



**COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
OF CEDAR GROVE

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

Grace and Peace!

I hope you all had a wonderful Summer! While I know many people enjoy those long summer days filled with sun and sand, I am much of a Fall person. I am looking forward to some slightly cooler weather, leaves changing, pumpkin picking, and hot apple cider (just to name a few of my favorite things!) I am excited to see all of you on Homecoming Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, and hear about all the fun stuff you did over Summer break.

The end of Summer means the return to school for our kids and teachers. I am looking forward to hearing the sounds of our pre-school as it begins its new year. Truthfully, it has been too quiet at the church these last 18 months. Having classrooms with students ready to learn is a sight I am ready to see! Let us continue to pray for our students, teachers, administrators, custodial staff, school board members as this new year begins.

I wish I could tell all of you that the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us. Currently, there is no mask mandate, but that does not mean that Governor Murphy will not issue one if the numbers continue to rise. I will be discussing this with the Executive Board about what steps we may have to take. In the meantime, please do what you feel is best for you, including wearing a mask when you come to Sunday service.

We have a lot of cool stuff happening here at Community Church during the Fall season. Our Annual Trunk or Treat is back on, and we will need lots of help making this year's event one to remember! Make sure to clear your calendar for Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>! We will have prizes for best costume and best-decorated trunk!

In closing, I want to end with a story from Matthew 25:31-40. Here, Jesus talks to his disciples, past, present, and future, about what will happen when he returns.

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup>“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup>I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

<sup>37</sup>“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

<sup>40</sup>“The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. (*con't pg. 4*)



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# HOMECOMING '21

Reconnect. Recommit. Remember.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**10:00 WORSHIP**

**BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP WITH OLD AND NEW FRIENDS.**

**SIGN-UP IN FRAZIER HALL BY THE KITCHEN WINDOW OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Hi friends,

Can you name the nine fruits of the Spirit NOW? Throughout this summer, we as a church family, adults and children alike, have been focusing on Galatians 5:22-23a: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Each week, we have been deep-diving into the truth and application of each fruit and we only have two more to go!

Vacation Bible School 2021 was a big hit! We got to hang out with our youngest members (and even some new friends) in person last month, which was such a joy after running VBS 2020 virtually due to the pandemic. We had a blast learning what compassion is and how to show compassion to each other, the world, and even ourselves through Bible stories like the Prodigal Son and Naomi and Ruth. Our yoga sessions reminded us to have enough compassion to

take care of ourselves and to follow God's commandment of taking Sabbath in order to keep living life to the fullest.

The Christian Education committee will be planning some fantastic events for this fall, including games and activities for Homecoming Sunday (September 12th), a service honoring Rev. Sarah for Pastor Appreciation Sunday (October 10th), and our 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat (October 29th). Keep your eyes and ears open for more details on those events coming soon!

As always, we're so thankful for all of the support the Christian Education team has experienced and we are looking forward to bringing you more fun-filled events, both well-loved, long-held traditions and new ideas.

Peace,  
Bailey Welch-Pomerantz,



## CHIOR CORNER

Hi All,

It's so hard to believe that another summer has just flown by, but our choir is taking it in stride and getting back to work.

Even though the choir was technically on vacation, our videos from the past year kept music alive in church. It really is wonderful to know that we now have a library of anthems and church responses that we can use whenever they are needed.

Starting this Sunday we'll be back rehearsing and will sing our first live anthem on Homecoming Sunday. At the same time, we'll be starting to work on our music for Advent and Christmas. Christmas

season will be here before you know it and we're already planning!

For those of you who love to sing and haven't joined the choir, why not give it a try? We work hard, and at the same time have a lot of fun. New members are always welcome. Let me or any choir member know if you are interested...we'd love to have you!

Best,  
Sandy Searing  
*Director of Music*

## THRIFT SHOP

Hi Friends,

The thrift shop will reopen for this season on September 16 at 10:00am. Volunteers have been very busy during August. Thanks to Gail Gallion, Cindy Hepburn, Diane Lupinski, Betty Bethune, and Mary Wing who assisted me in the big job of clean up. All of our summer clothing that remained after our summer sale was donated to a charity. This year it was twenty bags! Every shelf and table was emptied and washed. New items are now out and ready for sale!

We will be accepting fall and winter clothes beginning now. If you cannot come on Thursdays when we are open, speak to me at church and we can make other arrangements. We also have one empty shelf to fill with your dishes, candlesticks and other housewares you no longer need.

As always, we need some new people to step up as substitute helpers on Thursdays. Two of our subs have "graduated" to volunteering once or twice every month. We now have two ladies helping who are not affiliated with the church. We thank Sandra and Norma for their help.

Lastly, you can all help us even if not on Thursdays. We no longer have access to much advertising. Please share the thrift shop information, location, and hours, with your local community and friends on social media. We have a very loyal customer base, but we need many more. Our prices are low, and our clothes are great!

Thank you,

Janet Spong



THRIFT SHOP HOURS

**Thursdays**

*10am—3pm*

## COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL NOTICE

A BRIEF NOTE FROM COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

With preschool starting in September, we want to share some guidelines the state has asked us to observe to make sure the children stay safe!

If you have church business that requires an onsite visit please do your best to schedule it around the preschool hours. For those who must come in we will be using the side door and require all visitors to sign in and wear a mask while they are in the school common areas.

Thanks to all for helping keep our kids safe!

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR (CON'T)

Whatever we do to the least of these, you do to me. A simple yet powerful declaration from our Savior about how we are supposed to be treating each other: there is much tension in our world right now. Lots of emotion, lots of pain, and lots of division. I leave you with this reminder that comes directly from Jesus the Christ because I know each of you has ears to hear this message, a heart of gold, and eyes focused on those in need. I encourage you to help others to follow this directive in everything you do. Even when someone disagrees with you, remind yourself that everyone is a beloved Child of God. You walk with Christ Jesus, and the world will want you to stumble. Hold each other up, be there for one another, resist anger and division and take your place at the table next to Jesus. That is where you belong.

I am blessed to be your Pastor! We are going to do great things for the Kingdom of God. And we do them together.

*-Rev. Sarah Welch-Pomerantz  
Pastor*



### *September* MISSIONS GIVING

#### LOCAL FAMILIES

This September's Mission Giving will go to a local family in need.

### *September* THANK OFFERING

September Thank Offering will go to a local Family.

Your Thank Offering will go to supporting this family experiencing a difficult time in their lives. Won't you please support them? During this year of unbelievable events, can you help this family that is seeing so much trouble.

Please use your offering envelope or mark a pew envelope "Family"



## HELLO, LISA!

A big welcome to Lisa Bollard. Lisa will be joining us for her internship starting this month.

Lisa Bollard was born and raised in the Wayne NJ area. She is a member of Pequannock Reformed Church in Wayne where she's held various positions including VBS Director, Christian Ed Chair, Missions Chair and Church Administrator. Currently Lisa is the executive director of Pompton Food Recovery. PFR is a non-profit organization that seeks to rescue food from various sources and redistribute them to families in need.

Lisa is completing her Masters in Divinity degree at Drew University. She aspires to be ordained and to experience opportunities to serve the Lord where she is led, and to live her life by the passage in Matthew 25:35-36.

Lisa has owned a large pet care company and a dog treat business, Natures Nanny for over 20 years. She enjoys gardening, reading and spending time with her fiancé Chris, her son Michael and her various fur and feather family members. She looks forward to this next adventure in her journey.



## PRAYER LIST

### **Keri Bien**

*on the death of her father*

### **Gloria Booth and Family**

### **The DelVecchio Family**

### **Dolores Cardinale**

*friend of Joe Shook, health issues*

### **Judy Cipolla**

*Friend of Patrice Larson, illness*

### **Molly Daggett**

*family of the Bethunes, health issues*

### **John DelVecchio**

*brother-in-law of Donna DelVecchio, health issues*

### **Helen and Rein Emrich**

*Church Members, health issues*

### **Arlene Fudali,**

*on the death of her mother-in-law, Eloise Fudali*

### **The Jackson and Larson Families**

*On the passing of Monica Jackson*

### **Jack Larson**

### **Cliff Kreismer**

*on the death of his wife Helen and other health issues*

### **The Jenkins Family**

*on the passing of Margaret*

### **Nixon Family**

*friend of Arlene Fudali, on a death in the family*

### **Ed O'Brien**

*Church Member, in need of prayers*

### **Ruth Ravina**

*Holocaust survivor, health issues*

### **Jaxson River**

*Grandson of Maria Dachuna*

### **The Shedd Family**

*on the death of Phyllis Shedd*

### **Joe Shook**

*Shook Funeral Home, medical issues*

### **Norman Vaughan**

*friend of Gallions, dealing with effects of a stroke*

### **The Walsh Family**

*on the death of*

*Dorothy (Dottie) Nostrant*

### **Mimi**

*Sister of Willie and Mary Wing*

### **Gregory and Tina Wright**

**SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS AND  
ANNIVERSARIES**



**September**

**Anniversaries**

John & Betty Bethune  
—60Years on September 9th

**September Birthdays**

Ronnie Jacobsen—09/03

Glenn Gallion—09/04

Gail Gallion—09/12

Larry Studwell IV—09/23

Jonathan Lyons—09/25

Virginia McCurley—09/28

Jack Larson—09/29



**WORSHIP NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER**

**September 5**  
*Fifteenth Sunday*  
*after Pentecost*

Scripture:  
Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23 and  
Psalms 125  
Isaiah 35: 4-7a and Psalms 146  
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

**September 19**  
*Seventeenth Sunday*  
*after Pentecost*

Scripture:  
Proverbs 31:10-31 and Psalms 1  
Psalms 54  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

**September 12**  
*Sixteenth Sunday*  
*after Pentecost*

Scripture:  
Proverbs 1:20-33 and Psalms 19  
Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalms 116:1-9  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

**September 26**  
*Eighteenth Sunday*  
*after Pentecost*

Scripture:  
Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 and  
Psalms 124  
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  
and Psalms 19:7-14  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50



*Not till June can the grass be said to be waving  
in the fields. When the frogs dream, and the  
grass waves, and the buttercups toss their heads,  
and the heat disposes to bathe in the ponds and  
streams, then is summer begun.*

*—Henry David Thoreau*

# September 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 <i>Bible Study</i> 6:30pm	2 <i>AA Women's Meeting</i> 7:30pm	3	4
5 SERVICE 10am	6	7 <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 -9:30pm	8 <i>Bible Study</i> 6:30pm	9 <i>AA Women's Meeting</i> 7:30pm	10	11 <i>NA Area</i> 12pm-6pm
12 SERVICE 10am Communion Homecoming Picnic Day! 11am	13 <i>Community Pre-school Starts</i>	14 <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 -9:30pm	15 <i>Bible Study</i> 6:30pm	16 <i>Thrift Shop</i> 10am-3pm <i>AA Women's Meeting</i> 7:30pm	17	18
19 SERVICE 10am	20 <i>Executive Board Meeting</i> 7:30pm	21 <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 -9:30pm	22 <i>Investment Committee</i> 10am <i>Bible Study</i> 6:30pm	23 <i>Thrift Shop</i> 10am-3pm <i>AA Women's Meeting</i> 7:30pm	24	25
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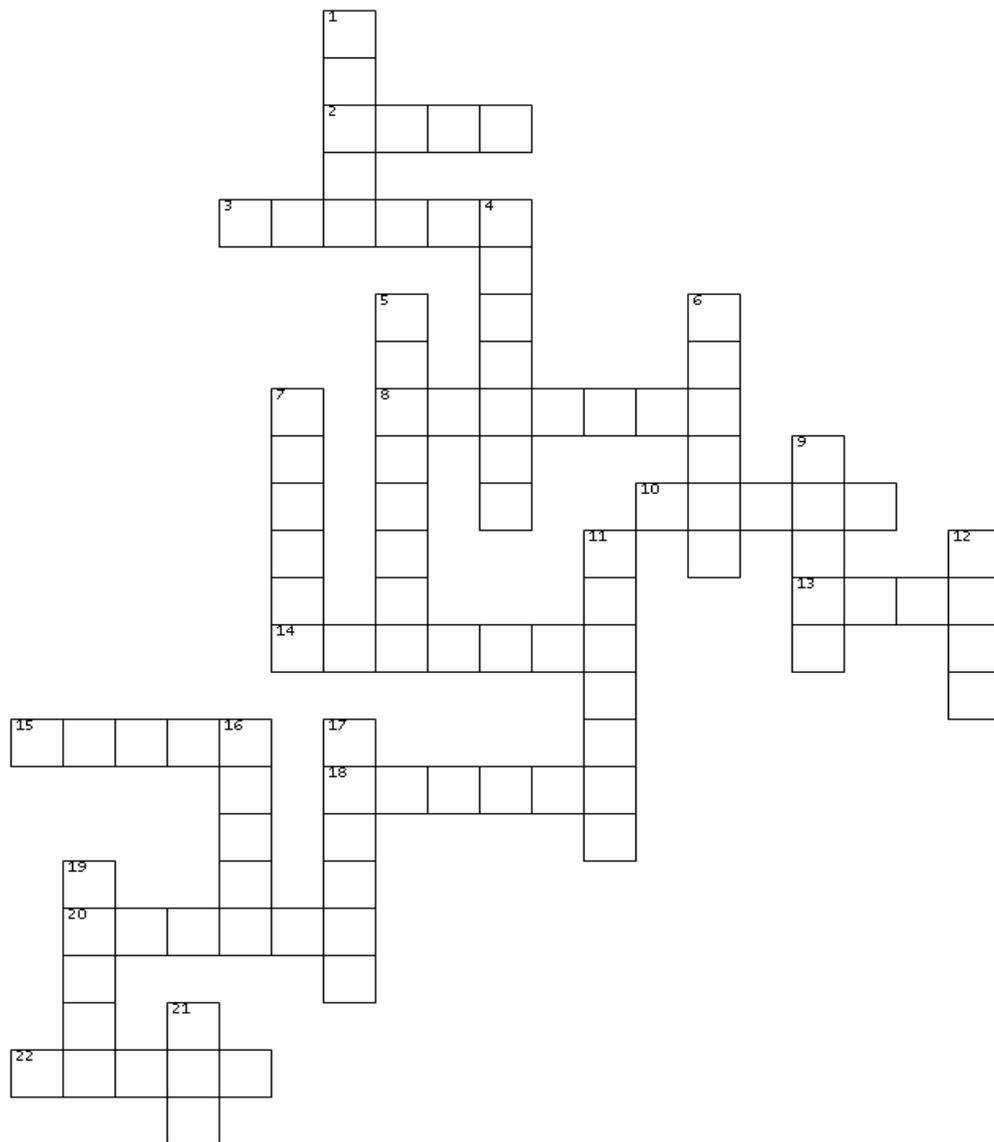
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# Community Church Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

2. The bodily form that the Holy Spirit descend as to greet Jesus
3. Instructed by God to lead the people after Moses' death
8. God produced as a sign of his covenant with Noah and all living creatures
10. Sons of Japheth
13. Absalom ensnarement
14. Jesus called these people to repentance
15. God lead Moses and his people through the desert with this
18. Special talent of Nimrod great-grandson of Noah
20. This book of the Bible has the first Passover
22. The name of Bathsheba's husband

## DOWN

1. Apostle betrayer
4. Succeeded Jehoram as king
5. Blessed are they whose iniquities are:
6. Church Road
7. False prophets
9. The wages of sin
11. The kingdom of God is like this kind of seed
12. In charge of the Tabernacle of the Covenant
16. Sweet psalmist of Israel
17. We are one body in \_\_\_\_\_
19. The name that Jesus gave to Simon
21. "Let us make \_\_\_\_\_ in our image"

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CEDAR GROVE

UNITED IN SPIRIT AND INSPIRED BY GOD'S GRACE, WE WELCOME ALL, LOVE ALL, AND SEEK JUSTICE FOR ALL. COMMUNITY CHURCH IS A ENERGETIC, PASSIONATE, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THAT SPANS THE GENERATIONS, WITH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES COMMITTING THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSION. AS A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION, WE FOLLOW THIS SIMPLE PRINCIPLE:

DO JUSTICE.

LOVE KINDNESS.

WALK HUMBLY.

Community Church has been part of the Cedar Grove community for over 70 years. We consider ourselves blessed to serve such a wonderful town. We welcome all of God's people to be part of our family.

## WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

*In the Sanctuary and online*

### OUR MISSION

We the members of the Community Church of Cedar Grove profess Jesus Christ as our Lord and invite all to join us in the fellowship of believers.

We seek with God's help to:

Covenant one with another to seek and respond to the Word and the will of God;

Depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us;

Walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us through a loving, friendly and supportive church family that nurtures, trusts, and cares for one another in times of celebration and need;

Be faithful and active in our responsibility as church members by contributing according to our individual strengths;

Attend services regularly giving support to the staff and members of our church family;

Respect our children and youth and to encourage them to participate in the life of our church through worship service, church school, and youth activities while nurturing their spiritual development;

Witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in our congregation, our community, and all the world, while worshipping God, striving for truth, justice, and peace for all;

Look forward with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life as we strive to fulfill this mission.

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