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Bimonthly
Newsletter

The Viewpoint

Christ's Community Church at the Riverview Avenue Community Center

Rev. Mary Kruse Zambrana

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Cor. 2:9

I wish I could play Kick the Can again. Those games, just at dusk outside the dorm at Miyazaki Christian School with the entire school body (several dozen in a good year) participating are one of my most joyous memories.

The Mennonite General Conference had opened up enrollment at their one-room English-speaking schoolhouse to non-Mennonites like my sisters and me. Apart from one family that lived next door, all of us, Mennonites or not, were 4-day boarders commuting in by train from all over the island of Kyushu, where our parents were planting and nurturing small Japanese congregations--Fukuoka, Yatsushiro, Hitoyoshi, Kagoshima, Oita. The dorm-parents were young American couples, the husbands Conscientious Objectors doing 24 months of Alternative Service in place of being drafted.

My sisters and I had started in Japanese kindergarten or primary school, with Mom running us through the Calvert School correspondence course in English after we got home. However, after spending one year in the States, we all lost the thread of Japanese instruction and on return only did Calvert. Mom, the smartest of all of us and proud of her training at the Philadelphia School of the Bible (now Cairn University), was nevertheless self-conscious about not having a college degree. When my oldest sister reached seventh grade, my parents decided to send her and the next oldest, sixth grade, to be taught by a real teacher in math and science. They thought I was too young yet at fourth grade to board away, but I insisted on not being left behind.

I must have played Kick the Can and Red Rover and Capture the Flag before. I must have, although I cannot think where. But those thrilling games with the empty tin can planted near home base at the entrance to that big building! Creeping silently through the trees and garden, racing all the way around the building to surprise the It from another angle, devising distractions and strategy! When caught, impatiently stretching out from one foot on the base, imploring someone to set us free. Shrieking with abandon after sneaking up and thwacking that can to scatter everyone at home base! And when it became just too dark and the game had to end: "All-y, All-y, home come free!"

I wish I could play Kick the Can again.

Our Vision:
To Know Christ
and make Him Known!



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: Lisa Jeffries, Colleen Teti, Global neighbors and communities, communities supported by our congregation, the youth of our congregation, youth of the world, people suffering at the border-pray for solutions, shut-ins, victims of war, victims of natural disasters, hate crimes, the homeless, elderly, the hungry, our nation.

"The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation."

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Meet for Breakfast

BREAKFAST

The first Sunday of every month
8:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
We serve until 8:40 a.m.

Family and Friends are also invited!
September 1 | October 6

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Join the women as they continue the discussion on the book; "The Good and Beautiful You" by James Bryan Smith; Discovering the person Jesus created you to be.

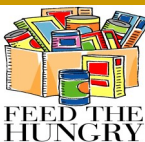
September 21 | October 19
9:00 a.m. | Church Library

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

September 21
October 5 and 19
9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Newcomers are welcome



LIFFE CENTER MEAL



November 30
Volunteers prepare and serve an evening meal at the 63rd Street Life Center of Eastern Delaware County.

CHURCH MOUSE

September 13 and 14
October 11 and 12
9:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.



Let's work together to fill our local food bank:

Upper Darby Food Cupboard

Bring your food items to Worship Service on the 1st Sunday: September 1 and October 6.



Thank You!



"It was great to see everyone at the Deacons' Breakfast on August 4! To beat the heat we changed up the menu to avoid turning on the ovens, but everything turned out delicious. Thank you so much to everyone who helped cook and clean up, and to Derick our new sexton for setting up the room! Breakfasts are the first Sunday of each month before worship, so we'll see you September 1. We are also hoping to plan an additional event for the fall. In the meantime, contact Heidi or Nathan with any requests for assistance, meals etc.'

Nathan & Heidi

Session report: The Session noted the lack of pastoral candidates from the Philadelphia Presbytery. As a result, we requested the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) consider a switch to an Installed pastor search, and to provide the Session with a recommendation on how to proceed. There has been interest in starting a peacemaking initiative in our community. There is lots of discussion and some explorations into what shape this effort takes. The restoration of the building continues, with the parlor couch and several chairs in the Narthex having been reupholstered. Try them out next time you are in the building! Finally, we have two positions to fill on both the the Nominating committee and on the Session for next year. Stand by for action from the present Nominating committee.



Holton Falk, *Clerk of Session*

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

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Property team: We recently had a full building inspection by the Upper Darby Fire department. They found our building to be in perfect condition, with a single exception: one of our exit signs wasn't lit up and we discovered it needs a new battery. The Fire department even commented on how clean and tidy the building is, which I am sure made it a pleasure to inspect!

Property Team Members: Holton Falk, Heidi Hamilton & Woody Johnson

Restorative Committee is getting a lesson in patience: that all things happen in God's time. The windows ordered for the parlor, the learning center and Eloise's classroom is being installed. The first step has been initiated for the new patio doors as well. So wait we must.

Some good news is that we have added Mary Ellen Scott to the committee who played a significant role with Linda Martin in upgrading the work station in the office and the window treatments throughout all the offices.

Keep the committee in your prayers since all wear many hats and need support.

Heidi Hamilton, Linda Martin, Chawezi Mwantembe, Sue Parker & Mary Ellen Scott –Restoration Committee



Don and Lynne West have moved to Cherry Hill NJ and are now living with their daughter Sheila and grandson Wesley Cummings. Long time residents of Lansdowne, and long time members and integral parts of Riverview/ Christ's Community Church, we send our prayers and best wishes in this next stage of their lives.

We are grateful that they'll continue to worship with us – and participate in Praise Team singing (and drumming!) whenever possible. Our prayers go with you to your new home.

Blessings, Don and Lynne.



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Reverend Mary Kruse Zambrana has been our Bridge Pastor for one year already. We are so grateful that she stepped in when Bud retired. We thank her for her leadership, for her care and nurturing of our congregation, and certainly for her sermons and for leading us in worship. She familiarized herself with our congregation and what “makes us tick” very quickly, and is doing so much to reduce any anxiety we may be feeling.

Mary, we are so appreciative of all your God-given gifts that you are sharing with us in our time of transition. You are a blessing for us. Thank you.

... And P.S. We are also enjoying seeing Omar again – after his time here in the late 1990’s as our Youth Director.



The Personnel and Property Teams would like to introduce and welcome Derick Hinton, our new custodian.

Some of you may recognize Derick, who was formerly the custodian at Bethel Community Baptist Church in Upper Darby, and who regularly helps the volunteers at the Upper Darby Food Cupboard in that building.

We look forward to getting to know him better, and coordinating with him on so many of our projects and events at Christ’s Community Church.

Welcome, Derick.

Personnel Team: *Bea Feddy, Linda Martin and Chawezi Mwantembe*

Property Team: *Holton Falk, Heidi Hamilton and Woody Johnson*





Women's Retreat

Women's retreat on November 8 and 9 at St. Raphaela Retreat Center in Haverford - save the date. Our teacher will be Dee Dee Risher author of the book "The Soulmaking Room". If interested let Chawezi or the church office know.

Tuition will be \$110 per person or whatever donation is affordable. Scholarships are also available. There is room for 16 participants so early registration is encouraged!

St. Raphaela Center provides a peaceful, welcoming atmosphere for all who are looking for a place and a time for God.

We are so grateful for the loving support of the CCC family that has showered us with prayers, notes of sympathy, flowers and the support from Chawezi, Bea, Eric, Tracy and Mary who attended the funeral service for my mother. Patricia Ann Zambella is now passed into glory. She was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ to the last day and she touched my lives with a living faith. Thank you all. We are blessed to be her children, her living legacy, that will continue to bring others to Christ through the simple acts of kindness, friendship, servanthood, scripture and love.

Deb and Hank, Kevin and Katie, Guy Zambella, Diane Elshimy and Richard Zambella



"Jesus did not promise to change the circumstances around us. He promised great peace and pure joy to those who would learn to believe that God actually controls all things."

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Vero Saylee casts her first vote as member of nomination committee.



During a Sunday Worship Service, Pastor Mary asked our young adults to come up front. Mary was talking about our world today and asked each young adult to give a 'word' regarding today's world and what they would like to see in the future. Here are their responses.

Aaron Geh, "Peace"

Sir Elliot Saylee, "Lack of Violence"

Laura Johnson, "Abundance"

Nathan Johnson, "Self Knowledge"

Abel Aruan, "Inclusivity and Sharing"

Binnier, "Communication"

What a wonderful world this would be!

The future leaders of Christ's Community Church.



Omar Zambrana teaching on

The 7 churches of Revelation



Johnson and Saylee families, along with Hana and Abel, participating in July 4th parade in Lansdowne.

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In-Person and on Zoom

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Presbyterian Church USA

Instagram: [CCChurch_DrexelHill](https://www.instagram.com/CCChurch_DrexelHill)

Happy Birthday to you!



SEPTEMBER

- 7 Kim Rankin
- 15 Melissa Price
Phoebe Johnson
- 23 Wayne Crawford
Darlington Yeah
- 24 Peter Falk
- 26 Linda Martin

OCTOBER

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

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"When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets
dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump
off. You sit still and trust the engineer."

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**September / October
Weekly/Monthly Meetings**

- Sunday 9:30 a.m., Informal Worship
Virtual Worship Service
- 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
- Friday 7:00 p.m., Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall

September

- September 1, Sunday 8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
- September 2, Monday Labor Day Holiday—Office Closed
- September 6, Friday 9:00 a.m., Overbrook Presbyterian
Community Kitchen
- September 7, Saturday 2:00 p.m., Memorial Service for Morgan Sidor
- September 8, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
Session Meet after Worship Service
- September 13 and 14 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Church Mouse
- September 14, Saturday 1:00 p.m., Mudoka Pork Community Event
- September 15, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
September Birthday Celebration
- September 17, Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Finance Team Meeting
- September 18, Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Property Team Meeting
- September 21, Saturday 9:00 a.m., Women's Group Meet in the
Library
9:00 a.m., Men's Fellowship
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
Children and Family picnic and outing after
worship
- September 22, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
- September 29, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Worship Service

October

- October 4, Friday 9:00 a.m., Overbrook Presbyterian
Community Kitchen
- October 5, Saturday 9:00 a.m., Men's Fellowship
- October 6, Sunday 8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
- October 11 and 12 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Church Mouse
- October 13, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
Rev. Rob Eyre Preaching
- October 15, Tuesday November/December Viewpoint Deadline
- October 19, Saturday 9:00 a.m., Women's Group Meet in the
Library
9:00 a.m., Men's Fellowship
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
Linda Evans Preaching
October Birthday Celebration
- October 20, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
- October 27, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Worship Service

