



Community Presbyterian Church News

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Community Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 148, 220 Main Street
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From Worship Council:

Make plans to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with your CPC Family



Holy Week Worship



April 14 Palm/Passion Sunday: 10:00 am family worship



Maundy Thursday Service celebrating the Passover Last Supper will be at CPC at 7:00 pm on April 18th.



Good Friday Service is at First Congregational Church, Hillside Road, Chester at 7:00 pm on April 19th.



EASTER SUNDAY:

**6:30 am ~ Sunrise Service at Alstede's Farm,
Route 24 followed by breakfast in
Fellowship Center at CPC.**

Dress warmly. In the event of inclement weather, we will gather at CPC.

7:15 a.m. ~ Hot food, warm fellowship! Join us in Fellowship Center.

8:30 a.m. ~ Worship

10:00 a.m. ~ Worship

*Special music will be part of all three services
to highlight the good news that is Easter!*



CPC Presbyterian Women sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:00 a.m. Service for the Younger Crowd (children up to third grade)

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From Your Pastor . . .

Believe it or not, one of my favorite things about spring is spring cleaning. Those first few days, or parts of days, when it is warm enough to have the windows open are so refreshing and rejuvenating. It always inspires me to start looking around at things in a new light, with a new view, and start making room.

It all begins easily enough; sorting and putting away winter clothes, some to donate, some for next year. Organizing closets, coat racks, shoes, and sweeping up and vacuuming corners and behind things. When we make room in one place, when we tidy it up, other areas suddenly look cluttered by comparison, so we move on. If you're like me, there always seems to be one or two Christmas items, a towel, a dish, a decoration, that escaped that clean up, so up into the attic they go.

From closet to closet, shelf to shelf, room to room we go; feeling more energized and excited as we progress. Satisfaction comes from a job well done, things de-cluttered, and just the simple feeling of accomplishment in the face of a new season arriving. The refreshing, rejuvenating, and renewing aspects of this practice are not to be overlooked.

The downside is that clearing out the old, whatever it may be, can be a difficult process. We so easily get attached to things. For whatever reasons, "Things" frequently hold for us memories, ideas, comforts, and habits. Some stuff is easy to clear out and seeing things cleaner and better organized can inspire us to move on and dig deeper. But, in the midst of the frenzy, in the "flow" of our cleaning and organizing, we are so often stopped in our tracks by something, an item, or a photo, an article of clothing, even a smell, or any number of other things that sparks a memory and that makes us pause, and reflect.

These pauses can range from joyous to sad and melancholy, excited to fearful, and so many other things along the continuum of human emotional experience. Finding these things once again takes us back to places from some time long ago, or even recently; but these are places that we had either forgotten about or "stored away" in a part of our memory.

It has been said that God gives us one direction in which to move, forward. But we are a product of our past. We are a compilation of experiences that have molded us into who we are today, for better or worse, based upon how we navigated through those experiences. Part of the good news in what can be a troubling and difficult time as we do our spring cleaning, is that our God is timeless and ever present. Perhaps a good challenge for us before, during, and after we do our spring cleaning this year is to read Psalm 139. Here is a part that is particularly comforting for our journeys in life, and particularly our journey through spring cleaning:

"Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast." - Psalm 139:7–10 NRSV

So dig in, dig deep, clear out, and clean up, and remember that no matter what you uncover, no matter where your journey takes you, your God is with you in all things.

Your cluttered-closet Pastor,

Rev Chris Scrivens

BYG ~ (Big Youth Group) ~ Upcoming Fundraising Events!



BYG Parents' Night Out

hosted by BYG Work Camp

Fridays, April 12 and May 10th

from 6:00—9:00 pm

These are the last ones until the fall!!

Cost \$12.00 for first kid and \$10.00 for each additional kid. Friends are always welcome! We would love to entertain your youth while you take a night off or night out on the town!

CHOCOLATES ON BROADWAY

Once again BYG is selling **Chocolates on Broadway** for Easter during coffee hour the next two Sundays.

Orders will be due on April 6th, all chocolates are made to order. Checks can be made payable to BYG Work Camp or contact John Hellriegel or Christy Hemmes about ordering. Shop for Easter Basket goodies and help the BYG at the same time! Orders will be here in time for Easter.



FROM YOUR DEACONS:

The Deacons and members and friends will be assembling Easter baskets for needy families in our area on Monday, April 15th. In order to do this we need items that are not always available at the Food Pantry such as ***stew, peanut butter, jelly, regular size cereals (hot and cold), cooking oil, complete desserts (i.e., cake mix and icing mix, pie crust and filling)***. We need your help to get these items to fill the boxes. **The items you bring can be put on the stage in Fellowship Center, this way we will know it is for the Easter food boxes and not the regular food pantry donations.**

Please, NO GLASS CONTAINERS.

John and Beth Pfaff could use help on the morning of April 15th to pick up order from Shop Rite. If you can lend a hand, please let John or Beth know. Thank you.

CHURCH LIFE

From Your Management Council

Reports:

Snow and ice from three storms in 5 days were the main challenges this month. The Snow Clearing team of Management, Pastor Chris, Ann Marie, Richard Bordonaro and John Hellriegel managed* to handle the situations. Harrington had to dig out the dumpster from a snow and ice, snow-plowed pile 12 feet side, 6 feet high and 14 feet extension into the parking lot.

A table in Larison had the legs broken off one end from being dragged and/or pushed with metal legs or rubber tips against a wood floor. The other end had already been broken and re-welded by R&R. Dick had this end welded at R&R. We are trying some slippery table leg feet tips. We expect people will continue to drag, push these heavy tables no matter what people or signs say. If these tips work, we will install them on the legs of all the tables. One light, plastic table had a broken leg rivet Sunday. We can replace the rivet with a bolt and nut.

Bella Construction started the sanctuary gutter repairs today, Monday, Mar. 18. They replaced the fascia on damaged courtyard side. Another crew will install the new gutter and check the parking lot side status Tuesday.

Michael from Service Plus, sister company to Chef's Corner, came at 11am and spent about 2 hours checking out the kitchen sink. The first thing he found was a hidden pump filter down inside, that was completely clogged. It may not have been cleaned since the dishwasher was installed. This may not be the whole problem.

While we were testing the washer, a worn gasket from the top of the lid fell down inside. There are 3 gaskets (left/front/right) and all need to be ordered and replaced. This does not seem to part of the leak. While Michael was there he cleaned the filters on the refrigerator and the freezer. The freezer filter had quite a bit of lint/dust.

The new side doors for Larison are leaking around the panels. We are checking who made them to stop the leaks.

We took advantage of PW's efforts to obtain estimates for painting the interior of Larison to obtain at least two estimates for painting the exterior. This will help sort out the long list of long-term, high cost projects.

The second light fixture in the Ladies restroom is failing. A long light fixture in Fellowship basement may have also failed.

There was only one handle on the doors of the Fellowship Center fireplace. A new matching pair was installed.

The backup battery for timer for the lights over the rear entry ramp failed. Re-programming the timer, with the postage stamp sized display and tiny buttons without the instructions, is being a challenge,

Sunday, March 17, we learned that the water fountain in Fellowship Center and the Wash sink in the kitchen both drain very slowly.

Nicholas Shannon's Boy Scout Eagle book collection went well. Tommy Dombroski is preparing a proposal for the sanctuary attic steps repair project.

The Irish Dance class has moved to a permanent studio in Ironia. CPC could not meet their needs for storage of a dance floor and use. They will no longer need to rent CPC space. They gave a nice performance at our Spud Fest.

*Deliberate use of term.

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FROM PARISH LIFE

Parish Life hosted our annual Spud Fest on Sunday March 17th, following the worship service. This event was well attended by CPC members and family and friends of the Irish dancers. Everyone enjoyed the potatoes with toppings as well as the variety of desserts contributed by church members and the talented performance by the 15 Irish dance troupe.

BOOK CLUB

The March Book Club meeting was held on Thursday, March 21st. The book selected was A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. Our next book selected is Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A devout Muslim Encounters Christianity, by Nabeel Qureshi, for anyone who would like to get started reading. We will meet again on Thursday, May 30th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. If anyone has suggestions for future Book Club reads, please contact Joan Stephens.

and please note... .

Following the worship service on Sunday, April 7th, Tom Perry will be presenting an overview of Islam in preparation for our next Book Club reading by Nabeel Qureshi. Everyone is welcome to listen to the presentation whether you are reading the book or not.



Presbyterian Women had our first meeting of 2019. We discussed our budget and plans for the upcoming year.

Ladies, mark your calendars now: Our **Annual Spring Dinner** will be held at Redwoods on April 28th at 5:00 p.m. All Women are invited to attend. Cost will be \$25 per person. Please sign up in Fellowship Center or call the office and we will add your name to the list. Make checks payable to CPC PW. Any questions, please see Michelle Scrivens or Beth Pfaff.

Peach!

August 3 will be here before you know it and the Peach Festival Pit Crew is continuing to plan.

We need folks throughout the summer, but at this point we KNOW we need:

- ◆ Chair for Sporting Goods
- ◆ Chair/workers for the Book booth on PF day. Books will be sorted throughout the summer, but day of sellers are needed.
- ◆ Parking lot manager for PF day

Start thinking about how you'd like to participate and gathering your donations now!

Thank you from the Pit Crew,

*Carolyn Bearlepp, John Hellriegel,
Hope Hollenbeck, Terri Kramer, Beth &
John Pfaff, Nancy Thaiss, Judy Treutlein*



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

COME join us for breakfast and fellowship at the Chester Diner beginning at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month ~ mark your calendars now and plan to join us on April 6th! Can't make that date. . . . Maybe you will be able to come for our next breakfast on May 4th. A sign-up sheet is usually posted on the bulletin board located in Fellowship Center or call the Church Office and we'll add your name to the list. Bring a friend, the more the merrier. *There is nothing better than starting out your day with wonderful fellowship and warm food!*



Presbyterian Women will hold a brief meeting on Sunday, April 7th following the worship service.

CHURCH LIFE



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



The following is a list of APRIL 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to.....

James Suter and Deb Madsen	04/03/93
Alan and Sharon Hooey	04/13/85
Tom and Karen Stewart	04/21/79
Derek & Karen Wilson	04/27/91

Mark Puffer	04/01	Nicholas Clessuras	04/12	Helen Jones	04/22
Eleanor Biribauer	04/03	Barbara Misar	04/12	Karen McConnell	04/23
Adelaide Lavelle	04/03	Marc Moffitt	04/13	Paul Beam	04/25
Timothy Treutlein	04/03	Caitlin Babcock	04/16	Jennifer Dean	04/25
Aubree West	04/03	Derek Wilson	04/17	Mark Seel	04/25
Anna Apgar	04/06	Richard Carrara, III	04/21	Bart Case	04/26
Bill Jardine	04/06	Annabelle Ernst	04/21	Emily Sullivan	04/26
Dawn Clessuras	04/07	Bob Jones	04/21	Emily Hemmes	04/29
Jack Dean	04/08	Suzanne Hoffman	04/22	Scott Ernst	04/30
Kerri Wright	04/11				



'CULTURED PURLS'

Our next couple meeting will be held on Tuesday, Tuesday, May 7th our in the Fireplace Room of Fellowship Center at CPC.

Everyone is welcome.

Come join us, if you don't know how to knit or crochet we will help you or maybe you haven't knitted or crocheted in a while and would like to take up again but need a bit of help. We make many things for the PW Holiday Extravaganza, baby blankets, scarves for the guests of the Soup Kitchen. There is something for all skill levels. Anything that you make would be greatly appreciated. We have lots of yarn. Any of the 'Cultured Purls' ladies can help If you have any questions and/or would like more information.

CHESTER FOOD PANTRY

Donations are always happily and gratefully accepted



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Items most needed: Laundry and dish detergent, coffee, gravy, cookies, stew, jello, puddings.

PLEASE: No Glass containers of any kind

Thank you for your generosity.

Items maybe dropped off in the trunk in Fellowship Center.



April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Cub Scout Ldrs	2 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 1:00 'Cultured Purls' 7:00 Overeat. Anon.	3 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:30 Senior Choir	4 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg.	5 10:00 Al-Anon 3:30 Brownies Troop 96583	6 8:00 Women's B'fast 8:30 Men's Fellowship 10:30 Sat. Morning Bible Study
7 Communion <i>9:15 Senior Choir 10:00 Worship/Nurs. Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Presentation on Islam Brief PW Mtg. 5:00 Confirmation</i>	8 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 COUNCILS	9 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 10:15 50+ Club 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts	10 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 5:30 CubSct.LionsDen 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:00 G.Sct Ldrs Mtg. 7:30 Senior Choir	11 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 3:15 Peach Fest. Pit Crew Meeting	12 9:30 Beginners Mtg. 10:00 Al-Anon 6:00 BYG - Parents Night Out	13 8:30 Mens Fellowship 10:30 Sat. Morning Bible Study
14 Palm Sunday <i>9:15 Senior Choir 10:00 Worship/Nurs. Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Scrip 5:00 Confirmation 6:30 Senior Highs</i>	15 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones 10:00 Pickup at Shop Rite 5:00 DEACONS - food baskets 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 SESSION	16 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 5:30 Cub Sct. Lions 7:00 Overeat. Anon. 7:00 Boy Sct Adv.Wk	17 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:00 Boy Scat. Com.? 7:30 Senior Choir	18 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 7:00 Maundy Thurs. Service 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg ?	19 Office Closed 10:00 Al-Anon 7:00 Service	20 10:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal
21 EASTER <i>6:30 Sunrise Service 7:15 Breakfast 8:30 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Svc. 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Egg Hunt</i>	22 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 DEACONS	23 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 10:15 50+ Club 7:00 Overeat. Anon.	24 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:00 Tiger Den Cubs. 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:30 Senior Choir	25 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg	26 9:30 Beginners Mt 10:00 Al-Anon	27
28 <i>9:15 Senior Choir 10:00 Worship/Nurs. Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments 2:00 G.S. Raingutter Regatta 5:00 Pres. Women Dinner Out-Redwoods</i>	29 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts	30 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 7:00 Overeat. Anon.				

EASTER LILIES AND/OR TULIPS



We are offering everyone the opportunity
to purchase the traditional Easter Lily
AND / OR
A pot of Tulips
for Easter Sunday



Use this form to order and drop it in the offering plate, or bring / mail to the Church Office. Please make checks payable to Community Presbyterian Church. You may pick up your plant(s) after the last Worship Service on Easter Sunday or leave them for the Deacons for delivery to our sick and shut-ins.

Easter Lilies ordered at 11.00 ea. Total: \$

Pot(s) of Tulips ordered @ 13.50 ea. Total: \$

Grand Total: \$

In honor of: and / or In memory of:

(please print below how you would like it to appear in bulletin)

Given by: Name/Names:

Telephone Number:

I will pick up my plant(s) **following the 10:00 Service**

I would like the Deacons to deliver my plant(s) to one of our sick or shut-ins

DEADLINE for ordering is SUNDAY, APRIL 7th