



Community Presbyterian Church News
JANUARY, 2022

Community Presbyterian Church
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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.

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BY ORDER OF THE SESSION

The Rev. Christopher Scrivens, Moderator

Janet Lindstrom, Clerk of Session

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Pastors Page

It almost didn't seem like we would make it. Omicron overtook us like a wave, and that is saying something given the past two years we have had. But Christmas eve was delightful. It was very nice to be able to celebrate in person, but even so, our online worship numbers were significantly higher than the in-person for the 24th.

We hear of so many cases among co-workers, friends, and family and that is a bit of a reality check for we, who have been relatively insulated from Covid cases locally. But now with New Year's celebrations and their repercussions looming, the tale will really be told in mid-January or so.

Much about our understanding of this new variant and how to handle it is up in the air and, in many ways, it feels a bit like we are starting again with new rules, and that is no fun. It is likely that before I finish this article, something new will have come about.

We have been yearning for more normalcy in life, and we did get a blessed glimpse of it a bit over the summer. The two things I hear about being missed most at church are singing, and coffee hour. I hear and feel your pain.

Despite all of this and despite the feeling that we just barely made it through Christmas, we continue to adapt; adapt as we have been.

We can certainly say that during all of this we have been exercising our flexibility and endurance, as individuals, but more importantly as a congregation.

Many of you might be saying that your endurance and flexibility have been enhanced quite far enough, thank you very much, and I wouldn't fault anyone that. But I want to point out that the history of God's Church, both long before Christ and well after and to this day, especially in other parts of the world, has been one of endurance, adaptation, and flexibility.

Since God called Abram and Sarai to completely uproot themselves and "go", to the Holy Family making their way to Bethlehem instead of giving birth to Jesus in the comfort of their home surroundings, to the persecuted Church all around the world today, "Church" has so often meant upheaval.

As we bid a "fond farewell" to 2021 and welcome in 2022 with wide open arms, I pray that we can continue to persevere. I hope that we can remind ourselves of this history of the Church, and the especially historical time through which we are living, and ultimately have hope. Hope that God is with us through all things as God has been, and that God will continue to help us navigate our way forward; and that whatever comes, because it is from God, it will indeed be good.

Christian Education

FootSteps

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: I hope everyone had a relaxing and fabulous Christmas and New Year! Coming up in the second half of Sunday School we will have some exciting lessons in both the Old and New Testaments. We also have the Lenten season approaching already and will discuss that once it arrives.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to be Sunday School teachers in the coming year and please remember if you have not yet submitted the background check for the Presbytery please see me after worship today (1/9).

We will continue to use our five finger model to pray for ourselves and others, and also continue to memorize the Lord's Prayer. I look forward to more fun the rest of the year in Sunday School!!

CONFIRMATION: I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and stayed healthy! This Saturday, Confirmation class will meet here at CPC in the fireplace room from 7-8pm. Please come join us as we get to 're-know' each other better and discuss what confirmation is all about! Below are the dates thru March we will be meeting. If you have any questions please reach out to Pastor Chris or myself. I can be reached via email at familyministries@cpchester.org or cell (908) 674-2734. We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday!

January 8, 2022 from 7-8pm

January 22, 2022 from 7-8pm

February 5, 2022 from 7-8pm

February 19, 2022 from 7-8pm

March 5, 2022 from 7-8pm

March 19, 2022 from 7-8pm



From Parish Life Council. . .

Happy New Year!

Parish Life BOOK CLUB will meet on Thursday, January 13 for a discussion of **Flower Net** by Linda See. Book suggestions as well as additional participants are always welcome!

Questions? contact Joan Stephens (201) 874-1477.

Church Life



Presbyterian Women

Would you please save the fronts of your received Christmas cards again? There is a bag in the office for them. We need just the fronts for a Presbyterian Women project for the next Holiday Extravaganza.

If you are not reusing your decorative paper Christmas bags again, please drop them off in the office.

The 2021 Holiday Extravaganza was very successful due to the large number of donated items we had to sell. If you, friends, neighbors, or relatives are downsizing Christmas decorations, please donate them to the church. Even if they are old, kind of vintage, that is fine. Leave them in the church office, or if there is a large amount, let Beth Pfaff know and she will pick up. **We cannot use large artificial Christmas trees.** Donations are tax deductible. Thank you!

Happy New Year Everyone!



SCRIP NEWS ~ In December we had 17 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$323.588 for CPC ; our year-end net rebate is \$3,070.43. Thank you for your support in making the scrip program a success! Bill Wolgamuth won December's donated gift card. Scrip 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 nbcase48@yahoo.com) and she will be happy to help you. The next scrip order will be placed on Sunday, **JANUARY 9, 2022.**

Monthly Women's Breakfasts

Come join us and bring a friend or two for our monthly Women's Breakfasts. We 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, January 8th and February 5, If you find at the last minute you can join us, just drop in at the Diner!



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



We will meet on Tuesday, February 1st at 1pm in the Fireplace Room of Fellowship Center. Come join us, bring a project you are working on or just come. 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



Chester Food Pantry

DONATIONS ALWAYS APPRECIATED

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.

Church Life - Mission

A Thank you from Fisherman's Mark, Social Services

Thank you for your recent donation of gift cards totaling the amount of \$1,100.00 in support of Hurricane Ida relief. New Orleans had Katrina. The Jersey Shore had Sandy. And our little community of Lambertville had Ida. The scale might be smaller, but the devastation to the individuals affected was no less traumatizing. One of the many families displaced by Hurricane Ida came to us with only the clothes on their backs ~ the mother didn't even have her shoes. They lost everything they owned in the flood.

The water may have receded but the damage is done and rebuilding the lives of those who had to flee (or in some cases swim) from their homes is going to take time, compassion, and most of all, resources.

Despite the fact that we had our own loss (in case you haven't heard, the Hibernia Fire House, Fisherman's Mark's home since 2017, flooded as well), we continue to do the work of strengthening the community, being true to our tagline: help when help is needed. And help is needed now more than ever. With families still recovering from financial loss during the pandemic and the hurricane piling on to this loss, the services we provide help get our clients back on their feet. As a start, we have secured housing, provided food assistance, social services and childcare for some of these clients. Be we have more work to do.

Your kindness, thoughtfulness and compassion have made a difference. Your donation during this difficult time has been life-sustaining for so many of our clients.

I cannot thank you enough for your generosity. It will take some time but we will get these wonderful families back on their feet.

With an abundance of gratitude,

Jennifer Williford, Executive Director

From CPC Deacons

The Deacons donated 58 Christmas gifts for local families for the Christmas holiday. Each family received a beautiful plush blanket, a gift card to Walmart and a savory pot pie dinner. Each gift included a Christmas card from the Chester Community Presbyterian Church. For future gifts & baskets, the cards will also include our worship time and Sunday School time so more families can experience our wonderful church.

The Deacons are looking forward to meeting in January and deciding on our upcoming events for the 2022 year. As always, we greatly appreciate all of the support and donations from the congregation. If you are interested with helping the Deacons, kindly reach out to Melissa Ash.

January Anniversaries and Birthdays

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 01/07/73

Happy Birthday wishes to...

<i>Grace Cudnik</i>	<i>01/04</i>	<i>Greg Bergmann</i>	<i>01/14</i>
<i>Liz Hutchinson</i>	<i>01/04</i>	<i>Colin Wilson</i>	<i>01/16</i>
<i>Skylar Burns</i>	<i>01/05</i>	<i>Joachim Thunberg</i>	<i>01/19</i>
<i>James Kramer</i>	<i>01/05</i>	<i>Kate Pope</i>	<i>01/20</i>
<i>Faith Moffitt</i>	<i>01/06</i>	<i>Bryn Davis</i>	<i>01/20</i>
<i>Andrew Pope</i>	<i>01/06</i>	<i>Brian Conlan</i>	<i>01/23</i>
<i>Jonathan Ash</i>	<i>01/10</i>	<i>Madaline Scarfo</i>	<i>01/23</i>
<i>Matthew Ash</i>	<i>01/10</i>	<i>Karen Stewart</i>	<i>01/25</i>
<i>Bill Wolgamuth</i>	<i>01/10</i>	<i>Lisa Burns</i>	<i>01/28</i>
<i>John Biango</i>	<i>01/13</i>	<i>Catherine Bearlepp</i>	<i>01/29</i>
<i>Dan Harris</i>	<i>01/13</i>	<i>Daniel Hellriegel</i>	<i>01/29</i>
<i>Lauren Lombardo</i>	<i>01/13</i>	<i>Lorraine Scholl</i>	<i>01/30</i>

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



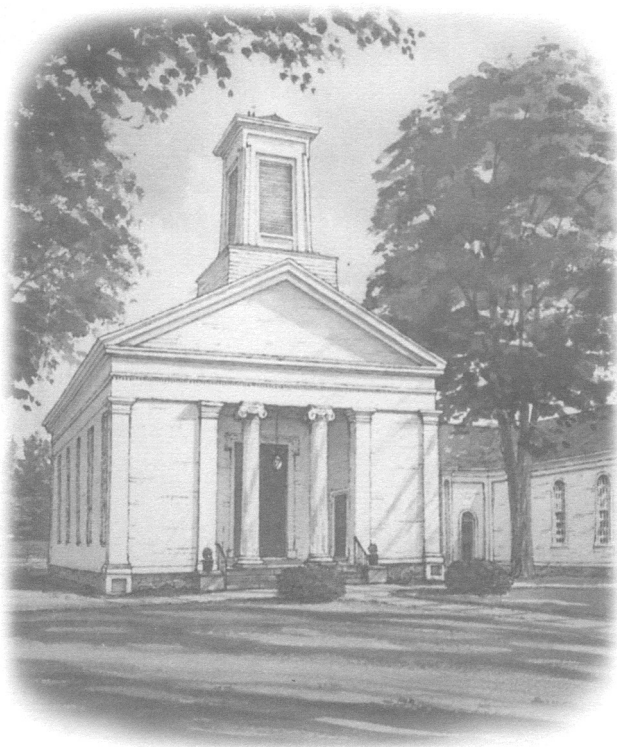
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January, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>HAPPY NEW YEAR</i>
2 2nd Sunday of Christmas 9:15 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship 10:15 SundaySchool 6:00 IPSA	3 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 LifeLong Fit. virtual 7:30 Boy Scouts	4 1:00 'Cultured Purls' 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Overeat. Anon 7:00 B.S. Adv. Wkshp	5 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness-virtual	6 Epiphany	7 10:00 Al-Anon 7:00 Cub Sct Pack Mtg.	8 8:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Confirmation Class
9 Epiphany 10:00 Worship 10:15 SundaySchool 11:00 Scrip Orders 6:00 IPSA	10 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 LifeLong Fit.-virtual 7:00 COUNCILS 7:30 Boy Scouts	11 10:15 50 Plus Club 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 COUNCILS 7:00 Overeat. Anon 7:00 Cub Sct Com. 7:00 B.S. Adv. Wkshp 7:30 Boy Sct. Com.	12 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:00 Girl Scouts 4:30 LifeLong Fitness virtual 6:30 Bells ? 7:30 Choir ?	13	14 10:00 Al-Anon	15
16 9:15 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 6:00 IPSA	17 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 LifeLong Fit. -virtual	18 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Overeat. Anon. 7:00 SESSION	19 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness-virtual 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir	20	21 9:30 ~Beginners Mtg 10:00 Al-Anon 7:00 Cub Pack Mtg.-Pinewood Derby Workshop	22 7:00 Confirmation Class
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