



Community Presbyterian Church News

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Peach Festival 2022

Even though we have just celebrated Easter, the Peach Festival “pit crew” has been busy making plans for this year’s event. We believe everyone thoroughly enjoyed the kinder, gentler Peach Festival of 2021, so we plan to follow a similar pattern for Peach Festival 2022. Since this is our church’s major fund raiser, we are asking you to *save some dates, donate some hours, and help make this event a success!*

Peach Festival 22 will be held on Saturday, August 6, from 9 am to 3 pm. Please mark your calendars and watch future bulletins, newsletters and emails for dates and information. This year’s One Great Hour of Sharing campaign used the tagline “if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.” So let’s all do a little so it will add up to a lot.



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From Your Pastor . . .

Even more than most years, we are looking forward to the unfolding of Spring and Summer here at the Community Presbyterian Church. We are again at the point where we have had some wonderful tastes of the beautiful Spring weather, and then Winter has crept back in a bit again. Does it seem like this has happened more than in a typical Spring? It does to me, but, I think a lot of that has to do with this particular Spring. We can really feel like we are moving into a more manageable space with regards to many things. "Return to normal" seems like such a cliché term, and it really has become that lately, but I don't know if it ever is an especially fitting or accurate wish.

As many of you know, Community Presbyterian is not a congregation that sits back and takes the Summer off. The Summer work camp with the Big Youth Group, the Peach Festival, and Vacation Bible School just to name the big ones.

All of these events are opportunities for us to engage; engage with one another, with various ministry opportunities to the community and beyond and to form, build, and strengthen relationships all along the way.

The author of the First Testament book of Ecclesiastes asks the question, "*What have the workers to gain from their toil?*" (Eccl. 3:9) I think a good answer to that, beyond what might be obvious is, "things that we could never imagine."

God gives us work to do, opportunities to work together around a particular goal or cause or purpose. This is one of the ways in which we engage in the stewardship aspect of our lives as disciples. We are given much and called to use what we are given in the service of God's Kingdom. Luke charges us in his Gospel, "*From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.*" (Lk 12:48b)

As many know, Peach Festival has undergone a dramatic transformation after the pandemic. It is smaller and more "approachable" while preserving most of what we hope for in a Summer Church festival. This means that those who attend, and have little idea of what goes into the organization, planning, and execution of the event can simply come and have a delightful time. As so often is the case, the "behind the scenes" is not as pretty as the final result. But as a congregational event, every step along the way needs to be regarded as ministry, not just the final product on the day of the event, or the final bottom line financially. This is one of the things that has been recovered for the Peach Festival in it's post-pandemic form.

I can't mention enough how much enthusiasm exists among the Core Team as we have planned the festival last year and are planning for this year. We ran into so many instances of finding the time to enjoy the work and the process and especially the relationships we enjoy along the way in the midst of all of the preparations.

From Your Pastor continued

In my opinion this is a huge gain for the Peach Festival and all who make it happen and this is where we want to be.

Being smaller and organized differently, with all of the changes implemented last year, has created this new environment for our congregation to engage in this form of stewardship and receive so much amidst the work. That is a beautiful thing and there is something to do for everyone.

As you begin to plan out this Summer for yourselves, please remember the importance of stewardship, not only for the health, vitality, and continued life of Community Presbyterian, but as a vital aspect of the life that God wants for you; a life of connection, interaction, and work for a common cause.

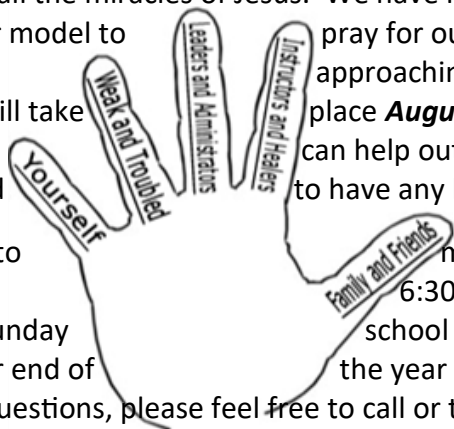
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FOOTSTEPS

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

Sunday School: What a wonderful time we have been having in Sunday School. We learned all about Palm Sunday and Holy week this month, as well as celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. We will continue with the 10 commandments and learn how important it is to try and abide by them, as well as all the miracles of Jesus. We have mastered The Lord's Prayer and continue to use our five-finger model to pray for ourselves and others. I cannot believe how fast summer is approaching and that means time for **Vacation Bible School!** VBS will take place **August 15th-19th** this year from **9am-12pm** each day. If you can help out in any way, please contact me and let me know! We are glad to have any help!

Confirmation class continues to meet and our May meetings will be May 4th and May 18th from 6:30-7:30pm at CPC. I am looking forward to wrapping up the Sunday school year with some fun crafts and lessons as well as planning our end of the year CPC event in June. Thank you, Emily West. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text 908-674-2734 or e-mail familyministries@cpchester.org.



Stewardship and Finance

I wanted to give the congregation a Financial Update for CPC. Through March year to date, we are behind on our budget for pledges. This is a concern for us, because our budget was already planned to be slightly negative for the full year. This year will be an important one in the financial life of CPC. If we are able to meet or exceed our income, we should be able to manage a balanced budget. If we lose ground and have expenses well above our income, then we will need to re-think how we operate.

As Financial Council chair, I am asking for all members to contribute their pledges when they can. If you feel that you can give a bit more, please consider what is possible for you. If you have questions about your pledge and donations to date, you can reach out to the CPC office.

We have weathered financial challenges in the past, and the congregation always rises to the occasion. Your time, talents, and funds keep our congregation strong. I am confident that with your support, we will continue to show God's love through our work, faith, and worship.

Peace and Love, John Hellriegel

Parish Life

Fellowship and Coffee

"Let's change things up, Coffee Hour Your Way"

Ladies, does it seem like any time you plan to take a Sunday off or have a busy Sunday afternoon planned, you are on the list for Coffee Hour hostess ?

Gentlemen, have you ever wanted to host a coffee hour?

- Would you like to pick your own coffee hour partner and date?
- Would you like to do coffee hour as a family?
- Do you dread the thought of baking for Coffee Hour?
- Would you prefer to buy your Coffee Hour goodies?
- Do you love to "do it up" for Coffee Hour?
- Do you want to keep it simple with just coffee and tea, that's acceptable too!



Depending on your answers, Parish Life has a solution, and it's pick your date and do it your way Coffee Hour. Parish Life will continue using this new method for Coffee Hour.

All Sundays in June, July and August are available. Please contact the office if you would like to serve on a Sunday or look for the coffee hour schedule at coffee hour; thank you. ... **AND** if we have dates without volunteers we will have fellowship without the coffee. *Thanking you in advance for your participation*

PARISH LIFE

Parish Life invites all ladies to a
Ladies' Afternoon Out at Pinot's Palette

1885 – NJ 57, Hackettstown, NJ



May 15, 2022 from 3pm ~ 5pm

Cost: \$38 per person (makes a nice Mother's Day Gift) Hint Hint Dads and kids

we will provide light snacks ♥

everyone brings their own beverage

Invite some friends to join you

They can seat up to 45 people

Sign Up in Fellowship Center or call the Office (908) 879-5091

The picture above is the one we will be painting



FROM PARISH LIFE

BOOK CLUB

Parish Life Book Club met on Thursday, April 28th for a discussion of The Masterpiece, a historical fiction, by Fiona Davis. Following our discussion, we chose The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi as our next book and we plan to meet Thursday, May 26th at 6:30pm for a discussion of the book.

Book suggestions and additional participants are always welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Joan Stephens (201-874-1477).

CHURCH LIFE



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will hold a meeting on Sunday May 15th after the service. We will discuss the upcoming annual dinner and other events. Everyone is welcome to join us! We can always use new ideas

There was a nice turnout for Easter egg hunting on a chilly Sunday morning in the Memorial Garden. Thank you to all who attended.

Attention CPC members who will be holding events at the church--Presbyterian Women purchased a new mobile sign to place out by the street. Everyone is welcome to use it to announce your event. Please check with Ann Marie first --she needs at least a week or two to get permission from the Boro.



How our Scrip Program works:

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 a variety of retailer gift cards.
2. Make a check out to *CPC - PW* for that amount. In the memo line, identify that it's for Scrip.
3. Drop the check off in the office (we ask for payment before we order your cards.)
4. The office will email or call you when the gift cards arrive, usually later in the week (Thursdays most times).
5. Pick your cards up (full value of the check you wrote) and use them for gifts, to pay for groceries or for meals if you order restaurant gift cards, for shopping i.e. Kohls, Old Navy etc..

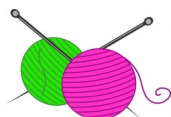
Shop Rite donates 4% of the total gift card purchase to CPC. So, for every \$100. you purchase in Shop Rite gift cards, CPC receives \$4. It's an easy process, it makes shopping easier and it's a great way to contribute to CPC with **NO** out of pocket expense!

SCRIP NEWS ~ For April, we had 14 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$250.13 for CPC ; our year-to-date net rebate is \$1105.70. Thank you, as always, for your continued support! Barbara Misar won this month's donated \$10 gift card. Congratulations Barbara!! It is never too late to join our happy group of scrip shoppers - the more the merrier! 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 is 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 8, 2022.**



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

COME join us for our monthly breakfast out at the Chester Diner beginning at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month; plan to join us on May 7th. If you aren't able to join us this month, we will meet again at the Diner on Saturday, June 4th. Bring a friend, the more the merrier. There is nothing better than starting out your day with wonderful fellowship and warm food!



'CULTURED PURLS': Our May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd at 1pm in the Fireplace Room of Fellowship Center at CPC. Come join us.

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...

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

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
Kevin Collins	05/31
Shawn Cudnik	05/31
Cole Thunberg	05/31

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, so far April 30 and August 13 are scheduled. Anyone that would like to come and help with the parking fundraiser are more than welcome. Contact Jerilynn Harris @ 908-797-8121 .

CHESTER FOOD PANTRY

Some Items that are **desperately needed:**
Laundry detergent, dish detergent, Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, cereal, macaroni and cheese, crackers, cookies, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, jelly, peanut butter, coffee.

PLEASE: No Glass containers of any kind

Thank you for your generosity.

Donations may be placed in the trunk in Fellowship Center

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 In-Person and Virtual Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship 12:00 Nature Hike 6:00 IPSA	2 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts	3 9:00 Aerobics 1:00 Cultured Purls 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ovreaters Anon 7:00 Boy Scout Adv. Workshop	4 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	5 9:00 Aerobics <i>National Day of Prayer</i> 7:00 A.C.A.	6 10:00 Al-Anon	7 8:00 Women's Breakfast
8 Mother's Day 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 In-person and Virtual Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Ref. Scrip Orders 6:00 IPSA 	9 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:00 Management & Worship COUNCILS 7:30 Boy Scouts	10 9:00 Aerobics 10:15 50 Plus Club 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ovreaters Anon 7:00 Merit Badge Wks 7:30 Boy Sct. Comm. 7:30 Stew. & Fin. Ccl.	11 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 M&D/Parish Life	12 9:00 Aerobics 7:00 A.C.A.	13 9:30 Beginners Mt 10:00 Al-Anon	14
15 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 In-person and Virtual Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments P.W. Meeting 3:00 Pinot's Palette 6:00 IPSA	16 10:00 Al-Anon 3:00 Peach Fest. Mtg 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts	17 9:00 Aerobics 3:00 Bible Study 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:00 Ovreaters Anon 7:00 SESSION	18 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 6:30 Confirmation Cl. 6:30 Bell Rehearsal	19 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 - all day Quilters Group 7:00 A.C.A.	20 10:00 Al-Anon Quilters return if Project needs finishing	21
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