



# Community Presbyterian Church

## MARCH 2020

Community Presbyterian  
Church  
220 Main Street/P.O. Box 148  
Chester, NJ 07930

**Everyone is invited to join us:**



The St. Patrick's season Spud Fest, featuring Club Rince, the Irish dance troupe that has performed for us in the past, will be held on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Baked potatoes with all the toppings will be provided. We are asking congregation members to contribute desserts to share.

*Please join us for this annual event!*



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# Thank you

*On behalf of Session and the congregation, a sincere expression of thanks for the Elders and Deacons who have ended their terms of office this year:*

*Elder Ginger Miller-Jones;*

*Deacons: Hope Hollenbeck, Karen McConnell and Tom Perry.*

*Their time and effort is what enables us to continue God's work in this world. We are grateful for their dedication to Community Presbyterian Church and are fortunate to have them as part of our church family.*

*Thank you also to our Nominating Committee:*

*John Hellriegel, Jeanne Perry and Michelle Scrivens.*

*From your Pastor. . .*

Everyone is called to do or be something. Calling is kind of a “churchy” word in a lot of ways, but it seems to be in the common vernacular as well. If you are reading this, then you are probably “church folk” in one way or another and we tend to look at calling in a little different way because we attribute it to coming from God.

Throughout the Scriptures, God is calling to his people to do many things both great and small. From the calling of Abram and Sarai to leave the land of their ancestors and go to a place where God would lead them. That’s pretty big, big enough that God gave them new names. I know that Abram and Sarai to Abraham and Sarah is not that big of a leap to the ear, but it is the thought that counts.

When the disciples were called to go and retrieve Saul the Pharisee and take him in and minister to him, that was a smaller calling. They felt it was dangerous. After all, Saul had been hunting down and inciting to riot crowds of people against God’s people. But it was a quick mission for the disciples and a bigger change in calling for Saul, who became Paul for the ordeal.

We just celebrated the Ordination and Installation of new Elders and Deacons. This is a very particular calling within the Church body. In Ordination, we as a congregation affirm the gifts that we see in these people who have been called to serve in this way. Elders are called to the ministry of governance of the Church. In a Presbyterian congregation, the serving Elders are the ones who run everything. Those who are called as Deacons are called to a ministry of compassion and reaching out into the community with Christ’s loving arms. Both different ministries and both filling necessary needs.

As your Pastor, I was called to be a Minister of Word and Sacrament. A calling of vision, interpretation of Scripture, worship and serving a congregation in another very particular way. Together I work with the Elders and Deacons and the congregation at large to raise our level of discipleship and ministry within the congregation, to the community around us and farther out into the world.

So what is your calling? Where is God leading you? Sometimes the answer to these questions can be answered best by first looking back. How has God led you in the past? What journeys has God taken you on? Where has God called you to and from, where has he called you back? These and many more questions are good for discerning what God is calling you to now, because calling is never a “once and done” sort of thing. It is a participle; it ends with “ing”, which simply means it keeps going on and on.

We all have passions and skills and gifts that we use in our lives. How is God calling you to use those and where? These are things I love to hear about from people and things I love to discuss. The Church is a tremendous resource filled with amazing people, and you are one of them. If you have a calling or concern or direction you feel led to move, then the chances are someone else here has the same or similar or complementary calling; and together, with God as our lead, we can do many things.

So tell me, what is your calling?

Rev Chris Scrivens

23rd Called and Installed Pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church of Chester, NJ

## Peach Festival is Successful because of our Volunteers!

Please, we need everyone's help! Work crews and Committees are now forming

We're looking for

Treasure Seekers,  
Scavenger Hunters,  
Bakers,  
Mad Scientists (electronics),  
Toy Collectors,  
Book Worms,  
EBay Fanatics,  
Pick-up Truck owners,  
Strong Workers,  
Leaders,  
Followers, all ages & capabilities!



***There is something for everyone!***

Please email or speak with any member of the PF Core Committee:

Carolyn Bearlepp: cbrooksmenagh@aol.com;

Terri Kramer: vkramer49@comcast.net;

Tom Perry: olivergoat@aol.com;

Beth Pfaff: jlpfaff@comcast.net;

John Pfaff: johnpfaff3@gmail.com;

Pastor Chris: pastor@cpcchester.org

Christy Shepard: ccstdsign@aol.com

and let them know how you & your family can help! The more hands, the more successful we'll be! Thank you!

*When making your vacation plans, please remember: the last two weeks up to and including Peach Festival are Crunch Time ~ all hands needed ~ jobs for all ages ....*



***Peach Festival is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020***



**REMINDER:** Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8



Don't forget to spring your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7th.

## CHURCH LIFE ~ MISSION and DISCIPLESHIP

### FOOTSTEPS

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

**Sunday School:** February is the month of love, which started our next theme, "Feelings." Children read the passage *I Corinthians* and completed many activities focusing on love. All the children were given an at-home assignment which focused on the different adjectives used in the passage (i.e. patient, kind, trust, etc.). Parents and children were asked to discuss various times when these characteristics were used while stressing the importance of implementing them in everyday life. As a group, we listened to several short stories about Love and read many passages from our (new & fabulous) bibles. We also had a very sparkly morning creating Valentine's Day cards for our loved ones. Much glitter was used throughout the activity, making them extra special! Working in groups, children created a love mobile, which is a visual reminder of the different ways to act and treat others. Shrove Tuesday was a wonderful evening filled with delicious dinner and ending with Worship. *Many thanks to the Chester Meat Market for graciously donating all of the bacon and sausage.*

Our Youth Group has been a wonderful success. We are meeting twice a month in Fellowship Center. As a group, we play games and enjoy cookies & tea while discussing important life topics using the bible as the foundation. Additionally, future joint activities are being planned with the youth group at the First Congregational Church in Chester. This is a great way for our youth to stay connected in our community. If you would like to be a part of Youth Group, please contact Melissa Ash or Pastor Chris at #908-879-5091.

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@cpcchester.org](mailto:familyministries@cpcchester.org). Thank you for your help and support!* Melissa Ash

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### Parents' Night Out

**Friday, March 13th**

**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm.**

Cost is \$12 for first kid, \$10 for each additional.

Friends are always welcome to join so please pass it on!

Each event will include games, crafts and a movie with popcorn and drinks for your children! Fun is had by all and you can enjoy a night out!

## CHURCH LIFE ~ MANAGEMENT

From your Management Council

### **URGENT PROJECT:**

The glue holding the tiles to the sheetrock ceiling in the Nursery and the hallway to the restroom is failing after 67 years. Some tiles have already fallen and many others are barely hanging up.

The repairs to prevent any more tiles falling is an urgent project. When inspecting the hallway, two electrical code violations were uncovered.

There is about two days worth of work by a CPC crew to prepare for a professional crew to repair the ceiling in an estimated three days.

Then there will be at least one day for a CPC crew to put the Nursery back together.

The goal is to start on a Monday (soon!) and have the Nursery available again on the next Sunday.

***Any help will be appreciated.***

The downstairs restroom really needs painting. It might become a part of the Nursery project. Except for Larison, most everywhere else can use some painting

The Presbyterian Women's Larison painting project has been completed. Inspection of the electrical outlets and switches revealed that none had grounds. Switches were sparking. They all needed to be replaced. Completed.

The baby grand piano was back in service after piano tuner/repairman Randy took parts home to repair over the Feb. 15-16 weekend.

The sanctuary instrumentalist platform will be extended to also accommodate the donated baby grand piano.

The grease trap for the kitchen sinks has not been cleaned for some time. It stinks. Reissmann P&H did do it in the past. The new Ryan P&H will not. Service Plus does not do it. It's a long, messy, stinky task.

Two brave CPC volunteers took on that task last week and we thank them for saving CPC from having to contact someone to clean it, saving CPC a significant amount of money. We have one professional company that does grease trap cleaning that we will contact for a ballpark estimate.

At least one of the Ladies Room stall door locks has not worked in some time and could not be repaired.

Another type of lock has been installed.

The bulletin boards near the water fountain and next to the music office have been swapped for better fits.

Building Uses:

LifeLine Screening, May 29

Girl Scouts, March 7

Nerf battle play date for kids, 2/24 and 3/18, 1-4pm,

### **Winter Projects Planned:**

A sanctuary front railing is loose  
and the steps need repairing

Expert assistance has been contacted.

Greatly improved WiFi coverage for Fellowship basement is on the list.

### **Warm and Reliable Weather Projects Planned:**

Sanctuary windows caulked;

Larison floor support upgraded; Larison basement insulation will be installed;

the Fellowship Center building vertical siding trim at the southeast corner- repair looks to be a bigger project due to the brittleness of the siding.

A new Bilco door to Larison basement will be installed.

## CHURCH LIFE



**Presbyterian Women** met on

Sunday February 23rd to vote on the 2020 budget. There is currently \$18,400 in our account. We contributed \$7,000

to pay for the paint job in Larison Room. The room looks wonderful now. *A big thank you to church members who helped to clear out the rooms in preparation of the paint job.*

Presbyterian Women will sponsor the Annual Easter Sunday annual egg hunt for the children.

**Future PW meetings are --** (mark your calendars)

**April 26th** - Annual dinner at Redwoods Restaurant at 5 pm. Cost per each member will be \$25

**June 14th**

**September 13th**

**October 11th**

**November 14th Holiday Extravaganza**

**December 8th** - Annual cookie packing and Tea

*All women are invited to join us at our meetings and the annual dinner.*

Ps -- *do not forget*, PW would love any jewelry donations (costume or fine) if you are spring cleaning. We made \$735 at the Holiday Extravaganza last November just on jewelry sales alone! Also needed are purses of all kinds for the August 1st Peach Festival--purses are great sellers in the White Elephant area. Your donations can be dropped off in the church office. If you need a tax letter from the church for items you donated to the 2019 Holiday Extravaganza, please go to the church office and ask for one.

Thank you everyone!

### FROM PARISH LIFE

The Parish Life Book Club book met in February to discuss Educated by Tara Westover.

Our March book will be A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. The March meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM. We welcome anyone who would like to join us and are always open for book suggestions!



### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us for our next breakfast on Saturday, March 7th, 8:00 a.m. at the Chester Diner. Enjoy fellowship and food ~ what more could you ask for! Bring a friend or two, the more the merrier.

Hope to see you at Breakfast!

Our April Breakfast will be April 4th, 8am, at the Chester Diner.

### CULTURED PURLS



'Cultured Purls' will hold their March meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd at 1:00 pm in the Fireplace Room at Community Presbyterian Church. If you would like to join the group, or would like some Information about 'Cultured Purls', please call the office at (908) 879-5091 and we will have one of the ladies contact you or just come join them for their next get together on Tuesday, April 7th, 1pm in the Fireplace room of Fellowship Center.

# CHURCH LIFE and MISSION

## FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Our Flower Calendar has several dates still available.

June: 14 and 28;  
July: 5, 12, 19 & 26;  
August: 9, 16, 23 & 30  
September: 6, 13, 20 & 27  
October: 4  
November: 1, 8, 15 & 29  
December: 6, 13 & 27



Flowers are supplied by Stony Hill Gardens, Route 24, Chester. Cost is \$38/Sunday (or you may order larger arrangements if you choose.) The Deacons will deliver them to one of our shut-ins or you may pick them up after the service. Make checks payable to Community Presbyterian Church with a note on memo line for flowers. Call the Church office to be sure the dates haven't been taken, we will be happy to put your name on the calendar. Thank you.

## SCRIP NEWS

We had 13 families purchase scrip in February, with a net rebate of \$226.17 for CPC. Our year-to-date net rebate is \$445.42. Thank you everyone! Beth Pfaff won this month'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 (908- 879-3176 or [nbcase48@yahoo.com](mailto:nbcase48@yahoo.com)) and she will be happy to help you. The next scrip order will be placed on **Sunday, March 8, 2020.**



## CHESTER FOOD PANTRY

Donations are always appreciated and gratefully accepted. Donations can be placed in the trunk located in Fellowship Center. Most needed items at the moment: *stew, catsup, mustard, mayonnaise, syrup, gravy and coffee.*

## **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS**

*Following is a list of March Anniversaries and Birthdays according to our church records. If there are any additions or corrections, please let the church office know so that we keep our records up to date. Thank you!*

*Marc and Faith Moffitt 03/27/99*

<i>Jen Bergmann</i>	<i>03/01</i>
<i>Steven Lomelo</i>	<i>03/02</i>
<i>Matthew Paccione</i>	<i>03/04</i>
<i>Luke Huck</i>	<i>03/05</i>
<i>Richard LaClair</i>	<i>03/06</i>
<i>Jacqueline DeRienzo</i>	<i>03/07</i>
<i>Olivia DeRienzo</i>	<i>03/07</i>
<i>Hope Hollenbeck</i>	<i>03/08</i>
<i>Andrew Volante</i>	<i>03/08</i>
<i>Adam Schuetz</i>	<i>03/11</i>
<i>Ella Chomiak</i>	<i>03/13</i>
<i>Hayden Murphy</i>	<i>03/13</i>
<i>Martha Smith</i>	<i>03/13</i>
<i>Sage Tonnesen</i>	<i>03/14</i>
<i>Marie Duryea</i>	<i>03/15</i>
<i>Mary Lou Wynja</i>	<i>03/15</i>
<i>Mary Robinson</i>	<i>03/17</i>
<i>Judith Treutlein</i>	<i>03/17</i>
<i>Marilyn Guerin</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Jerilynn Harris</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Matilda Lavelle</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Mauricette Moffitt</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Adam Sorchini</i>	<i>03/21</i>
<i>Robin Chu</i>	<i>03/22</i>
<i>Andrew Fortunato</i>	<i>03/22</i>
<i>Katherine Fortunato</i>	<i>03/22</i>
<i>Christina Yerdon</i>	<i>03/22</i>
<i>Kayleigh Yerdon</i>	<i>03/22</i>
<i>Teddy Yerdon</i>	<i>03/22</i>
<i>Lauren Scarfo</i>	<i>03/23</i>
<i>Amanda Lomelo</i>	<i>03/24</i>
<i>PJ Rundzieher</i>	<i>03/27</i>
<i>Abigail Seel</i>	<i>03/27</i>
<i>Joseph Hutchinson</i>	<i>03/28</i>
<i>Luke Hutchinson</i>	<i>03/28</i>



# March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:15 Choir Rehearse 10:00 Worship/Nurs 10:15 Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments  4:00 Youth Group  6:00 IPSA	<b>2</b> 10:00 AI-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones  4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 Cub Sct Com. Mt	<b>3</b> Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics  1:00 'Cultured Purls'  7:00 Overeatrs Anon	<b>11</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Healthy Bones  12:00 - 2:00 Presbytery Event  4:30 LifeLong Fitness	<b>5</b> Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics  4:30 LifeLong Fitness  6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Pen Meet -FC 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg. 7:30 Vocal Choir	<b>6</b> 10:00 AI-anon   Set-Up for Missional Ministries event	<b>7</b> 8:00 Women's Breakfast 8:30 - 2:00 pm Missional Ministries - Presbytery Event <b>3:00 Girl Scouts</b> <i>Spring Clocks ahead            One hour before bed            Daylight Savings</i>
<b>8</b> Daylight Savings Begins 9:15 Choir Rehearse 10:00 Worship/Nurs 10:15 Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Scrip Orders taken 11:15 Adult Ed  6:00 IPSA	<b>9</b> 10:00 AI-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones  4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:15 Boy Scouts <b>7:30 Management, Mission &amp; Discipleship            Worship Ccls.</b>	<b>10</b> Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 10:15 Fifty Plus Club  1:00 Presby. Mtg.  7:00 Overeat. Anon. <b>7:30 Parish Life, Stewardship Ccls.</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Healthy Bones  1:00 Nairobi Partnership  4:30 LifeLong Fitness	<b>12</b> Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics   6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg. 7:30 Vocal Choir	<b>13</b> 9:30 Beginners Mtg. 10:00 AI-Anon   6:00 Parents Night Out - LL 6:00 Cub Pack Mtg. - Fellowship Ctr 6:00 Sct. Parents - Larison Room	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:15 Choir Rehearse 10:00 Worship/Nurs 10:15 Sun. School 11:00 SPUD FEST  4:00 Youth Group  6:00 IPSA	<b>16</b> 10:00 AI-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones  4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:15 Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> Midday Friendship   7:00 Overeat Anon. <b>7:30 SESSION</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Healthy Bones  1:00 Learn. Connection Play Date 3:00 Peach Fest. Mtg 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:00 Cub Scout Den	<b>19</b> Midday Friendship  4:30 LifeLong Fitness  6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg. 7:30 Vocal Choir	<b>20</b> 10:00 AI-Anon	<b>21</b> 9:30-12:00 Officer Training - Fellowship Ctr.
<b>22</b> 9:15 Senior Choir 10:00 Worship/Nurs 10:15 Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments 11:15 Adult Ed  6:00 IPSA	<b>23</b> 10:00 AI-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones  4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:15 Boy Scouts <b>7:30 DEACONS</b>	<b>24</b> Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 10:15 Fifty Plus Club  7:00 Overeat. Anon.	<b>25</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Healthy Bones  4:30 LifeLong Fitness	<b>26</b> Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics  6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg. 7:30 Vocal Choir	<b>27</b> 9:30 Begin. Mtg. 10:00 AI-Anon	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:15 Senior Choir 10:00 Worship/Nurs. Family Worship 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments  6:00 IPSA	<b>30</b> 10:00 AI-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones  <b>SPRING BREAK</b> 4:30 LifeLong Fitness	<b>31</b> Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  7:00 Overeat. Anon.				

# EASTER LILIES AND/OR TULIPS

We are offering everyone the opportunity to purchase the traditional Easter Lily AND / OR a pot of Tulips 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. You may pick up your plant(s) after the last Worship Service on Easter Sunday or leave them for the Deacons for delivery to our sick and shut-ins.

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies ordered @ 11.00 ea. Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 8" Pot(s) of Tulips ordered @ 13.50 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: Name/Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

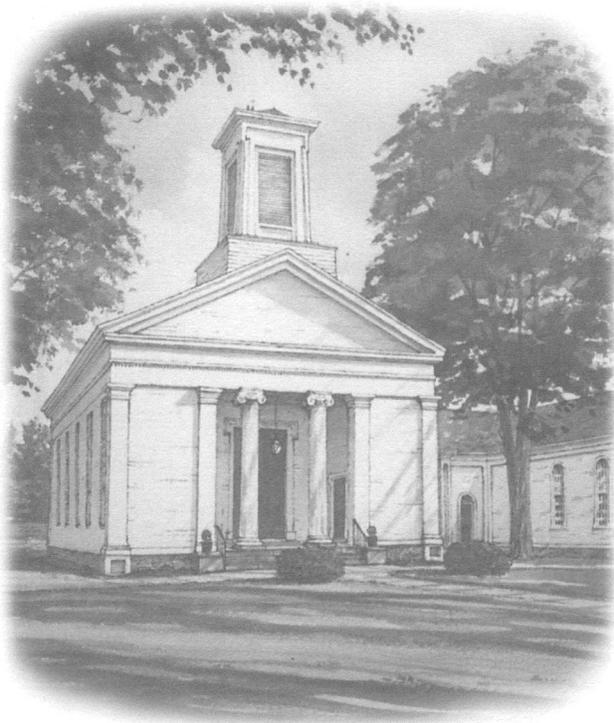
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like the Deacons to deliver my plant(s) to one of our sick or shut-ins

**DEADLINE** for ordering is **MONDAY, MARCH 30th, 2020**



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