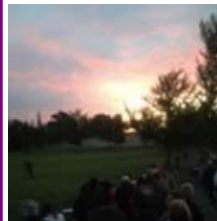


## Community Presbyterian Church News

### APRIL- MAY, 2020

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#### FROM PASTOR CHRIS



Easter Sunday begins the traditional liturgical season of Eastertide that lasts until Pentecost on May 31st. It is disappointing that we will not be able to celebrate this most holy of days in person together in our sanctuary. It makes me wonder about the long history of our congregation, since 1751, and what other Easters or other holidays, have been missed and why.

I know during the American Revolution, church did not meet for awhile, which is understandable. Also, our very first pastor, Rev Samuel Harker, ended up being removed by the denomination as a heretic! It was deemed, after some investigation, that "his teachings drifted out of the bounds of Reformed theology". Rev. Harker's creative solution to the situation was to volunteer as a chaplain for the Continental Army for a few years to avoid proceedings by the Presbytery.

Also of note, that our second pastor, Rev William Woodhull, was the first cousin to Abraham Woodhull of "Culper ring" fame and portrayed as the main character in the series "Turn, Washington's Spies". It was excellent BTW and I would suggest you watch it during our time of isolation. Rev. Woodhull was apparently an ardent patriot and spoke against the Crown from the pulpit. Anyway, I digress. But this is a time of digressions being kind of useful.

Back to Easter 2020, which is safe to say, an interesting bit to add to our long history.

We will have an Easter service recorded this coming Sunday by 10am so please plan to listen in and celebrate together with us, even though we are physically apart.

Since we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ every Sunday, and since we are in a singularly unusual time, we plan on celebrating Easter again once we can safely meet in person in the sanctuary!

So look forward to "**Second Easter**" which will begin with the Easter Sunrise service at Alstede's Farm, an Easter breakfast back at CPC, Second Easter worship in the sanctuary, and then an Easter egg hunt for the kids!

As Farmer Kurt Alstede mentioned, "*We will all need something to celebrate when this is over*", and celebrate we will!

So be well, stay safe, remain socially connected while remaining physically distant, and make a point about connecting with your Church, all it takes is a click!

See you soon!

Rev Chris Scrivens

# FootSteps

*Following Our One Teacher to  
Study Teach Experience Pray Salvation*



**Sunday School** - We had our first virtual Sunday School using Zoom. We shared some of the activities that we have been doing at home with our family. We also reviewed the 5 - Finger Prayer model while sharing prayers.

A slide show was created showing the children of our congregation with inspirational messages.

This is the link: <https://gopro.com/v/Jbog00pbbE7n7> if you would like to check it out.

Various activities have been emailed to the children to complete while at home. All of the lessons are a review from previously taught lessons. Additionally, the children each have a personal account to access our Bibles, which allows them to play games, learning activities and passages.

Please share a picture of your child/family on Easter (egg hunt, Easter basket, family picture at the dinner table, etc.). Our congregation would greatly enjoy seeing all of the children. I miss you all and wish you and your family a wonderful Easter Holiday.

**\*Our next virtual Sunday School will be on Sunday, April 19th. Invitation will be sent separately with log-in information/codes.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out via email [familyministries@pcchester.org](mailto:familyministries@pcchester.org).

Thank you for your support! Melissa Ash



*Wishing everyone a  
Happy Easter*



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



# Clothing Drive!

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

10:00am-4:00pm

Community Presbyterian Church

220 Main St, Chester, NJ 07930

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED

\*\*\*All items donated must be in good, usable condition. Items we collect are NOT SHREDDED. All donated items will be processed upon arrival to ensure that they meet eligible donation criteria.\*\*\*

### *We are collecting:*

- CD's/DVD's: In appropriate cases, no burned copies or loose discs.
- Bicycles: Must have all working functional parts, no flat tires.
- Toys: Soft or Hard Toys, below 14 inches
- Linens: Bedsheets, Blankets, Curtains
- Clothing and Shoes: Men's, Women's, Children's, Infants
- Accessories: Belts, Purses, Backpacks, Hats

### Not Acceptable Items:

- Books, Board Games, Puzzles, Large Toys (above 14 inches in size)
- Art Supplies (Crayons, Markers, Coloring Books, Crafting Items, Fabric Scraps)
- Furniture, Rugs, Exercise Equipment, Appliances or Electronics of Any Kind (Nothing with a Cord)
- Winter Boots, Winter Coats, Single shoes, Roller Skates, Ice Skates
- Dirty, Damp, Damaged, Tattered items, Rags, Items with Holes or Tears, Broken Items
- Pack and Plays, Car Seats, Strollers, Baby Seats, Loungers
- Miscellaneous Housewares, Decorative Items, Bric-Brac,
- Dishes, Glassware, Baking/Cookware, Pots/Pans, Kitchenware of any Kind

If you need to drop off prior to Saturday, please Contact BYG to schedule an appointment at [bygworkcamp@gmail.com](mailto:bygworkcamp@gmail.com)

### **Fundraiser to benefit BYG Work Camp!**

A mission group composed of 7 local area churches that travel to Appalachia every summer to rebuild homes with Appalachia service project. This summer we will once again send volunteers who will spend a week making many families homes warmer, safer & drier through home repairs

# CHURCH LIFE

## FROM PARISH LIFE

### BOOK CLUB

The Book Club read A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles and we had planned to meet on March 31<sup>st</sup> for a discussion of the book, but then the Corona virus took things out of our hands. We decided not to do a virtual meeting but to meet when we are able to be together as a group once again. We welcome anyone who would like to join us and are always open for book suggestions.

If anyone has suggestions for future Book Club reads, please contact Joan Stephens. In the meantime, stay safe, be well, and wash your hands.



The Presbyterian Women annual dinner at Redwoods Restaurant scheduled for April 26th will be

postponed to a later date. We will let everyone know the new date later on. The June 14th PW meeting at the church will also be postponed for now.

We are hoping everyone is staying healthy and safe. While you are home, if you come up with any new ideas or crafts for our Holiday Extravaganza (November 14th) please let Michelle or Beth know. This is a good time to peruse Pinterest, magazines, and craft books. We always welcome new ideas for baked goods too from our many talented cooks. If you are cleaning closets and drawers, do not forget to save any jewelry that you would like to donate to the Extravaganza. All donations are tax deductible.

CPC Presbyterian Women are happy to announce that 82% of our 2019 proceeds were donated to various projects such as painting the Larison room, music program, and other charities and projects.

## MONTHLY WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Our monthly breakfasts at the Chester Diner have been postponed for now. We will let everyone know when we will be able to get back together. In the meantime stay well and be safe.



### 'Cultured Purls'

As everyone knows, we aren't able to have our monthly gatherings at the moment. While we are staying home, keeping safe distances etc., this is a great time to look for projects or work on projects for the Holiday Extravaganza, or make scarves for the Soup Kitchen, but more important, keep in touch with each other!



## CHESTER FOOD PANTRY

*Donations are always happily and gratefully accepted*



Food Pantry Donations Needed

**Items that are most needed: Paper towels, toilet paper, barbecue sauce, jelly, stew, deodorant, dish detergent, laundry detergent, coffee, cooking oil, cookies, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, salad dressing, pasta sauce, sides**

**PLEASE: No Glass containers of any kind**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

Items may be dropped off in the trunk in Fellowship Center.

## CHURCH LIFE



### APRIL & MAY 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.



#### Happy Anniversary wishes to . . .

James Suter and Deb Madsen	04/03/93
Tom and Karen Stewart	04/21/79
Derek & Karen Wilson	04/27/91
Paul & Kim Rundzieher	05/13/95
Lou & Mary Iozzi	05/15/88
Dan & Jerilynn Harris	05/22/82
Dale & Carol Davis, III	05/24/80
Ed & Susan Johnson	05/26/07

*Oops ~ When you see Hope LeFrancis, please wish her a Belated happy birthday. Her name was omitted from our March birthdays and anniversaries!*

#### **April Birthdays**

Mark Puffer	04/01
Athena Meseck	04/02
Eleanor Biribauer	04/03
Adelaide Lavelle	04/03
Timothy Treutlein	04/03
Aubree West	04/03
Anna Apgar	04/06
Bill Jardine	04/06
Dawn Clessuras	04/07
Miriam Gonsiska	04/07
Ava Hartle	04/07
Jack Dean	04/08
Andrea Hartle	04/10
Kerri Wright	04/11
Nicholas Clessuras	04/12
Barbara Misar	04/12
Marc Moffitt	04/13
Derek Wilson	04/17
Richard Carrara, III	04/21
Annibelle Ernst	04/21

Bob Jones	04/21
Suzanne Hoffman	
Culberson	04/22
Helen Jones	04/22
Karen McConnell	04/23
Paul Beam	04/25
Jennifer Dean	04/25
Mark Seel	04/25
Bart Case	04/26
Emily Sullivan	04/26
Emily Hemmes	04/29
Scott Ernst	04/30

#### **May Birthdays**

Chloe Warlick	05/02
Edward Johnson	05/04
Veronica Iozzi	05/06
Rebecca McMichael	05/09
Jennifer Fisher	05/11
Alina Hutchinson	05/13

Dylan Clessuras	05/14
David Fortunato	05/14
Sierra Tonnesen	05/14
Shea Torgersen	05/15
Ed Hemmes, Jr.	05/20
Amelia Scarfo	05/21
Skye Tonnesen	05/21
Cindy Zimmer	05/21
Declan Davis, IV	05/22
Caitlin Bailey	05/23
Becky Thunberg	05/24
Kim Biango	05/26
Sharon Hooley	05/27
Alan Lindstrom	05/27
Stephanie	
Shaeffer-Trevisan	05/27
Lauren Collins	05/28
Darcy Taylor	05/28
Kevin Collins	05/31
Shawn Cudnik	05/31
Cole Thunberg	05/31

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