

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF DOUGLASTON
"ANCHOR"



Rev. Dr. Linden DeBie
Senior Minister

Rev. Adrienne Flipse Hausch
Minister of Congregational Care

June

*"Hope is like an anchor for our lives,
an anchor safe and sure" - Heb. 6:19*

2013

Dearly Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ:

It occurred to me that in my excitement I had gotten ahead of myself. With the approval and planning of our shared summer program with the Community Reformed Church in Manhasset, I told you of what promises to be an engaging and inspiring summer of worship. Yet it's not summer yet but spring, and the remainder of the spring season (all next month) is so filled with delightful worship opportunities that to neglect their mention would be a tremendous shame.

June really concludes our regular season, we bid adieu for awhile to our beloved choir and our committees take a well-deserved vacation. But that doesn't mean we don't go out with a big bang! Even as our choir inspires us in worship for the last time this season on June 2, our Elders will be leading us in worship with our first ever "Journeys" program. They will share stories of faith and pilgrimage, even as they have found their personal path here at Community Church of Douglaston.

On June 9 the baton of leadership will be passed to our Sunday School children, who each year delight us with Sunday School Sunday. They will sing, perform on musical instruments and lead us in prayer and worship, in a grand display of all they have achieved through their year of study and fun. We get to thank our teachers for their tireless work and passionate love of our children. And we get to see the promises of Christ coming to fruition in their lives. How could anyone not be uplifted in this worship offering of love?

Then on June 23 the whole church family gets to welcome the summer season with our annual Bar B Q hosted by our own Pastor Adrienne. The lawn is green and inviting, the season perfect for a picnic and the warmth of our members bids us "gather and grill." This annual event is one of our favorite of the church year.

Last but not least, is another favorite but as much a favorite of the community as of the church: our Galilean Service dockside in the Manor. The beautiful setting, the delightful music of Pastor Adrienne's brother, William, the guaranteed to bring a tear to your eye seaside dedication of the memorial wreath-make for a Sunday morning to remember.

And yes! After that, without skipping a beat, we are indeed off to Manhasset to hear Pastors Pierce, Flipse Hausch and DeBie share messages, favorite hymns and fellowship with near-by

brothers and sisters in the faith. (Remember, it's at 9:30 AM so that you can be sure and worship with plenty of time left over to enjoy the pleasures of the summer weekend.) Then comes August when we return here to CCD with our Manhasset friends to finish off the summer. Oh, and there's an added bonus. On July 14 Pastors Pierce and DeBie will offer a program of dialogue with all those able to stay. Our topic will be the great question of human freedom. "Are we free to choose our path or as taught by a rigid fatalism, does everything that happens to us happen by necessity? Are we merely pawns in the game of life? And where does God come in? Is everything pre-planned, or is the future an open question?" Following that program on August 18, Monica Pierce, a doctoral candidate, wife of Doctor Pierce and exceptional theologian, will lead our discussion on the environment and how the church can support the environmental movement. She has studied with some of the finest theologians in the country and writes in the field of "a Reformed understanding of the environment."

So you see, spring and summer promise non-stop excitement. Why not join in the fun and take advantage of these wonderful worship opportunities?

I'll see you in church!

Yours in the delight of summer

Linden



**UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN (UPK)
ONGOING 2013-2014 REGISTRATION
AT CCD**

Universal Pre-Kindergarten is a free half-day session, Monday- Friday, offered in two sessions:
8:30 am -11:00 am or 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm,
which follows the NYC Common Core Curriculum.

Registration is ongoing, on a first come, first served basis.
Please call the UPK Office at
(718) 767-1961 for registration information.



The After School Academy would like to thank the Community Church of Douglaston for a wonderful year of community partnership. The children of PS98 have benefitted from this relationship.

We will see you in September!

For more information contact:
Jacqueline Montgomery at
jmontgomery@qcc.cuny.edu, 718-281-5632

Registration for Fall 2013 will be open soon!

JOANNE'S CORNER

Have you been anxious or upset lately? Well, the news from the t.v. these days, certainly is not the best. Besides, you have a mortgage to pay, children to raise, grandchildren to be concerned about, and now there are terrorists living in our own country bent on harming us! Isn't everyone worried about this stuff? Have you dismissed your worried thoughts as "normal" or the norm, or are you concerned that in your case, maybe you are a little or a lot more upset than those around you? Well, anxiety certainly does go with the times we are living in, but the customary or normal worries of life, even in 2013, are not the same thing as "Generalized Anxiety Disorder", a formally diagnosable condition that is very treatable. Here are some symptoms of "Generalized Anxiety Disorder" that the May Clinic gives, that may help you decide whether or not to consult with a professional about what you are experiencing:

Common Symptoms

- Constant worrying or obsession about small or large concerns
- Restlessness and feeling "keyed up" or on edge
- Fatigue
- Difficulty concentrating or your mind "going blank"
- Irritability
- Muscle tension or muscle aches
- Trembling, feeling twitchy or being easily startled
- Trouble sleeping
- Sweating, nausea or diarrhea
- Shortness of breath or rapid heartbeat

Even if there are times when your worries and concerns don't consume you, if you still feel anxious, though there is no apparent reason, why not check it out with

a professional? Are you frequently worried about your safety or the safety of loved ones? Do you feel something bad is bound to happen? If some of the above, sounds like you, there is help available. "Talk therapy" with a qualified person can help. Medication may be prescribed that will improve your condition. Clinical social workers and psychologists are available to help you. There is no reason to suffer in silence and hope that these symptoms will just go away.

Wishing you a happy, worry free Spring and Summer!

Joanne

Joanne Iorio, LCSW-R, is a clinical social worker/psychotherapist. She is available to see clients on Tuesday evenings at the CCD Counseling Office. Please call her at (718) 229-4269, to arrange an appointment for a consultation. Special discount available to CCD members and friends and those referred through the church.

BOOK REVIEW BY LINDA MULÉ

Like many "modern" folks, I have an e-reader, but there are times when I want to hold a book in my hands and savor the joy of reading the old fashioned way. So I stop by the CCD Library, where, thanks to our librarian Joan Hoffman, I know I will always find a gem or two.

Such was my good fortune recently when I borrowed "Buddha in the Attic" and "Confessions of a Pagan Nun" (and yes, I confess, the title grabbed my attention). Both slim volumes, each is a treasure in its own way.

Julie Otsuka was inspired to write "Buddha in the Attic" by the true stories of Japanese immigrants to America in the early 1900's. Written in a poetic and evocative style, she puts the reader into

the minds and hearts of young women coming to America to marry their “dream” husbands, only to find a reality of harsh old men, hard work and poverty, and social isolation. Some of the women thrive, some merely exist, but they all suffer. The stories of the women are fragments which together weave a powerful story of the resilience of the human spirit.



I had to check several times to remind myself that “Confessions of a Pagan Nun” was a novel, because Kate Horsley weaves such a convincing tale that it seems she has translated a real text. With plots twists and a surprise ending, this book offers not only an enjoyable ride, but also a frightening glimpse into the earliest days of Christianity, when Druids and other pagans were being driven out of Ireland. Especially because I always thought of all Druids as male, I was especially taken by this story of Gwynneve, the “pagan” nun, and her descriptions of both Christian and pagan practitioners and rituals. Her wisdom lies in separating doctrine and dogma from goodness and love, and her gift is to give - food to the hungry, solace to the dying, kindness to the lonely. How her actions contrast with those of the Christians makes for powerful and thought providing reading.

SING FOR YOUR HEALTH!

According to research reported by Dr. Mehmet Oz, singing has amazing health benefits. It lowers your blood pressure while boosting levels of the relationship-building hormone oxytocin. In fact, participating in any type of creative activity is great for your health. Your friends, family, and neighbors will also get a health lift when they witness your creative output. That's double the motivation. So join the choir, or just sing the hymns – all of it is good for your health!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 7 through September 1

Mark your calendar today for the shared summer services with the Community Reformed Church of Manhasset! Each service begins at 9:30 sharp!

Community Reformed Church of Manhasset

July 7—Steve Pierce Preaching
July 14—Linden DeBie Preaching *
July 21— Steve Pierce Preaching
July 28—Adrienne Flipse Hausch
Preaching

Community Church of Douglaston

August 4— Linden DeBie Preaching
August 11— Adrienne Flipse Hausch
Preaching
August 18— Steve Pierce Preaching *
August 25— Adrienne Flipse Hausch
Preaching
September 1 (Unity Sunday)—Steve
Pierce Preaching

* In addition, on **July 14**, Dr.'s Pierce and DeBie will present a program on the opposing questions of human freedom and fatalism.

On **August 18**, Monica Pierce will lead our discussion of the church and the environment.

The Elders' Corner

Surrender to Love? Thanks, but no thanks.

(With excerpts from "Surrender to Love" by David G. Benner)

Grace is totally alien to the human psychology. We want to get our house in order and *then* let God love and accept us. The psychology of works-righteousness and self-certification is foundational to the human psyche and totally at odds with grace.

In our self-reliant era, most of us recoil from the concept of surrendering to a power or authority outside ourselves. But surrender need not be seen as threatening, especially when the One to whom we surrender is the epitome of goodness and love. God doesn't want his people to respond to him out of fear or obligation. Rather, he invites us to enter into an authentic relationship of intimacy and devotion. And so God calls us to move beyond mere obedience – by surrendering to love.

Christian spirituality begins with love and ends with love. The following prayer is my loose rendition of one offered by Paul to the church he founded in Ephesus (Ephesians 3:16, 19)

This, then, is what I pray for you. I ask that the spirit of God give you the power for your spirit to grow strong and that, rooted and grounded in love, you will be able to understand the breadth and the length, the height and the depth of Christ's everlasting love for you.

Dare to pray this for yourself. Dare to believe that this is God's prayer for you.

And dare to make this love yours and allow it to become the foundation of your identity.

This is union with Christ in God, the goal of the Christian **spiritual journey**. It will be the fulfillment of the deepest longing of your soul.

Special "Journey" Worship Service on June 2, 2013

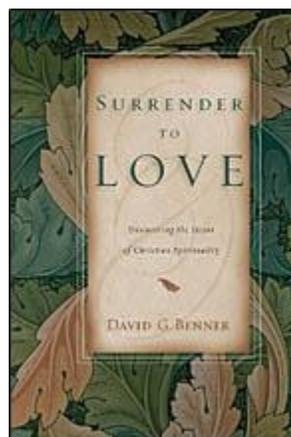
Reverend Doctor Linden DeBie and the Elders will be conducting a very special Sunday service focused on the spiritual journey. Moderated by Pastor Linden, the format will be an open forum with our Pastorate, the Elders ... and you. We'll talk about the many facets of spiritual surrender and a "life's walk with Christ."

A spiritual journey? As Tina Turner said, "What's love got to do with it?"

We strongly urge you to attend this engaging and introspective experience. Invite friends and neighbors. This will be a very different Sunday service.

In His Service,
Ed Palafox

ADRIENNE'S BIBLE STUDY



After June 2nd's Journey Service, Pastor Adrienne's Bible Study will be reviewing "Surrender to Love: Discovering the Heart of Christian Spirituality", by David G. Benner. Copies have been ordered.

JAZZ QUARTET ATTENTION SCREEN FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

Robert J. Reina

On Sunday, May 19, my Douglaston-based jazz quartet Attention Screen successfully raised over \$750 for the Music For the Next Century Fund during a benefit concert held in the Sanctuary of the Community Church. Despite a number of timing conflicts (many of the band's fans had conflicting family obligations that afternoon and there were competing events at St. Anastasia's and the Zion Episcopal church at the same time—don't these Christians ever talk to each other?), there were about 75 enthusiastic fans in attendance. In addition to our friends and neighbors, some concertgoers traveled from as far as Baltimore to attend this event.

This concert deviated from a typical Attention Screen concert for two reasons. First, instead of playing piano, I was privileged to play the Ralph and Alice Greenlaw Memorial organ. I was touched when Claire Greenlaw Goldstein, the daughter of Ralph and Alice Greenlaw, introduced herself to me on the altar during the concert's intermission. I was further touched that Anthony Peragallo, the fourth generation representative from the Peragallo Organ Company and who was responsible for the organ's spectacular rebuild in 2010, attended the concert from New Jersey.



The second major change from the typical Attention Screen concert was that we abandoned our usual free jazz improvisation format. After a meeting last year where I demonstrated the organ's capabilities for the other musicians in the group (after a crash course from Gerald Anders), it became clear that this organ was capable of such a broad range of timbral and dynamic textures, from the most delicate to the bombastic, that we would need to write some special original music for this instrument. I spent nearly a year experimenting with dozens of possible sounds that would demonstrate the organ's capabilities but that would also fit within a trumpet-led jazz quartet format. Then, after a second meeting with the group in the Sanctuary, the individuals of Attention Screen composed nine new jazz and classical compositions specifically for this concert during the two months leading up to this concert. Composing under time pressure did not phase the musicians one bit. After all, trumpeter Liam Sillery has five albums of his original compositions on the market, the fourth of which, 2010's *Phenomenology*, was given five stars in a review from *Downbeat* magazine (only 8 of the 1400 recordings reviewed that year received five stars in that magazine). And string bassist Chris Jones is a film composer/sound designer in his day job and if you watched *Boardwalk Empire* or *The Sopranos* or have seen the film *No Country For Old Men*, you've heard Chris' music.

A CD recording of this unique concert performance will be released in the fall and we'll let you know when it's available. Of course, Attention Screen would be delighted to return to the Community Church any time!

GALILEAN SERVICE

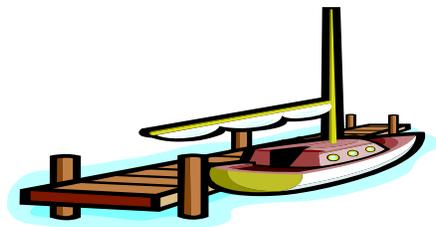


SUNDAY, JUNE 30th
10:30 AM

At the Douglaston Dock
(Shore Road at the West End of Beverly Rd.)

Rev. Dr. Linden DeBie, officiating
Fellowship afterwards with watermelon and iced tea.

ALL ARE WELCOME
For more information, call (718) 229-2169



Richard D. Lynch Memorial Blood Drive



Friday, June 21, 2013
3:00pm ~ 7:30pm
Community Church of Douglaston

When you give blood, you give
 Another day at the beach,
 Another hike in the woods,
 Another night under the stars,
 Another smile,
 Another hug,
 Another chance at life.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Bring ID with signature or photo.**
- **Minimum weight 110 lbs.**
- **Age 16-75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need Doctor's Note)**
- **Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids**
- **No tattoos for past 12 months**

**To make an appointment, please return
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 Church Office or call 718-229-2169 OR
 call Christina 917-324-9854**

Name: _____

Phone # _____

I would like to donate at:

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Long Island Blood Services

HOW COMMUNITY CHURCH OF DOUGLASTON CAME TO HOST THIS ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Both Rich and I grew up in beautiful Douglaston....and from a young age we knew one another... Our families were friendly and Rich's older sisters, as he was 1 of 6 children, with 4 older sisters, and a younger brother, his sisters babysat myself and my 2 brothers....when we were very young we both attended Community Church nursery school and attended many community events at the church and its surrounding area....Douglaston was "our" neighborhood.... With fond memories in the playground next door at P.S. 98, to the candy store that is no longer there, but is now the travel agency/local post office, we would ride our bikes though the neighborhood with our stash from the candy store....as teenagers we would both attend midnight services over the Christmas holiday at Community Church, as this became a tradition over the years during high school and college.....as a new married couple in 1997 and living in Douglaston, we continued to drop in to Community Church for various events....when 9/11 happened, we were no longer living in the area but our families were still here....I moved back to the area with our young daughter, Olivia, and held the first Richard D. Lynch Blood drive in his honor in June, 2002.....

Christina

THANK YOU

The following volunteers have been instrumental in getting the monthly ANCHOR newsletter prepared for mailing: Cliff Crocoll, Betsy Ehrlar, Kathy Hunt, and Cindy Strauss. Watch for the next September Anchor with news of the new year.

DEACON'S REPORT

In the "churchspeak" of today we have what we call "Missional Churches" and CCD certainly qualifies. Our active Deacon's Board considers requests from worthy agencies and other areas of the church on a regular basis. We are particularly interested in advancing developing nations, promoting the Word of God worldwide and assisting with disaster relief for our neighbors both directly and through Reformed Church World Services.

A bittersweet request which we have heard and to which we have agreed is a request from Rev. Justin Meyers to assist financially as he becomes a missionary to Oman. As you know, Justin was our Classis supervisor when we were without a pastor during some very dark days for us. He was always a light in that darkness and a wise voice as we moved forward. We will always remember him for his service to CCD, his love of the people here and his faithful service to our Lord and Savior. Good Luck Justin.

Many thanks to all of you who support the missions of this church. Do not forget us as the summer approaches; the needs of this and the greater community of man do not end with daylight savings time!



OUTDOOR CCD SIGN

We are installing a new sign where the current outdated one sits. The design of the signpost is one that has been carefully thought out, in keeping with the church façade and the neighborhood. The LED sign will be noticeable but will not be abrasive. The sign will allow us to efficiently inform the community of upcoming sermons and other church related events.

We need your help! Our goal is \$15,000 to successfully fund the project.

Please fill out the pledge form. You can give it to a consistory member; place it in the weekly offering plate. Or if you would like you can mail it to the church office. Likewise, you can make pledge by simply sending an email to the church office: secretary.ccd@verizon.net

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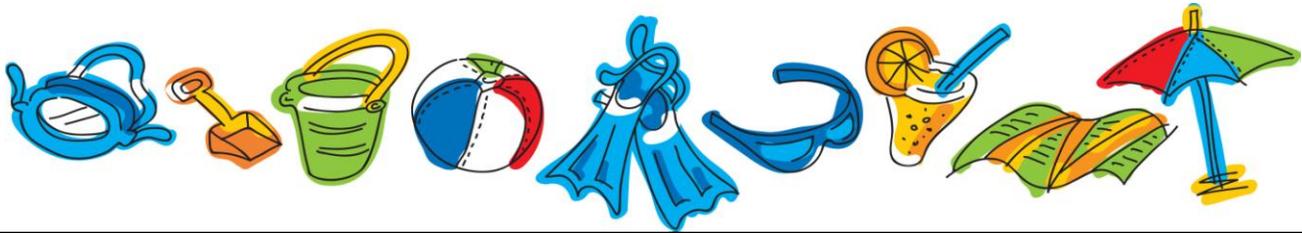
Please consider donating to the CCD Outdoor LED sign!

Yes, I would like to contribute to the signage.

Name:

Phone #:

Pledge amount:



JUNE - AUGUST CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Sun, Jun 2	11:30 am	Board of Ed
Sun., Jun 2	6-7:30 pm	Confirmation
Sun., Jun 9	10:30 am	Sunday School Sunday
Mon., Jun 10	12 noon-1 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Mon., Jun10	6:30 pm	Deacon Meeting
Tues., Jun 11	7:15 pm	Consistory Meeting
Thur.-Tue.,	June 13-18	Pastor Linden Away
Sun., Jun 16	10:30 am	Worship Service
Thu. - Tue.	June 20-25	Pastor Linden at RCA General Synod Meeting
Fri., Jun 21	3 - 7:30 pm	Lynch Memorial Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall
Sat., Jun 22	10 am- 5 pm	Giving Tree Family's Yard Sale - CCD Lawn
Sun., Jun 23	11:30 am	Annual Church Lawn Barbeque
Sun., Jun 30	10:30 am	Galilean Service at Douglaston Dock
July	9:30 am	Worship Service at Community Reformed Church of Manhasset
July 8-23		Madeline - Out of the Office
Mon., Jul 8	7:00-8:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
August	9:30 am	Worship Service resumes at CCD
Mon., Aug12	12 noon-1 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry

GIVING TREE FAMILY YARD SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 22
Front Lawn of CCD 10 am to 5 pm

Last year they donated 25% of their proceeds to CCD



**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd**

Please plan to join the Consistory and Pastor Adrienne for our **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** on Sunday, June 23rd, on the front lawn.

Hotdogs, hamburgers, Pastor Adrienne's famous potato and macaroni salads will be provided.

Please bring a dessert, fruit or beverages to share. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs.

PASTOR ADRIENNE'S PREACHING

June 16 Sermon:
"Marching to a Different Drummer"
June 23 Sermon:
"Wishing We Were All Outcasts"

PRAYER LIST

NICHOLAS RESTIVO, THE FAMILY OF ALY DADRAS, H.T. AND CHILDREN, LEAH AND LYNDA FRASSANITO, ROBBIE STONE, STEVE DOMINICK, THE FAMILY OF DICK HALL.



CONTINUED PRAYERS

WALTER GRILL, ROD O'CONNELL, SUSAN ROSE TRUSSUX, MAIA O'DONNELL, DEAN BROWNORTH, BILL ROSE, JAMES ROACH, SALLY.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE



Church World Service

Donations are being accepted for Tornado Relief for Moore, OK.

Checks should be made payable to **Church World Service** with "Tornado Relief" in the memo.

Checks may be placed in the Sunday plate or mailed to CCD. Thank you.



**Worship
Schedule
for the
Summer**

9:30 AM

ADRIENNE'S BACK PAGE

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Fewer meetings. More of those moments to relax and unwind. And where is it better to get "in touch" than by spending some time with the one who loves us more than anyone? And having fun doing it as well? We have worship, both at CCD and in Manhasset, and witty conversation (that would be my class!) and watermelon and picnics and new exciting things and old comfortable things to move us happily and peacefully through the summer. Join in the fun and maybe shed a few joyful tears!!

--Pastor Adrienne

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**ADRIENNE'S BACK PAGE**

Have you ever been so happy that you cried? Have you ever been so distraught that you cried? I am not as bad as John Boehner, but my response to every joyous, momentous or devastating event is tears. If you have seen me read the Gospel—tears. If you have seen me offer prayers—for healing or of healing—tears. My mother suggested an anatomical anomaly that is best left unsaid here. Suffice it to say, I am not alone and I am in good company: even Jesus wept at the news that his beloved friend, Lazarus had died.

Unlike Jesus, I could not raise my friend from the dead. But I can joyously keep the memory and the spirit alive. I can live the traditions; share the recipes; sing the songs; and repeat the (often bad) jokes that those who made my life such a wonderful thing would offer. Like Jesus, however, I can share God's Word with those I meet. I can bring the Good News to those who have not heard—whether by giving financially to the missions of others or being a part of those missions myself.

I can teach and lead worship. I can deliver food and clothing to those in need. I can work with Hearts in the Community to raise up those who are hopeless and with World Church Services to fulfill the hopes of those who never gave up. I also have to remind myself that curling up in a comfortable chair reading a book serves the church and the community just as well sometimes—we must renew and refresh or we are good for nothing.

As summer approaches us in the Northeast, the days are longer but the pace slows down.

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