



Community Presbyterian
Church News
December, 2019—January, 2020

Community Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 148, 220 Main Street
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From Worship Council



O COME LET US ADORE HIM

In addition to our Sunday morning 10 AM services, we have many other special Worship times during Advent. Plan to join us!

Vespers: *Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.*

Come as you are at 7:00 pm on Tuesday Evenings. Short, simple service offers a chance to relax, contemplate and sing.

Living Nativity: *Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 pm.*

Watch and participate as the familiar story is enacted by the CPC children.

Cantata: *Sunday, December 22 10:00 am*

The Christmas message is delivered musically by our choir and guest musicians.

Christmas Eve: *December 24*

3:00 — *Informal service for anyone unable to attend traditional services.*

5:30 — *Full candlelight service geared toward families with children*

8:00 — *Traditional candlelight service with carols and lessons.*

Also— Worship council invites you to join us as we decorate the Sanctuary each Friday during Advent at 9:00AM.

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From your Pastor. . .

When I was young and playing outdoor games with my friends, kickball was a big favorite, occasionally someone would make a mistake and call “Do over!”. Usually that went over well, because every one of us had occasions when we wanted a “do over”, a chance to try again. The concept of the “do over” was very comforting in many respects. It meant that we would get a second chance to put our best foot forward, sometimes literally as in the case of kickball. Making our best efforts and knowing we could do better was something that drives us all forward, especially as children.

We never would have processed it in the following terms as youngsters, but the “do over” also was a public admission of failure and the ability to do the same on the part of everyone who conceded to allow the “do over”. It was an admission that we all make mistakes, and out of love, and respect, and the universal desire to do the best ourselves and to see the best in our friends, we embrace the occasional need and chance to start again. It is a chance to both fail and succeed in a safe environment, and that is vital to our development.

Advent is the beginning of the new church year. It signals a new start, and the season approaching Christmas, but most importantly, in many ways, it is a holy and God-given “do over”. When Advent is truly observed and embraced, it is a chance to examine our form, a chance to examine how we have been doing. If we are honest, our need for a good ol’fashioned “do over” become ever more apparent.

This process isn’t meant to be oppressive, as it might sound from the outside. It is so easy to get too down on ourselves without cause. Advent is rather a time to really come to grips with who we are and what our motivations are in life. It is a chance, in a safe environment, to test and view and wonder about ourselves. It is a time for us to gain perspective on who we are and who God was, is, and who God will be for us in the future.

The good news is always that God’s Grace will always cover our failings and Christmas always comes; each and every year. From its origins, Christmas doesn’t come with a loud, blaring, fire-works-strewn display, but with the gentle cries of a baby born amidst the chaos of a big city going through a census. Christmas comes to the lowly first with the voices of angels singing from the heavens. Grace comes as relief, as a comfort, as a loving embrace, at all times and in all places, but in extra measure at Christmas.

Please remember that Christmas will come no matter what, but before then we have an opportunity for an Advent, for a season of true and proper preparation. Embrace it this year again, and have a wonderful Christmas Season.

Welcoming the “do over”,

Your loving Pastor,

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

The Annual Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation of the Community Presbyterian Church of Chester, New Jersey, are called for Sunday, January 26, 2020 in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10 AM Worship Service.

The purpose of these meeting is to receive the Annual Reports, elect officers, and conduct any other business which may properly come before the Meetings.

(Book of Order G-7.0302)

BY ORDER OF THE SESSION

The Rev. Christopher Scrivens, Moderator

Jeanne Perry, Clerk of Session

Christian Education

FootSteps

*Following Our One Teacher to Study,
Teach. Educate Pray Salvation*



Sunday School: We concluded our Super Hero Theme and the children enjoyed listening to the bible stories pertaining to each hero. The last few weeks of November were spent discussing Thanksgiving and children were asked to keep a daily log of what they are thankful for. We read passages from Thessalonians as well as Luke and discussed "Jesus and the Ten Lepers." December is a busy and exciting month as we begin Advent while preparing for The Living Nativity. This year we will be performing the Living Nativity Play on the stage and the children of our congregation would love for all to join. **Enjoy some "Christmas Cookies & Cocoa" while watching the children of our congregation perform.** Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 8th at 6:00pm.**

If you are interested in teaching a Sunday School lesson, please let me know so I may plan accordingly. Also, thank you to all of our Sunday School parents for signing out your child/children downstairs. Together we are making Footsteps for the children of our future. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at #908-879-5091 or familyministries@cpchester.org. Thank you for your help and support!
Melissa Ash

Christian Education



Epiphany Brunch

Sunday, January 5th

following the 10am Worship Service

More information coming in future bulletins

Christian Education/ Youth Fellowship

BIG YOUTH GROUP

PNO (Parents Night Out)

Parents' Night Out for December and January will be held on Friday December 13th and January 10th

Children of all ages can participate & friends are always happily welcomed

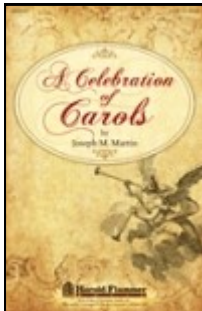
First child \$12, each additional \$10 each

We provide popcorn, drinks, games & a family- friendly movie for your kids while you enjoy a night out on the town (or whatever you choose to do with your 3 hours).

Questions: Contact Christy 908-443-1294 or bygworkcamp@gmail.com



Church Life ~ Worship



Join us this December 22nd during Worship
as the Choir and guest instrumentalists perform:

A Celebration Of Carols By Joseph M. Martin

Based on the traditional "Lessons and Carols" service, this musical tells the story of Christ's birth adorned with beautiful arrangements and meaningful scriptures. Titles include: "A Christmas Overture," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "A Prayer For Advent," "People Of Promise," "Arise," "Song Of Hope And Joy," "O Come All Ye Faithful" and more.

Church Life

From Parish Life Council. . .

This holiday season Parish Life once again sponsored the **Angel program** together with the Congregational Church and the Chester Food Pantry. We have been distributing Angels and collecting Christmas gifts for families in need in our community. All of the Angels were taken. Angel gifts are due back to the church office by December 8^h.

Sunday, December 8th: Children and Adults are invited to participate in putting together gift goodie bags with a Christmas Scripture message and symbolic candy. As in past years, these will be distributed to the patients and families at the Compassionate Care Hospice in Denville. They greatly appreciate our gift and message of hope and faith. Please join us during coffee hour for this **Intergenerational Event**.



Parish Life Book Club

Parish Life **Book Club** is taking a break for the holidays, but have chosen a book for those who would like to start reading now before the busyness of the holiday season takes over. The title of the book we chose is **Underground Railroad** by Colson Whitehead.

We will meet again on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7pm. for a discussion of that book.

Monthly Women's Breakfasts

Come join us and bring a friend or two for our monthly Women's Breakfasts. We usually meet the first Saturday of the month, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Chester Diner for fellowship and food before heading off to whatever adventures we have on our schedules for the day.

Our next breakfasts are scheduled for Saturday, December 7th and January 4th, 2020 at the Diner. If you find at the last minute you can join us, just drop in at the Diner!



CULTURED PURLS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone from '**Cultured Purls**'. We will meet again in the new year. More information about day and time will be published in future bulletins. Anyone who would like to join us or would like more information about the group, please contact the church office and we will put you in touch with a member.



Church Life

Presbyterian Women (and men)---thank



you, thank you, thank you for all your hard work in making the 2019 Holiday Extravaganza a huge success. We have grossed over \$15,000 and will have a final accounting for you soon. The Tea sold 150 lunches, our new category Jewelry brought in over \$700, and sales were just great. There was a nice turnout of shoppers and congratulations to Sharon Reardon for winning the 50/50. If any of you have new ideas or suggestions for next year's event please let Michelle or Beth know.



The Presbyterian Women will have their Christmas meeting and Cookie Packing event on Sunday Dec 15, following worship. Please plan on joining us for this time of fellowship.



We also are asking the congregation to help with supplying cookies. If you could bring 2-3 dozen cookies to church on December 15th that would be appreciated. This event allows us to give a container of cookies to our staff and members of our congregation that need a little extra joy this year.



From Your Management Council:

The Boy Scouts cleaned the window wells of leaves and debris in time for the last Chester Borough leaf pick-up. Ed Hemmes cleaned the stopped-up gutter over rear lobby entrance.

The Choir robe room light was intermittent and was converted to an LED fixture. Six of eight bulbs in the ceiling light fixtures in the street side entrance of the sanctuary had burned out.

Three gaskets were replaced on kitchen dishwasher lid. There have been no more reports of flooding.

The wider cracks in the parking lot were filled in before the winter freezes and thaws caused more damage. Two larger cracks could not be repaired for concerns about causing further damage. A pothole remains to be filled.

Dick Wynja is priming the new Larison basement Bilco doors before a final paint coat. R&R drilled holes in the door to install a secure lock. The Fellowship doors repairs in the basement are underway.

The Direct Energy electric contract will be allowed to expire in 2020 and return to JCP&L. There has been little, if any, savings. There is a penalty for early termination.

Our big printer is on borrowed time after years of service. Ann Marie has researched the costs of copier replacement options: new versus used, color versus black and white.

The grouting in sanctuary windows is in bad shape. Jose Sanchez, U.S. Painting, will do an estimate. Any work will wait until good weather returns in spring 2020. The classrooms (and other areas) need painting. This could be volunteer projects.

Management resolves to keep closer eyes on batteries in thermostats and exit lights.

Church Life ~ Anniversaries & Birthdays

The following is a list of December Anniversaries and Birthdays according to our records. If there are any additions or corrections, please let the office know so that we may update our files. Thank you!

Happy Anniversary wishes to . . .

Barton and Nancy Case	12/01/79
Kevin and Karen Collins	12/05/92
Andy and Martha Smith	12/22/79
Thomas and Jeanne Perry	12/23/67
Edward and Christy Hemmes	12/28/13
Christopher and Michelle Scrivens	12/28/91

Happy Birthday wishes to...

Nancy Hellriegel	12/01	Kim Rundzieher	12/14
Kristen Rolfe	12/01	Christian Ash	12/15
Tyler Bailey	12/02	Aric Sorchini	12/16
George Gibb	12/02	Margaret Hoffman	12/18
Michael Lavelle	12/02	Robert LeFrancis	12/18
Grace Moffitt	12/03	Jack Suter	12/18
Terry Travis	12/03	Joan Stephens	12/21
John O'Connor	12/04	Christy Shepard	12/25
Rebecca Iozzi	12/05	Michele Sorchini	12/25
Elizabeth Regber	12/07	Cole Conlan	12/26
Brad Fortunato	12/09	William Lombardo	12/27
Susan LeLoup	12/09	Kirsten Chu	12/30
Birgit Wills	12/09	Jennifer Paccione	12/30
Heather Adam	12/10	Gladys Cressman	12/31
Gregory Burns	12/11	Edward Johnson	12/31
Ruby Young	12/13		

The following is a list of January Anniversaries and Birthdays according to our records. If there are any additions or corrections, please let the office know so that we may update our files. Thank you!

Happy Anniversary wishes to . . .

Marc and Diane Phares 1/07/73

Happy Birthday wishes to...

Grace Cudnik	01/04	Ginger Miller-Jones	01/17
Liz Hutchinson	01/04	Michael Stephens	01/17
Skylar Burns	01/05	Louis Iozzi	01/19
James Kramer	01/05	Joachim Thunberg	01/19
Zachary Fisher	01/06	Bryn Davis	01/20
Faith Moffitt	01/06	Brian Conlan	01/23
Jonathan Ash	01/10	Madaline Scarfo	01/23
Matthew Ash	01/10	Rob Fisher	01/24
James Govan	01/12	Karen Stewart	01/25
John Biango	01/13	Lisa Burns	01/28
Dan Harris	01/13	Catherine Bearlepp	01/29
Lauren Lombardo	01/13	Daniel Hellriegel	01/29
Greg Bergmann	01/14	Lorraine Scholl	01/30
Colin Wilson	01/16		



Chester Food Pantry

DONATIONS ALWAYS APPRECIATED and NEEDED:

Some suggested items: toilet paper, paper towels, coffee, jello and puddings, hot cereals (farina, oatmeal, etc.) tuna, tomato products (paste, sauce, diced, stewed, etc.)

Trunk for donations is located in Fellowship Center

2020 Flower Calendar



The 2020 Flower Calendar is posted in the office. For your convenience an order form is printed below. If you would like flowers in the Sanctuary on a particular Sunday, please fill this in and mail/drop off in the Church Office.

Flowers are \$38/Sunday (you may order a larger arrangement if you desire.) The flowers are supplied and arranged by Stony Hill Gardens located on Route 24, Chester. The Deacons will deliver them to one of our shut-ins or you may pick them up after the service on Sunday. In order for you to take this as a tax deduction, please make your check payable to Community Presbyterian Church (note in memo line for flowers). If you would like to make your own arrangement, or provide flowers from your own garden in the summer, just let us know.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

I would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary on _____ Date: _____

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

_____ Please order them from the florist. _____ I will pick up my flowers after the service.

_____ I will provide them from my garden or other florist. _____ I would like Deacons to deliver to shut-in

JANUARY	5 Wolgamuth	12	19	26	
FEBRUARY	2	9 O'Connor	16	23	
MARCH	1 The Kopackas	8	15	22	29
APRIL	5	12 EASTER Lilies & Tulips	19	26	
MAY	3	10	17	24	31
JUNE	7	14	21	28	
JULY	5	12	19	26	
AUGUST	2	9	16	23	30
SEPTEMBER	1	8	15	22	29
OCTOBER	4	11	18	25	
NOVEMBER	1	8	15	22 THANKSGIVING ARRANGEMENT	29
DECEMBER	6	13	20 POINSETTIAS	27	



Poinsettias are available from the church in three sizes. These premium plants will be in church December 22nd through Christmas Eve and may be picked up **AFTER** the last evening service on December 24th.

The DEADLINE for ordering poinsettias is MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th .

I would like to order the following poinsettias:

Sizes Available:

_____ 7" pot, 2 plants with 5-9 flowers: \$18.00

_____ 8" pot, 3 plants with 10-15 flowers: \$28.00

_____ 10" pot, 5 plants with 15-20 flowers: \$40.00

Order \$ Total: _____

To enable you to take this as a tax-deductible donation, please make checks payable to:

Community Presbyterian Church ~ note in memo line for poinsettias

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

_____ I will pick up my plant(s)

_____ I would like the Deacons to deliver my plant to a shut-in

Given by (Please put as you would like it to be in the Bulletin): _____

Address: _____

Telephone# _____



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Advent 9:15 Sr. Choir Reh. 10:00 Worship/Nurs 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments 6:00 IPSA	2 10:00 Al-Anon Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 Cub Sct Ldrs	3 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 7:00 Ovreat. Anon 6:30 Tiger Den#4 7:00 Advent Vespers	4 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness	5 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 6-7 Den #3-LL 6:30 Jubilee Rngers 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg. 7:30 Senior Choir	6 10:00 Al-Anon	7 8:00 Women's Breakfast
8 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:15 Sr. Choir Reh. 10:00 Worship/Nurs. 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments SCRIP Intergen Advent Event ANGEL GIFTS DUE 6:00 LIVING NATIVITY 6:00 IPSA	9 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 COUNCILS	10 Midday Friendship 10:00 50+ Club out 7:00 Ovreat. Anon 7:00 Advent Vespers	11 10:00 Healthy Bones Angel Gifts to Food Pantry 4:30 LifeLong Fit ness	12 Midday Friendship 6:00 Den # 3 6:30 Jubilee Bells 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg. 7:30 Vocal Choir	13 9:30 Beginnrs Mtg 10:00 Al-Anon 8:00 - 5:00 Life Line Screening 6:00 Parents Night Out-L.L. 6:00 Cub Pack Mtg.	14 Eagle Scout Court of Honor
15 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:15 Sr. Choir Reh. 10:00 Worship/Nurs. 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments 6:00 IPSA	16 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones Pick Up Shop Rite Order 5:00 DEACONS- Food Baskets 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 SESSION	17 Midday Friendship 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:00 Ovreatrs Anon 7:00 Advent Vespers	18 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 6:00 Wolf Den 5	19 Midday Friendship 6:00 Den #3 LL 6:30 Jubilee Bells 7:00 A.C.A, Mtg. 7:30 Vocal Choir	20 10:00 Al-Anon	21 10:00 Choir Rehearse?
22 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Cantata 9:15 Sr. Choir Reh. 10:00 Worship/Nurs Children stay For Worship 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments 6:00 IPSA	23 <i>Schools Closed</i> 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones ?Choirs Rehearse 4:30 Life Long Fitness	24 Christmas Eve Services: <i>3:00 Come as you are</i> <i>5:30 Christmas Story told with choirs, bells</i> <i>Candle lighting concludes service</i> <i>8:00 Lessons & Carols</i>	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 Midday Friendship 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg.	27 9:30 Beginnrs Mtg 10:00 Al-Anon	28 10:00 Overeaters Anon.
29 10:00 Family Worship 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments 6:00 IPSA	30 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones	31 Midday Friendship New Year's Eve				



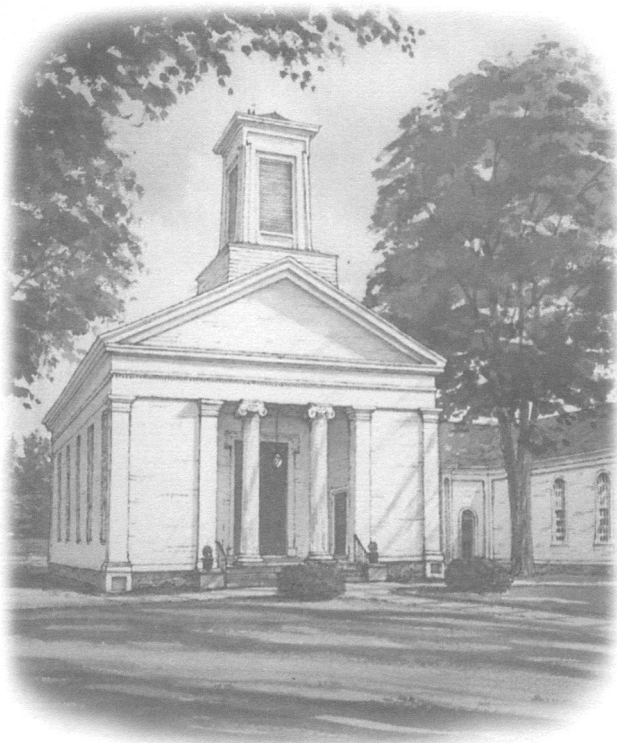
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	2 Midday Friendship 6:30 Bells ? 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg. 7:30 Choir ?	3 10:00 Al-Anon	4 8:00 Women's Breakfast 2:00-6:00 Eagle Scout Court of Honor
5 Epiphany Sun. 9:15 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship/Nurs 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Epiphany Brunch 6:00 IPSA	6 Epiphany 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 HealthyBones 4:30 LifeLong Fit. 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 Cub Sct Com.	7 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 1:00 'Cultured Purls' ? 7:00 Parish Life Book Club 7:00 Overeat. Anon	8 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness	9 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 6:30 Bell rehearsal 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg 7:00 Choir rehearse	10 9:30 Beginners Mtg. 10:00 Al-Anon 6:00 BYG Parents Night Out	11 10:00 Presby. Mtg at Sparta
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