



## Community Presbyterian Church News

### SEPTEMBER, 2026

Community Presbyterian Church  
P. O. Box 148, 220 Main Street  
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# WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

## SEPTEMBER 20TH

Join us for our Brunch following  
worship!

Bring a a side to share, it can be your  
favorite breakfast or lunch side dish.

Parish life will provide Turkey & Ham

Sign up sheet in fellowship center

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## BYG WORK CAMP



## MISSION COUNCIL



**SEPTEMBER 24, 2026 5-8 PM**  
**BURNT MILLS CIDER, BEDMINSTER, NJ**

**JOIN COMFORT ZONE CAMP FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND FRIENDSHIP TO SUPPORT GRIEVING CHILDREN!**

- 🍎 Premium hard ciders crafted by Burnt Mills Cider
- 🍎 Win unique raffle baskets
- 🍎 Roast s'mores around the bonfire
- 🍎 Bring your own lawn chair or cozy blanket
- 🍎 Proceeds will help send children to CZC



**GET YOUR TICKETS  
HERE TODAY!**

<https://comfortzonecamp.org/event/cider-fest/>

For more information, email [info@comfortzonecamp.org](mailto:info@comfortzonecamp.org)



Mission Council is having our Market Street Mission winter coat drive again this year during the month of September. We are looking for new and gently used coats for all ages and genders for distribution in the Morristown area. They also welcome new hats, gloves, and scarves. Drop off your items in the bin in the church office lobby during office hours from *September 1st through the 30th*. This is a great way to get rid of closet items as you sort through your winter wear this fall! Please share with friends and family so we can help Market Street Mission help others stay warm this winter. Stay healthy this fall and winter!



- On Wednesday, September 23, 2026 we are sponsoring a walk-in vaccine clinic from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in Fellowship Center. Walgreens will provide Flu, Covid, and RSV vaccines. Just stop by; no appointments needed. Please share with friends and neighbors. Other Mission activities this year will include events at CASH (Chester Area Senior Housing), support for Adult and Teen Challenge needs, an Ice Cream Social at Market Street Mission on August 31st, and participation in the Comfort Zone Camp 5K Your Way. Anyone who would like to join us on our council or in any of the activities, please contact Jeanne Perry at [jeanniema@aol.com](mailto:jeanniema@aol.com). We'd love to have you!

## WORSHIP

What a summer it's been! After a very pleasant and successful Peach Festival during the course of a hot and rainy season that saw remarkable attendance week after week, September has arrived.

Hopefully, everyone is recharged and ready to dive into another busy and exciting season at CPC. We will be celebrating Welcome Back Sunday by accepting new members, followed by a bountiful brunch hosted by our Parish Life/Christian Ed. The choirs will begin a new season, and are seeking new members on all fronts. Please see Matt Petrozelli or Vicki Kopacka to learn more.

On October 11th, we will observe World Wide Communion. Last year we asked for volunteers to speak the phrase "Do this in remembrance of Me" in various languages, and we hope to repeat it. Talk to Al Kopacka if you can help.

Finally, as we approach the start of our 275th Anniversary celebration that begins on November 8th, let's all be grateful for the lasting legacy of CPC and the many people who have helped to make it such a faithful community for so long.



### CHOIRS BEGIN SOON!

With another wonderful Peach Festival behind us, it's time to look forward to an exciting new season of music! Rehearsals for both Handbells and Chancel Choir kick off on **Wednesday, September 9th**:



- **Handbell Choir:** 6:30 PM – 7:20 PM
- **Chancel Choir:** 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM



We are especially thrilled to announce this year's Christmas Cantata, "***A Thrill of Hope***" by Joel Raney, which will be featured during worship on **Sunday, December 20th**. This special musical presentation will bring together choir, handbells, piano, percussion, and a rich instrumental ensemble including violin, cello, oboe, flute, and horn.

Whether you've sung or rung for years or are looking to try something new, we would love to have you join us! Simply come out to our first rehearsal on September 9th.

Blessings,

**Matt Petrozelli**

## WORSHIP

**Lay Assistant, Usher, Communion Stewards and Coffee Hour Hostesses for September . Please pencil in on your calendars if you haven't already done so and PLEASE let the list makers know that you have switched with someone or need someone to fill your place. Thank you.**

### September 6: Communion

Lay Assistant: Jeanne Perry  
Ushers/Stewards: Tom Perry, Darcy Taylor  
Set-up / Steward: Matt McConnell, Ruby Young  
Coffee Hour: Dawn and Matt Siegrist

### September 13:

Lay Assistant: Donna Price  
Ushers: Sarah Jane and Mike Noll  
Coffee Hour: Anyone?

### September 20 Welcome Back Sunday

Lay Assistant: Christy Hemmes,  
Family Ministries Director  
Ushers: Sunday School Youth  
Coffee Hour: Brunch ~ Parish Life/Christian Ed

### September 27:

Lay Assistant:  
Ushers: Bob and Emily O'Dell  
Coffee Hour: Anyone?



## 275th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEWS

We're getting closer to the start of our year-plus long celebration of the 275th anniversary of our church. We hope everyone is as excited as we are and are looking forward to the upcoming events planned for the occasion.

It will all begin on Sunday, November 8th when we gather outside to light the big tree on the front lawn. We'll begin at 4:30 p.m. to sing carols and hear stories about CPC's beginnings. Then we'll light the tree and enjoy refreshments, compliments of Stony Hill (hot cider and donuts, anyone ?)

In the meantime, the Committee is compiling an updated history of the church which will be included in a publication along with photos, and stories detailing it. We will have ornaments, cookbooks, and other items to commemorate the festivities (got your T-Shirt yet?) and other forms of celebration along the way.

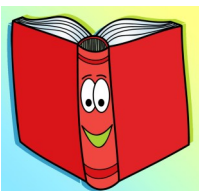
But when all's said and done, what really matters is our long lived faith at CPC, to God, the world, our community and to each other.

We think that's something worth honoring. So let's get started!!



## PARISH LIFE

### BOOK CLUB



The Parish Life sponsored book club met last week for a discussion of **the Covenant** by Abraham Verghese. The group chose **The Calamity Club** by Kathryn Stockett as their next read. They will meet for a discussion of the book on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m. Come join us! More participants and book suggestions are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Stephens (201) 874-1477.

## CHURCH LIFE

### DEACONS

It's with great sadness that we lost one of our Deacons, Al MacLennan. He will be truly missed, especially during our VA dinners! He loved talking, assisting and reminiscing with the veterans! It was lovely meeting his family and seeing and hearing all his accomplishments.

The Deacons are gearing up again for an active fall. Please let us know if you have a college student you would like for us to include in our seasonal decor and snack boxes. We had a lot of fun sending them out last year & keeping in touch with them.

Our next Veterans Dinner will be in October. We appreciate all of you who have contributed financially to this event! Last spring, we hosted over 60 Veterans from two VA hospitals and we saw how well they loved it! This will be our fifth dinner!

As a reminder, we have our Sunshine Taxi service for those who need to be driven to a doctor's appointment, pharmacy or grocery shopping. You can reach out to Christy, Darcy or Ann Marie and we will work it out. Also, if anyone would like a visit from a Deacon, or knows someone who would, please let us know.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** had a planning meeting on Sunday August 30th after worship. In the October newsletter, we will bring everyone up to date on what was discussed. Plans for the annual Holiday Extravaganza are in the works now. We will be offering a wide selection of jewelry including many sterling silver pieces at the bazaar, November 14th. We continue to collect jewelry donations through out the year, please drop off pieces, broken is fine, we can use single earrings too, in the bag in Fellowship Center. We can also use small cardboard jewelry gift boxes and bubble wrap in any size. Tax donation letters are in the bag—help yourself.

Gourmet on the Run, chaired by Barbara Misar and Darcy Taylor, will start meeting every Monday and Friday in the church kitchen at 9 am starting September 11th. Bring an apron and a knife and join in fellowship while preparing frozen soups, appetizers, and entrees to be sold at Holiday Extravaganza.



PW has the craft/storage room in the basement so we can accept all kinds of holiday decor items year round except for large trees. If you have friends or relatives moving or downsizing, we are happy to take any holiday decor. Drop off at the church and we will get it to the basement room. We are always looking for new craft ideas too to sell at the Extravaganza.

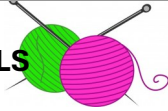
PW will be holding more meetings through out the fall months, please grab a cup of coffee and join us by the fireplace. Presbyterian Women is open to everyone so please join us.

**SCRIP NEWS** ~ This month we had 14 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$ 199.01 for CPC with a year-to-date total of \$1,786.94. Thank you all! Terri Kramer was the winner of the \$10 gift card for August. 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, **September 13, 2026**.

Enjoy these last days of summer!

## CHURCH LIFE

### CULTURED PURLS



Cultured Purls usually tries to meet on the first Tuesday of the month, beginning at 1pm in the Fireplace Room. Their next meetings will be on **Tuesday, September 1st and October 6th**. We hope to see more of you coming to join us. In the meantime, keep working on your projects or start a new one and bring when we meet in October. Don't forget to ask your friends to join us. If you have any questions, see Karen Stewart.



**WOMENS BREAKFAST** ~ Join us for our next **Women's Monthly Breakfast** at the Chester Diner, Saturday, September 5th beginning at 8 am. It's such a nice way to start the day, having food and fellowship and catching up. Bring a friend, the more the merrier.



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.



### ANNIVERSARIES

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Albert and Vicki Kopacka, Jr. | 9/03/88 |
| David and Jennifer Dean       | 9/26/15 |

### BIRTHDAYS

|                      |      |  |                     |      |
|----------------------|------|--|---------------------|------|
| Heberton Fricke, III | 9/01 |  | Christy Hemmes      | 9/15 |
| Burton Fricke, IV    | 9/07 |  | Drew Conlan         | 9/21 |
| Ben Pfaff            | 9/09 |  | Evie Taylor         | 9/23 |
| Paul Rolfe           | 9/09 |  | Carolyn Bearlepp    | 9/25 |
| Karen Collins        | 9/10 |  | Susan Johnson       | 9/26 |
| Shannon Lavelle      | 9/10 |  | Albert Kopacka, Jr. | 9/27 |
| Sebastian Volante    | 9/10 |  | Quinn LaClair       | 9/30 |
| Tyler Cozzo          | 9/12 |  | Sophie Meseck       | 9/30 |
| Jeff Taylor          | 9/14 |  |                     |      |



### CHESTER FOOD PANTRY

***Donations are always appreciated and gratefully accepted.***

*Donations may be placed in the trunk in Fellowship Center.*

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



# September 2026



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| <p><i>Mission Council will be collecting new and gently used winter coats for all ages and genders for Market Street Mission. Also new hats, gloves, and scarves. Bins will be located in the church lobby through October 3.</i></p> |                                                                                                                                                           | <p><b>1</b></p> <p>1:00 Cultured Purls</p> <p>7:00 Overeaters Anonymous</p>                       | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:30 Healthy Bones</p>                                                                               | <p><b>3</b></p>                                                                                                         | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>10:00 Al-Anon</p>                                                           | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>8:00 Women's Breakfast</p> <p>7:30 AA Meeting</p>                             |
| <p><b>6 Communion</b></p> <p>10:00 Worship</p> <p>11:00 Fellowship &amp; Coffee</p> <p>6:00 IPSA</p>                                                                                                                                  | <p><b>7</b></p> <p></p> <p>10:00 Al-Anon</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> | <p><b>8</b></p> <p>10:30 50 Plus Club</p> <p>7:00 Overeaters Anonymous</p>                        | <p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30 Healthy Bones</p> <p>6:30 Bells</p> <p>7:30 Chancel Choir</p>                                   | <p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:30 Quilty Pleasures</p> <p>Garden Club using for drop off of baked goods etc for Craft Fair.</p> | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>9-12 Gourmet-on-the-Run</p> <p>9:30 Beginner Mtg</p> <p>10:00 Al-Anon</p>  | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:00 - 4 pm BYG Fundraiser Parking for Craft Fair</p> <p>7:30 AA Meeting</p> |
| <p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00 - 4 BYG Parking - Craft Fair</p> <p>9:15 Choir Rehearse</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p> <p>11:00 Fellowship &amp; Coffee</p> <p>COUNCILS</p> <p>Scrip Orders</p> <p>6:00 IPSA</p>                                   | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>9-12 Gourmet-on-the-Run</p> <p>10:00 Al-Anon</p> <p>7:30 Troop Com.Mtg</p> <p>7:30 Boy Scouts</p>                                     | <p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:00 Aerobics</p> <p><b>7:00 SESSION</b></p> <p>7:00 Overeaters Anonymous</p> | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:30 Healthy Bones</p> <p>6:30 Bells</p> <p>7:30 Chancel Choir</p>                                  | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:00 Aerobics</p>                                                                                   | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>9-12 Gourmet-on-The-Run</p> <p>10:00 Al-Anon</p>                           | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:30 AA Meeting</p>                                                          |
| <p><b>20 Welcome Back Sunday</b></p> <p>9:15 Choir Rehearse</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p> <p>11:00 Welcome Back Brunch</p> <p>6:00 IPSA</p>                                                                                                | <p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:00 Gourmet-on-the-Run</p> <p>10:00 Al-Anon</p> <p>7:30 Boy Scouts</p>                                                               | <p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:00 Aerobics</p> <p>10:30 50 Plus Club</p> <p>7:00 Overeaters Anonymous</p>  | <p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:30 Healthy Bones</p> <p>11 ~ 3 Walk-In Flu Clinic</p> <p>6:30 Bells</p> <p>7:30 Chancel Choir</p> | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:00 Aerobics</p> <p>10:30 Quilty Pleasures</p>                                                     | <p><b>25</b></p> <p>9-12 Gourmet-on-the-Run</p> <p>9:30 Beginner Mtg.</p> <p>10:00 Al-Anon</p> | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>7:30 AA Meeting</p>                                                          |
| <p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:15 Choir Rehearse</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p> <p>10:15 Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 Fellowship &amp; Coffee</p> <p>6:00 IPSA</p>                                                                                     | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:00 Gourmet-on-the-Run</p> <p>10:00 Al-Anon</p> <p>6:00—9 Boy Scouts Fall Court of Honor</p> <p><b>7:00 DEACONS</b></p>              | <p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:00 Aerobics</p> <p>6:30 CPC Book Club</p> <p>7:00 Overeaters Anonymous</p>  | <p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:30 Healthy Bones</p> <p>6:30 Bells</p> <p>7:30 Chancel Choir</p>                                  |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                |                                                                                                  |

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