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Bimonthly
Newsletter

The Viewpoint

Christ's Community Church at the Riverview Avenue Community Center

Rev. Andrew Chapdelaine

Dear CCC Community,

We have once again passed a threshold in the year and in our spiritual lives. The rhythm of the seasons of the church has turned over again, as we are invited to slow down and reflect inward on our own selves, and look outward toward God and one another.

In Lent, we recognize the reality of our world: holy and broken, fallen and yet still loved. We realize that there is a God who loves us so much, that despite knowing the price of connection with humanity, decided that such connection, such reconciliation, was worth unimaginable pain and suffering. In this same spirit, as we walk with Christ to his death on the cross, we are invited to look to our own sin. Painful as it may be to admit that we are sinners, that we do not deserve this love from God, we know that it is ours anyway. We cannot get to the end of this story without going through the middle, including facing our own shortcomings with grace and faith that they will be forgiven, and that we can overcome them.

Of course, Jesus will be raised from the dead. We know this, we have seen this, and we will again on April 5th. But before this, we must first go through the time of repentance and reflection, of solemnity and silence, before we can step into joy. And it will be a joyous time, to be sure, both in the life of the church and in our own spiritual journeys. But Christ's story has not yet been told, and neither has ours. With each day, we are invited to draw nearer to God, with spiritual practices and self-constraints that do not limit us, but rather empower us to live like Christ: seeking justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.

As such, I invite you to take a moment now and prayerfully reflect: what is it that you have done, or continue to do, to get closer to God? Perhaps you've sacrificed some temptation that draws you away from God. Or, maybe there's a new regular habit that you've picked up? Perhaps there's something that you can add, rather than take away, to help you along this important season of discipleship.

On that note, there are several opportunities to engage with some spiritual practices this season. Our Lenten Bible Study has been very fruitful so far! As a reminder, we meet every Tuesday at 11:00 AM at the church, and every Wednesday at 7:00 PM on Zoom. If you'd like to come, you are more than welcome to attend either day!

We have also had several small prayer services each Monday evening at 7:00, also on Zoom. Come for 30 minutes of corporate prayer, liturgy, and time to lift up our joys and concerns as individuals and as the body of Christ.

Grace and peace to you all, the saints of Christ's Community Church, as we continue our journey together in the in-between of "already" and "not-yet." I look forward to continuing to walk alongside each of you, through the season of Lent and into the joy of Easter.

In faith and fellowship,
Rev. Andrew Chapdelaine

*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: Eily, 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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Meet for Breakfast

The first Sunday of every month
8:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
March 1 and April 5
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
March 7 and 21
April 4 and 18

Newcomers are welcome

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join the women as they continue the discussion on the book; "Let Justice Roll Down, God's call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation".

April 18 | Library | 9:00 a.m.



LIFE CENTER MEAL

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

May 30

CHURCH MOUSE

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

March 13 and 14

April 10 and 11



The Session has been particularly busy the beginning of this year between the assembly of the annual report, conducting the annual congregational meeting, and the installation of new church officers (2 deacons: Hana Aruan and Stephenie Saylee, and a new Elder: Sheila Cummings). Pastor Andrew is planning a retreat for all officers on a Saturday in March. We are also involved in finding the best approach to support Eric Myers as he moves back to Liberia. We decided to drop the inactive Mission support team but immediately added a new team, the CLEAR team, to be headed by new Elder Sheila Cummings. The team will plan, coordinate and implement the work on the Villanova grant funded CLEAR project, which aims to show youngsters in our church and community how faith and stewardship of the Earth are connected. The Personnel team has a possible candidate for the open Music director position they are evaluating. Worship team is looking to build a bigger repertoire of songs, especially for the Lenten season. Finally, a new moderator and vice moderator were ordained in the last Philadelphia Presbytery meeting, and Emily Chapdelaine, Pastor Andrew's wife, passed the formal Examination and was ordained as an Associate Pastor at Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church.



Holton Falk,
Clerk of Session

We all survived several snow storms that forced us to close the building for an unheard of two Sundays in a row. Our snow removal service, Harper Landscaping, did a great job clearing our sidewalks and the driveway although that took a bite out of our budget to do so. Even worse, the deep and prolonged cold have left all that snow and ice on the ground for closing in on a month. It got so cold that it froze a pipe and we had to shut down the bathroom off the Narthex stairway for a short period. Fortunately, we were able to gradually thaw the pipe without it bursting. It also drove a new door sweep on the Garrett Road entrance door to stop that bad draft. However, it highlighted a major shortcoming for our facility, namely the minimal amount of parking we have onsite. The Property team has been tasked by Session to investigate Township code requirements and to review a number of options to add some parking on our grounds.



Property Team Members: Holton Falk & Woody Johnson



Here comes the sun, it's daylight savings!

Sunday, March 8

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour.

Lose an hour, save some daylight.

Lenten Program (s) at Christ's Community Church

Even though the ground is covered with snow, the Lenten season is here. Please come and join us for one – or several – of our Lenten programs/activities.

- Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The service will be no more than 30 minutes, and we will read scripture, pray together and offer our joys and concerns to one another and to God.
- Tuesday in-person gatherings in our Learning Center at 11:00 a.m. We will be reading *Meeting Jesus at the Table, A Lenten Study* by Cynthia Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. The book calls us to “remember and celebrate that at God's Table all are welcome and there is always enough.” (copies of the book are available in the church office)
- Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Here we will also be reading *Meeting Jesus at the Table, A Lenten Study*.

Please join us as we “reflect on the immensity of God's love made known in Jesus and his victory over sin, evil and death.”



10:00am to 12:00pm.

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 Baptist Church location on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from

In the elementary Sunday School class we are going to read about the stories of shared meals in the Bible.

At a recent Women's retreat at St. Raphaela Retreat Center we saw a picnic table on the grounds with a life-sized, seated, statue of Jesus sitting there, available to those who wished to sit at the table with him. We decided to imitate.

Our statue of Jesus, constructed by the class, is seated at a table in the classroom, and we will sit with him, read, talk, think and ask questions about the stories. We will begin with the elaborate but frustrating meal prepared by Martha. How do you think the table conversation went?



Ordination and Installation of Officers

On February 8, 2026, our congregation held the ordination and installation of officers during the Sunday morning worship service. Sheila Cummings was ordained and installed as a member of Session, and Sue Parker was installed for her second term to Session. In addition, Stephenie Saylee and Hana Somali were both ordained and installed as Deacons.

We are thankful for each of these ladies, for their abilities and willingness to serve Christ's Community Church in these important roles, and for their open hearts for the work of Jesus Christ that is being done here.



Mudoka Pork Community Building Project

**Empowering Zambian communities through
sustainable job creation, education and clean water**



**Please join us to celebrate three years of service,
vision and connection**

(and new: a Mudoka soccer team!)

**Christ's Community Church
337 Riverview Ave.
Drexel Hill, PA 19026**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026
2pm**

***Celebration in the Chapel will be followed by time in
Fellowship Hall for conversation, videos, joy and
birthday cake***

New to Mudoka? Visit our website, www.mudoka.org

Also find Mudoka on Facebook and Instagram

Mudoka Pork Community Building Project, Box 576, Lansdowne, PA 19059, a
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Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
In-Person and on Zoom

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Facebook: Christ's Community Church of the
Presbyterian Church USA

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

Happy Birthday to you!



MARCH

- 4 Vero Saylee
- 5 Donna Kerr
- 6 Jessica Parker
- 10 Colleen McDevitt
- 14 Ian McCoyd
- 19 Nate Sirkin
- 20 Sarah Kauffeld
- 21 Lisa Jeffries
- 26 Emmanuel Saylee
- 27 Tom Kocher
- 28 Brent Kerr
- 29 Tony Falk
- 31 Peggy Long

APRIL

- 1 Brent McDevitt
- 2 Sir Elliott Saylee
- 6 Debbie Engell
- 7 Kayla Kauffeld
- 17 Nathan Johnson
- 24 Ryan McCoyd
- 25 Laura Johnson
- 27 Rob Eyre
- 30 Debbie Falk

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**March / April
Weekly/Monthly Meetings**

- Sunday 9:30 a.m.
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

- Informal Worship
- Virtual Worship Service
- 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts
- 7:00 p.m., Al-Anon in the Parlor
- 7:00 p.m., NA in Fellowship Hall
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March

- March 1, Sunday
- March 2, Monday
- March 3, Tuesday
- March 4, Wednesday
- March 6, Friday
- March 7, Saturday
- March 8, Sunday

- 8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
- 7:00 p.m., Lenten Prayer on Zoom
- 11:00 a.m., Lenten Study, in-person
- 7:00 p.m., Lenten Study on Zoom
- 9:00 a.m., "Cooking in Community"
- 11:30 a.m., Men's Fellowship
- Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m., Session Meet
- 7:00 p.m., Lenten Prayer on Zoom
- 11:00 a.m., Lenten Study in-person
- 7:00 p.m., Lenten Study on Zoom
- 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Church Mouse
- 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
- March Birthday Celebration
- 7:00 p.m., Lenten Prayer on Zoom
- 11:00 a.m., Lenten Study in-person
- 7:00 p.m., Lenten Study on Zoom
- 2:00 p.m., Mudoka Pork Event
- 11:30 a.m., Men's Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
- 7:00 p.m., Lenten Prayer on Zoom
- 11:00 a.m., Lenten Study in-person
- 7:00 p.m., Lenten Study on Zoom
- 9:30 a.m., Palm Sunday Worship Service

- March 9, Monday
- March 10, Tuesday
- March 11, Wednesday
- March 13 and 14
- March 15, Sunday

- March 16, Monday
- March 17, Tuesday
- March 18, Wednesday
- March 21, Saturday

- March 22, Sunday
- March 23, Monday
- March 24, Tuesday
- March 25, Wednesday
- March 29, Sunday

April

- April 2, Thursday
- April 3, Friday
- April 4, Saturday
- April 5, Sunday

- 7:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service
- Good Friday—Church Office Closed
- 11:30 a.m., Men's Fellowship
- 8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m., Easter Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Church Mouse
- 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m., Session Meet
- May/June Viewpoint Deadline
- 9:00 a.m., Women's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m., Men's Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
- April Birthday Celebration
- 9:30 a.m., Worship Service

- April 10 and 11
- April 12, Sunday

- April 15, Wednesday
- April 18, Saturday

- April 19, Sunday

- April 26, Sunday

