



Community Presbyterian Church News

SEPTEMBER, 2021

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

Vacation Bible School: We had a very successful Vacation Bible School this past week. We raised \$125 for clean water in Africa, enough to buy a family a filter to use. The children talked and learned about the Christmas story and even decorated a Christmas tree with a new ornament every day. A big thank you to all who helped, VBS would not have been a success without you!

Sunday School: Our next big event is **Rally Day!** Please mark your calendars for **September 19th for church service and kickball and pizza following to kick off our Sunday School year.**

Additionally, continue to use the Five Finger Model with your children while praying. Together we are making Footsteps for the children of our future. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions familyministries@cpcchester.org. or Emily West (908) 674-2734. Thank you for your help and support.



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Pastor's Page

Well, another summer for the record books, but in a much different way than last year. It has been wonderful being back to worship again, although we all miss our wonderful coffee hours, but that will all just take time. Worshipping on the lawn has been a nice thing to do as well. We are so blessed to have the property we have with the beautiful front lawn space, as well as the capacity to have a spare sound system for outdoor worship. It is always nice to have such options and to be able to exercise them when we need to, as with last summer, and when we want to, as with this.

I think the most memorable change was with Peach Festival. Community Presbyterian has held a summer festival since the end of World War II, and the Peach Festival properly began in 1978 and has run continuously without cancellation. Returning to something so steadfast in our history required a good bit of determination and a lot of discussion, discernment, and planning. The idea of returning to a smaller, country church summer festival was appealing, it fit what was possible, and the idea of "smaller" was appealing in many ways.

With any church event, the work leading up to it should be a means to building community. Rev Dietrich Bonhoeffer, whom we are currently studying in our Tuesday afternoon Bible Study, wrote, "*Where the church is, there is never loneliness*".

I think with the Peach Festival being smaller this year, the long preparation and setup was much more of the community building time and space that it should be. We had a number of newer congregants helping out this year, which is always a delight, and there were frequent comments about the impressive size of the event. From the veterans, I often heard the comments about how delightfully small and "approachable" Peach prep was this year! On both ends of the spectrum, from both newcomer and long-time participant, I believe that Peach Festival 2021 was what we hoped from this event: an opportunity to welcome the public to the property, an event that generates income for the Church, and much time for us to work together, get to know one another, and build the community that is at the heart of being church.

As we relax for a short while after Peach Festival is over and cleaned up, Vacation Bible School the same, and Rally Day and Holiday Extravaganza are still a bit in the distance, it is time to reflect on the summer past. I haven't spoke with anyone who does not agree that Peach Festival was better in this more abbreviated form, but we rely upon Peach Festival for a significant boost to income. The decision that we need to make, and this comes down to everyone that calls Community Presbyterian their church home, is if we can keep it this way. The question is similar to one we deal with every day of our personal lives and it has to do with what things we do ourselves and what we pay others to do.

As we continue to reflect upon this summer past and look forward to the events of the autumn, my prayer for all of us is that we remember how fulfilling it was to prepare for and participate in the Peach Festival. As we pray about our pledges for 2022, can we give more to help keep this congregation running the way we are accustomed and can we make space in our giving to keep Peach Festival smaller and more of a community building event that makes money as opposed to a money making event?

Your always Peachy Pastor,

Rev Chris Scrivens

Peach Festival 2021

Thank you



Whether your contribution was many hours or a few, whether your contribution was big or small, we say thank you. We all worked together to make this year’s reimagined peach festival a success. As of this writing we have grossed a little over \$42,000 and it’s because we worked together.

We plan to have a follow-up meeting with the chair people and interested parties following worship on September 26th. We hope to see you there and once again, thank you.

“None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.” - Mother Teresa

YOUTH GROUPS

BYG (Big Youth Group)

BYG/Youth Fellowship Fundraiser coming up:



CRAFT FAIR PARKING - -: we will once again park cars between 8:30 am and 5pm on Saturday, Sept. 11th and Sunday, Sept. 12th for the Fall Craft Fair.

Email bygworkcamp@gmail.com hours you will be able to lend a hand, and help raise funds towards ASP trip.

Parish Life Council



The Council sponsored **book club** met on Wednesday August 18 to discuss the book **A Long Petal of the Sea** by Isabel Allende.

We have chosen **West with Giraffes** by Lynda Rutledge as their next read. We are planning to meet on Tuesday, September 28th at 6:30 pm for a discussion of the book.

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



SAVE THE DATE

INTERGENERATIONAL GAME DAY PLANNED

Parish Life is planning an Intergenerational Game Day following the Worship service on Sunday, October 10th. There will be games for everyone, we will be outdoors if weather permits.

Join us to play an old favorite or try a new game. We hope to include cornhole, badminton, etc. If you have a game you would like to bring, please let us know.

On another note: Unless guidance does not support it, we are planning on providing Coffee Hour after worship, with coffee and tea only (no food items), beginning with September 26th.



CHURCH LIFE

A Musical Note from Worship Council.....

For years we've known that our Sanctuary organ would need replacing at some point. We've kept it functioning, but parts have been harder and harder to come by and we've hit the point that it can no longer be serviced. Fortunately, we've also had generous donations over the years into our music memorial fund earmarked for a new organ. The time has come to make the move....the organ is being replaced in September and paid for with funds on hand. An organ dedication is being planned....stay tuned!

Many, many thanks to the team who did the research and travel to find the right instrument and to the donors who have made it possible to keep our Sanctuary filled with music.



CHOIRS

- ◆ Do you sit in the pew every Sunday and wish you could sing?
- ◆ Do you sit there and wish that you could ring the bells as well?
- ◆ Do you sit there and ask if you want to be more involved in the music at church?

Then think about joining the Choir and Bell Choir at CPC. We are always looking for new members of the choir and a few more ringers for bells.

Having knowledge of reading music is preferred for bells.

Rehearsals will start September 8th with bells at 6:30 and Choir at 7:30.

If you have any questions, please see or contact Matt Petrozelli at petrozem09@gmail.com



The **Presbyterian Women** had a good turn out at the annual dinner meeting on Sunday, August 15th at Redwoods Restaurant. A total of \$258.15 was collected for the

Birthday Offering. The upcoming Holiday Extravaganza scheduled for Saturday, November 13th was discussed. Nancy Pappas and Barbara Misar will again coordinate making and freezing take out food items this fall. If you would like to help out, please let Nancy or Barbara know.

Since covid is still here, one option would be to hold the event outdoors on the church lawn. We have plenty of tents, and it would be like having a German outdoor Christmas Market. We will need to continue to monitor the covid situation and make a decision later. There are a lot of nice Christmas items - gifts and décor - pulled from the Peach Festival for us to sell. We also have a big selection of stuffed animals with matching books to sell thanks to Karen Stewart.

Our new street sign has come in that Presbyterian Women ordered. All Church groups are welcome to use it.

Our next meeting will be held after the service, Sunday September 12th. Hope you can come and share any ideas you have. See you there!

Beth and Michelle

CHURCH LIFE

WOMENS BREAKFAST ~

Our next breakfast will be held Saturday, September 4th at the Chester Diner at 8am. Come and start your day by joining us for Breakfast and catching up with each other. Bring a friend, the more the merrier.



SCRIP NEWS ~ For August, we had 12 families/groups purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$176.25 for CPC ; our year-to-date net rebate is \$1,749.99. Thank you, thank you! Beth Pfaff 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 (201-317-4437 or nbcase48@yahoo.com) and she will be happy to help you.

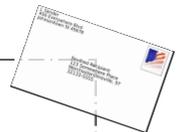
Our next scrip order will be placed on Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 12, 2021.**

FROM YOUR DEACONS

The Deacons began August by parking cars as a fundraiser as the Chester Food & Truck Event was being held at the Municipal Field. Additionally, the Deacons organized and sorted the food items that the Chester Boy Scouts collected. We have more boxes to go through but made great progress during our last meeting. The food items will be used as both a weekly donation to our local food pantry as well as for our Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets. Over the next month, a list of requested food items will also be posted, so please be on the look-out. Also, the Deacons are in the process of creating post cards advertising upcoming church events to send out to the community/social media. Kindly let us know if you or someone you know are interested in hearing from us. Get well cards have been mailed to congregation members who are home healing from recent surgeries, procedures, etc.



WANTED - -
COLLEGE ADDRESSES



As you send your child(ren) to college or back to college, please pass along their college address, whether it is the same or they are living at home and going virtually, so that we are able to keep them posted on news from their home church and send little care notes throughout the coming year. Email to office@cpccchester.org , or call (908) 879-5091 or stop by and drop off their address! Thank you!

CHURCH LIFE

The following is a list of **SEPTEMBER** 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.



SEPTEMBER

Albert and Vicki Kopacka, Jr.	9/03/88
Al and Janet Lindstrom	9/15/90
William and Lizabeth Hutchinson	9/23/95
David and Jennifer Dean	9/26/15
Howard and Suzanne Bailey	9/29/84



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Heberton Fricke, III	9/01	Christy Hemmes	9/15
Candice Young	9/03	Courtney Paccione	9/15
Kenny Bergmann	9/07	Cindi Ernst	9/17
Burton Fricke, IV	9/07	Drew Conlan	9/21
Kyle Collins	9/08	Lauren Pappas	9/21
Paul Rolfe	9/09	Edie Seel	9/22
Karen Collins	9/10	Brooke Paccione	9/23
Shannon Lavelle	9/10	Evie Taylor	9/23
Sebastian Volante	9/10	Gordon Lavalette	9/24
Dale Davis, IV	9/12	Carolyn Bearlepp	9/25
Jacob Lombardo	9/13	Albert Kopacka, Jr.	9/27
Glenn McMichael	9/14	Mahlon Jacobson	9/30
Jeff Taylor	9/14	Sophie Meseck	9/30

CHESTER FOOD PANTRY

Donations are always appreciated and gratefully accepted.

Especially needed Items are Laundry detergent, dish detergent, coffee, shampoo, chili, cooking oil

Donations may be placed in the trunk in Fellowship Center.

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

Thank you for your generosity.

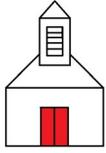


Gourmet-on-the-Run

For Holiday Extravaganza 2021

Presbyterian Women's Gourmet-on-the-Run Group held a planning meeting on Monday August 30th to discuss the making of frozen appetizers, soups and entrees for the Holiday Extravaganza and to select recipes. It was great to see some new faces present.

Items will be prepared in the CPC Kitchen and frozen for the Holiday Extravaganza. They will meet from 9am until noon on Mondays and Fridays beginning with Friday, September 10th and will wrap up sometime between the end of October and November 5th. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Pappas or Barbara Misar.



September 2021



Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

			1 4:30 LifeLong Fitness	2	3 10:00 Al-Anon	4 8:00 Women's Breakfast
5 10:00 Worship 6:00 IPSA	6 10:00 Al-Anon  Office Closed	7 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Overeaters Anonymous	8 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong FC Fitness 6:30 Bells 7:30 Vocal Choir	9	10 9:00 Gourmet On-the-Run 10:00 Al-Anon	11 BYG Fundraiser Parking for Craft Show
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19 RALLY DAY SUNDAY 10:00 Worship 11:00 Kickball/Pizza 6:00 IPSA	20 9:00 Gourmet On-the-Run 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts	21 9:00 Aerobics 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Boy Sct. Adv. Workshop 7:00 Overeaters Anonymous 7:00 SESSION	22 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:30 Bells 7:30 Vocal Choir	23 9:00 Aerobics	24 9:00 Gourmet On-the-Run 10:00 Al-Anon	25
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