



Community Presbyterian Church
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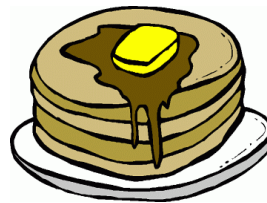
EVERYONE is INVITED

Join us for

**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper**

February 13

6:00 pm



Sign up in Fellowship Center
Pancakes, bacon and sausage

Coffee, tea, juice.

Worship will take place at 7pm in the
Sanctuary with imposition of ashes.

Food, fellowship and worship are the
focus of this evening as we begin the
season of Lent.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in
Fellowship Center. There will also be
sign-up sheets for helping with set-up,
cooking and clean-up.

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From your Pastor. . .

.Well the new year moves right along and Easter is following the Christmas season very quickly! With our recent annual Congregational Meeting, I have been thinking about our church officers, our Elders and Deacons, more and more.

The Scriptures have been leading us through so much about calling and gifts, and being the various parts of Christ's body that is the Church.

When we recite the Apostle's Creed, we finish with the "I Believe" passages. One is "I believe in the holy catholic and apostolic church". First of all, "catholic" with a lower case "c" is different than "Catholic" with an upper case "C"; the latter refers to the Roman Catholic Church, the former simply means the universal church, the church that is made up of all believers of every time and place. So we profess a belief in the universal catholic church, and that it is holy.

"Holy" means to be set apart and reserved for a special purpose. In saying that and believing that, we believe that each member of the church, or Christ's Body, is special, and needed, and called, and empowered, and challenged. That means a whole lot of different things to a whole lot of different folks.

Most recently we have talked about how our calling and our gifts change over time, they wax and wane with the seasons of our lives. It is always a joy to see new people heeding the call of God on their lives and committing themselves to be church officers. You might notice a slight play of language in that sentence, and it seems like that some times, that you should be "committed" for agreeing to go on Session or Deacons. Like any other calling, to serve in this way is not for everyone. It takes a certain type of person, and I am always grateful that God made people like this.

The truth is, that being an Elder or a Deacon is a very spiritual thing, a very special thing. While it might not be for everyone, it is probably much different than you might think. These two groups of officers take the charges given to them very seriously. There is a sense that these positions reside in the long line of other saints who have felt the same call. There is a strong sense of both past history and future in what the Elders and Deacons do, in addition to dealing with the challenges of the present.

The old saying goes, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained". When we hold tight to God's capable hand and step out of our comfort zones, amazing things happen. The Spirit often moves more visibly in a group than in individuals; anyone who has taken part in any of the larger group endeavors here knows that well, and it is an amazing thing to both see and be part of.

As the year marches quickly toward Easter, we will be ordaining and installing our new church officers. It is a wonderful thing to see. I pray that through this aspect of congregational life, as well as through many others, YOU are inspired to take time and listen for where God is calling you.

It is a process that is always changing and unfolding, and remaking itself anew. None of us is a completed work. Tune your eyes to see and your ears to hear the Spirit's voice among the many voices competing for your attention.

Your Pastor,

Rev, Chris Scrivens



WORSHIP COUNCIL

Family Communion Service ~ March 4

On the first Sunday of most months, the congregation at CPC celebrates the sacrament of Communion, but do we really understand the meaning behind all the elements that make up this special service?

On March 4th, our regular Communion service will be augmented as a teaching moment, to help and remind us what's behind it all. Families will remain together as we listen, learn, and partake in the service. This is also a great opportunity to invite anyone you know to church as a means of exploring our faith. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kopacka Exit

Many of you have been asking about the departure date for our three-year stay in Prague. As of now, our plans are to leave in mid-March, a bit later than anticipated! We will also continue in our roles as organist and choir director through February, when Matt Petrozelli (who is quite excited!) takes the reins as choir director/director of music. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers!

Al and Vicki



BYG (Big Youth Group)



PNO (Parents Night Out) : Next two Fridays are: February 10th and Friday, March 10th

Children of all ages can participate & friends are always happily welcomed

First child \$12, each additional \$10 each

We provide popcorn, drinks, games & a family- friendly movie for your kids
while you enjoy a night off !!!



BYG Retreat

Fri March 2 5pm - Sat March 3 12pm

Community Presbyterian Church

220 Main Street, Chester NJ 07930

New to BYG?

Veteran of BYG?

We want to see you both!
Come join us for food, fun &
fulfillment of the spirit

RSVP to bygworkcamp@gmail.com

Church Life



You are invited to join the Presbyterian Women for their next meeting **February 25** after worship. Grab some coffee and snacks, say a few "hellos" and head into the Larison room. We will discuss budget items, plans for the upcoming year and anything else appropriate for a meeting. Even if you have never attended, please check us out. Any women, high school age and above, can participate. You need not be a "member" of CPC just an interested party. We look forward to seeing you.



Scrip

This month we had 21 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$271.51 for CPC. Mauricette Moffitt won this month's donated gift card. Scrip 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 (908- 879-3176 or nbcase48@yahoo.com) and she will be happy to help you. The next scrip order will be placed on **Sunday, February 11**. Thank you for your continued support!



Monthly Women's Breakfasts

All women are welcome to join us for our once a month breakfasts at the Chester Diner. We usually meet the first Saturday of each month starting at 8 am. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Center or call and we will be happy to add your name to our list. Our next breakfast will be this Saturday, February 3rd, and in March we will meet on the 3rd. Start the day by enjoying some great fellowship and food.

Cultured Purls

Join us for our next meeting which will be held on **February 6th** beginning at **1 pm**. We will meet at CPC in the Fireplace Room with Marilyn Guerin serving as hostess.

Anyone who would like to join us or would like more information about the group, please contact Teddie Hutter (908) 879-7890.



FROM YOUR DEACONS

The Deacons are once again collecting empty Pringles cans to fill with brownie cupcakes to send as care packages to our college youth at the end of February. So when shopping for your Super Bowl snacks, or any snacks, pick up some Pringles, your Deacons will gratefully take the empty cans. Pringles cans may be dropped off at the church office ~ *needed before end of February*. Thank you.



The Sunshine Squad

If you or someone you know has chores or small projects that you (they) can't get done because of illness or some other incapacity, the Sunshine Squad is here to help!

A group of us here at Community Presbyterian Church are volunteering our time one Saturday a month to lend a hand with some of these projects. All you have to do is call Jeanne Perry at 908-879-6269 and we'll put you on the schedule.

We are looking for jobs to do and if you would like to volunteer to help us, we would be happy to have you. This is a great way for teens to meet their service hour requirements!

Church Life ~ Anniversaries & Birthdays



Camp Johnsonburg
brochures are available
on the table in Fellowship
Center .

There are a variety of fun camp things to do for campers of all ages. There are small and large group activities, all-camp games, every camper participates in worship everyday. There are a variety of fun camp things to do for campers of all ages! Take a brochure, check it out and you can even register on-line too!



For the Chester Food Pantry

*Donations are always
appreciated and gratefully
accepted.*

Trunk for donations is located in Fellowship Center
We can especially use the following:

Laundry Detergent, dish detergent, gravy,
Coffee, cookies, canned stews, and jello.

Thank you.

The following is a list of February Anniversaries and Birthdays according to our records. If there are any additions or corrections, please let the office know so that we may update our files.

Thank you!

Happy Anniversary wishes to . . .

<i>Karl and Deb Schuetz</i>	<i>02/12/1969</i>
<i>Paul and Gail Lee</i>	<i>02/17/1973</i>
<i>Joachim and Becky Thunberg</i>	<i>02/21/2003</i>
<i>Tod and Wendy Oliveri</i>	<i>02/23/1996</i>

Happy Birthday wishes to...

<i>Randy Le Loup</i>	<i>02/01</i>
<i>Austin Carrara</i>	<i>02/03</i>
<i>Lucas Hemmes</i>	<i>02/04</i>
<i>William Hutchinson</i>	<i>02/05</i>
<i>Joseph Biango</i>	<i>02/07</i>
<i>Kurt Schmeal</i>	<i>02/08</i>
<i>Kristen Bailey</i>	<i>02/09</i>
<i>Dick Wynja</i>	<i>02/11</i>
<i>Paul Rundzieher</i>	<i>02/12</i>
<i>Matthew Lavalette</i>	<i>02/14</i>
<i>Teddie Hutter</i>	<i>02/15</i>
<i>Mimi Carman</i>	<i>02/19</i>
<i>Julia Carrara</i>	<i>02/21</i>
<i>Alexander Regber</i>	<i>02/22</i>
<i>Patrick Fricke</i>	<i>02/23</i>
<i>Alyssa Lavalette</i>	<i>02/23</i>
<i>Debbie Madsen</i>	<i>02/25</i>
<i>Matt Petrozelli</i>	<i>02/25</i>
<i>Debbie Schuetz</i>	<i>02/25</i>
<i>Linda Conover</i>	<i>02/26</i>

2018 Flower Calendar



The 2018 Flower Calendar is posted in the office. For your convenience an order form is printed below. If you would like flowers in the Sanctuary on a particular Sunday, please fill this in and mail/drop off in the Church Office.

Flowers are \$38/Sunday (you may order a larger arrangement if you desire.) The flowers are supplied and arranged by Stony Hill Gardens located on Route 24, Chester. The Deacons will deliver them to one of our shut-ins or you may pick them up after the service on Sunday. In order for you to take this as a tax deduction, please make your check payable to Community Presbyterian Church (note in memo line for flowers). If you would like to make your own arrangement, or provide flowers from your own garden in the summer, just let us know.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

I would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary on _____ Date: _____

In memory of: _____ and/or In Honor of: _____

_____ Please order them from the florist. _____ I will pick up my flowers after the service.

_____ I will provide them from my garden or other florist. _____ I would like Deacons to deliver to shut-in

JANUARY	7 Treutlein	14 Pflieger	21 O'Connor	28	
FEBRUARY	4	11 Guerin	18 O'Connor	25 Huck	
MARCH	4 Meuse	11	18 LeFrancis	25	
APRIL	1 Lilies & Tulips EASTER	8 O'Connor	15	22	29
MAY	6	13 Huck	20	27 O'Connor	
JUNE	3	10	17	24 Treutlein	
JULY	1	8	15	22	29 Meuse
AUGUST	5	12	19	26	
SEPTEMBER	2	9	16	23	30
OCTOBER	7	14 Treutlein	21	28	
NOVEMBER	4	11	18 Thanksgiving	25	
DECEMBER	2	9	16 Poinsettias	23	30

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics	2 10:00 Al-anon 11:00 Marks Memorial Svc. 6:00 G.S. Troop 95052	3 8:00 Women's Breakfast 8:30 Men's Fellowship 9or 10 BYG fund- raiser prep. lasagna 6:30 Starting Over
4 9:15 Sr. Choir Reh. 10:00 Worship/Nurs 10:15 Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments	5 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones 5:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts	6 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 1:00 'Cultured Purls' At CPC 4:00 Irish Dance 7:00 Overeat. Anon.	7 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:00 Girl Sct Ldrs 7:30 Senior Choir	8 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics	9 9:30 Beginners Mtg. 10:00 Al-Anon 3:30 Troop 96583 6:00 Parents Night Out	10 8:30 Men's Fellowship 10 - 4pm Wood Carving
11 Transfiguration 9:15 Sr. Choir Reh. 10:00 Worship/Nurs 10:15 Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Scrip Sales 4:00 Youth Group 6:30 Senior High Fellowship 6:30 Starting Over	12 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones 5:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 COUNCILS	13 SHROVE TUES. Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 10:00 50+ Club 4:00 Irish Dance -LL 5:00 Shrove Tues Set-Up 6:00 Shrove Tues Supper 7:00 Worship 7:00 Overeaters Anon.	14  LENT 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:30 Senior Choir	15 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics	16 10:00 Al-Anon	17 9:00 - Noon OFFICER TRAINING
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PER CAPITA: AN OVERVIEW

Paying per capita is similar to

- *Contributing one's dish to a potluck meal*
- *Paying to be connected to the internet*
- *Paying for the benefit of utilities, such as electricity, water, and telephone*
- *Pitching in with other passengers to pay for gasoline for a road trip*
- *Participating in community supported agriculture (CSA) or a similar co-op*

A brief history

The earliest mention of something like a per capita apportionment dates back to the 1700s.

In the mid-1800s, a “plan of mileage” was adopted by the General Assembly to defray the expenses of commissioners attending General Assembly meetings so that everyone could be present to participate regardless of distance or financial resources. Over time, per capita has been used to fund “ecclesiastical and administrative” functions that are shared by the whole church. In 1995, the following definition was developed:

Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian Church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).

**2018 Per capita is
\$35.00 per member**

**Per capita is part of the glue
that holds Presbyterians together.**

In essence, per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system.

Why per capita?

The Book of Order states that per capita exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church, to “give meaning to the interdependent nature of Presbyterian polity” (G-9.0404d).

Per capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It exists to allow the whole church to share equitably in those things that make us Presbyterian:

- Our theological identity
- Our connectedness
- Our system of governing bodies that allow elders and ministers together to discern the mind of Christ
- Our ecumenical connections that make us part of the church universal
- Our core structures that keep us together as a church
- Our call to work for full participation in decision - making

Per capita allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.

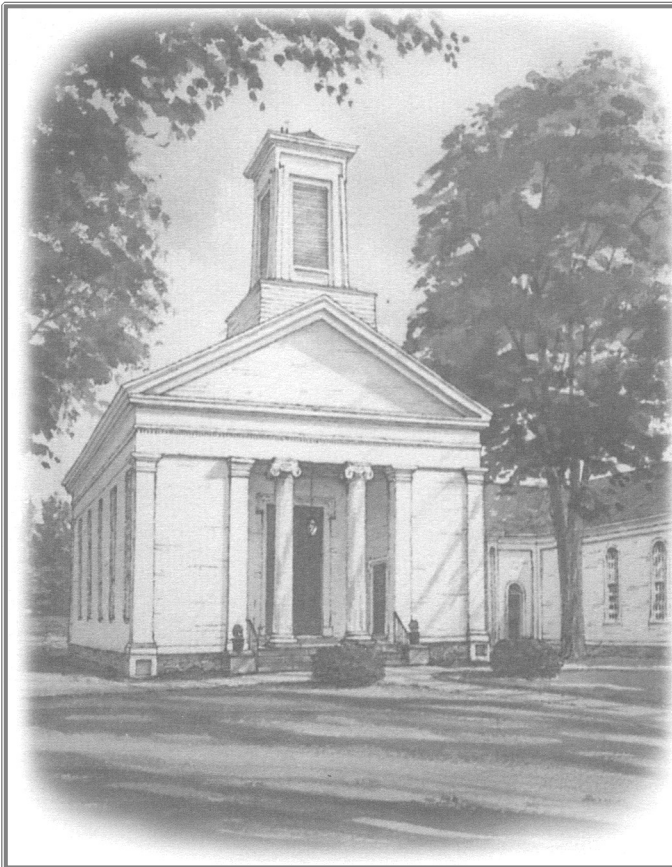
Exod. 30:11-16—“The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel (for the sanctuary). . .”

1 Cor. 12:7—“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. “

Pcusa.org/percapita

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