

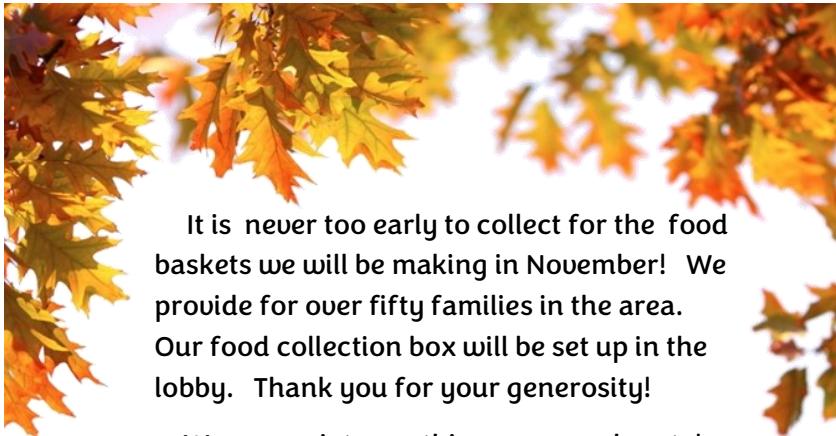


# Community Presbyterian Church News

## OCTOBER, 2024



Community Presbyterian Church  
P. O. Box 148, 220 Main Street  
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It is never too early to collect for the food baskets we will be making in November! We provide for over fifty families in the area. Our food collection box will be set up in the lobby. Thank you for your generosity!

We appreciate anything you can donate!

The following is a list of the items we plan to give each family:

Flour  
Sugar and/or brown sugar  
Coffee  
Pumpkin, apple, or cherry pie filling  
Pie crust or shell  
Cooking oil  
Evaporated Milk  
Pumpkin pie spice, cinnamon, etc.  
Bisquick or Corn bread Mix  
Cake, brownie, or muffin mix  
Canned Gravy  
Can of Mushroom Soup  
French Fried Onions  
Cranberry Sauce  
Stuffing Mix  
Hot Cereal: oatmeal, farina, Cream of Wheat  
Juices (no glass jars please)  
Hot Chocolate  
Children's snacks



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## ***Pastor's pages . . .***

Autumn is my favorite season. It is an unabashed, categorical, and definite statement that I stand behind. I love the return of the crisp evening air, the scent of wood fires burning, the feel of cozy clothes and blankets. I love to watch the trees change and all of nature begin to wind down and rest from the hard work that began before the spring. I love our many local farms and all of the activity there. I love to think about all of the people that will come to our area to experience the myriad special things; sights, sounds, smells, and tastes that we can so frequently take for granted.

I'll admit that I sometimes get frustrated with the traffic in town on the weekends, but it's often my own fault and poor planning and/or navigational choices as none of what we experience here on an autumn weekend should come as a surprise.

I especially love the change of season at Church, at our congregation. Sunday school, choirs, Bible studies, and a whole variety of group meetings starting up again after the break for the summer. Of course summer around here has its' own level and character of craziness and busyness, but that is behind and a new sort of busyness replaces it.

### ***Autumn is my favorite season.***

Those of you who are new to this congregation can only anticipate and imagine what is to come. Those who have spent many autumns at Community Presbyterian know a bit more of what to expect, and those are a joy to share; to really see what goes into the Holiday Extravaganza, to really hear the bell and voice choirs each and every week in all of their glory. To wonder at what Thanksgiving, and Advent, and Christmas are like here, are things that happen only once for the first time, but each year they happen anew as they approach.

The beauty of all of these things is that none of them are static. We absolutely love our traditions, like most churches and organizations and families do; but life here is constantly evolving over the years, and decades and even centuries. New folks learn how we do things, and in time add their own particular stamp to things. New ideas surface and develop, and are added to and shaped by the longest standing congregants as well as by the newest. Children grow older and become a part of things in a different way. So much tradition combined with so much change at the hands and in the minds and in the dedication of the people who call CPC home.

## ***From Your Pastor . . .***

Autumn is a great time to remember that while we all serve the same Lord and King in Jesus Christ, it is His and only His Church. We are the parts of the body. We are the ones who pray for, are guided by, and submit to God's inspiration and dreaming. So in a very real and practical sense, we can say that this is Christ's Church and we are his congregation.

When visitors to the Peach Festival marvel at the size and complexity of this country church event and ask, "How does it all get done?", we can answer, we do it by the grace of God and to His Glory. Almost nothing happens around here without each of us doing it, either as a group or individually. Again, it is Christ's Church, but your congregation.

"How do we pay for things?" Because you contribute from your finances. "Who does coffee hour?" Congregants do. "Who makes all of the cool things and bakes and cooks for Holiday Extravaganza?" You all do! Everything pretty much happens around CPC because YOU do it.

This is Christ's Church, but YOUR congregation. So many opportunities to serve, to use your talents and abilities, no matter what they are, and so many wonderful things going on in the autumn and really at all times.

If you are wondering what you can do around here this season, you can ask me and we can discuss it; you can also ask yourself, "What can I do?"

Autumn at Community Presbyterian is a time and a place FULL of opportunities to serve together; serving one another in congregational life and to serve Christ as part of his Church.

Welcome autumn, welcome everyone. I'm looking forward to a wonderful season together!

Your Pastor

Rev Chris Scrivens

## Christian Education ~ Sunday School



Following Our One Teacher to Study Teach Experience Pray Salvation

### Sunday School has begun!

September has us back downstairs exploring the Parables! We have lots of fun things planned and we can't wait to share it with you. Be sure to ask the kids about what they are doing.

We have a few openings for help downstairs if you are available to help, please let Christy know [familyministries@cpcchester.org](mailto:familyministries@cpcchester.org) or 908-310-6211

Teacher Aide – 10/6; 11/3; 11/10; 11/17; 12/1; 12/15

Teacher: 4-6 Grade – 11/3; 11/17; 12/1; 12/15

Nursery – all Sundays are open

## Stewardship ~ Pledge Season

Pledge Season 2025 is upon us. This year, we're asking you to commit your time, talent and treasure to keeping CPC active, vital and stretching. Our Scriptural reference is the parable of the Good Samaritan where Jesus taught that caring for *all* our neighbors with time, talent and treasure is our commission. Quick reminder: The Samaritan took **time** to stop, although neither a priest nor a fellow Levite did, and help a man beaten by robbers. The Samaritan used his **talents** to medical-ly tend to the wounded man and his **treasure** to ensure his care.

Our time and talent goal is to ask each CPC congregant to commit to doing one or more *new* things inside the life and/or around the physical grounds of CPC.

Our treasure goal is *at least* a 5% increase over our 2024 budget.

Over the weeks in October and into early November, members of the Finance council will be explaining what we need and why. You will be getting pledge cards in the mail along with a letter with more details the second week in October.

Pledge Sunday is November 16. Please try to get your pledge card returned by that date!

## Worship



Greetings from your Worship Council! We are actively looking into the fall season at CPC and have some interesting things in the works!

First up, the choirs are back in the game, and you'll notice some new faces in bells and Senior Choir. Make a point to seek out our newest members and introduce yourself. The children's program is also gearing up. This year we're excited to start a children's choir, in addition to the chime choir, something we haven't had at CPC for a long time! It's not too late to join!

We are also searching for a couple of adults to help watch children during Wednesday night rehearsals. We have one slot filled and need one more. . . Anyone?

Also, we are in pursuit of replacing the old choir robes which are wearing out. We hope to complete that project by Christmas. Fingers crossed.

We have some exciting services lined up in October. During World Communion on October 6, we will speak "*Do this in remembrance of Me*" in different languages. We will also premiere our newest (and LARGEST) handbell. Wait till you hear it!

Then on October 27th we will observe All Saints Sunday when we will light candles and remember the names of our own saints at CPC.

So yeah, there's lots happening at our church ~ we hope to see you there, and hey, bring a friend or two!!!

## Parish Life

### **BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club postponed their discussion of **People of the Book** by Geraldine Brooks to Thursday, October 3rd, 6:30 pm. in the Fireplace Room. So if you haven't had a chance to read it, now you can then join them on the 3rd! After the discussion they will all choose the next book to read...so come with your suggested reads.

Additional participants and book suggestions are always welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Joan Stephens (201-874-1477). ***Come Join Us!!!***

**SCRIP NEWS** ~ In September we had we had 13 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$194.30 for CPC; our year-to-date net rebate is \$2117.67 Woohoo! Thank you everyone!!

Sue D'Angelo won the 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 nbcas48@yahoo.com and she will be happy to help you. The next scrip order will be placed on Sunday, **October 13, 2024**. ***Remember holidays are coming, start your scrip gift shopping early.***

## Parish Life ~ Deacons

The Deacons hosted a Veteran's Dinner on 9/12, in conjunction with Chester's American Legion. It was a wonderful success, honoring those men and women who have served our country. They came from the Lyon's and East Orange VA Hospitals. The Deacon's are planning their next Veteran's dinner in the spring.



Another beautiful tribute the Deacon's hosted was Bob Jones repast. There were approximately 90 people gathered to celebrate this lovely man's life. We thank all the congregation members who helped us make desserts and clean up. On September 29th, we will be hosting our beloved Hope Hollenbeck's repast.



During Coffee Hour, on Sunday, October 6th, Tom Perry will be selling his adorable woodland witches, ghosts, cats & critters. All proceeds will go to the Kenya Elementary School Scholarship Fund. For each \$250, a child can attend school with books, school supplies and clothing. If anyone would like to participate with their own fall crafts and donate their proceeds, we will be happy to accommodate!

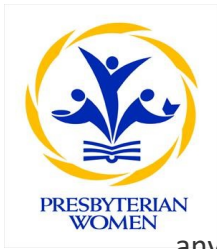
We are already collecting for our Thanksgiving baskets! We have grocery bags available, with the grocery list attached. It can be filled with any amount of items you wish. We also will take money donations and purchase the items for you. We appreciate your generosity! (The list appears on the front of this newsletter)



If anyone would like for a Deacon to visit you or if you know of someone for us to visit, please let us know. Our Deacons are Darcy Taylor, Christy Shepard, Jerilynn Harris, Tom Perry, Matt McConnell, Al Lindstrom, Al MacLennan, Lisa Burns and Martha Smith.



## Church Life: Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women held their last meeting on Sunday September 8, 2024. 11 members were present. Plans are being made for the annual Holiday Extravaganza to be held Saturday, November 16th, 10 am to 3 pm.



We are looking for bakers to supply items for the Baked Goods table and anyone who can help Barbara and Darcy in the kitchen on Mondays and Fridays preparing items for Gourmet on the Run.

On Set-Up Day, November 14th beginning at 10:45 am, PW will be needing assistance, *especially need men to help set up all the tables in Fellowship Center and the Larison Room*; even if you can stay one hour, that would be great! We will finish set up on Friday 15th, *and* we will need your help once again after church on Sunday, Nov. 17th breaking down tables, consolidating left over items to Fellowship Center, and taking items to the basement. (this will be during coffee hour)

Gourmet on the Run will need helpers day of the event--the 16th. If you can volunteer for that booth, please let Barbara Misar know.

Please drop off your baked goods on Friday, November 15th during the day. Jeanne Perry has graciously agreed to chair Baked Goods again. Please specify if nuts are used in any of your baked goods. Baked goods containers will be in the church office November 8th for you to use if you like.

Thank you to R&R Construction for supplying our Holiday Extravaganza flyers again. There will be a stack in the church hallway if you would like to post some at your favorite deli or shop in our area.

Lunch will be provided on Saturday -day of the event- for all of our volunteers.

PW is rescheduling our annual dinner for December 8th at 12:30 pm at Redwoods. We are switching to lunch this year instead of dinner. We will be collecting change for the Birthday Offering at this meeting, and will vote on our yearly donations to various charities. Instead of asking our members to bake cookies this December, we will be filling holiday bags with assorted gifts and cards for our staff and others.

PS --a special thank you from Beth! Thank you to everyone who has donated jewelry boxes and all pieces of jewelry throughout the year. We even accept broken pieces, single earrings, bits and pieces, etc. Terrace Jewelers in Califon was able to sell gold and sterling silver collected from jewelry (donated to Peach Festival) in NYC late summer for \$1440! This additional money was added to the Peach Festival total. Beth is hoping to have more gold/silver pieces donated this fall that Terrace can sell for us and the proceeds will go to Holiday Extravaganza. Please leave donated items in the church office. Tax donation letters are in Beth's mailbox if you would like one.





## Big Youth Group



# Clothing Drive!

**Saturday, October 5**

**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Community Presbyterian Church  
220 Main Street, Chester, NJ 07930**

\*\*\*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.

Clothing and Shoes:	Men's Women's, Children's, Infants
Toys:	Hard & Soft Toys, below 14 inches
Linens:	Bedsheets, Towels, Comforters, Blankets, Curtains
Accessories:	Belts, Purses, Backpacks, Hats

### **Not Acceptable Items:**

Books, board games, puzzles, large toys (above 14 inches)  
Art supplies (crayons, markers, coloring books, crafting items, fabric scraps)  
Furniture, rugs, exercise equipment, appliances, or electronics of any kind (nothing with a cord)  
Winter boots, single shoes, roller skates, ice skates  
Dirty, damp, damaged, tattered items, rags, items with holes or tears, broken items.  
Pack and plays, car seats, strollers, baby seats, loungers  
Miscellaneous Housewares, decorative items, bric-brac  
Dishes, glassware, baking/cookware, pots/pans, kitchenware of any kind

If you need to drop off prior to Saturday, please Contact BYG to schedule an appointment  
[bygworkcamp@gmail.com](mailto: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 making many families homes warmer, safer & drier through



## Church Life

### WOMENS BREAKFAST



Our next breakfasts will be held Saturday, October 5th and November 2nd 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!*



### CHESTER FOOD PANTRY

*Donations are always appreciated and gratefully accepted.*

***Especially needed Items are** hot cereals, sides, mac and cheese, canned meats, snacks, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, deodorants.*

*Donations may be placed in the trunk in Fellowship Center.*

**PLEASE: No Glass containers of any kind**

*Thank you for your generosity.*



## Birthdays

*The following is a list of October 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!*

<i>Diane Phares</i>	<i>10/01</i>	<i>Ethan Cudnik</i>	<i>10/22</i>
<i>James Suter</i>	<i>10/01</i>	<i>Carol Puffer</i>	<i>10/22</i>
<i>Brian McConnell</i>	<i>10/02</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Davis</i>	<i>10/23</i>
<i>Tyler Clessuras</i>	<i>10/03</i>	<i>Tom Perry</i>	<i>10/24</i>
<i>Thomas Stewart</i>	<i>10/05</i>	<i>Brandt Davis</i>	<i>10/25</i>
<i>Matthew Sullivan</i>	<i>10/07</i>	<i>Madeline Rose Rolfe</i>	<i>10/25</i>
<i>Nicholas Sullivan</i>	<i>10/07</i>	<i>Andy Smith</i>	<i>10/25</i>
<i>Steven Huck</i>	<i>10/08</i>	<i>Susan Lomelo</i>	<i>10/26</i>
<i>Jakob Scrivens</i>	<i>10/08</i>	<i>Chloe Ash</i>	<i>10/27</i>
<i>Barbara Gill</i>	<i>10/16</i>	<i>Stacey Cudnik</i>	<i>10/28</i>
<i>Barbara Noffke</i>	<i>10/16</i>	<i>Matthew Menagh</i>	<i>10/29</i>
<i>Janet Lindstrom</i>	<i>10/17</i>		
<i>Nikolas Thunberg</i>	<i>10/18</i>		



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

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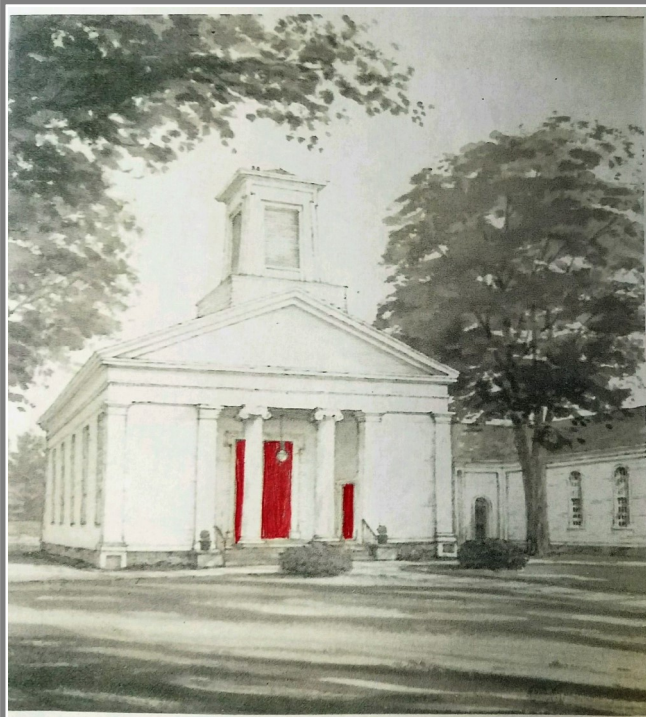
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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