

Church Announcements – March 15, 2026

Scripture readings for week of March 22: Ezekiel 37:1-14 and *Psalm 130*; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Lay Assistant for March 22: Deacon Tom Perry
Ushers: The Conlan Family
Coffee Hour Servers: 4th-6th Grade Sunday School

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.)

ADULT ED ~ Join Jeanne Perry and Judy Treutlein Sunday, March 22nd following the worship service. Get a snack and something to drink and join them as they share info about the Burns family missionaries (relatives of Judy's) who are in Brazil, the Amazon.

From our Deacons: This year, for our annual Chester/Mendham Food Bank Easter gifts, we've been asked to celebrate Spring instead of Easter, due to their new distribution plan. So, in our upcoming meeting on 3/23, the Deacons will be packaging beautiful spring pop up cards that will contain a \$25 Walmart gift card. There are currently 71 families and seniors that will be receiving these lovely gifts.

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!

Presbyterian Women will hold a meeting after church, **TODAY**. Please get your coffee and snack and join us by the fireplace in Fellowship Center. Everyone is always welcome! We love hearing new ideas for the 2026 Holiday Extravaganza.

Don't forget we 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 ~ This month we had 16 families/groups purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$297.14 for CPC and a year-to-date total of \$761.23. Thank you, thank you! Nancy Case won this month's 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 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!!

Prayer and Walking has been postponed. Stay tuned look for rescheduling info in future bulletins. All ages are invited to join us, all you need is a good pair of shoes and a heart for prayer. Please reach out to Darcy Taylor (908) 996-4649 with any questions.

275th Anniversary Committee has scheduled their next meeting for Sunday, March 29th following the worship service

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. They continue to take on new clients and food donations are not back to normal levels. They are very low on big trash bags, dish detergent, laundry detergent, coffee, and oil.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., March 15 th	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Ord.&Inst. Of New elders and deacons
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Choirs
		Presbyterian Women Meeting
Mon., March 16	6:00 p.m.	IPSA
	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance Council
Tues, March 17	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	9:00 a.m.	Aerobics
	3:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	SESSION
Wed., March 18	7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
	9:30 a.m.	Healthy Bones
	6:30 p.m.	Bell Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
Thurs., March 19	9:00 a.m.	Aerobics
Fri., March 20	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Cub Pack Meeting
Sat., March 21	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
Sunday, March 22	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Choirs
		Adult Ed ~ Mission in the Church
	6:00 p.m.	IPSA

When checking your emails, please check your spam/junk files. people have been finding emails from amoc@cpcchester.com 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.

<i>Sarah</i>	<i>John & Kelly Savarese</i>	<i>Tracy</i>
<i>Richard H.</i>	<i>Judy</i>	<i>RH</i>
<i>Larry</i>	<i>Olwyn Shaffeld</i>	<i>Cindy B</i>
<i>Kim B.</i>	<i>Pastor Dave T and Joan</i>	<i>Declan</i>
<i>Jane Brooks</i>	<i>Paul and Robin</i>	<i>Jerry</i>
<i>Daniel</i>	<i>Janet</i>	<i>Ethan</i>
<i>Kathy Petrozelli</i>	<i>Annette</i>	<i>Tom</i>
<i>Ron Lawrence</i>	<i>Pete</i>	<i>Joanne</i>
<i>Andy</i>	<i>Ben</i>	<i>Bonnie</i>
<i>Frank DiTaranto</i>	<i>Valerie</i>	<i>Jan</i>
<i>Thomas Price</i>	<i>Stephanie</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Don Sluter</i>	<i>Bruce Campbell</i>	<i>Barbara</i>
<i>Miriam Gonsiska</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>LC</i>
<i>Eileen Specchio</i>	<i>Karen</i>	<i>Suzanne Pfaff</i>
<i>Jess H.</i>	<i>Jack Bonacci</i>	<i>Ukrainian People</i>
<i>Ryan H.</i>	<i>Joe and Ann</i>	<i>Liz and Bill G.</i>
<i>Joelyn</i>	<i>Hillary</i>	<i>Anna</i>
<i>Phil</i>	<i>Sarah</i>	<i>Andrea & Jay J.</i>
<i>Tom & Valerie</i>	<i>Bill L.</i>	
<i>Art</i>	<i>Patrick</i>	
<i>Heather A.</i>		



EASTER LILIES and/or OTHER



We are offering everyone the opportunity to purchase the traditional Easter Lily AND/OR a variety of other flowers for Easter Sunday

Use this form to order and drop it in the offering plate or bring / mail to the church office. Please make checks payable to Community Presbyterian Church, with note for Easter flowers in the memo line. You may pick up your plant(s) after the 10am Worship Service on Easter Sunday or leave them for the Deacons for delivery to our sick and shut-ins.

____ Easter Lilies ordered 15.00 ea. Total: \$____

____ 8" pansies ordered 8.00 ea. Total: \$____

____ 8" Pot Hyacinths ordered 15.00 ea. Total: \$____

____ 8" Pot of Tulips ordered 15.00 ea. Total: \$____

____ 8" Pot of Daffodils ordered 15.00 ea. Total: \$____

____ Hydrangea (pink, blue, white) 32.00 ea. Total: \$____

Grand Total: \$____

In honor of: _____ and / or In memory of: _____

(please print below how you would like it to appear in bulletin)

Given by: _____

Telephone Number _____

____ I will pick up my plant(s) following the **10:00** Service

____ I would like the Deacons to deliver my plant(s) to one of our sick or shut-ins who could use a bit of sunshine.

ORDER DEADLINE MARCH 25th

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. However 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