



Community Presbyterian Church **FEBRUARY 2022**

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FootSteps



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

Sunday School: is going to be filled with fun in the month of February! We will dive into and review those in them. We will also have Valentine's Day. we will begin to things that Jesus Lenten Season. is right around the master The Lords finger model to others. Have a Please feel free to any questions by email at: familyministries@cpcchester.org or cell (908) 674-2734.



the 10 commandments depth to learn and obey have a lesson on love for Following these lessons, discuss the wonderful did as we approach the Time is flying by and Lent corner. We continue to Prayer and use our five pray for ourselves and wonderful February! contact me if you have

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CONFIRMATION CLASS We have finally been able to get a confirmation class schedule together. We will meet on *Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 starting on February 9th here at CPC.* We hope everyone is able to make it and we look forward to beginning our confirmation journey with all of you! Please see the dates below and pencil them in on your calendar. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to myself or Pastor Chris. Have a wonderful week and we will see you on the 9th at 6:30!

- February 9th-6:30-7:30 and February 23rd-6:30-7:30
- March 9th 6:30-7:30 and March 23rd 6:30-7:30
- April 6th 6:30-7:30 and April 20 6:30-7:30
- May 4th 6:30-7:30 and May 18th 6:30-7:30
- June 1st 6:30-7:30 and June 15th 6:30-7:30

Thank you!

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Pastor's Pages

“And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” - Romans 5:3-5

There are many ways we can resonate with the passage from the Apostle Paul having nothing to do with the pandemic. But lately, meaning over the past two years, we ALL have had added reason to cling to this passage. We might love Paul all the more for having written this. We might hate Paul for his continually throwing this up in front of us as we get ever more frustrated and increasingly less patient waiting for a time when we can feel less afraid and more normal about doing almost anything. “God give me patience and give it to me now!” is perhaps the rallying cry of the day.

I have been thinking a lot about hope these past weeks, especially as Omicron has come on the scene. We knew things were going to get worse in the winter months as we reveled in the last days of summer and even autumn. Those happy times when vaccines, tests, and treatments were readily available for all who needed and wanted them and we got fairly comfortable with where we were.

The extremely good news is that the Omicron wave has shown itself as a spike that has gone up very quickly (frighteningly so) but is dropping just as quickly, and hope, real solid, well-founded hope, is coming to the fore again.

Personally, I kind of have my head down in determination as we move forward and I am really looking forward to the arrival of Spring and Easter that should be very exciting and more normal than we have seen the past years.

I hope these words are prophetic vs “Pollyanna” and that we can all breathe more easily in the coming days. There will always be cause for concern and watchfulness, for some especially, but we have to learn to fit that in with all of the concern and watchfulness we already maintain on a daily basis about so many other things.

As a Church, we are called to think about ALL of God’s people. In the excited rush to return to things we miss, we must take the time to remember all around us, all who make up this congregation, and think of different perspectives as we adapt to the changing pandemic landscape.

Pastor's Pages continued

As I have said many times, we are in one of those “already but not yet” hopeful times. Session meets every month and times in between as things have changed. I know they have done a fantastic job through this whole time at maintaining a good balance with things. My prayer is that we continue to trust. Trust the ordination that has been bestowed upon our Elders. Trust the Spirit that works within them and within each of us. Trust that the words given to Paul and preserved over the centuries by that same Spirit of God are true and we can hold on to them through all things, including these pandemic times.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Chris



CHURCH LIFE

PARISH LIFE COUNCIL

The Parish Life Book Club met on January 13th to discuss Flower Net by Lisa See. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 10th at 6:30 PM. The book selection for February is The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles. We are open to suggestions for new books to read, and we are happy to welcome anyone interested in joining our group! If you have questions please contact Joan Stephens 201) 874-1477.



Parish Life, with the rest of the congregation, is hoping we can all meet for Coffee Hour and other congregational activities sometime in the not too distant future.

Church Life



It is nice to have a few months off after holding our very successful 2021 Holiday Extravaganza. Thank you again to everyone who assisted or came to shop! Final numbers are not in yet, but we are hoping to have grossed over \$15,000. A vintage Christmas tree stand sold in December for \$200 so that added to our gross.

We will be announcing Presbyterian Woman of the Year shortly so stay tuned for that wonderful news.

PW will also be holding its first meeting of 2022 on Sunday, February 27 following the worship service and all are welcome to attend. We are always looking for new ideas for Holiday Extravaganza.

Do not forget to drop off any old Christmas cards (*just the fronts only*) in the church office. They will be used in crafts. Also welcome any time is jewelry of any type! Jewelry is a big seller at the Extravaganza. Donation forms are always available in the office for your taxes --- see Ann Marie or Beth if you need one.

Thanks to all our members for their support throughout the year. Christy Shepard--get well soon. We miss you and hope you get back home to Chester ASAP!



Monthly Women's Breakfasts

Come join us and bring a friend or two for our monthly Women's Breakfasts. We meet the first



Saturday of the month, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Chester Diner for fellowship and food before going about your Saturday chores and errands.

Our next breakfasts are February 5th and March 5th. We always enjoy seeing new faces!

SCRIP NEWS ~ In January we had 15 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$195.75 for CPC. Thank you, as always, for your continued support! Nancy M. Thaiss won this month's donated gift card. It's never too late to join our happy group of scrip shoppers—the more the merrier! 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. The next scrip order will be placed on Sunday, **FEBRUARY 13, 2022.**



'Cultured Purls' met on Tuesday, February 1st at 1pm in the Fireplace Room of



Fellowship Center. Our next meeting will be March 1st, same time, same place. Come, bring a project you are working on. Maybe you haven't knitted / crocheted for awhile and would like to start again, or maybe you would like someone to help you get started.



Chester Food Pantry

Donations always appreciated.



Some items needed are: laundry detergent, dish detergent, coffee, tooth brushes, tooth paste, mustard, mayonnaise, salad dressing, and catsup.

Mission: Thank You letters to Community Presbyterian Church

from Chester Mendham Food Pantry to CPC

Many thanks for your recent donation to the Chester Mendham Food Pantry. Monetary donations are used to purchase Shop Rite gift cards, enabling our families to purchase items we don't provide. Thank you too for the many kindnesses provided to the pantry throughout the year, especially at Thanksgiving.

We rely on the generosity of our community and the surrounding areas to provide supplemental groceries once per month to over 60 families from the Chesters and the Mendhams. Your continued support is especially appreciated at this challenging time.

*Joyce Casillo, Volunteer,
Chester Mendham Food Pantry*

from Chester Volunteer Fire Company No. 1

On behalf of the Chester Volunteer Fire Company, I wish to thank you for your recent donation. The donation will be used to support our firefighter memorial.

Very truly yours, Karen Dilley, Assistant Secretary



From Market Street Mission

Thank you for your gift to transform lives.

You're not only offering meals and shelter to your neighbors . . . You are giving them an opportunity to discover a better life in the new year.

We thank you for giving selflessly to bless others this Christmas. May your heart be filled with peace, joy, love and all God's mercies.

To God be the glory, G. David Scott, Executive Director

Anniversaries & Birthdays

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 . . .

Karl and Deb Schuetz 02/12/1969
Joachim and Becky Thunberg 02/21/2003

Teddie Hutter 02/15

Mary E. Rawley 02/15

Mimi Carman 02/19

Julia Carrara 02/21

Alexander Regber 02/22

Patrick Fricke 02/23

Alyssa Lavalette 02/23

Tyler Untisz 02/24

Ian Bailey 02/25

Debbie Madsen 02/25

Matt Petrozelli 02/25

Alex Pope 02/25

Debbie Schuetz 02/25

Linda Conover 02/26

Happy Birthday wishes to...

Austin Carrara 02/03

Lucas Hemmes 02/04

William Hutchinson 02/05

Emily Meseck 02/06

Joseph Biango 02/07

Kurt Schmeal 02/08

Kristen Bailey Hunckler 02/09

Dick Wynja 02/11

Paul Rundzieher 02/12

Matthew Lavalette 02/14

2022 Flower Calendar



The 2022 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 \$40/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. 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 provide them from my garden or other florist.

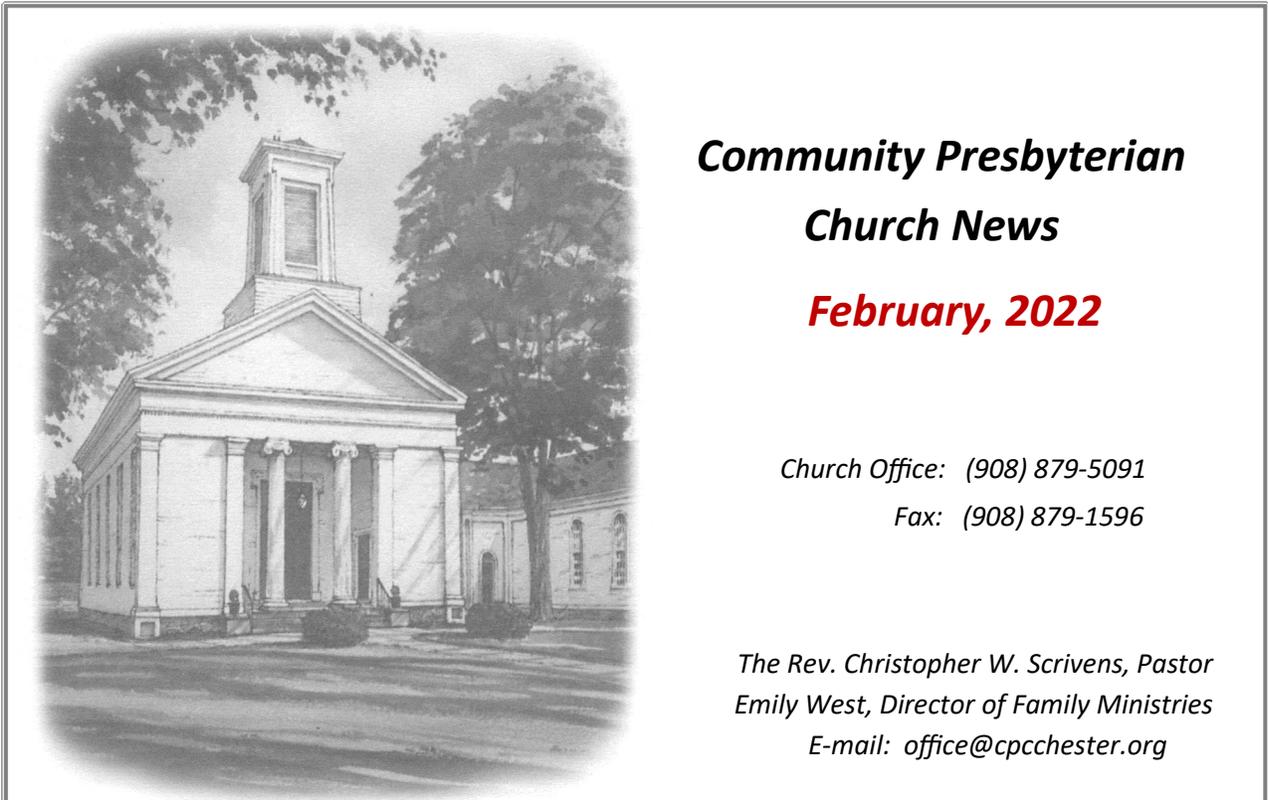
FEBRUARY	6	13 O'Connor	20	27	
MARCH	6 O'Connor	13 Treutlein	20	27	
APRIL	3	10 Wright	17 EASTER Lilies and Tulips	24	31
MAY	1	8 Wolgamuth	15	22	29
JUNE	5	12	19	26 Treutlein	
JULY	3	10	17 Wolgamuth	24	31
AUGUST	7	14	21	28.	
SEPTEMBER	4	11	18	25	
OCTOBER	2	9 Treutlein	16	23 Wright	30
NOVEMBER	6	13	20 Thanksgiving	27	
DECEMBER	4	11	18 Poinsettias	25	

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1:00 'Cultured Purls' 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Overeat. Anon. 7:00 Boy Sct. Adv. Workshop 7:00 Cub Sct Com.	2 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 Lifelong Fitness virtual 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir	3	4 10:00 Al-Anon	5 8:00 Women's Breakfast
6 9:15 Choir Reh. 10:00 Worship: In-person & virtual 6:00 IPSA	7 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 Virtual Lifelong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts	8 10:15 Fifty Plus Club 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 COUNCILS 7:00 Overeat. Anon. 7:00 Boy Sct Merit Badge Workshop 7:30 Boy Sct Com.	9 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:00 Mtg. Fireplace 4:00 Girl Scouts-LL 6:30 Confirmation Class 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir	10 6:30 Parish Life Book Club	11 9:30 Begin. Mtg. 10:00 Al-Anon	12
13 Ord./Install. of Elders & Deacons 9:15 Choir Rehears 10:00 Worship: In-person & virtual 10:15 Sunday Sch. Scrip Orders 11:00 Adult Ed. 6:00 IPSA	14 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 Virtual Lifelong Fitness 7:00 COUNCILS 7:30 Boy Scouts	15 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Overeats Anon. 7:00 SESSION	16 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 Lifelong Fitness virtual 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir	17	18 10:00 Al-Anon	19
20 9:15 Choir Rehears 10:00 Family Worship: In-person & virtual 6:00 IPSA	21 10:00 Al-Anon OFFICE CLOSED PRESIDENTS' DAY	22 10:15 Fifty Plus Club 7:00 Overeat. Anon.	23 9:30 Healthy Bones 4-7 Grl Scts -Derby Weigh-in 4:30 Lifelong Fitness virtual 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir	24 10:30 ~ Quilters Group 7:00 Pinewood Derby Weigh-In	25 9:30 Beginners Mtg 10:00 Al-Anon Track set-up Pine wood Derby Adult Derby Race	26 Pinewood Derby 1:00 Girl Scouts - race
27 9:15 Choir Rehears 10:00 Worship: In-person & virtual 10:15 Sun. School 11:00 Pres. Women Meeting 6:00 IPSA	28 10:00 Al-Anon 7:30 Boy Scouts					

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