk
Clerk of Session

It has been a quiet summer on the Property front, which is probably a blessing. Matt has been doing a great job, both inside and out, keeping everything clean and neat. He also removed the remaining hardware from the old Sprint equipment room (across the hall from the Mouse) and spackled all the many holes. Once the room is painted, the Mouse will use the room for storage. We repaired some more roof leaks and are slowly working through selecting a contractor for major roof repairs on the back part of the building.



Property Team Members: Holton Falk & Woody Johnson

We have been given more complete addresses for our Maris Grove members. Please mark your church directory, so any cards, notes, etc. that you might be sending actually reach them.

Margaret Long
100 Maris Grove Way
217 Marshall Landing
Glen Mills PA 19342

Carol Pauls
301 Maris Grove Way
202 Aspen Square
Glen Mills PA 19342



"In the midst of change, God remains constant and faithful." – Unknown



As Christ has directed us to feed the hungry, our Mission budget has now doubled for 2026 for The Upper Darby Emergency Food Cupboard. Because of the holidays people tend to donate at that time out of gratitude so the pantry has many donations. But as the year advances the cupboards become lean as donations drop off. So let us remember Christ's directive and continue to bring canned goods and other non perishables to church throughout the year, especially remembering once school is out in June homes will have children to feed who no longer get lunch at school.

Items especially requested include pork and beans, canned beans, pasta and pasta sauce, applesauce and other canned fruits and soups. All food is welcome and is distributed at the Bethel Community Baptist Church location on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

Our New Music Director

Jane Watson has recently joined the staff at Christ's Community Church as our Music Director. She is a graduate of Temple University with a Bachelor in Music Performance and a Master in Piano Accompanying. Jane most recently served as the Organist/Pianist at Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Hatfield, PA. She and her family live in Springfield, Delaware County.



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Jane plays in the Sunday 9:30 a.m. worship gathering. She will provide accompaniment for hymns, praise songs and special music throughout the year. She is willing and able to play various styles of music – on both piano and organ - and we look forward to participating with her in growing our music program at CCC ... So tune up those vocal cords everyone!

Welcome, Jane.

Our elementary Sunday School class finished the school year by beginning to read the Book of Acts. We first studied Pentecost. Then we read about Saul and what he did (and didn't do) when Stephen was stoned to death. In September we will walk along with Saul/Paul on the road to Damascus and role-play his conversion.



Wind and Fire! The Holy Spirit comes to the disciples, as promised!



Peter preaches to the amazed crowds on Pentecost. Saul holds men's coats . . . but does not throw stones at Stephen.



**FALL FEST 2026!**

Fall Fest Equipping Event

*"Can These Bones Live?"***Envisioning God's Mission Before You
In Light of...**

- Buildings
- Partnerships
- Financial Possibilities

Saturday, September 26, 2026**9:30 AM – 3:15 PM****Oxford Presbyterian Church****Presbytery of Philadelphia Ministry Center****8501 Stenton Avenue****Philadelphia, PA****\$10.00****Philadelphia, First Hosts Conversation on The History and Evolution of Religious Liberty****Saturday, October 3, 2026****10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.****First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia****Old Buttonwood Hall****201 South 21st Street****Philadelphia, PA 19103****CONVERSATIONS WORTH HAVING***The History and Evolution of Religious Liberty
250 Years After the Declaration of Independence*

with

**Professor Marci Hamilton
University of Pennsylvania****Saturday, October 3****10 AM - 2 PM**

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337 Riverview Avenue
Drexel Hill, PA
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Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
In-Person and on Zoom

(You can access the Zoom link
directly on our website)

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Presbyterian Church USA
Instagram: CCChurch_DrexelHill

Happy Birthday to
you!



SEPTEMBER

- 7 Kim Rankin
- 15 Melissa Price
Phoebe Johnson
- 16 Rev. Andrew Chapdelaine
- 23 Darlington Yeah
- 24 Peter Falk
- 26 Linda Martin

OCTOBER

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- 10 Wesley Cummings
- 15 Tracy Johnson
- 16 Katie Engell
- 18 Jannie Sirkin
- 22 Sheila Cummings
- 27 Sayce Falk

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"Autumn is a second spring when every
leaf is a flower." – Albert Camus

September / October Weekly/Monthly Meetings

Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Informal Worship Virtual Worship Service
Monday	6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts
Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Al-Anon in the Parlor 7:00 p.m., NA in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	7:00 p.m., NA in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	7:00 p.m., NA in Fellowship Hall

September

September 4, Friday	9:00 a.m., Cooking in Community
September 5, Saturday	11:30 a.m., Men's Fellowship
September 6, Sunday	8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
September 7, Monday	Labor Day Holiday—Office Closed



September 11 and 12	9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Church Mouse
September 13, Sunday	9:30 a.m., Worship Service "Minute for Mission"
September 19, Saturday	11:15 a.m., Session Meet
September 20, Sunday	11:30 a.m., Men's Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Worship Service September Birthday Celebration
September 27, Sunday	9:30 a.m., Worship Service

October

October 2, Friday	9:00 a.m., Cooking in Community
October 3, Saturday	11:30 a.m., Men's Fellowship
October 4, Sunday	8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
October 9 and 10	9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Church Mouse
October 11, Sunday	9:30 a.m., Worship Service "Minute for Mission"
October 15, Thursday	11:15 a.m., Session Meet November/December Viewpoint Deadline
October 17, Saturday	11:30 a.m., Men's Fellowship
October 18, Saturday	9:30 a.m., Worship Service October Birthday Celebration
October 25, Sunday	9:30 a.m., Worship Service
October 31, Saturday	Life Center Meal

