



Community Presbyterian Church News

SEPTEMBER, 2022

Community Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 148, 220 Main Street
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Welcome Back to Church Sunday!

Join us
Sunday, September 18th
as we kick off the Sunday
School program and Autumn
events at
Community Presbyterian Church!



We will have some previews of fun events being offered
for the Autumn including

- ♦ Sunday School,
- ♦ Church Historical Tours,
- ♦ Bible Studies,
- ♦ and many other fun and interesting events planned by our Parish Life Council.

Join us for Family Worship at 10 and plan to stay for
an extended Fellowship Time/Brunch.
Mark your calendars and tell your friends; this is a great
time to invite new folks to Church.

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Pastor's Page

I am not a big “meeting” sort of guy. From age 14-20, I worked for a private home-computer retailer in the early 1980's (an amazing time to work in that industry and if you want to hear any stories I'm happy to share). After that, I spent 20 years working at a bicycle shop in Princeton. (few good stories there too!) In all of that time, it was never what you would call a “corporate environment” in the sense that I never had to work in a cubicle or little office, I never had to endure boring meetings or corporate hierarchy or office politics; all things of which I am very proud and for which I am very grateful.

All that being said, I tend to LOVE meetings here at Community Presbyterian. Our Council meetings, Session and Deacons meetings are all very energizing for me. I can be having a bad day, maybe feeling a little off, maybe just one of those days in the doldrums, but a good Church meeting will usually lift me up. Yes, I am feeling fine right now and yes, I am getting enough oxygen, but bear with me for a moment.

Presbyterian Churches are impossibly strange things; there is no one “owner”, or president, or person at the “top of the ladder” save only Jesus. In the eyes of the State of New Jersey we are a 501(c)(3) corporation, and technically the head of our Finance Council is the CEO of that corporation. But everything at Presbyterian Congregations is done via Session vote. This obviously begs the question, “Who is the Session?” The short answer is the Session is made up by *you*.

Each and every Council, committee, group here at CPC: the Session, the Deacons, and each of the other Councils (Management, Finance, Missions and Discipleship, Worship, and Parish Life) are all made up by members of this congregation. So what that means is that at each and every meeting I attend, the folks at that meeting are all y'all, and that is a great comfort.

I have the very privileged position of working for a congregation made up of truly amazing people. While it might seem like I am required to say that, I say it confidently and boldly with nearly 15 years of experience in being your Pastor. The level of creativity, skill, love, drive, enthusiasm, and dedication displayed by this congregation continually keeps me in a state of adoring awe and appreciation.

The bottom line here is to lift up the fact the Congregation, the Church itself, is, from beginning to end, all of you. Nothing happens here without you. The lights can not be on nor the doors open without your contributions, tithes, and offerings. Worship cannot happen, Peach Festival cannot happen without you. Holiday Extravaganza, Soup Tasting, Spudfest, Living Nativity, Christmas Cantata, Bell Choir, Voice Choir, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Cultured Purls, Book Club, and many more things cannot happen without you. Think of all of the groups that use our space for reasonable rent or simply the offering they take from their own groups that call Community Presbyterian their home. So many groups, large and small, are able to meet and have their own beloved communities because we offer them comfortable and convenient space because we take the “Community” part of our name very seriously.

Pastor's Page

Something I say as often as I can, I live in awe of the dedication you all show to this, **YOUR** congregation of Christ's Church.

As we move forward into the autumn and return to Sunday School and then into the holiday season, remember that fact, this is *your* church, this is *your* congregation, it sinks or swims, thrives or dies, because of *your* participation, energy, creativity, generosity, dedication, and love. We have much to look forward to coming up, be proud of *yourselves* for the work *you* do as Christ's disciples, enjoy the hard work and sacrifice, and even once in awhile, take a step back as I do, and look at all that *you* are together as God's children.

Your loving Pastor,

Rev Chris Scrivens

CHURCH LIFE

Worship Council.....

We on the Worship Council are very pleased for the ability to return to regular worship in our historic and beautiful sanctuary, where we can sit among friends and continue enjoying the sights and sounds that are familiar to our ears and eyes. It is truly a blessing! There is one element we find sorely lacking, however. Wouldn't it be nice to have our youth singing and ringing again? There is agreement that a core of young people currently attending may provide the answer. So we will be exploring that very idea starting in September. What would that look like? Probably a short 30-40 minute rehearsal time following services, concurrent with coffee hour. We can start with however many show interest and work from there. Bell slots will be assigned for grades 2-8. At present, we have four dates in mind: Thanksgiving (November); Christmas Eve (Family Service); Palm Sunday; Mother's Day. Music instruction will be included, so no prior knowledge is required.



What is now needed is to introduce the idea to our young people and their parents and see what grows from there. Wouldn't it be great to see our young people active in the service again? It would give them confidence in front of a congregation; it would give them understanding of the basis of the Christian Church; it would give them knowledge of the hymns we sing; but most important, it would make them feel significant, connected, needed. What more could we wish for? We plan to start on September 18 following worship and accept those interested through October 2nd.

And, by the way, the adults are always welcome to come join our singers and ringers anytime. NO WAITING! Please feel free to talk with Matt Petrozelli or the Kopackas.



CHURCH LIFE

Peach Festival 2022

Thank you



If you advertised, sorted, greeted, priced, carried, donated, planned, cleaned, repaired, jammed, pickled, stirred, baked, churned, prayed, peeled, pounded, parked, organized, created, researched, emailed, phoned, drove, set-up, shopped, sold, gave a hug, or lent an ear, a simple but sincere thank you. The peach festival would not and could not happen without you.

We all did a little and it added up to a lot.

The Pit Crew



"Coffee Hour Your Way"

Parish Life will continue using the new "**Pick your date and Do It Your Way**" Coffee Hour for September, October and November. You can look at the schedule at coffee hours on Sundays OR contact the church office (908) 879-5091 and if the date is available we will be happy to put you down. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

Would you like to pick your own coffee hour partner and date?

Would you like to do coffee hour as a family?

Do you dread the thought of baking for Coffee Hour?

Would you prefer to buy your Coffee Hour goodies?

Do you love to "do it up" for Coffee Hour?

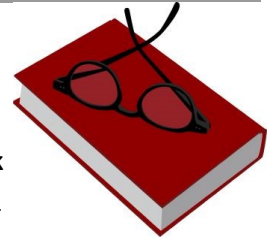
Do you want to keep it simple with just coffee and tea, that's acceptable too!

Other dates open: September 11, October 2, 16, 23 and 30; and November 13, 20 and 27.

If we have dates without volunteers we will have fellowship without the coffee.

Thank you in advance for your participation

Parish Life Council



The Council sponsored book club met on Thursday, August 11 to discuss the book **Remarkably Bright Creatures** by Shelby Van Pelt. We are going to meet on *Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 pm at the home of Nancy M. Thaiss* to watch a movie- ~'My Octopus Teacher'- as a follow-up to our book this month. That gives anyone who wants to come and hasn't finished **Remarkably Bright Creatures** time to read that book. Additional participants and book suggestions are always welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Joan Stephens (201-874-1477).

Our next book will be **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. We will meet on *Thursday, September 29th*, beginning at 6:30 p.m. for a discussion of the book.



BYG YOUTH GROUP

BYG Fundraiser FALL CRAFT FAIR PARKING



Once again the BYG Group will park cars as a fundraiser to support our work camp trip to ASP. We will park cars between 8:30 am and 5pm on Saturday, Sept. 10th and Sunday, Sept. 11th for the Annual Fall Craft Fair in Chester.

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

CHURCH LIFE



The Presbyterian Women held their annual dinner at Redwoods

on Sunday, August 14th at 5 pm.

13 women attended and donated a total of \$90 to the Birthday Offering. Save the date: Saturday November 12th! Holiday

Extravaganza will be held in the Fellowship Center and also in the Larison Room. PW is in good shape, terrific new holiday gift items were donated to the Peach Festival by a closed gift shop. There is already a large amount of inventory to sell on the 12th. We still welcome any craft items you would like to donate too. We will be needing bakers for the Baked Goods Tables.

Nancy Pappas and Barbara Misar will have a *Gourmet-on-the-Run* planning meeting on Friday, September 9th beginning at 10am for anyone interested.

On Sunday, September 25th we will have a brief PW meeting following the Worship Service to go over Holiday Extravaganza details.

SCRIP NEWS ~ This month we had 16 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$407.82 for CPC; our year-to-date total net total is \$2,082.88. Thank you for your continued support! Marilyn Guerin was the big winner of the donated gift card. 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, September 11, 2022.**

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.

If you use the Shop Rite grocery home delivery service, please save the black or green grocery bags that your food is being delivered in. The Deacons will be collecting these reusable cloth grocery bags for future use. Thank you so much.



WANTED - -

COLLEGE ADDRESSES



*Is (Are) your child (ren) living away at college or staying home and taking classes virtually? **Please** let the church office know their college address (home, dorm, apartment) even if it is the same as last year, this will help us to keep our records current and help to keep them connected to their church family. Call the office (908) 879-5091, email to office@cpcchester.org or stop by the office and drop their address off. To those who have already given us addresses, thank you.*

WOMENS BREAKFAST ~

Our next breakfast will be held Saturday, September 3rd 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.



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

Church Family News

Congratulations to...

Donna and Walt Price on the birth of a grandchild: Anna Florence, 6 lbs. 15oz, 20" on Tuesday, August 16th. Mom, Dad and Anna doing well.

Bill Jardine finished last radiation treatment on Wednesday, August 24th!! Congratulations, Bill!!

Keeping in Prayer:

Marie Duryea, Andrea J., Matt P., Bill Jardine, youth going back to school

In Sympathy:

John and Jessica Fiddes and sons on the passing of their daughter and sister, Alexandra.



CHESTER FOOD PANTRY

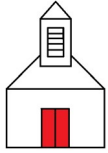
Donations are always appreciated and gratefully accepted.

Especially needed Items are toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, snacks, cookies, crackers, laundry detergent, dish soap

Donations may be placed in the trunk in Fellowship Center.

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

Thank you for your generosity.



September 2022



Sun

Mon

Tue

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Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 7:00 A.C.A.	2 10:00 Al-Anon	3 8:00 Women's Breakfast
4 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship & Coffee 6:00 IPSA	5 10:00 Al-Anon  <i>Office Closed</i>	6 1:00 'Cultured Purls' 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Overeaters Anonymous	7 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:30 Bells 7:30 Vocal Choir 8:15 Christmas Cantata Rehearsal	8 7:00 A.C.A.	9 10:00 Gourmet-on-the-Run Planning Meeting 10:00 Al-Anon	10 8:30 - on BYG Fundraiser Parking for Craft Fair
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