
Port Newsletter

CITY OF PORT
REPUBLIC

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December 2025



Happy Holiday Season Everyone!

I hope you are all enjoying the change in the season. This is our mini Holiday Newsletter to wish you all the best and let you in on the upcoming events and important information.

Thursday, December 4th at 6pm is our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Harry Bowen Memorial Field. Please join us for a singing performance by our Port School students and an instrumental performance by the Port Republic School Band. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be delivered by the Port Republic Fire Department. There will be free hot chocolate and cookies for all!

Port Republic City Hall is a collection drop off spot for Toys for Tots until December 8th (requesting unwrapped toys for children age newborn-12 years old) in partnership with Port Community Church and for the Community Food Bank of NJ Food Drive organized by our resident, Trish Zatorski. See the flyer included in the newsletter. Your donations can be dropped off at City Hall by December 19th for the Food Bank, Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm to help others have a more joyous holiday season.

Mayor Niki

Upcoming Events

Thursday,
December 4th 6pm

Tree Lightng
Event

Friday, March 6th

PTS
Dinner/Auction

Saturday, March
28th

Rabies Clinic

Saturday, April 11th

Heritage Society
Dinner & Chinese
Auction



2026 Port Community Day

Port Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2026. This celebration will be a little different than in the past because we have a lot to celebrate as we will also be commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. We will have our traditional parade and will be adding some extra participants.

If your family or organization would like to put a float, wagon or decorated vehicle in the parade, you are welcome to participate.

If you are interested in being part of the planning committee for this event, our next meeting will be Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 10am at City Hall.



Senior Tax Freeze

The Senior Tax Freeze, Anchor and Stay NJ are now one application that was due on October 31, 2025.

If you are wondering where your Senior Tax Freeze payment is, you can call 1-800-882-6597 or you can go online at nj.gov/taxation.



December City Council Meeting

The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 PM at City Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend and stay informed about what's happening in our community.



Join us for the annual

PORT REPUBLIC TREE LIGHTING

**HARRY BOWEN MEMORIAL
PARK**

free
hot chocolate &
cookies

Port Republic
School Concert



**Thursday, December 4, 2025
starting at 6 pm**

Special
Appearance by
Santa &
Mrs. Claus



We will also be accepting donations for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey
(CFBNJ)



MOST NEEDED FOOD DRIVE ITEMS

CANNED FISH & MEAT

(TUNA, CHICKEN, HAM)

SHELF STABLE MILK

BOXED MEALS

(PASTA, CEREAL, RICE, POTATOES)

CANNED & PACKAGED MEALS

(MAC & CHEESE, CHILI, SOUPS)

PEANUT BUTTER

(PLASTIC JARS ONLY)

CANNED VEGETABLES & FRUITS

DIAPERS & FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

*No glass, cellophane, bottled water, soda, or baby food

December Food Drive

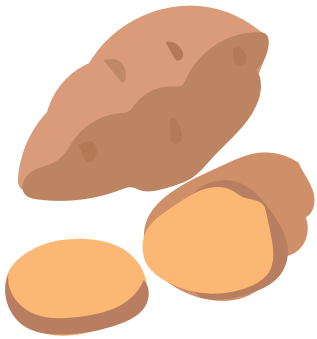
Drop off donated items at
Port Republic City Hall,
143 Main Street
until December 19th.

Any questions please call
Trish Zatorski at 609-383-9123

CFBNJ.ORG

31 Evans Terminal, Hillside, NJ 07205 | 908.355.3663
6735 Black Horse Pike, EHT, NJ 08234 | 609.383.8843

From the Mayor's Kitchen



Twice Baked Sweet Potato Souffle

6 medium sweet potatoes
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ stick butter
3 beaten eggs

2 tsp. vanilla
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup light cream

Topping

1 cup brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ stick butter

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup chopped pecans

Bake sweet potatoes in a 400 degree oven for 45 minutes or until soft. Slice the sweet potatoes in half the long way and scoop out softened sweet potatoes into a medium bowl, keeping the empty potato skins. Add the next 6 items and beat until well blended

For Topping:

Combine brown sugar and flour and cut-in butter. Stir in pecans. Set aside.

Fill the potato skins with the sweet potato mixture. Sprinkle the topping onto each potato skin.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. For a crunchy top, broil the top for 1 minute, keeping your eye on them so they don't brown too fast.

What's Happening

Port Community Church

118 MainStreet (Church)

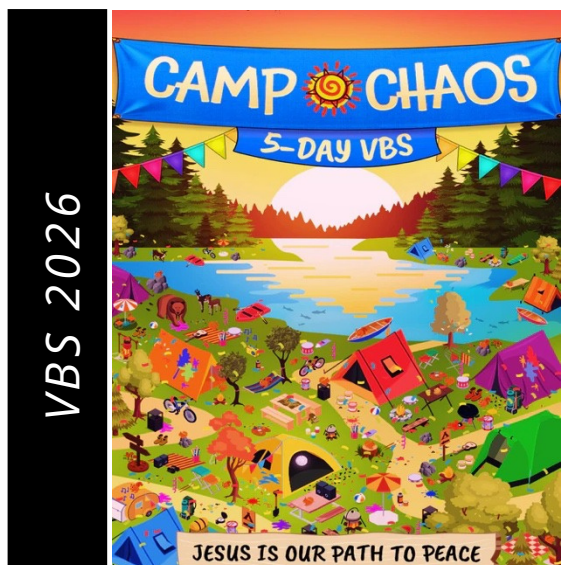
66 PomonaAve (Homebase)

Port Republic, NJ 08241

www.portcommunitychurch.com

office@portcommunitychurch.com

609-412-7352



JULY 27 – 31, 2026

PreK3 – Grade 6

Where Jesus turns Camp Chaos into a place of peace and rest! He can do the same for you!

SAVE THE DATE

COMMUNITY EVENTS - YOU ARE WELCOME!

Community Young at Heart ♥ Luncheons

Young at Heart Luncheons are open to those in our community who are 55 & up! Come and join us for great food and a little fun. Put the date on your calendar: 12Noon on Saturday, December 6th.

Community KIDZONE Events 2025

We host FREE themed events for children in PREK3-Grade 5 throughout the year. KIDZone events are on Saturday mornings between 10:00AM-12Noon.



🎄 December 20 - "Christmas - Special Gifts"

Limited space so get signed up ASAP. Register NOW for the last KIDZone of the year. You can register at the church website or scan the QR code.

LIVING NATIVITY

Sunday, December 21

6:00PM - 8:00PM

This is a beautiful time to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ!

Live animals and actors dressed like those who celebrated the birth of our Savior will be present.

Join the choir in singing on this very special night.

Thank you to Jim and Carlee Harrison for making this happen!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24 @ 6:00PM

Join us for the annual Candlelight Service. as we worship Jesus Christ, the Light of the world! Children are always welcome....



THIS IS AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL:

If you want to grow in your faith or if you have questions, you are welcome to join us on Sundays, at Bible studies during the week, or simply to call Pastor Frank (609-412-7352). If you need prayer for yourself or someone else, feel free to call, and a prayer team will pray for your need. We are here to serve. ♥ 🙏 ♥ 🙏

FUNNY TOGETHER TOUR PRESENTS
Clean Comedy Show

PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH
118 MAIN ST.
PORT REPUBLIC, NJ

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
DOORS @ 6:30 PM
SHOW @ 7:00 PM



GORDON DOUGLAS **RHONDA COREY** **MATT JENKINS**

 **EARLY BIRD & GROUP PRICING AVAILABLE**

Tickets @funnytogethertour.com



Great Fun!
 Don't miss this!
 Coming to
 Port Republic, NJ

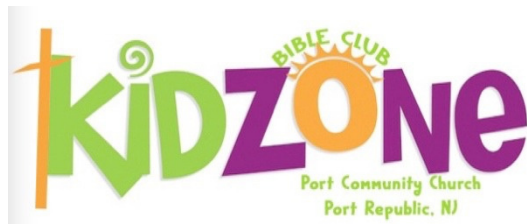


Scan in for
 Tickets
 Invite Family
 & Friends!

Call Diane at 484-769-9232 if you prefer getting tickets in person!

2026

You don't
 have to
 attend PCC
 to participate,
 but you are
 always
 welcome
 here!



**WE ARE ADDING IN MORE
 KIDZ ZONE SATURDAYS
 AGES: PREK3-GRADE 3**

10:00AM-12Noon

3rd Saturday of each month

Coordinator: Michelle Robinson
Each month with themed-fun-filled activities!

- u Games u Science
- u Drama u Bible Study
- u Crafts u Dance
- u Cooking u Snacks

**Be watching for more information
 and registration details!**



**COMING SOON in 2026
 AFTER-SCHOOL BIBLE CLUB FOR
GRADES 4-8**

The church will be open after school for
 games, a dig into the Bible, and of course,
 snacks! A great place for Junior youth to
 hang out and encourage each other! Go
 time is 3:30PM-4:30PM

(Port School students can come right after school)
Coordinator: Karen Harrison Be on the lookout
 for more information and how to get
 registered!

www.portcommunitychurch.com



Eagle Scout Christopher Ropiecki Honored by Mayor Niki

At the November 18th City Council meeting, the City proudly recognized Eagle Scout Christopher Ropiecki for achieving the highest rank in Scouting. Mayor Niki presented Christopher with an official proclamation celebrating his hard work, leadership, and commitment to serving the community.

Earning the rank of Eagle Scout is a milestone that reflects years of dedication, service projects, and personal growth.

Christopher's achievement stands as an example of perseverance and civic responsibility, and the governing body was pleased to acknowledge the positive impact he has already made.

The City extends its sincere congratulations to Christopher and his family. We look forward to seeing all he continues to accomplish and the ways he will inspire others in our community.



Thank you for reading & happy holidays to all!



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