

Church Announcements – March 22, 2026

Ah, Holy Jesus fittingly accompanies the Church's journey toward Holy Week, offering a profound expression of penitence and devotion. Through its meditative text, we are invited to behold the suffering of Christ, to confess our sin, and to give thanks for the mercy of God poured out for the life of the world. In this sacred season, the hymn calls the faithful to deeper reverence as we draw near to the mysteries of the Passion and the promise of Easter

Our Lenten cross is again in the front of our worship space. During Lent, you are invited to put into words your confessions and/or your cares and stick them on the cross. On Easter Sunday as we celebrate the risen Lord, the sins are removed and replaced with flowers of forgiveness. Paper and pencils are on the shelf behind the cross.

ADULT ED ~ Join Jeanne Perry and Judy Treutlein today following the worship service. Get a snack and something to drink and join them as they share info about the Burns family missionaries (relatives of Judy's) who are in Brazil, the Amazon.

What happens if Chester is decimated by an earthquake? Or if a nor'easter hits hard and directly over a 5-mile square area centered on Main Street? Chances are good that most of us, living privileged lives, have insurance. What if we didn't? Can we understand the work, pain, hope, and exhaustion people like us in Asheville North Carolina still face after Hurricane Helene? How about people not like us, say, in Sudan, who, try to grow enough food to feed themselves but can't afford seeds? I can help. You can help. The Presbyterian Church USA does help. Please be generous in giving to **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Thank you!!! (This is one of two special offerings we take at CPC for the larger Presbyterian Church. The other is Christmas Joy.)

From our Deacons: This year, for our annual Chester/Mendham Food Bank Easter gifts, we've been asked to celebrate Spring instead of Easter, due to their new distribution plan. So, in our upcoming meeting on 3/23, the Deacons will be packaging beautiful spring pop up cards that will contain a \$25 Walmart gift card. There are currently 71 families and seniors that will be receiving these lovely gifts.

Our Veterans Day dinner will be held on Thursday, April 16th. We will be serving 51 veterans and their staff, plus veterans from our local American Legion's and some veterans in our congregation. We really appreciate receiving some generous donations towards our costs! Thank you!

275th Anniversary Committee has scheduled their next meeting for Sunday, March 29th following the worship service.

Don't forget Presbyterian Women are still collecting any type of jewelry (broken pieces are good) in the collection bag in Fellowship Center. There are tax donation letters in the bag, so please take one. Thank you all so much for your previous donations.

SCRIP NEWS ~ This month we had 16 families/groups purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$297.14 for CPC and a year-to-date total of \$761.23. Thank you, thank you! Nancy Case won this month's donated gift card. 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 nocase000@gmail.com) and she will be happy to help you. The next scrip order will be placed on Sunday, **APRIL 12, 2026**. Happy spring everyone!!

Coffee Hour Sign-up ~ The next quarterly list is in Fellowship Center. Sign up with a friend, or family, make coffee hour what you want it to be, as simple or extravagant as you wish. Thank you to those who have signed up! Fellowship time is an important part of our church.

Our 2026 Flower Calendar is posted in the Church Office. Flowers are \$42 per Sunday. Flowers are supplied and arranged by Stony Hill Gardens.

Book Club met on Thursday for a discussion of *Lolita* by Vladimir Nabakov. They chose *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans as the next book to read and plan to meet on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30pm.

Keep the Chester Mendham Food Pantry in mind when you go to the grocery shop. Items can be dropped off in the trunk in Fellowship Center. They continue to take on new clients and food donations are not back to normal levels. They are low on big trash bags, dish detergent, laundry detergent, coffee, and oil.

Marilyn Guerin thanks everyone for the cards, the lovely cake and flowers she received for her 97th Birthday!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., March 22nd	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Choirs
		Adult Ed ~ The Burns Family Missionaries
Mon., March 23	6:00 p.m.	IPSA
	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
	7:00 p.m.	Deacons
Tues, March 24	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	9:00 a.m.	Aerobics
	10:30 a.m.	Fifty Plus Club
Wed., March 25	3:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
		DEADLINE: Easter Flower Orders
Thurs., March 26	9:30 a.m.	Healthy Bones
	6:30 p.m.	Bell Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri., March 27	9:00 a.m.	Aerobics
	10:30 a.m.	Quilty Pleasures
Sat., March 28	9:30 a.m.	Beginners Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
Sunday, March 29	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
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	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Choirs
		Anniversary Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	IPSA



When checking your emails, please check your spam/junk files. people have been finding emails from amoc@cpcchester.org in those files. Thank you.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS and CONSIDERATION

f you have any names you would like to have put on prayer list, please call the Church office and we will be happy to put the person(s) on the list, we would also appreciate a call or email to remove names from our list. Thank you for your consideration.

John Specchio and family on the passing of Eileen Specchio.

<i>Christy Fairchild</i>	<i>Heather A</i>	<i>Patrick</i>
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>John & Kelly Savarese</i>	<i>Tracy</i>
<i>Richard H.</i>	<i>Judy</i>	<i>RH</i>
<i>Larry</i>	<i>Olwyn Shaffeld</i>	<i>Cindy B</i>
<i>Kim B.</i>	<i>Pastor Dave T and Joan</i>	<i>Declan</i>
<i>Jane Brooks</i>	<i>Paul and Robin</i>	<i>Jerry</i>
<i>Daniel</i>	<i>Janet</i>	<i>Ethan</i>
<i>Kathy Petrozelli</i>	<i>Annette</i>	<i>Tom</i>
<i>Ron Lawrence</i>	<i>Pete</i>	<i>Joanne</i>
<i>Andy</i>	<i>Ben</i>	<i>Bonnie</i>
<i>Frank DiTaranto</i>	<i>Valerie</i>	<i>Jan</i>
<i>Thomas Price</i>	<i>Stephanie</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Don Sluter</i>	<i>Bruce Campbell</i>	<i>Barbara</i>
<i>Miriam Gonsiska</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>LC</i>
<i>Jess H.</i>	<i>Karen</i>	<i>Suzanne Pfaff</i>
<i>Ryan H.</i>	<i>Jack Bonacci</i>	<i>Ukrainian People</i>
<i>Joelyn</i>	<i>Joe and Ann</i>	<i>Liz and Bill G.</i>
<i>Phil</i>	<i>Hillary</i>	<i>Anna</i>
<i>Tom & Valerie</i>	<i>Sarah</i>	<i>Andrea & Jay J.</i>
<i>Art</i>	<i>Bill L.</i>	



EASTER LILIES and/or OTHER



We are offering everyone the opportunity to purchase the traditional Easter Lily
AND/OR a variety of other flowers for Easter Sunday

Use this form to order and drop it in the offering plate or bring / mail to the church office. Please make checks payable to Community Presbyterian Church, with note for Easter flowers in the memo line. You may pick up your plant(s) after the 10am Worship Service on Easter Sunday or leave them for the Deacons for delivery to our sick and shut ins.

_____ Easter Lilies ordered	15.00 ea.	Total: \$ _____
_____ 8" pansies ordered	8.00 ea.	Total: \$ _____
_____ 8" Pot Hyacinths ordered	15.00 ea.	Total: \$ _____
_____ 8" Pot of Tulips ordered	15.00 ea.	Total: \$ _____
_____ 8" Pot of Daffodils ordered	15.00 ea.	Total: \$ _____
_____ Hydrangea (pink, blue, white)	32.00 ea.	Total: \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

In honor of: _____ and / or In memory of: _____

(please print below how you would like it to appear in bulletin)

Given by: _____

Telephone Number _____

_____ I will pick up my plant(s) following the **10:00** Service

_____ I would like the Deacons to deliver my plant(s) to one of our sick or shut-ins who could use a bit of sunshine.

ORDER DEADLINE MARCH 25th

BASIC NEEDS DRIVE for MARKET STREET MISSION

In April, the Missions Council is sponsoring a basic needs drive for the Market Street Mission. Items will be collected throughout the month of April and delivered to the Mission in May. As we did with the Coat Drive, a bin will be placed in the area outside of the church office for donations during business hours. If you prefer to make a monetary donation we can shop for you. You can just drop off a check or cash to Ann Marie during office hours or donate online. How ever you choose to donate, be sure to note it is for Mission Council/Market Street Mission. And again, many thanks for your ongoing support !

Boxers & briefs (sizes S-2XL)

White undershirts (sizes S-2XL)

Sweatpants (sizes S-2XL)

Pajamas (sizes S-2XL)

Hooded sweatshirts (sizes S-2XL)

Slippers (sizes S-XL)

Flip flops/shower shoes

Men's sneakers (sizes 7-13)

Toothpaste, toothbrushes & floss

Razors & shaving cream

Shampoo, soap & lotion

Deodorant

Denture cleaner and adhesive

Foot powder

Pillows

Towels & washcloths

Shower scrubbies

Lip balm