



Community Presbyterian Church News

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Sunday School

On Sunday, September 16 a Celebration of Children brunch was held at CPC to kick off our Sunday school year. This year we have divided into 3 different classes, preschool, k-3, and 4-6. We have many things planned for the year and are very excited for another great year at CPC!

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If you are in third grade and up, and have not received a bible, please see Mrs. West so that she can be sure to get you one.



Please send me your current email address so that you don't miss out on any announcements for Sunday School and Youth Fellowship events.

You can email me at familyministries@cpchester.org or call me at: 908-674-2734. Thank you, Mrs. West.

From Your Pastor . . .

Each season has its joys and its difficulties. Summer is beautiful, but it is hot and there is a lot of gardening to be done. Vegetables grow, but you have to weed; and some weeks this past summer, it seemed like I was cutting the grass every few days.

With the coming of cooler weather, the growing of things has slowed down a bit, and until the leaves start to fall, I'll enjoy the relative lack of yard work. Sleeping with the windows open is a welcome change, and I look forward to the first night when we detect the welcome and comforting smell of woodsmoke from a neighbor's fireplace wafting into the house. That makes for a great and contented night's sleep in my book.

The leaves on the maples have already started to tinge with color and soon our area will explode with color, heralding the full force of autumn. We will play host to many people from more urban areas who come to enjoy our parks and farms and our little town. We may lament the increase in traffic on the weekends, but we have to remember that we get to enjoy this beauty each and every day, and that is very special indeed, but also easy to take for granted.

But, the leaves will change color and fall, and fall, and fall, and cover the yard. Every time we clean them up they seem to sneak back in a bit and if your yard is like the Parsonage, there are some corners that will always have leaves in them.

As always, in nature, we find good examples for life, and that is simply they are from the same author, artist, and conductor. Seasons in life come with ups and downs, joys and things we might find less joyful; holidays and times of relaxation, but also times of extra work and preparation, not to mention clean up. Visits are, well, visits; we get to see people and then we get to see them go home.

I'm very excited about the coming season at Community Presbyterian Church. We have a growing Sunday School and youth group program. Voice and bell choirs have been practicing and will be lending their own unique forms of offering to our worship, special services are right around the corner for many things and life is vibrant and joyful.

One of the main things we try to do here at CPC is offer many ways to feel involved in the congregation, and the change of seasons ushers in many new ways to do that. When we are serving God and offering ourselves to Him, we tend to get the good without the bad, and that is very validating overall, but also makes us feel like we are doing what our creator has meant for us to do, and that is priceless.

As a personal example, preparing the sermon and worship service for Sunday takes a lot of work, but all along the way the journey is with God and with the community around me. So while it can be very draining, when rest does come, it is with a singular contented smile, not just on my face, but permeating my whole being.

Preparations for Sunday School lessons are the same. We prepare and read and write and maybe fret over the final product, but the journey is well worth the effort involved and we become closer to God, to the students we teach, and to the community of God's people as a whole.

I have not sung in a choir, but I am quite sure the journey there is parallel.

So enjoy this change of seasons. It does mean it's own brand of beauty, along with it's own brand of work. Through it all, look forward to the journey that God will take you on this autumn. A journey into the comfortable and familiar, and a journey into the new and unexpected. Remember always the church community around you to help along the way.

Grace and Peace,

Your Pastor,

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Support the emergency response and recovery from Hurricane Florence:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Florence. PDA is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by the storm on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. Initial assessment suggests catastrophic destruction, but the full scope of the damage will not be known for many months. *Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000169, which supports the church's response to hurricanes impacting the U.S. Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P. O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS



Youth Group and Junior High kids (3rd thru 8th grades)

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 21st at 3:00 p.m.

Come join us ~ We will be making our own personal pizzas and getting to know each other. We will have a sign-up sheet posted for you to sign up for an item to bring to our pizza dinner. Please RSVP to Mrs. West via email or cell phone (908) 674-2734 if you will be able to join us. Hope to see you all on the 21st!



B(ig) Y(outh) G(roup)

PNO (Parents Night Out)

hosted by BYG Work Camp at CPC

You and your friends are invited . . .

Come out to any or all of the following Friday Nights from 6-9 pm

October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10

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

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

We will provide popcorn, drinks, games, crafts and a family-friendly movie for your kids while you enjoy a night out on the town (or whatever you choose to do with your 3 hours).

Questions: Contact Christy 908-443-1294 or bygworkcamp@gmail.com



Church Life



The Presbyterian Women of Community Presbyterian Church will be holding their

annual **Holiday Extravaganza** again this year on **Saturday, November 10th**. Hours will be

10 am to 3 pm. Marie Duryea has graciously had our flyers printed for us. Feel free to take a few and post them at your favorite deli, market, or coffee shop in the next few weeks. They are on the table in the hallway outside the office.

We have lined up our chairpersons and are getting ready. Speak to *Nancy Pappas* if you would like to help with the *Gourmet on the Run* cooking each week.



We are looking for men and women who like to make crafts--we will need to have your items brought up to the church

by November 7th and *please have an idea on how you would like your things priced*.



We will also need a large number of baked goods to fill the long tables the day of the event. There will be packaging containers in the church office by mid -October so help yourself to the 3 sizes of clear clam shell containers, and loaf pans with lids. Hopefully this will save you time by not having to wrap with Saran wrap on paper plates. There will also be decorative china plates you can use.

Donna Price is heading up the *Silent Auction* again. If you have an item you would like to donate for the Auction, please let Donna know.



Linda Conover and Barbara Gill will be chairing the *Tea with Savories and Sweets*.

If you can assist on Friday, November 9th, or on Saturday November 10th in the kitchen, please inform one of them. We will be needing teenagers to help serve lunch the day of the event, too.

Presbyterian Women have always held successful Holiday Extravaganzas each year. We feel our event is wonderful for folks to attend --we offer good buys on holiday decor, crafts and gifts, plus our baked goods are fabulous.

Thank you to all our CPC members who help us out!

Beth Pfaff and Michelle Scrivens



CULTURED PURLS

'Cultured Purls' will meet on Tuesday, October 2, beginning at 1:00 pm at CPC in the Fireplace Room.



November's meeting will be at the home of Jean Towers on November 6th ~ we will be pricing items for the Holiday Extravaganza. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please contact Teddie at (908) 879-7890.

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YOUNG PARENTS GROUP

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!
HOLD THE DATE**

**Saturday, December 1st, 4:00 pm.
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**

**There will be more details in the November
Newsletter and the bulletin...so stay tuned.**



PARISH LIFE

We are planning a Parish Life book club. We have selected the book Same Kind of Different As Me by Ron Hall, Denver Moore, and Lynn Vincent.

We plan to meet at 7 PM, Thursday, October 18th. We have several copies of the book available from members of Parish Life who have purchased them, and there are a number of copies of the book available through the Chester/Morris County Library system, including ebook and audiobook formats. Anyone interested is invited to join us that evening for tea and coffee, snacks and a discussion of the book.



Monthly Women's Breakfasts

Come join us and bring a friend or two for our monthly Women's Breakfasts. We usually meet the first Saturday of the month, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Chester Diner for fellowship and food before heading off to whatever adventures we have on our schedules for the day.

Our next breakfasts are scheduled for Saturday, October 6th, and November 3rd at the Diner. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Center, if you have a chance. If you find at the last minute you can join us, just drop in at the Diner ~ bring a friend, the more the merrier.



SCRIP NEWS

This month we had 17 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$425.74 for CPC; our year-to-date net rebate is \$2,479.10. Last year at this time our net rebate totaled \$2,381.57. THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

Myra Wolgamuth 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, October 14, 2018. Have a great month. Remember holidays are coming, start your scrip shopping early.

Church Life

The following is a list of October 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 . . .

Rob and Jennifer Fisher	10/01/05
Bruce and Amy Schmeal	10/01/94
Mike and Heather Adam	10/02/04
David and Mona Fortunato	10/14/90
Randy and Susan LeLoup	10/18/97
Jared and Krista Welter	10/21/06
Craig and Barbara DeBoer	10/27/16



OOPS! I did it again.... Somehow the newsletter editor missed an anniversary in September again.

Jennifer (Stewart) and David Dean 9/26/2015

*Belated Happy Anniversary
Jennifer & David.*

If we have missed anyone else, please email or call the church office so we can put you on the list for next time.

Happy birthday wishes to...

Diane Phares	10/01
James Suter	10/01
Dylan Clessuras	10/03
Tyler Clessuras	10/03
Eric Schmeal	10/03
Thomas Stewart	10/05
Suzanne Bailey	10/07
Richard Carrara	10/07
Matthew Sullivan	10/07
Nicholas Sullivan	10/07
Steven Huck	10/08
Jakob Scrivens	10/08
Brad Carrara	10/10
Zachary Huck	10/11
Barbara Gill	10/16
Ted Zimmer	10/16
Matthew Adam	10/17
Nikolas Thunberg	10/18
Mikaylah West	10/18
Elizabeth Sorchini	10/21
Adley Welter	10/21
Timothy Huck	10/22
Carol Puffer	10/22
Kaitlyn Davis	10/23
Tom Perry	10/24
Brandt Davis	10/25
Rosanna McMichael	10/25
Madeline Rose Rolfe	10/25
Andy Smith	10/25
Susan Lomelo	10/26
Chloe Ash	10/27
Gail Lavalette	10/27
Matthew Menagh	10/29



Especially needed for Chester Food Pantry

Tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorants, shampoos, tomato products i.e. sauce, paste, stewed, diced; coffee, drinks/juice, canned fruits, canned chili, jello and puddings, gravy and syrup.

Donations are always appreciated and gratefully accepted.

Trunk for donations is located in Fellowship Center



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<p>1 9:00 Gourmet-on-the-Run 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 HealthyBones</p> <p>4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:15 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 1:00 'Cultured Purl's'</p> <p>4:00 Irish Dance 7:00 Overeat Anon.</p>	<p>3 10:00 Healthy Bones</p> <p>4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:30 C.Sct Parents Orientation Mtg. 7:30 Senior Choir</p>	<p>4 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics</p> <p>5:30 Irish Dance 6:30 Cub Sct Den 7:00 A.C.A,</p>	<p>5 9:00 Gourmet-on-the-Run 10:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>6 8:00 Women's Breakfast 8:30 Men's Fellowship</p>	
<p>7 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 9:15 Senior Choir 10:00 Worship/Nursery Sunday School stays In church 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments</p> <p>6:30 Starting Over 6:30 Senior Highs</p>	<p>8 9:00 Gourmet-on-the-Run 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 HealthyBones</p> <p>Columbus Day Office Closed</p> <p>4:30 LifeLongFitness 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 COUNCILS 7:30 CubSct. Ldrs Mtg</p>	<p>9 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 10:15 50 Plus Club</p> <p>4:00 Irish Dance 7:00 Overeat. Anon</p>	<p>10 10:00 Healthy Bones</p> <p>4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:00 Girl Sct. Ldrs 7:30 Senior Choir</p>	<p>11 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics</p> <p>5:30 Irish Dance 7:00 A.C.A.</p>	<p>12 9:00 Gourmet-on-the-Run 9:30 Beginners Mtg. 10:00 Al-Anon</p> <p>6:00 Parents' Night Out</p>	<p>13 8:30 Men's Fellowship</p> <p>3:00 Morris Wedding</p>	
<p>14 9:15 Senior Choir 10:00 Worship/Nurs. Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Scrip Orders</p> <p>6:30 Starting Over 6:30 Senior Highs</p>	<p>15 9:00 Gourmet-on-the-Run 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones</p> <p>4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:30 Cub Den 2 & 8 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 SESSION</p>	<p>16 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics</p> <p>Pastor Chris on Continuing Education</p> <p>4:00 Irish Dance</p> <p>7:00 B.S. Adv. Wkshp 7:00 Overeaters Anon</p>		<p>17 10:00 Healthy Bones</p> <p>4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:30 Boy Sct. Com. 7:30 Senior Choir</p>	<p>18 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics</p> <p>5:30 Irish Dance 7:00 A.C.A. 7:00 Parish Life Book Club</p>	<p>19 9:00 Gourmet-on-the-Run 10:00 Al-Anon</p> <p>NOVEMBER NEWS DEADLINE PLEASE</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 9:15 Senior Choir 10:00 Worship/Nursery/Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments 3:00 Youth Group-Junior Highs (3rd-8th)</p>	<p>22 9:00 Gourmet-on-the-Run 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones</p> <p>4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 DEACONS</p>	<p>23 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 10:15 50+ Club</p> <p>4:00 Irish Dance 7:00 Overeaters Anon</p>	<p>24 10:00 Healthy Bones</p> <p>4:30 LifeLong Fitness</p> <p>6:00 Jubilee Ringers 7:30 Senior Choir</p>	<p>25 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics</p> <p>5:30 Irish Dance 7:00 A.C.A.</p>	<p>26 9:00 Gourmet-on-the-Run 9:30 Beginners Mtg. 10:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>27 8:30 Men's Fellowship</p> <p>Scouting for Food</p>	
<p>28 REFORMATION SUN. 9:15 Senior Choir 10:00 Worship/Nursery/Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments 11:30 Pres. Women Meeting</p> <p>6:30 Senior Highs</p>	<p>29 9:00 Gourmet-on-the-Run 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones</p> <p>4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:30 Cub Dens 2&8 7:15 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>30 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics</p> <p>7:00 Overeaters Anon</p>	<p>31 10:00 Healthy Bones</p> <p>4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:30 Senior Choir</p>	<p>Communion Set-Up: Michelle Scrivens, Karen McConnell</p> <p>Flowers: Michelle Scrivens</p> <p>PLEASE: November Newsletter articles due NO LATER THAN Friday, OCTOBER 19.</p>			

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