



News of the  
Clinton United  
Presbyterian  
Church

# The Cup

The Rev.  
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Minister

# FROM THE PASTOR



*Grace and peace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love. – Ephesians 6:24*

I feel like Mary Poppins at the end of the movie. You may remember that the Banks family has just received their kite, repaired by Mr. Banks. The family is skipping toward the park as they sing together, "Let's Go Fly a Kite." It is a scene filled with such joy that one forgets who is missing from said scene: Mary Poppins herself. She has done what she has come to do for that particular family and is no longer a part of the journey that's to come. Thus, she opens her talking umbrella, lifts it to the sky, making a graceful exit into the clouds.

This is how I feel about my departure from Clinton United Presbyterian Church. There is so much joy, fruit, fellowship, family in this space and I'd love to be a part of it. But, the Holy Spirit, rather than a talking umbrella, has made it clear that my time at Clinton is coming to an end. Much like Mary Poppins, I depart with more than a year or two. Indeed, much like Mary Poppins, I depart with a heart that is at once joy-filled and sad. I am filled with joy because of who this congregation is, what this congregation has become, and the promise of a future for it. I am sad because I wish that the

Spirit had called me to be a part of that future.

As we rejoice and grieve together, it is my hope that we will lean into the future our God in Christ has prepared for us both. In addition to my orthodox, reformed beliefs in the Triune God, I hold these two less theologically-dense convictions to be true, and worthy to be held onto throughout our time of transition:

1. God is good all the time. All the time, God is good.
2. God will provide.

Beloved in Christ, please know it has been my honor to baptize your children, to visit with you in the hospital, to hear what is on your heart, and to send your loved ones into the church in heaven.

May God bless you with a new pastor who is the ideal fit to your current situation and this community's emerging needs. May God bless you with a future to rejoice in, from your new venture with a daycare to your continued mission service both locally and abroad.

May God bless you with love for one another, and may you shine your light brightly to the glory of Jesus Christ.

In His Love and Service,  
Rev. Laura E. Strauss



## **Special Dates in September 2019**

Labor Day, September 2  
National Grandparents Day, September 8  
Patriot Day, September 11  
Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 – Oct. 15  
First day of autumn, September 23



Dear Clinton UP Church

*Thank you for still thinking about me. That bible that you have given me will remain close to me and as a treasure for the rest of my life.*

*Love,*

*Nathaniel Lapin*

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and/or donated to this year's Attic and Bake Sale. The church brought in \$2,027.25 for mission work of our congregation.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **Facebook Page Volunteer**

**Needed:** We are in need of a church volunteer to manage the church Facebook page. If you are interested, please contact the church office at clintupch@gmail.com. Thank you!

**Wednesday Night, Family Night:** At this time of instability in the church, the Christian Education Committee has decided to cancel the monthly family gatherings that were to occur on the first Wednesday of every month. We hope to revisit this time for fellowship in the future when we have a full time pastor.



**Special Luncheon:** There will be a special luncheon on September 15th directly after church to say good-bye to Pastor Laura, Ethan and Fritz. Roast beef and chicken, drinks and desert will be provided, Please bring your favorite side dish, potato, vegetable, or salad, to share. Please mark your calendars for this very special day and plan to join us.

**Mission Sunday:** The Florida Hurricane Disaster Mission Team will present on Sunday, September 29 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Join us for this special day where we will hear about the work of the Lord!

**Days for Girls Sewing Day:** There will be a Days for Girls sewing day on Sunday, September 29 at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Presbyterian Church. Individuals with all kinds of gifts are needed - sewing, ironing, fabric tearing, label placement, etc. Join us!

**Welcome Our Executive Presbyter!** The Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge, Executive Minister to Pittsburgh Presbytery, will lead us in worship on Worldwide Communion Sunday, October 6. Mark your calendars for this special worship service!

**CROP Walk for Hunger:** The CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, October 20 at 1:00 pm. The tentative location is the West Allegheny High School track. Donation envelopes are located in the back of the sanctuary. Funds raised will go toward the West Allegheny Food Pantry and Church World Service's global hunger relief work.

**Please Note Session Meetings:** Because of the church schedule, our summer session September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Membership Team:** The Membership Team will be meeting on Sunday, September 29 and Sunday, December 29 at 9:00 a.m." Thank you!

**Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.  
starting September 1.**

**Sunday School for all ages begins  
September 1 at 9:45 a.m.**

## **Finance and Stewardship Team Meeting:**

Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.



**The WAMA Food Pantry**  
(warehouse behind Rite Aid)  
**105 West Allegheny Rd.**  
**Imperial, PA 15126**

We appreciate any help the churches can give us as we are now back to our normal schedule for the 2019 year.

### **September's Distributions**

Tuesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am to 12:00pm  
Wednesday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> - 4:30pm to 6:30pm.  
Tuesday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am to 12:00noon.  
Wednesday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> - 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

Please call the Food Pantry number 724-695-1305 to let our FP Coordinators: Tim Opfermann and Linda Stoner know if you would like to help. We do need as many volunteers to help as we can get.

Thank you for all your past help and we look forward to working with you in 2019.  
Judith Bolind, volunteer



Come one come all, to the women's group meeting September 5th at 6:30. We have a lot of exciting things going on and look forward to seeing all you *Clinton Church ladies around our table.*

### Choir Notes.

The chancel choir will once again resume practice on Tuesday evening at 7:00 starting September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have plenty of room in our loft and we sure could use some new singers. If you have a tune in your heart and want to join us, we look forward to seeing you then.



### Down the Bowling Alley.

Once again it is that time of year when the kids start back to school, the days start getting shorter, the weather starts to cool down and, yes you guessed it, winter will be on its way. So now is the time to think about those long, cold, dark, lonely, closed in, endless evenings all alone in your home looking at just 4 wall all day and all night. YIKES!!!! Come on and join us for this wonderful fun fellowship evening. Wednesday's at Center Lanes starting at 6:30. Everyone is welcome, call Yum Groom if you are interested so he can assign you a team to join. 724-899-2133 See you there !!!!



### Friday Night Golf

The golf league will continue into September as long as there is day light and until it starts to get cold. We love the great outdoors and will keep swinging till Mother Nature stops us.



Welcome to a new year of Clinton U.P. Church Youth Group! It's going to be an exciting year with two SUPER EXCITING announcements:

- 1.** Welcome our new youth group leaders! Mark McConnell and Rachelle Murin will be leading youth group this year, with assistance from Jim Murin. We are elated by this development in youth ministry and know that your youth are going to be in the best of faith care!
- 2.** Youth Group in September will take place on Sunday, September 8 and Sunday, September 22 following worship.



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Janie Welsh.....	10
Sue Wise.....	10
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# DAYS FOR GIRLS



Days for Girls is an organization that provides washable, reusable feminine hygiene protection kits for women and girls in foreign countries that do not have access to these products. (See Days for Girls.com)

Six churches who belong to The West Allegheny Ministerial Association (WAMA), are joining forces and partnering together to support this important ministry. WAMA has registered us as a **Days for Girls Team** for Western PA and we have established a leadership team and recruited a number of volunteers, men and women from these six churches, who are interested in participating in the process of making these kits for women and girls in need around the world. At this time we are just getting started and are asking for your support.

We believe that God is leading us to provide these kits for women and girls who miss out on education and employment due to having to stay home during their periods. Together, we can really make a difference in women's lives!

After registering as a **Days for Girls Team**, our next goal was to sew a "gold standard" of each item in the Days for Girls kit, which means it meets the Days for Girls quality control standards, such as being the correct size, color, and all the seams and

measurements are correct, etc. Thanks to a small group of ladies who worked very hard and long on a hot summer Saturday, we have reached this goal! We are now ready to organize our first sewing day to produce kits that are ready to be sent abroad.

There are many ways for church members, friends, and folks in our community, to support and participate in this ministry, such as:

**Donations**--If you have any of the following sewing material and supplies and would like to donate them to this cause, please contact me.

- Scissors
- Thread - mostly gray
- Yard Sticks
- Masking tape
- Pins
- Markers - sharpies
- Rotary Cutters
- Cutting boards
- Straight edge cutters
- Sewing machines
- Sergers  
*(special sewing machines that do a serger stitch)*
- Plastic storage bins

We also welcome donations of money so that we can purchase any materials and supplies that we need.

**Prayer**--please pray for this ministry and for those who are seeking to reach out with hope and help to women and girls around the world.

**Your participation at sewing events.** If you do not sew, that is okay! We welcome anyone who would like to participate in this ministry. While there are tasks that involve sewing, there are other tasks that do not, such as washing, drying, ironing, measuring and cutting fabric, as well as helping with counting items, assembling kits, and encouraging one another in serving the Lord!

*Please help support this worthy endeavor.*

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**Education For Girls**

After distribution of Days for Girls kits, school absence rates dropped

**36% to 8%**  
IN UGANDA

**25% to 3%**  
IN KENYA



blog: <http://outofthedustandus.blogspot.com/>  
latest PCUSA mission newsletter: Spiritual Business

*A letter from Michael and Rachel Ludwig,  
serving in Niger  
July 2019*

### **A Big Fish Story**



Raising fish in the desert? "I don't think it's possible for us," responded one grizzled and experienced pastor at our recent micro-business training. As we train pastors in Community Health

Evangelism (CHE) with our church partners in the EERN (Église Évangélique de la République du Niger), we sometimes have to model what thinking outside the box is like. So, we used "fish farming" as the example in our demonstration of business plans and budgets. Suddenly, many of the pastors at the training got more interested as they saw that the plan and the numbers can work even in their water-poor country.

### **Empowering with local resources**

Fish farming is one surprising area that we've seen empowering our partner church recently. There's the excited feeling both individually and corporately about how they can be a help to their community and further provide for the church's ministry. But the empowering idea for being pioneers in raising fish locally came out of the training that Pastor Issa, the church's National CHE Trainer, and Michael took part in two years ago in Kenya. There, we got to see examples of it being done in simple ways and how it can be a huge water saver and nutrition booster. This type of fish raising "saves" water by using it twice. Once as a place for the fish to live. Then a second time to put on gardens

for fresh vegetables, after the fish have already deposited their natural fertilizer.

### **Buy-in crossing disciplines**

A big help to this empowerment experiment was getting the interest and buy-in of church members on the ground and a sort of "cross-pollination" of expertise from different departments of the church. We heard that several had tried smaller experiments with a different kind of fish, but nothing on a decent scale because of the initial money that needs to be invested on an unproved idea. Fortunately, there has been good buy-in from church leaders, and one of the young members of the national board is very excited to work on this idea that mixes innovation in animal husbandry with agricultural benefits. Daouda is the secretary for economic assistance and recently graduated with a degree in business, so he is very involved in helping us find the best local solutions to the initial barriers.

### **Biggest barriers**

Our two biggest problems with the fish farming model are that it needs a good supply of the proper water, and it needs a reasonable supply of hardy fish. For the fish, we quickly picked up that we would need to raise a regional species of catfish because they can stand high temperatures and mucky water. The supply is still tricky, though, because we need to bring fish in from a neighboring country in large batches of 500 to 1,000. But we hope to be able to build on having strength in numbers, getting a few larger centers to raise the fish and then being able to distribute smaller batches from there in a way that rural evangelists can afford. Daouda is working on sourcing our fish supply from even closer, or potentially breeding catfish ourselves once we gain more expertise.

### **Increasing partnerships**

The first larger-scale center we have is in a little corner of the EERN National Church Office. But the problem there is that the city water that we thought would be easy for us to use is infused with a small amount of chlorine.

This was where another great benefit of working with the church came in. The EERN recently began working with PC(USA) mission co-worker Jim McGill to help build up their efforts with water and sanitation, working out of Niger's capital, Niamey. This meant that Jim was able to come in and advise us on how we can get the right water situation for the fish and even build some better partnerships with local water workers for future water needs of the EERN in the area.



*Some EERN pastors watch as the first batch of catfish come to our experimental project at the National Office.*

### **Reused nutritional power**

With those problems solved, we've now been raising about 500 fish for the first three months of their expected six-month maturation. The question then became, "What crops would we grow with the fish water to increase the profit of the experiment?" Things like lettuce, tomatoes and cabbage can bring in good prices, but for us it made the most sense to grow the nutritious "super food" from moringa trees. Moringa, which is appreciated but not widely grown in Niger, is a native African tree whose leaves provide a good amount of protein, calcium and vitamins. These trees can have many trunks after judicious pruning, so they can be grown in a tightly spaced area. Selling the leaves should cover at least the ongoing cost of water, which means even more of the sale of the fish turns into profit at the end.

*A church leader at the National Office has been testing how village evangelists could raise fish in large buckets (pictured in the background) with spouts to drain water out for irrigation.*

### **Long-term vision**



As we do all this background work, we maintain the big vision of helping village pastors to have a micro business that will help sustain their families and add positive things to their community's nutrition possibilities. The goal is to help them go beyond the smaller benefits of trading the same old goods that already have a saturated market. Helping them be innovators also allows them to show others the possibilities and benefits of irrigation for a garden that provides fresh vegetables for their families. One of the major future tests will be what type of price these fish can command in the villages even if they have a high desirability.

### Family contributions

In the short term, our family has been doing a lot of the small work to harvest the moringa leaves and process them to be stored and sold, with our young adult boarder/"son" negotiating the market. This is in preparation for figuring out what someone could be paid to do that part of the experimental business as it develops. Our family has also continued developing and gelling together well. We recently had academic and developmental testing for our adopted son, a second grader, and got the great news that he is already up to grade level with language and many other areas we were worried about. We want to thank you all for your prayers and support that work together toward empowering our partners and keeping us equipped, protected and encouraged. Please continue to pray for our children and their opportunities for social interaction and growth. And pray that we and the pastors we work with will continue to see beyond the impossible to the vision of the whole and healthy communities that God is creating among us.

*Our family pulls moringa leaves off the stems to get them ready for being cooked and dried and sold.*



**Michael and Rachel Ludwig**

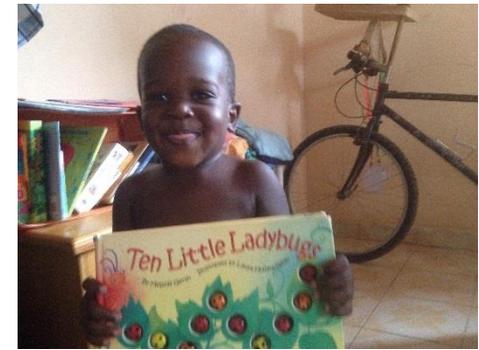
*E-mail sent Friday, August 23, 2019*

Dear United Presbyterian Church Clinton,

Greetings on a rainy August day! People here are so thankful that it has finally started to rain regularly in what is supposed to be the wettest month. We want to take this opportunity to send you a quick note of thanks for your gift to support the CHE ministry here in Niger. Recently, we sat down to look at reports and noticed just how much we've been a part of in the past year. It hasn't always glamorous, and the needs are often exhausting. But to step back and look at the amount of training we've done and the seeds that we've planted, it is momentarily gratifying to see. In doing training in four different regions of the country and mentoring 14 pastors in Community Health Evangelism, we are blessed to have a front row seat for watching Christians helping others. They are doing a variety of things from helping to spread higher productivity in their fields, to better health through hand washing, to teaching others to have more joy in knowing that God is providing strength and resources to tackle the problems of life that everyone encounters. But we want to highlight for you how much you have been a part of these blessings. Please know that through your prayers and support, you are sharing a witness to the practical and tender love of God in Christ Jesus not only in your own setting, but all across the country of Niger as well.

Thank you,  
Michael, Rachel, Hassan, Adeline, Simeon,  
Zach and Isaac Ludwig

PS - Looked like you had a great trip Laura!  
Great to get together with the church this summer!



*We had some rough days reclaiming our house from bugs.*



*But in the process found 6 Cokes that were a gift last year that we thought we had finished! We took some time to celebrate.*



*We have started school - 5th, 3rd and 2nd grade are going very well.*

*Isaac our sweet will be 2 year old on Monday is keeping us on our toes with all he is getting into.*



**H2O**  
CHURCH



Ministry Update from the Ozanich's

# THE STUDENTS ARE COMING!

We are geared up for the most exciting time of the year

## Goodbye Colorado

After my third summer at Estes Park Leadership Training, I would say this has been a successful and fruitful summer for our staff and participants! As I reflected on some of the ways that God has moved, I am reminded of a list of things our students have learned or experienced during their time, such as...

Reading the bible: someone purchased their first bible and read all of Acts and Genesis, our intern read the first five books of the bible, another read the whole New Testament. We all read through all of Hebrews.

Five of our students separately shared their testimony in front of over 100 people at session

We gained two new Life Group leaders for the Fall semester and two others that now want to pursue full-time staff with H2O Church in the near future.

Everyone made it home safely!

## Hello Kent!

We made it back to Kent late on August 4th to return to a full day of meetings on the 5th and 6th, our Blitz Conference in Bowling Green the 10-11th to help prepare our student leaders for the Fall semester ministry, and staff retreat on the 13-15th. You might have noticed that our staff has grown a bit since last year, as we now have three new staff members! Brooke (next to me in the middle) was released about a year ago, Nick (5th from the left, back row) was released in May, and Julia (left of Brooke) was released just before the summer. All three of

Jana in the Kent Communications program and graduated together. What an incredible addition to our team they will be this year!

As I write this, I am making last minute preparations for the next 10 days of Welcome Week events. Tomorrow, thousands of Freshmen move on campus and a new year of ministry and possibilities begins. If you read this in time (as I know from experience how mail can get overlooked for days or even weeks) please pray for our Freshman Kickoff Service, Thursday night, August 22nd and our first Fall Worship Gathering on Sunday, August 25th. There will be many new people coming and we need your prayers that we will be authentic and welcoming ambassadors of the Kingdom as we meet and interact with each and every new face.

I've counted nearly 20 events we have as a church in the next 10 days as we seek to pray, worship, and meet new students on campus in every way that we can. Please pray with us that there would not be an area of campus that is untouched by a Christian ministry on campus. Please pray that every student would have an opportunity to hear about the name of Jesus in their first week at Kent State University, in hopes that many will be forever changed.

*e-mail sent August 17, 2019*



# Mission connects the family of God

## Mutual trust opens doors for reconciliation

I began reforming my understanding of mission work when I participated in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Young Adult Volunteer program after I graduated from college in 2002. I served in England, where the PC(USA)'s church partner was running an after-school program for at-risk youth. I received the most profound impression that year from the YAV orientation and all that I learned from global partners in the community in which I was immersed — namely, that I had so much more to learn about the world around me.

In 2003 I watched the U.S. invade Iraq in the aftermath of four coordinated attacks on U.S. soil the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. It was the moment I realized that if we do not understand the world around us, the decisions we make in the U.S. can have a profound effect, either to decrease or to increase the suffering of others. Years later, when my wife, Hyeyoung Lee, and I applied to become site coordinators for the YAV site in Korea, I knew that I wanted to share the same lessons I had received with young adults serving as YAVs in Korea.

Since arriving in Korea, I have focused on learning and helping others learn about the history and context in Korea, how Koreans experience the world and what it is like to live in the midst of a state of war.

Most recently, Hyeyoung has taken the lead as coordinator of the YAV site in Korea, while I primarily work with the Reconciliation and Unification Department of the National Council of Churches in Korea. Much of my work involves sharing requests of the church with international partners and governments, especially the U.S. government. Many of these

requests are intended to help end policies that could prolong the conflict over a divided Korea, while promoting policies that help build mutual trust, leading to reconciliation.

I believe that if God is a God of the entire world, then God is a God of U.S. Americans and Koreans. We are a family of God and are connected to one another in the hope and pain of our family members. If we are called to the ministry of reconciliation, then it is necessary for us to hear and to better understand when our sisters and brothers ask us to stop actions that increase their suffering.

I believe that God has called me to the ministry of reconciling U.S. Americans to Koreans, breaking down the wall of hostility that divides us from our sisters and brothers.

*The Rev. Kurt Esslinger and his wife, Hyeyoung Lee, have served as Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission co-workers in South Korea since 2013. Kurt works with the Reconciliation and Unification Department of the National Council of Churches in Korea, and Hyeyoung is coordinator of the PC(USA)'s Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) site at Hannam University, where students from both cultures connect through the Global Multicultural Leadership Program.*

### SUPPORT RECONCILIATION

Make a difference by supporting the work of Kurt Esslinger and Hyeyoung Lee in Korea.

[pcusa.org/donate/E200496](http://pcusa.org/donate/E200496)

Article from *Mission Crossroads* – Spring 2019



*Gayoon Baek, a human rights activist with Jeju Dark Tours, leads a seminar group through the Jeju 4.3 Peace Park museum.*



*The Rev. Minkyung Jin of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea leads the seminar group in peace-building games to prepare for the week.*



*Edison Toe, a peace volunteer from Liberia through the Global Missions Fellows program of the United Methodist Church, shares stories of the divided village of Cheorwon, Korea.*

## Malawi Mission Network supports new mission co-worker position

*Focus will be to improve education and fight systemic poverty in three African countries*



*Mission co-worker Cheryl Barnes will serve in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe.*

Photo by Richard Keller

Ask James Munthali how to alleviate poverty in his native Malawi, and he will quickly point to the need for better education.

Through his own life in Malawi and through his professional career with the International Monetary Fund, Munthali has seen the benefits education can provide. Since his retirement in 2001, he has devoted much of his time to his Washington, D.C.-area congregation's direct mission involvement in Kenya and Malawi. He is an elder at Burke Presbyterian Church in Burke, Virginia, which supports education and other projects in both countries.

Munthali is active in the Malawi Mission Network, and when the opportunity came for

the network to help fund a mission co-worker position focused on education in Malawi and neighboring countries, he was quick to support the idea.

"Education, particularly early education, is very fundamental in making inroads to fighting poverty," Munthali said. The network, he observed, determined the new position "is a good course of action to take" to improve education.

The network is what World Mission calls a "key constituent" in support of this position. Key constituents are mission networks, presbyteries and congregations that provide at least half of the financial support needed for a mission co-worker. They commit to pray for and communicate regularly with the co-worker. They also participate in the co-worker's selection and performance evaluation.

The Rev. Cheryl H. Barnes, former pastor of Sardis Presbyterian Church in Jefferson, Georgia, near Atlanta, has been chosen for the position the Malawi Mission Network is supporting. Barnes will serve alongside the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in the CCAP's three synods in Malawi, its synod in Zambia and its synod in Zimbabwe.

Barnes' responsibilities will include resourcing the CCAP to strengthen teaching, increase the availability of educational materials and encourage community involvement in the denomination's 2,200 schools.

Barnes holds an undergraduate degree in special education and master's degrees in divinity and business.

Enough financial support has been secured for Barnes to begin service, but efforts to complete funding for her four year term continue. She will depart for Malawi later this year.

Tom O'Meara is one of the Malawi Mission Network members who is encouraging

individuals, congregations and mid councils to support the position. He noted that Presbyterians in Malawi play a huge role in the country's education system.

"A very large number of the primary schools in the country, particularly in the north, are operated by the church," he said.

O'Meara, an elder at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas, has participated in his congregation's partnership with a Malawi congregation since 2005. In addition, he has taken a break from his law practice on three occasions to teach at the University of Livingstonia, a Presbyterian school in northern Malawi.

He called the network's support for Barnes "an opportunity to provide a resource in a place where (U.S. Presbyterians) are doing something very important." He added, "I've never met anybody in Malawi who wasn't concerned about education for their children and for themselves."

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### HELP EDUCATE CHILDREN

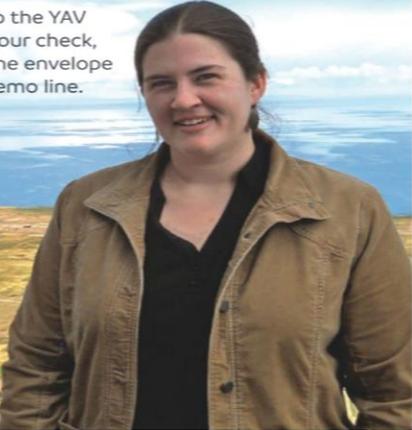
Support education with a gift for the work of Cheryl Barnes in three African countries:  
[pcusa.org/donate/E200537](http://pcusa.org/donate/E200537)

*Article from Mission Crossroads – Summer 2019*



Alumni of the Young Adult Volunteer program add vitality to our church by serving as lay and clergy leaders. You can support the YAV program by:

- Helping young adults (ages 19–30) learn how they can be transformed through YAV service. Encourage them to learn more and apply at [youngadultvolunteers.org/apply](http://youngadultvolunteers.org/apply).
- Invest in our church's future by making a gift to the YAV program. Visit [pcusa.org/supportyav](http://pcusa.org/supportyav) or mail your check, payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), using the envelope inside this magazine. Write **E049075** on the memo line.



**A YEAR OF SERVICE FOR A LIFETIME OF CHANGE**

@yavprogram

*"My year in Uruguay taught me a new way of being present with God's people, learning what it means to be church together."*

—The Rev. Sarah Henken, mission co-worker and YAV site coordinator in Colombia and YAV alum, Uruguay, 2004–05

## Community Involvement

**The Deacon's Giving Campaign:** if you know someone that needs a visit or a meal taken to them, we can help with that, please contact Pastor Laura or Judy Heck. Our job is to serve our congregation and community in helpful ways.

*Through the month of September we will be collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly. Items can be placed in the container in the main entryway (narthex) of the church.*

**Faith In Action** We are still here for our seniors for Dr. appointments, etc... we are in need of drivers. If you have a few hours a month, please consider driving for this cause. Contact Judy Heck for more information (724) 899-3159.

Thank you  
for your financial support to  
Clinton UP Church!

## Church Directory

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Choir Director—Cindy Macek,  
Organist—Erma Wilson,  
Treasurer – Sophie Guzma,  
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### Session

Clerk of Session - Amanda Wade  
Lynn Kopko, Amanda Wade, Christina Nicastro - 2019  
Linda Briggs, Leah Clydesdale, Scott Hilpert- 2020  
Judy Huemrich, Joe Miller -2021

### Deacons

June Miller, Megan Kopko – 2019,  
Beverly Hilpert, Bill Marburger - 2020  
Sandi Cogis and Judy Heck - 2021

### Trustees

Walter (Yum) Groom---2019  
Dale Huemrich---2020, Rich McConnell – 2021  
Dan Heck –2022, Dennis Macek---2023

### Auditors

Dakota Lamb- 2019,  
Heather Campbell 2020, Lorrie Leonard---2021

### Sunday School

Superintendent—Rachel Ayers  
Asst. Superintendent—Brenda Lamb  
Secretary/Treasurer—Maxine Wilson,  
Cradle Roll—Amber Hilpert

### Cemetery Board

Devin Messner---2019, Bill Marburger-2020,  
Dennis Macek-2021, Rick Lamb-2022, Zach Metz--2023

### Nominating Team

Judy Huemrich, Rachel Ayers, Judy Heck, Leah Clydesdale

### Finance Team

Ethan Strauss, Thomas McCullough, Lynne Hamil,  
Jennifer Rossman, Scott Hilpert, Joseph Miller

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