



Community Presbyterian Church News

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Community Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 148, 220 Main Street
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Sunday School

FootSteps

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

Sunday School has started! For our first Sunday School meeting back in person we had 11 children attend and we had an "all about me" day discussing how we are all children of God and getting to know each other a little better. Please join us on Sunday mornings for fun activities while learning about Jesus Christ, Our Savior. Children are dismissed after the children's message.

- ◆ **Family fun night** will be happening **October 17th at 4pm at Stony Hill Farms**. Please join us for a wonderful fun-filled evening. Please Contact Emily West (908) 674-2734 or via email, familyministries@cpcchester.org or the main office by October 10 to sign up so we can get a head count to give Stony Hill.
- ◆ **Youth Group and Confirmation class** will be meeting on **October 6th at 7pm** in the CPC fireplace room. Join us to discuss confirmation class as well as ideas for the upcoming youth group events.
- ◆ Please join us for a family pumpkin painting event on **Saturday, October 30th at 4pm**, paint will be provided. We ask that you bring your own pumpkin to paint and enjoy the fellowship!

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Please continue to use the Five Finger Model or the Share 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 familyministries@cpcchester.org or Emily West (908) 674-2734. Thank you for your help and support

Please send me your current email address so that you don't miss out on any announcements for Sunday School and Youth Fellowship events. You can email or call me at the contact info above. Thank you, Emily West.

From Your Pastor . . .

Autumn is easily my favorite season of the year. The first time the heating comes on in the house, the cool crisp evening air scented with the smell of wood smoke from fireplaces, the beginnings of leaves blushing with color, all herald the changes of the season. I love thinking about sincere pumpkin patches and a possible sighting of the Great Pumpkin. I love our Holiday Extravaganza, Thanksgiving, and then the season of Advent that leads to Christmas.

Autumn, like many seasons, inspires a bit of cleaning out and sorting as we usher in the changes. Going through clothes from the past season as well as unpacking warmer clothes, coats, shoes, boots, to prepare for the coming cooler and then colder weather.

What still fits, what is worn, what no longer “works”, not to mention what the kids have outgrown. These are all things we deal with and look forward to with the change of season.

Of course over the past year and a half, we have added in the wondering about what we can do and how we can do it as the season changes. So many questions are un-answerable at the moment and we need to “wait and see” as has become the mantra of so many for so much.

“Step by step, inch by inch, slowly I turned;” and turned again, and maybe again. Just when we think we are nearing the end of the game, the rules seem to change, just enough so that it seems like the old game, but it really isn’t. I doubt I’m the only one who feels like that given our current situation in the pandemic, and I can say it is a bit frustrating.

The good news is that we are not completely starting over; and while there are still many questions to which we continue to get un-satisfying answers, we know enough to try to move forward. But let’s face it, moving forward into the rapidly cooling weather, many new questions arise.

All of these things were done very differently last year when compared with previous years. They will all be done differently this year as well. The good news is that where many things were not done at all last year; or done in a two-dimensional environment, this year we have more opportunities.

I think this is a good moment for us to look back a bit, on what we have accomplished despite the restrictions of the many previous months, and on how we have gotten that done. Meetings have been accomplished, worship online has become a regular part of who we are, Sunday School continued to meet, Bible Study was held under the Cherry Tree outside, we have had baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

From Your Pastor continued . . .

We have done our best to maintain our vital ties with one another as the Church, as a congregation. We are blessed that so many of our folks have the ability to connect online. Inevitably some people are forgotten about during such times. While we have enjoyed a spring and summer and into the current season of being able to get out and about again, the colder months are looming just on the horizon for many, and that means a greater level of isolation. Even in the most “normal” of times, the shorter days, cold temperatures, and sometimes difficult weather conditions of winter isolate many.

We are the Church because of one another, all bound together with Christ as our king. Without Christ there is no Church and without one another, there is also no Church. As we enter the Autumn, I want us to think about those whom we have not seen in awhile. Give them a call, write a letter, and see how they are doing. We are all navigating this pandemic together, but also each in our own ways. Together we will get beyond this. Together we are the Church. Together is what we must remain.

Your Pastor,

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Church Life

FROM PARISH LIFE

Join Us Sunday, October 10

following Worship

INTERGENERATIONAL GAME DAY

This is not just for the young people. Please join us to play an old favorite outdoor game, or learn a new one - Cornhole, Bocce, Golf putting, Kubb, Balloon Badminton, Horseshoes and a sedentary game of Farkle! We will have packaged snacks and treats as “participation” prizes. If you have a different game you like, please bring it to share. We hope everyone can come. If it rains, we will move indoors, masked.

BOOK CLUB

Parish Life BOOK CLUB met on Wednesday, September 28th for a discussion of **West with Giraffes** by Lynda Rutledge. We chose **Britt-Marie was Here** by Fredrik Backman, the author of **A Man Called Ove** (which we really enjoyed), as our next book to read. We are planning to meet on Thursday, October 28^h at 6:30 pm. for a discussion of the book.

Book suggestions as well as additional participants are always welcome! Questions? contact Joan Stephens at (201) 874-1477.

Big Youth Group



Clothing Drive!

Sunday, October 24th

11:00am-4:00pm

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*****All items donated must be in good, usable condition. Items we collect are NOT SHREDDED.*****

We are collecting:

All Merchandise must be in a Plastic or Paper Bag.

Adult & Children Clothing, Shoes, Apparel, Handbags, Purses, Wallets, Sandals, Sneakers, Boots, Jackets, Coats, Rain Gear, Leathers, Belts, Ties, Pants, Shirts, Sweaters, Vests, Blouses, Dresses, Skirts, Robes, Undergarments, Sheets, Towels, Linens, Tablecloths, Hats, Scarfs, Gloves, Wallets, Jewelry, Watches, Uniforms, Jerseys, Backpacks, New Diapers, and **NOW ACCEPTING** Household Items, Utensils, Hard & Soft Toys, Electronics, Small Bric-A-Brac Items which **all must be bagged**.

Not Acceptable Items:

Flea Market, Yard Sales, Furniture, Books, Pillows & Curtains. Any large items such as Baby Carriages, Strollers, or other large Bric-A-Brac items that are of similar size.

Any merchandise that has holes, rips, stains, mold or has an odor.

Any items once they have been re-bagged after they have left the home.

If you need to drop off prior to Sunday, please Contact BYG to schedule an appointment
bygworkcamp@gmail.com

Fundraiser to benefit BYG Work Camp!

A mission group composed of 5 local area churches that travel to Appalachia every summer to rebuild homes with the Appalachia Service Project. This summer we will once again send 35 volunteers who will spend a week making many families homes warmer, safer & drier through home repairs.

Church Life

At the last Presbyterian Women meeting September 12, it was decided to hold the **November 13th Holiday**



Extravaganza outside on the church lawn under CPC tents.

If the weather does turn inclement, we will move it back inside the Fellowship Center, but masks will be mandatory. If you have an idea of how many tables you think you will need, please let Beth or Michelle know ASAP.

The week before Nov. 13th, PW will need assistance in laying out the tents on the church grounds and erecting them.

Baking containers will be available in the office mid-October along with a supply of clear clam shells to hold finished goods. If you are baking, please make sure your items are labeled and if using any nuts, please list what kind of nut.

We are not offering a Silent Auction this year, but if you want to donate a basket of goods, give us an idea of price and we will sell the basket along with our gift and decor items.

There will be a 50/50 drawing day of the event. Tickets are \$5 each.

The next PW meeting will be after the service, October 17th.

Beth and Michelle



SCRIP NEWS

This month we had 20 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$441.94 for CPC; our year-to-date net rebate is \$2,191.91. Woohoo! Thank you everyone!!

Terri Kramer 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.

A list of participating Retailers and scrip order forms are available on the table in Fellowship Center. 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, **October 10, 2021.**

Remember holidays are coming, start your scrip shopping early.



WOMENS BREAKFAST

Our next breakfast will be held Saturday, November 6th at the Chester Diner at 8am.



Come and start your day by joining us for Breakfast and catching up with each other. Bring a friend, the more the merrier.

Hope to see some new faces joining us!

Church Life

The following is a list of October 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 . . .

Bruce and Amy Schmeal	10/01/94
Mike and Heather Adam	10/02/04
Steve and Kate Pope	10/09/10
David and Mona Fortunato	10/14/90



If we have missed anyone, please email or call the church office so we can put you on the list for next time.



WANTED: COLLEGE ADDRESSES



The Deacons have only received a couple of college addresses to date and we know there are more college students out there. Even if you are doing college work from your homes, please let us know so that we are able to keep them posted on news from their home church and send little care notes throughout the coming year. Email to office@cpcchester.org, or call (908) 879-5091 or stop by and drop off their address! Thank you!

Happy birthday wishes to...

Diane Phares	10/01
James Suter	10/01
Brian McConnell	10/02
Tyler Clessuras	10/03
Eric Schmeal	10/03
Thomas Stewart	10/05
Missiaen Huck	10/06
Suzanne Bailey	10/07
Richard Carrara	10/07
Matthew Sullivan	10/07
Nicholas Sullivan	10/07
Steven Huck	10/08
Jakob Scrivens	10/08
Brad Carrara	10/10
Zachary Huck	10/11
Barbara Gill	10/16
Matthew Adam	10/17
Janet Lindstrom	10/17
Nikolas Thunberg	10/18
Mikaylah West	10/18
Ethan Cudnik	10/22
Timothy Huck	10/22
Carol Puffer	10/22
Kaitlyn Davis	10/23
Tom Perry	10/24
Brandt Davis	10/25
Rosanna McMichael	10/25
Madeline Rose Rolfe	10/25
Andy Smith	10/25
Susan Lomelo	10/26
Chloe Ash	10/27
Gail Lavalette	10/27
Stacey Cudnik	10/28
Matthew Menagh	10/29

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9-12 Gourmet-on-the Run 10:00 Al-Anon	2 8:00 Women's Breakfast
3 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Family Worship 11:00 Nursery CleanUp 6:00 IPSA	4 9-12 Gourmet-on-the Run 10:00 Al-Anon 7:30 Boy Scouts	5 9:00 Aerobics 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Overeaters Anon 7:00 B.Sct Adv. Wkshp - LL	6 9:30 Healthy Bones 6:30 Bell Rehears. 7:30 Choir	7 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 Nairobi Partnership Mtg.	8 9-12 Gourmet-on-the Run 9:30 Bgnnr.Mtg. 10:00 Al-Anon	9 6:00am - Kitchen Nancy P./Emily M
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