



Hurricane Ida – Unexpected Blessings



On the evening of Wednesday, September 1, the rains of Hurricane Ida reached Montclair. As it happened, church member Mark Johansen was dropping Arshon Moses back to the church after some errands when they both thought they should check on the building.

They made their way down to the basement level of the education building. Water was already covering the floor at 5-6 inches deep. And then, down in the dark, they heard an explosive “bang!” After a moment of shock they realized a steel door had given way to the weight of water trapped against it in an outdoor stairwell. Water gushed into the basement; it was time to leave.

On their way out they had to convince Park Street Academy owner Lisa Raphael and a rental group of college students to go home for safety. We would need to survey the damage to the building after the storm stopped.

Thanks to quick work by Building Manager Mark Schoonfield our insurers were engaged immediately. In broad strokes: Park Street Academy can remain in half of their space (the north rooms) which were untouched by the rain. The southern rooms were badly flooded.

Remediation will include replacement of flooring, lower portions of walls, and furniture. The extent of the repairs could take several months. While this is in process the school cannot operate in the effected rooms.

With quick thinking, Buildings and Grounds developed a plan with Park Street Academy. Working over the weekend of September 4th and 5th, Mark Schoonfield, Lisa and school co-owner Sandy Weber, along with Mark Johansen set up temporary classroom spaces in our Nursery and Community Room.

All of this – flooding, remediation planning, emergency classroom set-up, and school operations taking place while observing COVID-19 protocols has made for a full September. Church staff has enjoyed sharing our space with the school. Nothing lights up a day quite like troupes of little children making their way to and fro. We receive words of gratitude for the church’s flexibility and beautiful spaces. This is not the peaceful, quiet fall we thought we’d experience. Instead we are grateful for our enlivened building and are marching towards facility improvements along the way.

Morgan Moulongo - Office Manager

Faith & Fellowship



HALLOWEEN TRAIL

Saturday, October 23

3-5 pm

Join us for our touch-free Halloween Pumpkin Trail event. Start at the check-in desk and wind your way around our campus. Stop at “trick or treat” tables for sweet surprises, pick out a kid-sized pumpkin in our mini pumpkin patch, and more! Sign-ups required – coming soon!

Program contact: Brian Cattell – bcattell@clpstrategies.com



YOUTH GROUP

1st and 3rd Sundays at 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Middle and high school youth are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship Sunday afternoons. We're starting back up on October 17th. See you then!

Program contact: Carolyn Buck – goulderbuck@verizon.net



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

1st and 3rd Saturdays at 8 am

Starting October 16th – join us!

Program contact: Contact Scott Osborne at 201-704-2510 or scott.osborne@verizon.net



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays after Time with Young Disciples (10:15 am)

We will restart our class on October 10th. Thank you so much to the volunteer teachers who have signed up to take a day in the rotation. Room updates are in progress. We will gather in Grace Hall until the space is fully ready. See you soon!

Program contact: Carolyn Buck – goulderbuck@verizon.net



COMMUNITY MOVEMENT PROJECT

Fall Session:

Tuesdays, September 21-December 21

10-11 am in Grace Hall

Pilates/Barre Blend (Adults)

Suggested Donation: \$15/class

Register and More Info: www.communitymovementproject.org

Pastoral Transition

Dear Members,

The Interim Pastor Search Committee (IPSC) is officially formed. They began holding their meetings Wednesday, September 22nd, and will be meeting weekly. IPSC will be reporting to Session on their search progress.

First matter of business is to prepare Central's Ministry Information Form (MIF) which is the equivalent to a church resume. Once that is completed, it will be published in various outlets including Presbyterian Church Leadership Connection (HQ), Presbytery of the Northeast NJ, Synod of the Northeast, and Presbyterian Outlook Magazine to seek candidates.

The Clerk of Session,
Frederick Moulongo

Birthdays

2	Scott Osborne
4	Carolyn Buck Elba Pérez
5	Barry Dancy Miles Norton
6	Carole Brand
10	Lucas Deupree
12	Ed Alstrom
13	Connie Reck Catherine Alice Worth
16	Michael Fitzgerald
18	Michaela O'Hare
26	Diallo Hall
27	Kathy Kauh Johansen
29	Darlene Sneden



Personnel

Nursery Leadership

Paid position: Nursery Leader

Rate: \$20/hr

Hours: 9:30-12 on Sundays

Description: This childcare-experienced individual will provide a steady presence for the congregation's community of children. Welcome children, primarily ages 0-5, in the church's comfortable nursery. Follow safety protocols, assist children with toileting and snack as needed, and share age-appropriate Bible lesson as provided by Christian Education Committee. A volunteer (most likely a different one each week) will assist.

Contact: Amy White – amysoohoo@gmail.com

2022 Leadership Slate Openings

Nominating is beginning to look at our leadership group for 2022. They are listening and praying in particular for those who would fill Deacon and Elder positions. Does this call to you?

Contact: Neal Day – hurricaneday@aol.com

Finance

See Our Financial Reports Online

- Go to: www.centralpresbyterian.net
- Click on the "Home" button
- Select "Admin" from the drop-down options
- Enter the password **Central Finance**
- **NEW** – go here for our check request form!

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Meetings are taking place virtually. Please confirm committee meeting dates directly with your committee Chair.					1 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Private Event – Grace Hall	2 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Private Event – Grace Hall
3 Rev. Edward Baugh, Guest Preacher 10:00 AM Worship w/Lord's Supper	4 7:00 PM Communication Spiritual Outreach	5 10:00 AM Community Movement Project - Adult Pilates/Barre Blend 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Private Event – Fellowship Room	6 7:00 PM - IPSC 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Private Event – Grace Hall 7:30 PM Personnel Committee meeting	7	8	9 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Private Event - Grace Hall
10 Elder Kirk Woodward, Guest Preacher 10:00 AM Worship	11 Columbus Day - Staff Holiday Office Closed	12 10:00 AM CMP - Adult Pilates/Barre Blend 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Private Event – Fellowship Room 7:00 PM Session Meeting	13 7:00 PM - IPSC 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Private Event- Grace Hall	14	15	16 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Private Event – Grace Hall
17 Rev. Frank Broyles, Guest Preacher 10:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Youth Group	18	19 10:00 AM CMP - Adult Pilates/Barre Blend 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Private Event- Fellowship Room 8:00 PM Worship Committee meeting	20 7:00 PM - IPSC 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Private Event – Grace Hall	21	22	23 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Private Event – Grace Hall 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Family Event - Halloween Trail
24 Rev. Steve Huston, Guest Preacher 10:00 AM Worship	25	26 10:00 AM CMP - Adult Pilates/Barre Blend 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Private Event – Fellowship Room	27 7:00 PM - IPSC 7:00 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Private Event – Grace Hall	28	29 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Private Event – Grace Hall	30 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Private Event – Grace Hall
31 Rev. Debra Given, Guest Preacher 10:00 AM Worship	Our Red Cross blood drives are suspended until January 2022 due to remediation work to the building and related shifting of space use.					



YOUNG FAMILIES GATHERING

On Sunday, September 26th, Christian Education brought together families with young children for a luncheon program themed “You Are Treasured.” Thanks to hard work by program leader Kathy Johansen, 20 family members (parents and children) had time for a Bible lesson, game time in the gym, and a much-appreciated quiet moment together for just the parents.

Thank you to Kathy and the C.E. volunteers including Carolyn Buck, Pat Dancy, Amy Soohoo White and Mark Johansen.



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