

## **Church Announcements – March 29, 2026**

*Our Lenten cross is again in the front of our worship space. During Lent, you are invited to put into words your confessions and/or your cares and stick them on the cross. On Easter Sunday as we celebrate the risen Lord, the sins are removed and replaced with flowers of forgiveness. Paper and pencils are on the shelf behind the cross.*

What happens if Chester is decimated by an earthquake? Or if a nor'easter hits hard and directly over a 5-mile square area centered on Main Street? Chances are good that most of us, living privileged lives, have insurance. What if we didn't? Can we understand the work, pain, hope, and exhaustion people like us in Asheville North Carolina still face after Hurricane Helene? How about people not like us, say, in Sudan, who, try to grow enough food to feed themselves but can't afford seeds? I can help. You can help. The Presbyterian Church USA does help. Please be generous in giving to **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Thank you!!! (This is one of two special offerings we take at CPC for the larger Presbyterian Church. The other is Christmas Joy.)

**From our Deacons:** On Friday, April 10th, we will be boxing up handmade treats & gifts for our five college students. In addition we will also be adding a \$25 gift certificate and a greeting card wishing them luck in their final exams. If anyone would like to add something, please bring to the church before noon that day. We have gotten such wonderful responses from the students when they receive them!

Our Veterans Day dinner will be held on Thursday, April 16th. We will be serving 51 veterans and their staff, plus veterans from our local American Legion's and some veterans in our congregation. We really appreciate receiving some generous donations towards our costs! Thank you!

**275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** will meet following the worship service today.

Our next **Monthly Women's Breakfast** will be Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 am at the Chester Diner. We would love to see more of you joining us and the weather is getting nicer. We enjoy tasty food and great company one Saturday a month before going on about the rest of our day.

**Cultured Purls** meets on the first Tuesday of the month ~ bring some handiwork and a friend, everyone is welcome to come join us. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Fireplace Room. If you have any questions, please see or call Karen Stewart at (973) 895-7212.

The Peach Festival Pit Crew will meet on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.

Don't forget Presbyterian Women are still collecting any type of jewelry (broken pieces are good) in the collection bag in Fellowship Center. There are tax donation letters in the bag, so please take one. Thank you all so much for your previous donations.

**SCRIP NEWS** ~ 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 [nocase000@gmail.com](mailto:nocase000@gmail.com)) and she will be happy to help you. The next scrip order will be placed on Sunday, **APRIL 12, 2026**. Happy spring everyone!!

**Coffee Hour Sign-up** ~ The next quarterly list is in Fellowship Center. Sign up with a friend, or family, make coffee hour what you want it to be, as simple or extravagant as you wish. Thank you to those who have signed up! Fellowship time is an important part of our church.

Our 2026 Flower Calendar is posted in the Church Office. Flowers are \$42 per Sunday. Flowers are supplied and arranged by Stony Hill Gardens.

**Book Club** met on Thursday for a discussion of *Lolita* by Vladimir Nabokov. They chose *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans as the next book to read and plan to meet on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30pm.

Keep the Chester Mendham Food Pantry in mind when you go to the grocery shop. Items can be dropped off in the trunk in Fellowship Center. *Body Wash, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, shaving cream, razors, toothpaste, adult diapers, coffee, shelf stable milk, oil, mustard, plain white rice (not instant, boil in bag), drinks ~ single and bottles, syrup.*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., March 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Choirs
		275 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Mtg.
Mon., March 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	IPSA
	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tues, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Aerobics
	3:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
Wed., April 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Healthy Bones
	6:30 p.m.	Bell Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Maundy Thurs., April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Aerobics
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service at CPC
Fri., April 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<i>Office Closed</i>
Good Friday	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service at United Presbyterian, Flanders
Sat., April 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast
	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
EASTER. April 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service at Alstede's
	7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.	Easter Breakfast at CPC
	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Light Refreshments
		Easter Egg Hunt for children
	6:00 p.m.	IPSA



When checking your emails, please check your spam/junk files. people have been finding emails from amoc@cpcchester.org in those files. Thank you.

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS and CONSIDERATION**

*If you have any names you would like to have put on prayer list, please call the Church office and we will be happy to put the person(s) on the list, we would also appreciate a call or email to remove names from our list. Thank you for your consideration.*

*Christy Fairchild  
Sarah  
Richard H.  
Larry  
Kim B.  
Jane Brooks  
Daniel  
Kathy Petrozelli  
Ron Lawrence  
Andy  
Frank DiTaranto  
Thomas Price  
Don Sluter  
Miriam Gonsiska  
Jess H.  
Ryan H.  
Joelyn  
Phil  
Tom & Valerie  
Art*

*Heather A  
John & Kelly Savarese  
Judy  
Olwyn Shaffeld  
Pastor Dave T and Joan  
Paul and Robin  
Janet  
Annette  
Pete  
Ben  
Valerie  
Stephanie  
Bruce Campbell  
John  
Karen  
Jack Bonacci  
Joe and Ann  
Hillary  
Sarah  
Bill L.*

*Patrick  
Tracy  
RH  
Cindy B  
Declan  
Jerry  
Ethan  
Tom  
Joanne  
Bonnie  
Jan  
Matthew  
Barbara  
LC  
Suzanne Pfaff  
Ukrainian People  
Liz and Bill G.  
Anna  
Andrea & Jay J.*

## **BASIC NEEDS DRIVE for MARKET STREET MISSION**

**In April, the Missions Council is sponsoring a basic needs drive for the Market Street Mission. Items will be collected throughout the month of April and delivered to the Mission in May. As we did with the Coat Drive, a bin will be placed in the area outside of the church office for donations during business hours. If you prefer to make a monetary donation we can shop for you. You can just drop off a check or cash to Ann Marie during office hours or donate online. How ever you choose to donate, be sure to note it is for Mission Council/Market Street Mission. And again, many thanks for your ongoing support !**

Boxers & briefs (sizes S-2XL)

White undershirts (sizes S-2XL)

Sweatpants (sizes S-2XL)

Pajamas (sizes S-2XL)

Hooded sweatshirts (sizes S-2XL)

Slippers (sizes S-XL)

Flip flops/shower shoes

Men's sneakers (sizes 7-13)

Toothpaste, toothbrushes & floss

Razors & shaving cream

Shampoo, soap & lotion

Deodorant

Denture cleaner and adhesive

Foot powder

Pillows

Towels & washcloths

Shower scrubbies

Lip balm

# Holy Week Services

Join us on the journey to Easter. Beginning with Palm Sunday on March 29<sup>th</sup> and ending with Easter Sunday events on April 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** Thursday, 7pm join us at the table in Fellowship Center as we remember Jesus' last night with his disciples and the first Lord's Supper.

**Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** We will be joining our sister Congregation at United Presbyterian Church, 58 Drakesdale Road, on Friday at 7pm



## Easter Sunrise Service, April 5<sup>th</sup>

We gather at 6:30 am on the hill at Alstede's Farm to greet the Eastering Sun at the start of this glorious celebration.

**Easter Breakfast** ~ join us in Fellowship Center for breakfast **7:30 to 9:00 a.m.** this year.



## Easter Service 10:00 AM

We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with magnificent and abundant music during these

worship services.



Following the 10 am Easter Service there will be an **Easter Egg hunt** for the children, sponsored by Presbyterian Women.

