



Community Presbyterian Church News

APRIL, 2024

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BYG Clothing Drive!

Saturday, April 13th, 2024

10:00am-4:00pm

Community Presbyterian Church

220 Main St, Chester, NJ 07930

***All items donated must be in good, usable condition.
Items we collect are NOT SHREDDED. * * *

We are collecting:

- ◆ Toys: Soft or Hard Toys, below 14 inches
- ◆ Linens: Bedsheets, Comforters, Blankets, Curtains, Towels
- ◆ Clothing and Shoes: Men's, Women's, Children's, Infants
- ◆ Accessories: Belts, Purses, Backpacks, Ball Caps

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 bygworkcamp@gmail.com

Fundraiser to benefit BYG Work Camp!

A mission group composed of local area churches that travel to Appalachia every summer with the Appalachia Service Project making many families homes warmer, safer & drier through home repairs.

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Pastor's pages

Our reading from the Gospel of Mark on Easter Sunday ended with, *“And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation”* This is referred to as the “shorter ending” of Mark’s Gospel; some authorities / sources end the Gospel there and others continue to end at verse 20. While that is fascinating and a topic for another discussion, one of the things I might have preached on for Easter was the charge, challenge, imperative given to us in this text.

We could read about Jesus’ death and resurrection and kind of ask, “So what?”. It is a valid question, after all; especially for someone who is not familiar with Christianity. For us church-goers who claim the title “Christian” and strive to live as Christ’s disciples, a better question for us might be, “Now what?”.

What do we do with the knowledge and faith in Christ as the one who lived to suffer and die for our sins? As a people of Grace, we understand that we cannot pay back the price Jesus paid for us. We also understand that we remain sinful people, though hopefully with greater knowledge of that. We also understand that our sins are not wiped out or obliterated, but the penalty we deserve for them is paid for by Jesus, and the “churchy” word for that is “Atonement”. Jesus took those sins upon himself in an atoning sacrifice.

That is a big ‘ol gob of theology to drop on you, but let’s try to roll with it for the moment. The question still remains following the empty tomb, “Now what?”

For starters we are the ones through whom, *“the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation”* should be sent out. That sounds like a daunting task and could be enough for a bit.

How many of you heard about Community Presbyterian from a friend, neighbor, acquaintance, or casual conversation? From what I have heard over the years, it is very many of you. We frequently discuss in Session (the Church board of Elders/governing body) how we can better advertise who we are, what we do, and what we are about.

Part of this equation is that we can advertise in many different ways, but unless we get people in the door to experience worship, it kind of just sounds like every other advertisement for every other congregation, or perhaps every other “thing” that is advertised. Think about that for a moment. Every advertisement you hear for anything claims that this is the best, brightest, most life-changing and exciting thing you don’t have in your life and you need it. I’m sure many ads for churches are the same way. I’m not saying we should not advertise and publicize. What I am saying is that in a world where so many things seem the same, there is one way to really show people what is different, and that is through you.

You all, each and every one of you, is the best ambassador, salesperson, witness, apologist, for our congregation and for Jesus as a whole. WE are the *“through them”* of the ending of Mark’s Gospel. A little scary, a little daunting, I know, but we are not alone in this. If we are together in nothing else, we are together in this and always with God’s Spirit with us.

Pastor's pages continued

As Spring continues to unfold, as the energy and joy of Easter still fill you, pray for opportunity and for excitement about spreading God's word to those around you. Invite people to come along to show them why you spend so much time and energy here. Remember and share your own story of how you came to be at Community Presbyterian, and fulfill this challenge from the Gospel.

Your Pastor,

Rev Chris Scrivens

Christian Education / Parish Life

FootSteps

Following Our One Teacher to Study Teach Experience Pray Salvation

March was an exciting month down in Sunday School. We continued talking about Jesus and the events leading up to Easter. We began the month with a lesson about communion and the Last Supper. We discussed how it started and why. We played some trivia games, colored a take-home booklet, had various word puzzles to complete and who could forget our communion table! We continued on with St. Patrick's Day and used the shamrock as a perfect way to illustrate the Trinity - the Three in One. We sang a song and made a shamrock craft. On Palm Sunday we learned about Holy Week with a game called "The Amazing Race : Holy Week". The children were divided into two teams. Each team was given a clue. They needed to figure out their destination, go to the destination, read scripture, perform a challenge and then once completed were given another clue. It was a lot of fun (and hopefully they learned something too)! Hope to see all of the children downstairs in Sunday School in April! Have a Happy Easter!



BOOK CLUB



Members of the Book Club met recently for a discussion of The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarity. Following their discussion, they chose The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon as their next book and plan to meet on Thursday, April 25th 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. Come join us!!

CHURCH LIFE

Lay Assistant, Usher, Communion Steward, Coffee Hour list for April & May

Please pencil in on your calendars if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

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| April 7: | Lay Assistant: | Deacon Melissa Ash |
| | Ushers/Stewards: | Elder Dale and Deacon Carol Davis |
| | Communion Set Up & Stewards: | Elder Al Kopacka, Deacon Al Lindstrom |
| | Coffee Hour: | Janine Perry, David Rittenhouse |
| April 14: | Lay Assistant: | Elder Al Kopacka |
| | Ushers: | Elder Sarah Jane and Mike Noll |
| | Coffee Hour: | Deacon Darcy and Elder Jeff Taylor |
| April 21: | Lay Assistant: | Deacon Christy Shepard |
| | Ushers: | Elder Joan and Mark Stephens |
| | Coffee Hour: | Deacon Karen Stewart |
| April 28: | Lay Assistant: | Deacon Tom Perry |
| | Ushers: | Deacon Al MacLennan, Tim Janiszewski |
| | Coffee Hour: | Elders Terri Kramer and Nancy Thaiss |
| May 5: | Lay Assistant: | Elder John Pfaff |
| | Ushers/Stewards: | Elder Andy and Deacon Martha Smith |
| | Communion Set-Up & Stewards: | Deacons Christy Shepard, Darcy Taylor |
| | Coffee Hour: | NEEDED |
| May 12: | Lay Assistant: | Elder Betsy Regber |
| | Ushers: | Matt Siegrist, Greg Burns |
| | Coffee Hour: | Greg Burns and Elder Jeff Taylor |
| May 19: | Lay Assistant: | Karen Wilson |
| Pentecost | Ushers: | Jary Jibilian, Deacon Mauricette Moffitt |
| | Coffee Hour: | Jary Jibilian, Sophie Meseck |
| May 26: | Lay Assistant: | Elder Jeanne Perry |
| Trinity Sunday | Ushers: | Deacon Terry Travis, Deacon Lisa Burns |
| Memorial Day | Coffee Hour: | NEEDED |
| Weekend | | |

CHURCH LIFE

'Cultured Purls'

Everyone is invited to join us and bring a knitting, crocheting or other craft to work on.

Three of us met on April 2nd and had a delightful afternoon. We meet on the first Tuesday of most months from 1pm until 3pm in the Fireplace Room of Fellowship Center. We would love to have you join us. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 7th.



Join us for our monthly Women's Breakfast, this Saturday, April 6th, at the Chester Diner beginning at 8am. Bring a friend, enjoy fellowship and breakfast before heading off to your Saturday shopping or chores. If you aren't able to make it this month, we will be meeting again on Saturday, May 4th, 8am, Chester Diner.



CPC FLOWER CALENDAR

Our Flower Calendar still has plenty of dates available:

- April 14 and 28;
- May 5, 12
- June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- July 7, 14, 21;
- August 4, 11, 18, 25;
- September 1, 8, 15, 22;
- October 6, 13, 27;
- November 3
- December 8, 15



Stony Hill supplies the flowers (\$42 per Sunday) or you can supply your own. In order to take as tax deduction, please make checks payable to CPC with note for flowers on the memo line.



Presbyterian Women will hold its next meeting after the April 14th service. Grab your drinks, snacks and meet us by the fireplace in Fellowship Center.

We will be discussing a date for the annual dinner (to be held at Redwoods) and the date for the 2024 Holiday Extravaganza in November.

Everyone is always welcome to attend our meetings!

A big thank you to Terry Travis for staining all the table tops in the Sunday School area--good job!



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Donations are always happily and gratefully accepted

Some Items that are needed: Paper towels, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, coffee, sides, mayonnaise, drinks, snacks, peanut butter.

PLEASE: No Glass containers of any kind

Thank you for your generosity.

Items maybe dropped off in the trunk in Fellowship Center.



PEACH FESTIVAL, AUGUST 3

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.



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
Joe and Carolyn Bearlepp 04/26/10

April Birthdays

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|-------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Mark Puffer | 04/01 | Jack Dean | 04/08 | Helen Jones | 04/22 |
| Athena Meseck | 04/02 | Dan LaClair | 04/10 | Karen McConnell | 04/23 |
| Eleanor Biribauer | 04/03 | Kerri Wright | 04/11 | Paul Beam | 04/25 |
| Adelaide Lavelle | 04/03 | Nicholas Clessuras | 04/12 | Jennifer Dean | 04/25 |
| Timothy Treutlein | 04/03 | Barbara Misar | 04/12 | Bart Case | 04/26 |
| Miriam Gonsiska | 04/06 | Derek Wilson | 04/17 | Emily Hemmes | 04/29 |
| Bill Jardine | 04/06 | Bob Jones | 04/21 | Scott Ernst | 04/30 |
| Dawn Clessuras | 04/07 | Suzanne Hoffman | 04/22 | | |



He Is Risen!

PEACH FESTIVAL, AUGUST 3

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April 2024



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | 1 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts | 2 1:00 Cultured Purls 7:00 Overeaters | 3 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir | 4 9:00 Aerobics | 5 10:00 Al-Anon | 6 8:00 Women's Breakfast 7:30 AA Meeting |
| 7 9:15 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Genesis Ringers 6:00 IPSA | 8 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts | 9 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 50 Plus Club 2-4 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 Overeaters | 10 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Confirmation 7:30 Choir | 11 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 Quilty Pleasures | 12 9:30 Beginners Mtg 10:00 Al-Anon 6-8 Cub Pack Meeting | 13 10:00 Bible Study 10-4 BYG Fundraiser CLOTHING DRIVE 2:00 BYG Planning Mtg. 7:30 AA Meeting |
| 14 9:15 Choir Rehears. 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday Sch. 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Genesis Ringers P.W.Meeting Scrip COUNCILS 6:00 IPSA | 15 10:00 Al-Anon 3:30 Peach Fest. Mtg 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts | 16 9:00 Aerobics 2-4 Bible Study 7:00 SESSION 7:00 Overeat.Anon. | 17 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30 Boy Scout Com. | 18 9:00 Aerobics 4:00 Girl Scouts | 19 10:00 Al-Anon | 20 8-3 BYG Fundraiser Dine & Donate at Fresco 10:00 Bible Study 7:30 AA Meeting |
| 21 9:15 Choir Rehears. 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday Sch. 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Genesis Ringers 6:00 IPSA | 22 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:00 DEACONS? 7:30 Boy Scouts | 23 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 50 Plus Club 3:00 Bible Study ? 7:00 Overeat. Anon | 24 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir | 25 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 Quilty Pleasures 6:30 Book Club | 26 9:30 Beginners Mtg. 10:00 Al-Anon | 27 10:00 Bible Study 7:30 AA Meeting |
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