



Community Presbyterian
Church News
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Church
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Holiday
EXTRAVAGANZA
2019

Save the Date!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAIN STREET ~ CHESTER, NEW JERSEY

*DECORATIONS, JEWELRY & GIFTS * CHRISTMAS & NEARLY NEW ITEMS *

* HANDMADE CRAFTS * BAKED GOODS * SILENT AUCTION *

* GOURMET-ON-THE-RUN * AND MUCH MORE *

TEA WITH SAVORIES & SWEETS: 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

VISA & MASTERCARD ACCEPTED

* 50/50 DRAWING *



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From your Pastor. . .

As I write this, it is Halloween day, 67degrees, and pouring rain outside. Parents in our area seem to be quite upset over the rain and are scrambling to try to coordinate a “rain date” for trick or treat. I’ll refrain from commenting too much about this, or about my opinions of the miracle that is the modern umbrella, or the many times I remember trick or treating in a winter coat, with most of my costume covered. The candy still tasted quite good if I remember correctly.

Anyway. This fun autumn celebration, and the activities around the church have me excited for our Holiday Extravaganza (eks-trav-uh-gaaaaan-zuh). No other event gets me into the holiday spirit more so than this one! I love seeing all of the amazing creativity and skill in our congregation come together in this one event. Fabric arts such as sewing, knitting, and crochet, AMAZING baked goods of all sorts; the splendor and culinary delight of the High Tea, and so many other creative and crafty items that our folks come up with.

Today, the Christmas tree is being put up in the Courtyard. Thanksgiving (another adored holiday) is less than a month away, and then Advent and Christmas not long in following.

I am not trying to stress anyone out with this sequence or its imminent progression, but simply trying to express the excitement that lives within my heart for this season as the Pastor of Community Presbyterian Church. It is a wonderful place to be, and a wonderful community of which to be a part at such times.

These holidays always hold such joy, and tradition, and memory, and some of those memories can be very sad. But whether it is cold and raining outside or within our hearts, these days and seasons still arrive no matter how much we might like to put them off. The good news always is that as a church community, as a church family, we have so many others around us to hear us, comfort us, pray with us, and celebrate with us, no matter what the season brings.

Another bit of good news is that the holidays bring ways for us to become more involved within the congregation. Help is always needed and welcome in preparing for Extravaganza, decorating the Sanctuary and other common areas in the building, teaching in Sunday School, lay assisting during holiday services, lending musical or vocal talents to worship, and the list goes on.

When you are a part of a congregation such as Community Presbyterian Church, there is little reason to feel alone or left out. There are many others who have gone through what you might be going through and there are many excuses to be among one another as we prepare for the start of the new Church Year with Advent.

No matter what you are feeling, my door is open. I can listen, talk, and direct as we look for new ways to grow closer together as a church family. See you in worship on Sunday!

Grace and Peace

Rev Chris Scrivens, your Pastor.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

FootSteps

*Following Our One Teacher to Study Teach
Experience Pray Salvation*

Sunday School: Our Sunday School is off and running! The children have been busy learning about the various Super Hero's of the bible. Together, they have completed story wheels about Moses, participated in a hands-on activity using a slingshot (thoughtfully constructed by Pastor Chris) to defeat Goliath and created Palm Trees while they learned about Deborah, the Judge. We will be wrapping up our Super Hero theme in a few weeks as the children learn about Joseph, Esther and Joshua. Our Living Nativity is just around the corner and rehearsals will start mid-November. This year we will be performing the Living Nativity Play on the stage and the children of our congregation would love for all to join. Enjoy some "Christmas Cookies & Cocoa" while watching the children of our congregation perform. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 8th at 6:00pm - Living Nativity. 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. Thank you for your help and support! Melissa Ash



B(ig) Y(outh) G(roup)

PNO (Parents Night Out)

hosted by BYG

Come out to any or all

Friday Nights from 6-9 pm

Some upcoming dates: November 8, December 13, January 10, February 14, March 13,

Children of all ages can participate & friends are always happily welcomed

First child \$12, each additional \$10 each

We will provide popcorn, drinks, games, crafts and a family- friendly movie for your kids while you enjoy a night out on the town (or whatever you choose to do with your 3 hours).

Questions: Contact Christy 908-443-1294 or bygworkcamp@gmail.com

CHURCH LIFE / MISSION

FROM YOUR PARISH LIFE COUNCIL

Christmas Angels will be available during Coffee Hour on November 24th and December 1st. If you would like to purchase Shop Rite or WalMart gifts cards (\$25), they will be available at the same time. Wrapped gifts must be returned to the church office by December 8th.

Also on December 8th, children and adults are invited to participate in putting together gift goodie bags with a Christmas Scripture message and symbolic candy. As in past years, these will be distributed to the patients and families at the Compassionate Care Hospice in Denville. They greatly appreciate our gift and message of hope and faith. Please join us during Coffee Hour for this **Intergenerational Event**.

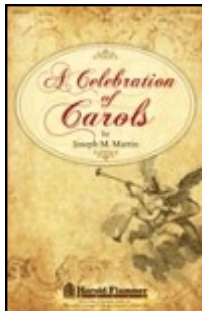
If you had your picture taken for the **Church Directory** and did not pick up your copy, one is set aside for you for pick up in the church office. There are additional copies available for church members while supplies last.

On October 11th, Parish Life **Book Club** enjoyed a luncheon field trip and met with the author of our September book, The Cemetery Keeper's Wife by Mary McFadden. Our October book, Take Good Care of the Garden and the Dogs by Heather Lende, is set in Alaska. The author of that book writes a blog that can be followed through her website heatherlende.com. Even if you cannot come to our book club meetings, you can read the books! Book Club will be selecting their next book at their October meeting. Look for it in the bulletin. We are always looking for suggestions, so if you have a book to recommend, please let us know.



Join us this December 22nd during Worship
as the Choir and guest instrumentalist perform:

A Celebration Of Carols By Joseph M. Martin



Based on the traditional "Lessons and Carols" service, this musical tells the story of Christ's birth adorned with beautiful arrangements and meaningful scriptures. Titles include: "A Christmas Overture," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "A Prayer For Advent," "People Of Promise," "Arise," "Song Of Hope And Joy," "O Come All Ye Faithful" and more.



Holiday Extravaganza 2019

Silent Auction

We are requesting donations for the Silent Auction.

Suggestions include:

Tickets to a sporting event ~ Devils, Giants, Jets, Nets, etc.

A dinner party

Use of a vacation home

A fragrance or cosmetic gift basket

** Gift certificates for ❄️ a restaurant, ❄️ beauty treatment, ❄️ massage, etc.*

Antique jewelry

Gourmet basket

A handcrafted item such as ❄️ quilt ❄️ afghan ❄️ jewelry

A collectible doll or toy

Your own original donation (e.g., College student items, Christmas gifts)



I would like to donate this to the Silent Auction: _____

Approximate value of my donation: _____

Donor Name: _____



Forms may be dropped in the offering plate or brought to the church office. You may also leave your donation in the CPC office, labeled "Silent Auction".



Holiday Extravaganza

Saturday, November 16th

Holiday Extravaganza needs your help!!


Here is a brief list of ways you can help

- ** Now through November 15: finish up crafts and baked goods and drop them off Thursday night, November 14 or Friday before noon. Drop off Silent Auction items now.*

Sunday, November 10:

*** Church Service: 10:00 a.m.*

*** Help needed following worship **to roll silverware***

*** **Boxwood Party**  join us for some holiday fun. After coffee hour, we will be crafting Boxwood Christmas trees for Holiday Extravaganza. We will provide the tree bases & forms with boxwood clippings. Please bring your own pruning sheers, ornaments, ribbon, dry flowers, etc to decorate your trees. If you have boxwood that you can share, please bring in some branches. RSVP to Christy Shepard, at 908 892-3878, so we know how many tree bases to make.*



Thursday, November 14:

*** heavy lifting from basement/attic starting at 10:00 a.m. More hands make lighter work ~ great job for men*

*** Prepare Larison Room for the tea starting at 2:00 p.m. ~ great job for any "decorator"*

*** Ongoing set-up of Fellowship Center 10:00 and Larison Room: 2:00 p.m. on ~come by anytime*

Friday, November 15

*** Kitchen Help: 8:30 a.m.*

*** Set up merchandise 10:00 a.m.*

*** On-going help needed ~ Come by anytime.*

Saturday, November 16

*** Kitchen help needed: 9:00 a.m.*

*** Other help come by 9:30 to find a place to help*

*** Open to public 10:00~ 3:00*

*** Can you help serve the tea? Contact the office ~ Volunteer hours for youth available*

Sunday, November 17

*** Church Service: 10:00 a.m.*

*** Selling to Congregation following worship*

*** Putting away stock under stage, breaking down tables, putting things in basement/attic: 1-4 p.m.*

Church Life / Mission

Holiday Extravaganza , Saturday, November 16th continued

If you can help here or there over these days, it would be a huge blessing for our church. Remember the funds Presbyterian Women generate go to a number of areas. We have funded our Deacons for a few years, we have funded VBS for a few years and this year we voted to fund the interior painting of the Larison Room, if we can. The Holiday Extravaganza is our only fundraiser, please come out and help your church.

For all you bakers and candy makers: There are a variety of containers, loaf pans, etc. available in the church office for your use packaging candies, cookies, brownies, breads etc.

Also, if you are still looking for craft ideas, there are books in the Church Library.

Sunday, December 1st

** Church Service: 10:00 a.m.

** After Worship, we will be boxing up the china and tea services. Please plan on staying to lend a hand if you can ~ the more the merrier.



LIFE LINE SCREENING

Community Presbyterian Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 12/13/2019. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

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, November 2nd and December 7th at the Diner. If you have a chance, sign up in Fellowship Center or call and we will add your name to our list. If you find at the last minute you can join us, just drop in at the Diner!



Chester Food Pantry

Donations are always needed and appreciated. Trunk for donations is located in Fellowship Center. Items for the Chester Food Pantry for November:

Coffee, Jell-O, Pudding, toilet paper, paper towels, gravy, chili, canned stew, cookies.

Church Life



The following is a list of November 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:

Tom and Melissa Ash	11/01/08
Nicholas and Dawn Clessuras	11/01/09
Michael and Jennifer Paccione	11/04/95
Scott and Cindi Ernst	11/09/02
Tom and Melissa Ash	11/11/08
Norman and Nancy Thaiss	11/19/16



DON'T FORGET! TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE RETIRING THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS.



NOVEMBER

Jennifer Bordonaro	11/03
Christopher DeRienzo	11/04
Stephen Price	11/04
Christopher Scrivens	11/04
Carol Pfleger	11/05
Nancy Thaiss	11/06
Patricia Fricke, III	11/09
Paige Davis, IV	11/10
Jessica McConnell	11/10
Lucy Chomiak	11/11
Dale Davis, III	11/12
Gideon Nichols	11/12
Steven Misar	11/14
Katie Rundzieher	11/15
Jack Warlick	11/15
Betsy Regber	11/16
Samantha Wilson	11/17
Ron McConnell	11/18
John Pfaff	11/20
Dawn Babcock	11/21
Carol Giulino	11/22
Meghan LaClair	11/22
Vincent Kramer	11/23
Melissa Menagh	11/23
Karl Schuetz	11/28
Erin Torgersen	11/30



Church Life

SCRIP NEWS

This month we had 15 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$269.57 for CPC; our year-to-date net rebate is \$2,668.27. Thank you everyone! Hope LeFrancis 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) and she will be happy to help you. The next scrip order will be placed on Sunday, **November 10, 2019**—a perfect time for those wanting to get an early start on their holiday shopping. Hard to believe, but there are only 2 more scrip days before Christmas!

For your convenience, below is a scrip card order form. Just fill it in and drop off in the church office, in the collection plate or mail with your check made payable to CPC Presbyterian Women with a note on the memo line ~ for scrip. Thank you.

SCRIP CARD ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____

Retailer	Denomination	# of Cards	Total Value
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Order Total:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Remember to turn clocks BACK one hour Sat., Nov. 2nd Daylight Savings Time ends.</p>				<p>1 10:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>2 8:00 Women's Breakfast</p> <p>Remember to turn clocks BACK one hour before retiring DST ends</p>
	<p>3 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship/ Nursery 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments 6:00 IPSA</p>	<p>4 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones 10:00 Linda C. HE Cooking - Kitchen 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 Cub Sct Comm</p>	<p>5 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 1:00 'Cultured Purls' at J. Towers' home 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:00 Overeaters A. 7:00 B.S. Hi Adv. Mtg 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>6 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 Lifelong Fitness</p>	<p>7 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics Teachers Convention 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg</p>	<p>8 9:30 Beginners Mtg. 10:00 Al-Anon Schools Closed 6:00 BYG Parents Night Out</p>
<p>10 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship/ Nursery 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments SCRIP Boxwood Tree making and wrapping silverware for HE 6:00 IPSA</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 COUNCILS</p>	<p>12 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 10:00 50+ Club 1:00 Presby Mtg at Blairstown 7:00 Overeaters A.</p>	<p>13 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Healthy Bones P.W. Holiday Extra. Preparations 4:30 Lifelong Fitness</p>	<p>14 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 Set-Up P.W. Hol. Extravaganza - Fellowship Center 2:00 Larison Room 6:00 CubSct. Den #3 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg. LL 7:30 Vocal Choir</p>	<p>15 8:30 ~ Holiday Extravaganza setup 10:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>16 10:00 Presbyterian Women Holiday Extravaganza</p>
<p>17 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worshp/Nurs. 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments 6:00 IPSA</p>	<p>18 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 SESSION</p>	<p>19 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:30 Tiger Den #4</p>	<p>20 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Healthy Bones 4:30 Lifelong Fitness 6:00 Wolf Den#5</p>	<p>21 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 6:00 Cub Sct. Den #3 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:00 A.C.A. Mtg.</p>	<p>22 9:30 Beginners Mtg. 10:00 Al-Anon 6:00 Cub Pack Mtg.</p>	<p>23 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Choir rehearse for Cantata</p>
<p>24 CHRIST the KING 8:45 Bell Rehearsal 9:15 Choir Rehearse 10:00 Worshp/Nurs 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Angels Distrib. 6:00 IPSA</p>	<p>25 10:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Healthy Bones Food Pick-Up at Shop Rite 5:00 DEACONS ~Food Baskets 7:15 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26 Midday Friendship 9:00 Aerobics 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:00 Overeaters A.</p>	<p>27 10:00 Healthy Bones 6:30 Jubilee Ringers 7:30 Vocal Choir ?</p>	<p>28 Happy Thanksgiving office closed  Thank You, LORD!</p>	<p>29 10:00 Al-Anon Office Closed</p>	<p>30 9:00 Bible Study ?</p>

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