



Community Presbyterian Church News

December, 2021

Community Presbyterian Church
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O COME LET US ADORE HIM



Vespers:

Tuesday night Advent Vesper services will again be held. These services are short and simple and offer a peaceful respite during the hectic season. We meet in the quiet of our nighttime Sanctuary at 7:00 on December 7, 14 and 21.

Join us Christmas Eve at one of our three services:

3:30 — A come-as-you-are service for anyone traveling or reluctant to be out after dark. Sun up or sun down, it's Christmas and this is a chance to worship.

5:30 — A traditional worship service with choir and bells and candles. We'll all have a chance to sing outdoors at the end of the service.

8:00 — A traditional worship service with choir and bells and candles. We'll all have a chance to sing outdoors at the end of the service.

Poinsettias

Although orders were requested by November 28, please call the office if you'd still like to buy one and have it in church through Christmas. We will likely have additional plants to sell.

Sanctuary Decorating

Worship Council is again decorating the Sanctuary throughout the Christmas season. If you can lend a hand, please join us at 9AM each Friday through December 17th. Help is always appreciated.

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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 30, 2022 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

Janet Lindstrom, Clerk of Session

Christian Education

FootSteps

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: December is going to be filled with many fun activities in Sunday School as we prepare for the birth of baby Jesus! Each Sunday we will be lighting our Advent wreath with the candle that represents each week. We will be busy with many crafts and have so much fun discussing the Christmas season.

LIVING NATIVITY: Please join us on Sunday December 5th, 2021 at 4pm for our Living Nativity to kick off the Christmas season!

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation classes will begin in January, and our first meeting will be on Saturday the 8th from 7-8pm. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to myself or Pastor Chris. I hope everyone has the Merriest of Christ-mases and a Happy healthy New Year.

Together we are making Footsteps for the children of our future. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at familyministries@cpchester.org. or Emily West (908) 674-2734. Thank you for your help and support.

Church Life

From Parish Life Council. . .

Parish Life, is once again working with the Food Pantry and the Congregational Church to distribute Christmas Angels, collecting gifts for those in need this Christmas. Over 40 angels were distributed to members of the congregation after the church service on November 14th. Angel gifts need to be returned to the church office no later than December 5th.

The Parish Life Council met and put together 75 goody bags with symbolic candy to go with an enclosed Christmas message. These are much anticipated and are much appreciated by the Compassionate Care Hospice.



Parish Life Book Club

The **Book Club** met on October 28th to discuss Britt-Marie was Here by Fredrik Backman. Our next meeting is Thursday, December 9th at 6:30 PM. The book selection is Flower Net by Lisa See. We are always open to new book suggestions. Please feel free to join us!



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 4th and January 8th, 2022 at the Diner. If you find at the last minute you can join us, just drop in at the Diner!



Presbyterian Women held another very successful Holiday Extravaganza on November 13th! A big thank you to all our bakers, cooks, knitter/crocheters, crafty people, shoppers

and volunteer workers! We could not have done without all your hard work and dedication. As to date, PW has grossed over \$14,400 and our 1/2 price sale ended this week.

Christy Shepard will be working up our final numbers in December. *Be sure to give her any expenses you need to be reimbursed for* and tax donation forms are available if you need one.



Presbyterian Women will have the annual cookie meeting after church, December 12th. Please bring 4 dozen cookies and we will box them up for our members who are home bound and our church staff.



There are Community Presbyterian Church aprons for sale--\$15 each. Please pick them up in the church office.

Also, please save your used Christmas cards after the holiday. There will be a collection bag for them in the office. Framed, they sold very well at the Extravaganza. *Have a joyful Christmas!*

Beth and Michelle



CULTURED PURLS -- Cultured Purls is happy to announce that we will start up in person again

beginning in January. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 4th at 1pm in the Fireplace Room of Fellowship Center. Come join us, if you don't know how to knit or crochet, we will help you or maybe you would like to take up an old hobby again. We have lots of yarn.



If you have any questions, please see Karen Stewart. ***Everyone is welcome.***

Deacons ~

The Deacons kicked off the holiday season with filling 62 boxes for local families for Thanksgiving. With the help of our very generous congregation, the Chester Girl Scouts, local residents and the Deacons, each family received food items for a delicious meal as well as a gift card to Shop Rite. Stony Hill Farm graciously donated fresh produce for each family as well. Each basket had hand-made cards from both the Deacons as well as the Girl Scouts.

We will be preparing Christmas gifts for our Christmas baskets in lieu of food, in mid-December. We greatly appreciate all of the support and donations during this time of year. Kindly reach out to Melissa Ash or Andy Volante if you are interested in helping.



Chester Food Pantry

DONATIONS ALWAYS APPRECIATED and NEEDED:

Some items needed are: toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish detergent, shampoo, coffee, hot cereals (farina, oatmeal, etc.) canned stews, chili, etc.

Trunk for donations is located in Fellowship Center.

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	Ruby Young	12/13
Kristen Rolfe	12/01	Kim Rundzieher	12/14
Tyler Bailey	12/02	Christian Ash	12/15
Michael Lavelle	12/02	Margaret Hoffman	12/18
Grace Moffitt	12/03	Robert LeFrancis	12/18
Terry Travis	12/03	Joan Stephens	12/21
John O'Connor	12/04	Christy Shepard	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
Greg Burns	12/11		



2022 Flower Calendar



The 2022 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 \$40/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	2	9	16	23	30
FEBRUARY	6	13 O'Connor	20	27	
MARCH	6	13	20	27	
APRIL	3	10	17 EASTER <i>Lilies & Tulips</i>	24	
MAY	1	8	15	22	29
JUNE	5	12	19	26	
JULY	3	10	17	24	31
AUGUST	7	14	21	28	
SEPTEMBER	4	11	18	25	
OCTOBER	2	9	16	23	30
NOVEMBER	6	13	20 THANKSGIVING ARRANGEMENT	27	
DECEMBER	4	11 POINSETTIAS	18	25	

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness-virt. 6:30 Bells 7:00 Youth Group 7:30 Choir	2 9:00 Aerobics 11:30 Nairobi Part. Meeting	3 8:00-5:30 LifeLine Screening 9:00 Sanctuary Decorating-Tree 10:00 Al-Anon	4 8:00 Women's Breakfast
5 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:15 Sr. Choir Reh. 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School ANGEL GIFTS DUE 4:00 LIVING NATIVITY 6:00 IPSA	6 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 LifeLong Fitness virt. 7:30 Boy Scouts	7 9:00 Aerobics 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Advent Vespers 7:00 OvreatersAnon 7:00 B.S.Adv.Wkshp 7:30 B.S. Com. 7:30 Cub Pack Com.	8 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:00 Girl Scouts 4:30 LifeLong Fit ness - virt. 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir	9 9:00 Aerobics? 6:30 Book Club	10 9:00 Sanctuary Decorating 9:30 Beginnrs Mtg 10:00 Al-Anon 4:00 Girl Scouts	11
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26 1st Sunday of Christmas 10:00 Family Worship 6:00 IPSA	27 10:00 Al-Anon	28 10:15 Fifty Plus ?	29 9:30 Healthy Bones ?	30	31 10:00 Al-Anon New Year's Eve	



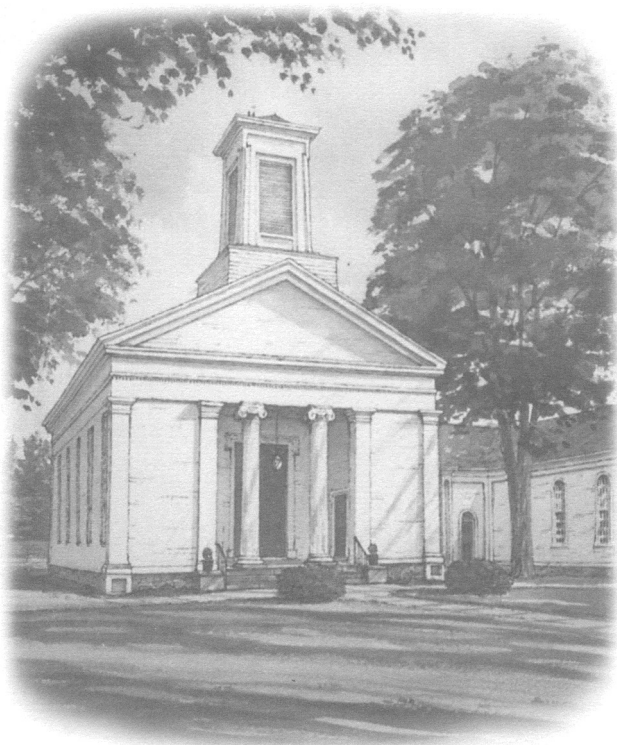
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