



Community Presbyterian Church News

OCTOBER, 2022

Community Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 148, 220 Main Street
Chester, New Jersey 07930

Join us for some or ALL of these
Congregational Activities!
friends are welcome to join us



Sunday, October 16th 4pm

*Pumpkin Picking and Hayride at
Stony Hill*



Sunday, October 23rd 4pm

*Church Cemetery Tour at
Pleasant Hill Cemetery*



Sunday, October 30th

*CPC History Tour, here at CPC
during coffee hour*



3:30 ~ 5:00 Pumpkin Carve/Paint



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From Your Pastor . . .

I love times of change, as long as they are expected. Autumn is my favorite season of all, because it is an expected, and from my view, very welcome change from the heat of the Summer. Autumn heralds in the change of colors, crisp nights with the scent of woodsmoke on them, and the feel of a general sort of settling down and settling in for what is coming. I am also a big fan of Halloween and especially Thanksgiving.

In the life of our Congregation it means that the busyness of the Summer is past, and a new form of busyness ensues. Sunday School and youth groups, Confirmation, choirs, the Gourmet on the Run folks filling the kitchen and the foyer with wonderful smells, the Music Department is planning and practicing for the coming Christmas season services; so many wonderful things going on.

Change is good for many reasons. As the old saying goes, "A change is as good as a rest." We are given new things to be excited about, opportunities to both do new things and also yet again embrace the things and traditions that have become dear.

I think one of the best things to come from change though is that it builds resiliency. Even in events that we have done many times, new challenges always arise. Through meeting these challenges, especially together as a congregation, we learn that we can overcome obstacles and that we are not alone in doing so. As a congregation of Jesus' Church, we know that He guides us along the way. Sometimes we feel like we are creating the solutions, but it does not take a lot of time in reflection to know who is really in charge. (I know that you are now picturing, in your mind's eye, certain faces of people who seem to be in charge of various events!)

This resilience and reliance upon God for what we do in the "little things" allows us also to navigate the more challenging things as they arise; often suddenly and unexpectedly. But the good news is that none of this is a surprise to God, and that should be our comfort as Christians. We too often forget this, or don't anticipate this, or even fail to acknowledge this until long after the fact, and that is a sad fact of being a human.

As you head into the new season, with all of its joys and anticipation and planning and worrying, remember who is in charge of all things. Remember who you are and whose you are as a Christian. Don't be surprised by God's intervention and learn to expect it and ask for it. Remember how God has seen you through many things in the past and know that He will do the same in the coming season. Embrace what is coming and whatever comes and really enjoy the change.

Your Sometimes Resilient Pastor,

Sunday School



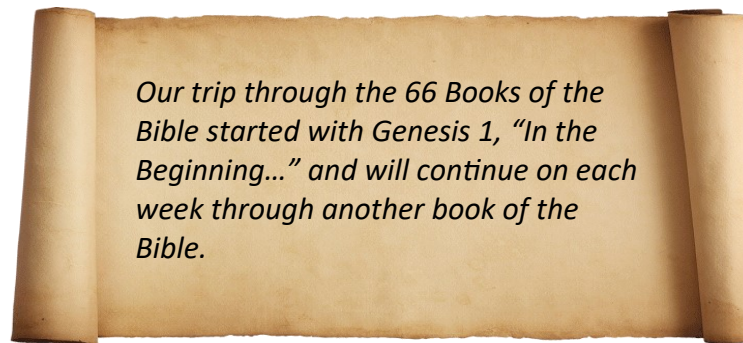
FOOTSTEPS



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

Sunday School has begun!

We would love to see you and it's not too late to join us!



Come and travel with us! Hope to see you soon!

Any questions, please contact Carolyn Bearlepp at familyministries@cpcchester.org or (201) 919-4167.

Wanted: Adult volunteers to assist downstairs during Sunday School only a few Sundays here and there. There is no teaching involved just a 2nd set of hands and eyes! See Carolyn Bearlepp.

Confirmation Class begins Wednesday, October 5th from 7-8pm at the church. Going forward, our class will continue to meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month with no class on Wednesday, December 21st. Please remember in addition to attending confirmation class, worship attendance is also required (not every Sunday). As a reminder, Worship is held at 10:00 am Sunday Morning.

Worship



October is a busy month for worship, with lots to think about as the church gears up for the autumn season.

We celebrate World Communion on October 2nd, a time when many Christian churches around the globe and across multiple denominations observe the sacrament of communion together. The music and the message will reflect both.

On October 16th we welcome Dwight Ford back to our pulpit while Pastor Chris is away. A native of Kentucky who resides in Long Valley along with his wife Lara and their three children, he has been a pastor for almost 40 years with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. He was warmly received here in June and we are excited to have him back.

Lastly, on the final Sunday this month, we will observe Reformation and All Saints Day. Come discover the stories behind these observances and what makes them significant to our faith.



The music department at CPC is busy working to bring you a lively variety of singing, ringing and instrumental selections. Matt Petrozelli, our director of music, has begun work on our Christmas cantata slated for December 18. The Choir has added a couple of new voices for this event, but we could use more, of all abilities!! He has also begun working with our youth to begin a hand chime ensemble. Stay tuned for further developments, and as always, thank you for your continued support of the music program!



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club met September 29th to discuss **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

We chose **Water Horses** by Philip Kerr as our next book. We will meet on Thursday, October 27th for a discussion of that book. Additional participants and book suggestions are always welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Stephens (201-874-1477).

Big Youth Group



Clothing Drive!

Saturday, October 15

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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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.

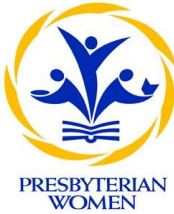
Any items once they have been re-bagged after they have left the home.

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: Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women held their September meeting on Sunday the 25th during coffee hour. It was a planning meeting for the upcoming Nov. 12th Holiday Extravaganza. Beth will provide 5", 6" clear clam shells, loaf pans with lids, and 8x8 pans with lids for your baked goodies. We will need bakers to provide cookies of all kinds, cakes, pies, breads, candies, etc.

We would like to have a big display again this year of your favorites.

The following people are heading up each booth--



Baked Goods:	Jeanne Perry (need volunteers to help assist in selling)
Gourmet on the Run:	Nancy Pappas and Barbara Misar
Finance:	Betty Wright and Kerri Wright
Glass:	Martha Smith
Jewelry:	Terry Travis (need volunteers to help--there is a lot of jewelry this year)
Cultured Purls:	Karen Stewart
Arts and Crafts:	Michelle Scrivens and Christy Shepard (need volunteers to help)
Christmas Corner:	Terri Kramer and Nancy M. Thaiss (need volunteers to help)
Publicity:	Beth Pfaff
50-50:	Beth Pfaff
Clean up:	Angelica Hernandez
CPC info table:	Carolyn Bearlepp

There will also be a sales table for Adult and Teen Challenge-- they will man their table and collect their money . They will be selling cutting boards. We are providing table space for their fundraiser.

We would love to have as many volunteer helpers as possible. We still start setting up on Thursday the 10th, and all day set up on Friday the 11th. This year we have a large amount of brand new gift shop items which were donated by a former shop owner in Chester. There will lots of great shopping for everyone!



Church Life

WOMENS BREAKFAST

Our next breakfasts will be held Saturday, October 1st and November 5th 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!



SCRIP NEWS

This month we had 15 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$204.48 for CPC; our year-to-date net rebate is \$2,287.36.

Woohoo! Thank you everyone!!

John Hellriegel 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 9, 2022**.

*Remember holidays are coming,
start your scrip shopping early.*

CULTURED PURLS ~

Join us for Cultured Purls ~ we meet from 1pm until 3pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Fireplace Room of Fellowship Center. Bring whatever handwork you like, Knit, crochet, needlepoint, cross stitch etc. and join us.



From the Deacons: If you use the Shop Rite grocery home delivery service, please save the black or green (or whatever color) grocery bags that your food is being delivered in. The Deacons will be collecting these reusable cloth grocery bags for future use. Thank you so much.

Stay tuned ~ we will be collecting specific food items for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets ~ a list will be out shortly.



WANTED: COLLEGE ADDRESSES

Thank you to all who have given us your children's college addresses. If you have college students, even if they are doing college work from home, 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!

Church Life: Birthdays & Anniversaries

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.



CHESTER FOOD PANTRY

Donations are always appreciated and gratefully accepted.

Especially needed Items are hot and cold cereal, chili, soups, peanut butter, jelly, snacks, drinks, salad dressing, ketchup, mayo, syrup.

Donations may be placed in the trunk in Fellowship Center.

– PLEASE: No Glass containers of any kind

Thank you for your generosity.

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 8:00 Women's Breakfast
2 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 8:30 Bell Rehearsal 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship & Coffee 12:30 Hacklebarney Nature Walk/Lunch 6:00 IPSA	3 9-12 Gourmet-On- the-run 10:00 Al-Anon 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 7:30 Boy Scouts	4 9:00 Aerobics 1:00 Cultured Purls 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Overeaters Anon	5 9:30 Healthy Bones 4:30 LifeLong Fitness 6:30 Bell Rehears. 7:00 Confirmation 7:30 Choir 8:15 Cantata Reh.	6 9:00 Aerobics 7:00 A.C.A.	7 9-12 Gourmet-on -the Run 9:30 Bgnnr.Mtg. 10:00 Al-Anon	8
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