



Community Presbyterian Church News

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Community Presbyterian Church
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Sabbath Worship is Returning to the Sanctuary!

Our Sanctuary was built in 1852 and has been witness to many events in history and this past year+ will be no exception. As your Pastor, I have been very grateful to the Session and congregation in that we have been similarly-minded with regards to the safe and conservative nature in which we have approached our common congregational life during this pandemic.

We have recently installed a hospital-grade air filtration system in the two air conditioning units that service the Sanctuary and the office. These consist of **HEPA, electro-static, and UV filtration elements and are capable of replacing all of the air in the Sanctuary once every 10 minutes!** It does this at any time of the year whether operating as air conditioners in the warmer months, heating in the cooler times, or simply as a fan to circulate the air.

After this significant upgrade and pursuant to Session vote, we are moving Sunday worship back into the main Sanctuary starting May 2nd!!

We will of course continue all of the current precautions with regards to masks, distancing, no congregational singing, and enhanced cleaning protocols.

The live-stream system will also be moved into the Sanctuary for those who continue to feel more comfortable worshipping from home.

May 2nd will be especially joyous as we return to the Sanctuary and we will also be celebrating both of our Sacraments: The Lord's Supper and also the baptism of Quinn Ruth LaClair, daughter to Dan and Meghan Menagh LaClair!

Come and join us in this exciting return to our Sanctuary after so many months of vacancy.

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FOOTSTEPS

Following **O**ur **O**ne **T**eacher to **S**tudy **T**each **E**xperience **P**ray **S**alvation

Sunday School: Our Sunday School Zoom meetings have been well attended, a great way for the children of our congregation to stay connected. We have been meeting weekly virtually from 9:00-9:30 to allow families travel time to church for in person worship. Our Sunday School class begins with the children chatting and catching up with one another, followed by reading from either our online bibles or separate book. Over the last month, we have been focusing on bible stories that show the miracles that can happen when you have faith in Jesus. Together, the children have read, "Jesus Heals a Blind Man," "Jesus Walks on Water," and "The Good Shepherd." Through our zoom lessons, children have been able

using our online bibles as well that have been sent via email. reviewing the Lord's Prayer as remember, friends and family to join, so please feel free to

to our list. ****Confirmation Class Fellowship Center and are look-meetings. Future Confirmation & Sunday, May 16th, 4:00- *Sunday School will remain June 13th. Save the Date:***

1st, more information will be coming soon! We are in need of volunteers to help, so please feel free to reach out if you are interested. *The success of the Easter Baskets were also shared with the children as many families donated and contributed various food items. Please utilize our online bible activities as they are a fun way for the children to review their bible stories.

www.adventurebible.com Additionally, continue to use the Five Finger Model with your children while praying. 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. Thank you for your help and support. Love, Melissa Ash



to complete various activities as supplemental materials Each lesson concludes with well as a group game. Please members are always welcome reach out so I may add them ***met on Sunday, April 18th in ing forward to upcoming Class Dates: Sunday, May 2nd 5:00pm Fellowship Center. virtual until our last class, Outdoor VBS June 28th- July***



FROM PARISH LIFE

BOOK CLUB

The Parish Life Sponsored Book Club plans to meet on Wednesday, May 19th beginning at 6:30 p.m. for a discussion of the book **Devil in the White City** by Erik Larson. There's still time to read the book and come join us. Book suggestions and additional participants are always welcome! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joan Stephens, (201) 874-1477.



Let's Celebrate getting together

Parish Life is happy to announce that we are, at long last, able to plan a CONGREGATIONAL GET-TOGETHER .

We hope **EVERYONE** will join us!

Sunday, May 23rd following the 10:00 am Worship Service

Outside on the front lawn (weather-permitting)

Everyone brings their own blankets, seats, food and drink

There will be **BINGO** and **PRIZES!**

Don't forget, it is **PENTECOST** so be sure to wear some **RED!!**



CPC DEACONS

The Community Presbyterian Church Deacons had a very successful food drive for the Easter Food Baskets. Each basket contained each requested food item, fresh produce from Stony Hill as well as a gift card for Shop Rite. All baskets were successfully packed and moved to Fellowship Center ready for pick up. The Deacons are planning to host a parking fundraiser for upcoming town events, however plans have yet to be finalized. With the weather becoming warmer, Deacons spoke about starting "at home visits" for congregation members who are recovering from an illness/injury or who would just like a friendly chat. Kindly let us know if you or someone you know is interested in arranging a visit. Get well cards have been mailed to congregation members who are home healing from recent surgeries, procedures, etc. Deacons are excited to return to the sanctuary for worship on May 2nd and are looking forward to seeing everyone! Tentative Fundraising Parking Dates: June 19th & Aug. 14th.

CHURCH LIFE



Presbyterian Women

Our annual Easter egg hunt took place after the 10:00 am Worship Service. The children that attended were invited into the Memorial Garden to search for a gift. It was great fun for all the children who participated.

Presbyterian Women will be holding a meeting after the service on Sunday, May 16th. We will be discussing activities for 2021.

PW is still planning on holding the **Holiday Extravaganza** in November if Covid 19 numbers in NJ have improved. We are always looking for new ideas for that event, so if you have any, please pass them on to Michelle or Beth. We can always use donations of costume and real jewelry for the Extravaganza.

Donated jewelry can be left in the office --thank you!



NEXT WEEK IS SCRIP WEEK! When we purchase gift cards, the merchant makes a percentage donation back to the church. There are many, many retail outlets of all types in the Scrip program, but the one most commonly used by CPCers is Shop Rite. There are copies of the list of Participating Retail Stores and scrip order forms available on the table in Fellowship Center. It's a simple process to order:

1. Decide how much you want in Shop Rite (or other retailers) gift cards.
2. Make a check out to CPC - PW for that amount. In the memo line, identify that it's for Scrip and which retailer, e.g. Shop Rite
3. Drop the check in the office any time before next Monday (5/10).
4. The office will email when the gift cards arrive, usually later in the week. Pick them up (full value of the check you wrote) and use them to pay for groceries.

Shop Rite donates 4% of the total gift card purchase to CPC. So, for every \$100. you purchase in Shop Rite gift cards, CPC receives \$4. It's an easy process, it makes shopping easier and it's a great way to contribute to CPC with **NO** out of pocket expense!

SCRIP NEWS ~ For April, we had 12 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$208.75 for CPC ; our year-to-date net rebate is \$985.87. Thank you, as always, for your continued support! Mauricette Moffitt won this month's donated \$10 gift card. Congratulations Mauricette!! 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, **MAY 9, 2021.**



CHESTER FOOD PANTRY

Some Items that are needed:

Stew, canned tomato products, canned fruit, crackers, cookies, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, jelly, coffee, paper towels, detergent.

PLEASE: No Glass containers of any kind

Thank you for your generosity.

Donations may be placed in the trunk in Fellowship Center

MAY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

The following is a list of MAY 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.

Happy Anniversary wishes to...

<i>Paul and Kim Rundzieher</i>	<i>05/13/95</i>
<i>Dan and Jerilynn Harris</i>	<i>05/22/82</i>
<i>Dale and Carol Davis, III</i>	<i>05/24/80</i>

Happy Birthday wishes to...

Rebecca McMichael	05/09
Scott Dean	05/11
Alice Bea	05/12
Alina Hutchinson	05/13
Dylan Clessuras	05/14
David Fortunato	05/14
Shea Torgersen	05/15
Ed Hemmes, Jr.	05/20
Amelia Scarfo	05/21
Cindy Zimmer	05/21
Declan Davis	05/22
Caitlin Bailey	05/23



Rebecca Thunberg	05/24
Kimberly Biango	05/26
Sharon Hooey	05/27
Alan Lindstrom	05/27
Stephanie	
Shaeffer-Trevisan	05/27
Lauren Collins	05/28
Darcy Taylor	05/28
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Shawn Cudnik	05/31
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion/ Baptism 9:00 Virtual Sunday Sch 10:00 In-Person and Virtual Worship Welcome Back to Worship in our Sanctuary 4:00 Confirmation Class	3 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ovreaters Anon	5 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 6:30 Bell Rehearsal	6 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	7 10:00 Al-Anon	8
9 Mother's Day 9:00 Virtual Sun. School 10:00 In-person and Virtual Worship Scrip Orders 	10 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Management Mission & Discipleship & Worship COUNCILS	11 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ovreaters Anon 7:30 Parish Life & Stew. & Fin. Councils	12 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 6:30 Bell Rehearsal	13	14 10:00 Al-Anon	15 8:30 - 1 pm. Girl Scouts Rain Gutter Regatta - outside
16 9:00 Virtual Sunday Sch 10:00 In-person and Virtual Worship 11:00 Presbyterian Women Meeting 4:00 Confirmation	17 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 Lifelong Fitness	18 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ovreaters Anon 7:00 SESSION	19 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 6:30 Book Club	20	21 10:00 Al-Anon	22
23 PENTECOST 9:00 Virtual Sun. School 10:00 In-person and Virtual Worship 11:00 Picnic/Bingo after Worship	24 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:30 DEACONS	25 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ovreaters Anon	26 4:30 Virtual LifeLong Fitness	27	28 10:00 Al-Anon	29
30 TRINITY SUN. 10:00 Worship	31 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED <i>office closed</i>			5:00 Den 2 Tentative		