

Community Presbyterian Church News

MAY - JUNE, 2026

Community Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 148, 220 Main Street
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Team up with family, friends, lots of fun...and food too! Sign up deadline: May 10th for planning purposes

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**CPC Peach
Festival
2026
August
1st**

Road Rally

SUNDAY MAY 17
11:30-2:00

Fun for all ages

**GET A TEAM TOGETHER TO
COMPETE**

SIGN UP SHEET IN FELLOWSHIP CENTER

**LIGHT LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT
COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Stewardship & Finance

Stewardship & Finance Quarterly Update

The first quarter is in the books and our year-to-date donations look great! Our first quarter budgeted* donation income was \$61,875, but our actual donation income was \$97,380. This over budget amount is not completely unexpected as many in our CPC flock choose to fulfill their pledges early in the year, but it nevertheless is a testament to the commitment of our community.

As income is up, so are YTD expenses, but, again, that's not surprising given our winter. Snow removal and heat drove our expenses over budget. We are all looking forward having some balance return with warmer and less snowy months ahead!

Thank you for your gifts given and yet to come in support of keeping CPC a vibrant and open-presence in the center of Chester.

For the most part, monthly budget numbers, both income and expense, are derived by dividing the annual budget by 12 even though there is fluctuation over the year in most line items, e.g., insurance is paid annually but budgeted each month.

275th ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

Things are beginning to take shape with the celebration of our church's 275th Anniversary in 2027.

Our committee has had three meetings since January and we have had lots of interesting and creative ideas.

So far we have identified four dates and events:

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| November 8, 2026 | <i>A kick-off tree lighting ceremony around our Christmas tree outdoors followed by light refreshments.</i> |
| June 13, 2027 | <i>A picnic at Pleasant Hill Cemetery following church with a historical tour of the grounds.</i> |
| October 3, 2027 | <i>An afternoon concert followed by a reception here at CPC</i> |
| November 7, 2027 | <i>We conclude with another tree lighting ceremony outdoors at CPC.</i> |

Our sister church, Flanders United Presbyterian has been asked to join us for all these celebrations.

We are also updating the history of our congregation which was last catalogued in 1970. Pastor Chris is leading this endeavor. We've approached various members to contribute their stories of events from this time. We are also interviewing our senior members and gathering their stories. We hope to hear from our former pastor, Reverend Charlie Ringe to hear his views on the congregation and its past.

We have created a logo that will be applied to all literature, fund raising and publicity.

We are getting excited, and we need more hands! If you can, please join us for our next meeting on May 3. Stay Tuned!

All Church Picnic

June 7th • Following Worship



Join us for our annual all church picnic!
Parish Life is providing hot dogs, beans & dessert
Bring a side of your choice to share & enjoy fellowship with one another

Sign up in Fellowship Center

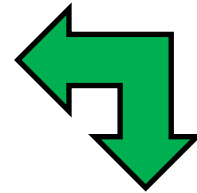
BOOK CLUB

Parish Life Book Club met on Thursday, April 23rd for a discussion of ***The Correspondent*** by *Virginia Evans*. Following their discussion they selected ***Theo of Golden*** by *Allen Levi* as their next book.

They plan to meet Thursday, May 28th at 6:30pm in the Fireplace Room of Fellowship Center for a discussion of the book.

Book suggestions and additional participants are always welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Joan Stephens (201-874-1477).

Important dates to add to your calendars now



KIDS CAN JOIN US FOR
SUMMER SUNDAYS
During Worship

June 28th
July 12th
July 19th
July 26th
August 16th
August 23rd
August 30th

Questions
Christy Hemmes 800-310-6211

WORSHIP



Our good friend, Mel Prestamo will be in the pulpit on May 3rd, and we welcome him back. We will observe Communion the following Sunday, May 10, with Pastor Chris.

*Don't forget to wear **RED** for Pentecost on May 24 (which is also Memorial Day Weekend). The final Sunday of the month, May 31st is Trinity Sunday and the last ring until fall. June begins with our regularly scheduled communion followed by the All-Church Picnic. Something for Everyone!!*



Big Youth Group

BYG WORK CAMP FUNDRAISER

Give your old clothes a
SECOND CHANCE

**CLOTHING
DRIVE**

ADDRESS:
220 Main St
Chester, NJ 07930

DATE:
May 23, 2026
10 AM - 3 PM

New fundraiser in
collaboration with

**CLOTHINGDRIVE
4funding**

COLLECTING IN BAGS

any usable and wearable clothes, sneakers, shoes and accessories (belts, handbags, hats, scarves, etc) Hard/soft toys.

Follow us
@clothingdrive4funding
Ph. 201-479-9115

ACRTrading

Fundraiser to benefit BYG Work Camp! - A mission group composed of 5 local area churches that travel to Appalachia every summer with the Appalachia Service Project making many families' homes warmer, safer & drier through home repairs.

Lay Assistant, Usher, Communion Stewards and Coffee Hour for May and June.

Please pencil in on your calendars if you haven't already done so. Please switch with someone if you aren't able to be here for your Sunday. Thank you.

May 3

Lay Assistant: Elder Andy Smith
Ushers: Dale and Carol Davis
Coffee Hour: Peggy Gibbon, Jean Haggas

May 10 Communion / Mother's Day

Lay Assistant: Elder Tom Ash
Ushers/Communion Stewards: Deacon Matt Siegrist
Allen Alpaugh
Communion Set-Up & Stewards: Darcy Taylor,
Ruby Young
Coffee Hour: Dawn and Matt Siegrist

May 17:

Lay Assistant: Emily Meseck
Ushers: Deacon Christy Shepard,
Coffee Hour: Needed

May 24: PENTECOST/Memorial Day Weekend

Lay Assistant: Elder Sarah Jane Noll
Ushers: Elder Bill Jardine, Mike Noll
Coffee Hour: Needed

May 31: Trinity Sunday

Lay Assistant: Elder Nancy Thaiss
Ushers: Elders Terri Kramer, Carolyn Bearlepp
Coffee Hour: Needed

June 1

Communion / All - Church Picnic

Lay Assistant: Elder Christy Hemmes
Ushers: Children
Communion Stewards:
Communion Set-Up & Stewards: Deacons Dawn and
Matt Siegrist
Coffee Hour: Annual

June 14

Lay Assistant: Elder Donna Price
Ushers: Deacon Lisa and Greg Burns
Coffee Hour: John and Beth Pfaff

June 21:

Father's Day/

Lay Assistant: Maddy Rolfe
Ushers: Sue Marks, Barbara Misar
Coffee Hour: Sundae Sunday ~ Worship Council

June 28

Lay Assistant: Elder Al Kopacka
Ushers: Robin Chu, Ron McConnell
Coffee Hour: Sundae Sunday #2

CHURCH LIFE



Presbyterian Women needs clean bubble wrap for the upcoming Holiday Extravaganza. Please drop off in the office if you have any. Don't forget, we collect all types of jewelry year round, broken pieces are fine. The collection bag is in the Fellowship Center.

Do not forget our Presbyterian Women meeting after church, **Sunday May 31st**. Grab your coffee or tea and join us for a meeting by the fireplace.

We welcome everyone and love getting new ideas and suggestions. *Thank you!*

CHURCH LIFE

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



COME join us for our monthly breakfast out at the Chester Diner beginning at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. The next breakfast will be May 2nd at the Chester Diner, beginning at 8 am. Plan to join us! Bring a friend, the more the merrier. There is nothing better than starting out your day with wonderful fellowship and food! If you aren't able to join us on the 2nd, our June breakfast will be June 6th, 8 am at the Chester Diner ~pencil it in on your calendars and come! Friends are always welcome!

'Cultured Purls'



Everyone is invited to join us and bring a knitting, crocheting or other craft to work on while we socialize.

We meet on the first Tuesday of most months from 1pm until 3pm in the Fireplace Room of Fellowship Center.

Our next get together will be Tuesday, May 5th. Come join us for a delightful afternoon. Our June meeting will be Tuesday, June 2nd. Then we take a break for Peach Festival and start up again in September. If you have any questions, please see or call Karen Stewart (973) 895-7212.



SCRIP NEWS ~ In April we had 13 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$217.76 for CPC with a year-to-date total of \$978.99. Thank you everyone! Ruby Young won this month's donated gift card. Congratulations, Ruby! 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, **May 10, 2026.**

From your Deacons

The Deacons had a full and rewarding month with Esther Guerin's Repast, the Veterans dinner and sending out "Good Luck on your Final Exams" boxes to our college students.

We hosted 81 Veterans and their staff from two VA hospitals and also had several veterans from our local community and congregation. We are so thankful for all the donations we received from so many of our members! This was our fourth dinner and we will have the next one in the fall.

We appreciate everyone's support!



CHESTER FOOD PANTRY

Please keep the Chester Mendham Food Pantry in mind when you grocery shop.

The Food pantry is focusing on the most asked for wants and needs of its clients.

We will be asking you to concentrate on 3 to 5 items monthly.

*This month's items are: **Body Wash; Adult underwear (diapers) (Medium / Large); Coffee (including Decaf)***

MAY & JUNE ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

The following is a list of MAY and JUNE anniversaries and birthdays according to our church records. If there are any additions or corrections, please let the church office know so that we are able to update our files.

Thank you.

Happy Anniversary wishes to . . .

MAY

Dan and Jerilynn Harris 05/22/82
 Dale and Carol Davis, III 05/24/80

JUNE

Jeff and Emily Moorhead 06/04/23
 Erich and Betsy Regber 06/09/12
 Heberton and Patricia Fricke, III 06/13/92
 John and Beth Pfaff 06/13/76

JUNE continued

Robert and Hope LeFrancis 06/17/63
 Mark and Joan Stephens 06/17/78
 Kenrich and Jen Bergmann 06/25/94
 Walt and Donna Price 06/30/79

Happy Birthday wishes to . . .

Charlotte LaClair 05/05
 Lucy LaClair 05/05
 Carla Murphy 05/07
 Scott Dean 05/11
 Dylan Clessuras 05/14
 Shea Torgersen 05/15
 Cindy Zimmer 05/21
 Kimberly Biango 05/26
 Sharon Hooey 05/27
 Alan Lindstrom 05/27
 Kaylee Perry 05/28
 Darcy Taylor 05/28
 Shawn Cudnik 05/31



Peggy Gibbon 06/04
 Felicia Burns 06/06
 Betty Wright 06/06
 Charlotte Biango 06/07
 Charlotte Emerton 06/13
 Raegan Emerton 06/13
 Donna Price 06/16
 Karen Wilson 06/17
 Jeanne Perry 06/18
 Terri Kramer 06/20
 Radek Piechuta 06/22
 Melissa Ash 06/25



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10:00 Al-Anon	2 8:00 Women's Breakfast 7:30 AA Meeting
3 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Ref. Youth Choirs 275th Anniv. Mtg 6:00 IPSA	4 10:00 Al-Anon 7:30 Boy Scouts	5 9:00 Aerobics 1:00 'Cultured Purls' 3:00 Bible Study 4:-00 Peach Festival Pit Crew Mtg. 7:00 Overeaters Anon	6 9:30 Healthy Bones 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	7 9:00 Aerobics	8 9:30 Beginners Mt 10:00 Al-Anon	9 10-3 BYG Clothing Drive at Califon 7:30 AA Meeting
10 Mother's Day Communion 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments SCRIP COUNCILS 6:00 IPSA 	11 10:00 Al-Anon 7:30 Boy Scouts	12 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 50+ Club 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ovreaters Anon	13 9:30 Healthy Bones 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	14 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 Quilty Pleasures	15 10:00 Al-Anon	16 7:30 AA Meeting
17 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship&Ref. 11:30 ROAD RALLY 6:00 IPSA	18 10:00 Al-Anon 7:30 Boy Scouts	19 9:00 Aerobics 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 SESSION 7:00 Ovreaters Anon	20 9:30 Healthy Bones 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 B.S. Com. Mtg.	21 9:00 Aerobics	22 9:30 Beginners Mtg 10:00 Al-Anon	23 10-3 BYG CLOTHING DRIVE AT CPC And TOOL TRAINING 7:30 AA Meeting
24 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship&Ref. 6:00 IPSA	25 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED 10:00 Al-Anon Office Closed	26 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 Fifty Plus Club 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Overeaters	27 9:30 Healthy Bones 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	28 10:30 Quilty Pleasures 6:30 Book Club	29 10:00 Al-Anon	30 10-5 Chester Craft Fair 7:30 AA Meeting
31 Chester Craft Fair 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship&Ref. 11:15 Pres. Wmn. Mtg 1:00 5K Comfort Zone Camp 6:00 IPSA						-8-



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	1 10:00 Al-Anon 7:30 Boy Scouts	2 1:00 'Cultured Purls' 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Overeaters Anon	3 9:30 Healthy Bones 630 Bells 7:30 Choir Rehearse	4 9:00 Aerobics	5 10:00 Al-Anon	6 8:00 Women's B'fast at Chester Diner 7:30 AA Meeting
7 Communion 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 11:00 All Church Picnic  6:00 IPSA	8 10:00 Al-Anon 7:30 Boy Scouts	9 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 Fifty Plus ~ last until August 7:00 Overeaters Anon	10 9:30 Healthy Bones 630 Bells 7:30 Choir Rehearse	11 9:00 Aerobics (last class for summer) 10:30 Quilty Pleasures	12 9:30 Beginners Mtg. 10:00 Al-Anon	13 9:00 Peach Festival WORK DAY <i>Set-up: move tables, 'stuff' from attic, ramp etc.</i> 7:30 AA Meeting
14 9:15 Choir Rehearse 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Scrip Orders COUNCILS  6:00 IPSA	15 9-12 PF Drop Offs begin Sorting & Pricing begins 10:00 Al-Anon Sanct. 7:30 Boy Scouts	16 9-12 PF Drop Offs Sorting & Pricing 5-7 PF Drop Offs 7:00 SESSION ? 7:00 Overeaters Anon Sanctuary	17 9-12 PF Drop Offs	18 9-12 PF Drop Offs 5-7 PF Drop Offs	19 9-12 PF Drop Offs 10:00 Al-Anon sanct. Deadline for July-August News- letter articles	20 9-12 PF Drop Offs 7:30 AA Meeting
21 9:15 Choir Rehearse 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 6:00 IPSA	22 9-12 PF Drop Offs 10:00 Al-Anon sanct.	23 9-12 PF Drop Offs 5-7 PF Drop Offs 7:00 Overeaters Anon sanctuary	24 9-12 PF Drop Offs 7:30 Choir Rehearse	25 9-12 PF Drop Offs 5-7 PF Drop Offs	26 9-12 PF Drop Offs 9:30 Beginners Mtg. 10:00 Al-Anon-sanct.	27 9-12 PF Drop Offs 7:30 AA Meeting
28 10:00 Worship 10:15 Summer Sun- day School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments 6:00 IPSA	29 9-12 PF Drop Offs 10:00 Al-Anon- Sanctuary	30 9-12 PF Drop Offs 5-7 PF Drop Offs 7:00 Overeaters Anon sanctuary				

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