

Church Announcements – August 23, 2026

Scripture readings for week of August 30: Semicontinuous: Exodus 3:1-15 and *Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b*; Complementary: Jeremiah 15:15-21 and *Psalm 26:1-8*; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Kids, come join us for Summer Sunday School TODAY and August 23 and 30. We also could use an extra set of hands on Sundays to keep our youth program going. If you can lend a hand, please see Christy.

The **mid-year pledge and giving statements are available**. For anyone that has a mailbox in the Church office you can find yours there, please check it. The rest can be found on Sundays on the table in the back of the church and during the week in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Jacki Spinelli at jacki7680@aol.com for the fastest response or call the church office and speak with Ann Marie.

Peach Festival Review Reminder: We would like your comments “the good, the bad and the ugly”, please tell us what you liked, what you didn’t like, what you needed. This can all be sent to Pastor Chris’ email and will remain confidential. Booth chairs, especially, please take a couple of minutes and let us know your thoughts. *We would like to have your emails by September 1.* Pastor Chris’ email is pastor@cpcchester.org.

Grace and peaches, Peach festival pit crew

Mission Council Coat Drive Mission Council is planning a coat drive for Market Street Mission for the second year. It was a great success last year. This year we will begin collecting on August 30 and end on October 3. We are looking for new and gently used coats for all ages and genders for distribution in the Morristown area. They also welcome new hats, gloves, and scarves. Drop off your items in the bin in the church office lobby during office hours. This is a great way to get rid of closet items as you sort through your winter wear this fall! Please share with friends and family so we can help Market Street Mission help others stay warm this winter. Also if anyone is interested, they are looking for help sorting during September and October and distributing in early November. Please contact Jeanne Perry (jeanniema@aol.com) if you would like to help.

CHOIRS ~ With another wonderful Peach Festival behind us, it’s time to look forward to an exciting new season of music! Rehearsals for both Handbells and Chancel Choir kick off on Wednesday, September 9th:

- Handbell Choir: 6:30 PM – 7:20 PM
- Chancel Choir: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

We are especially thrilled to announce this year’s Christmas Cantata, ***“A Thrill of Hope”*** by Joel Raney, which will be featured during worship on Sunday, December 20th. This special musical presentation will bring together choir, handbells, piano, percussion, and a rich instrumental ensemble including violin, cello, oboe, flute, and horn.

Whether you’ve sung or rung for years or are looking to try something new, we would love to have you join us! Simply come out to our first rehearsal on September 9th. Blessings, Matt Petrozelli

Gourmet on the Run will be cooking every Monday and Friday mornings in the church kitchen at 9:00 A.M. starting September 11th. Anyone who would like to come and help us make our frozen appetizers, soups, and entrees for the Holiday Extravaganza is welcome. Just bring an apron, your favorite paring knife, and yourself. You don’t have to be a fantastic chef to cook with us. We will help and teach you. (Plus our workers have access to our recipes!) We work hard but we have fun doing it! Any questions or concerns, contact:

Barbara Misar (908) 812-7634 barbaramisar@gmail.com or

Darcy Taylor (908) 996-4649 darcy2save@yahoo.com

SCRIP NEWS ~ Orders are placed on the second Sunday of the month, but individual orders/payments can be dropped off in the office prior to that if it's more convenient. If you have any questions regarding the scrip program or would like to place an order, please contact Nancy Case (201-317-4437 or nocase000@gmail.com) and she will be happy to help you. The next scrip order will be placed on Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 13, 2026**. Enjoy these last days of summer!

Due to inclement weather, the 2026 Book Club postponed their discussion of ***The Covenant of Water*** by *Abraham Verghese* to this Tuesday, August 25, at 6:30 p.m. Following their discussion they will choose the next book to read. More participants are welcome to join and book suggestions welcomed. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Stephens (201) 874-1477 .

Coffee Hour Sign-up ~ Thank you to all who have signed up to host a coffee hour. We still have a few empty spots for this quarter in Fellowship Center. Sign up with a friend, or family, make coffee hour what you want it to be, as simple or extravagant as you wish. Fellowship time is an important part of our church.

Join us for our next **Women's Breakfast**, Saturday, September 5th. We meet at the Chester Diner at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship before going about the rest of our day. You are welcome to join us and bring a friend. We usually meet on the first Saturday of each month at the Diner.

Remember... **Presbyterian Women** are still collecting any type of jewelry (broken pieces are good) in the collection bag in Fellowship Center. There are tax donation letters in the bag, so please take one. Thank you all so much for your previous donations

The Chester Mendham Food Pantry is focusing on the most asked for wants and needs of its clients. *We will be asking for you to concentrate on 3 to 5 items monthly. This month's items are:* [Body Wash](#); [Adult Diapers \(Medium/Large\)](#); [Coffee \(Including Decaf\)](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., August 23	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Summer Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship and Refreshments
	6:00 p.m.	IPSA
	7:00 p.m.	Patrol Ldr Com. Mtg. ?
Mon., August 24	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
	7:00 p.m.	DEACONS
	7:30 p.m.	Troop Committee Mtg. Lower Level
Tues., August 25	10:30 a.m.	Fifty Plus Club
	6:30 p.m.	Book Club
	7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
Wed., August 26	9:30 a.m.	Healthy Bones
Thurs., August 27	10:30 a.m.	Quilty Pleasures
Fri., August 28	9:30 a.m.	Beginners Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
Sat., August 29	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting-Fireplace Room
Sun, Aug. 30	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
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	6:00 p.m.	IPSA



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FOR YOUR PRAYERS and CONSIDERATION

If you have any names you would like to have put on prayer list, please call the Church office and we will be happy to put the person(s) on the list, we would also appreciate a call or email to remove names from our list. Thank you for your consideration.

Mark and Joanne

Tammy P.

Tina D.

Christy Fairchild

Miriam Gonsiska

Jess H.

Ryan H.

Joelyn

Tom and Valerie

Art

Heather A

John & Kelly Savarese

Judy

Olwyn Shaffeld

Pastor Dave T and Joan

Paul and Robin

Janet

Annette

Pete

Ben

Valerie

Stephanie

Bruce Campbell

John

Karen

Jack Bonacci

Ron

Hope

Marilyn

Maureen

Helen Kopacka

Tom S

Dale Byerlee

Dottie M.

Joyce

JoAnn Spinelli

Tony De Pasque

Joni

Fred Ertel

Frank D.

Sarah

Richard H.

Larry

Daniel

Kathy Petrozelli

Thomas Price

Don Sluter

Joe and Ann

Hillary

Sarah

Bill L.

Patrick

Tracy

RH

Cindy B

Declan

Jerry

Ethan

Tom

Joanne

Bonnie

Jan

Matthew

Barbara

LC

Suzanne Pfaff

Ukrainian People

Anna

Andrea & Jay J.