

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
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Our Mission Statement:

As people of God and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe our Mission to be the building of a strong fellowship, ministering to the Spiritual and physical needs of the church, the community, and the world fulfilling our Lord's command to "Love our neighbors."



SPRINGS TRAINING FOR CHRISTIANS

The word Lent comes from Middle English and German words for springtime. In light of the start of baseball season, some people call the pre-Easter season “spring training for Christians.” This fresh perspective moves away from the flawed understanding that Lent must be somber, or that giving something up for Lent is punishment for sin or a way to earn God’s favor.

As people of faith, we should never take a season off. But every so often – at least once a year! – we do well to examine where we need to get back in shape spiritually. Perhaps we will indeed opt to give something up: that swearing habit, sleeping in on Sundays, or the cost of a weekly treat so we can donate the money instead. Or maybe we’ll take on something new for Lent: a Bible Study, prayer routine or service project.

Hebrews describes spiritual discipline as challenging in the moment but yielding righteousness later. The writer urges us, “Lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees... so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed” (12:11-13, ESV). May the spring training of Lent strengthen and heal is all.



GOD - SHAPED HOLE

Have you ever cleared the completion of a jigsaw puzzle, only to discover that a piece or two is missing? That’s an apt visual for what it’s like to live without God. Blaise Pascal, a 17th century philosopher, observed: “There is a God – shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God, the creator, made known through Jesus Christ.”

Centuries earlier, Saint Augustine proclaimed “Thou has made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee.” And in the Old Testament, the writer of Ecclesiastes expounded on the meaninglessness of earthly striving and material pursuits. Only God’s Spirit can fill our emptiness and satisfier our eternal longings.

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full,” says Jesus in John 10:10 (NIV). he alone provides the solution for emptiness. What comfort to be filled with – and to find our fulfillment in – our savior!

SPECIAL DAYS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

African American History Month

Transfiguration of the Lord	February 11
Ash Wednesday	February 14
Valentine's Day	February 14
Presidents Day	February 19
Leap Day	February 29

February

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Erv Teichmiller	Feb. 7
Liz Clark	Feb. 15
Rick Kamerad	Feb. 17
Sue Robertson	Feb. 19
Deb Wilke	Feb. 19

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Claudia Tegtmeier	Feb. 13
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Scripture readings for February

Feb. 4 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isa. 40:21-31 *and* Ps. 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Feb. 11 – Transfiguration of the Lord

2 Kings 2:11-12 *and* Ps. 50:1-6; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Feb. 18 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Gen.9:8-17 *and* Ps. 25:1-10; 1Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Feb. 25 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen. 17:1-7,15-16; *and* Ps. 22:23-31; Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 *or* 9:2-9

Session Meeting January 26, 2023

Reverend Chips Paulson, Moderator

Elders Present: Jill Consie, Glenn Morrison, Ralph Kerler, Mary Jane Stevens, Bill Raduege, Pam Fraboni

Elders Absent: Steve Schunk, Owen Karlmann

After determining a quorum Reverend Paulson called the meeting in order at 10:10 am with prayer.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Kerler to approve the Agenda. Carried.

Motion by Consie seconded by Kerler to accept the Minutes. Carried

Pastors Report: actions: **Motion** by Consie. Seconded by Stevens to elect Fraboni to clerk position. Carried.

Treasurers Report: **Motion** by Morrison seconded by Stevens to accept Treasurers Report (attached). Carried.

Motion by Kerler seconded by Morrison add Ron Wilke as signer for church bank accounts. Carried

Motion by Stevens seconded by Kerler to appoint CPC Treasurer as a second signer for Attic bank account. Obtained Raduege. Carried

Committee Chairs assigned and Reports Discussion; the importance of having Committee leaders for many reasons; especially for communications.

Finance – Glenn Morrison and Bill Raduege

Mission- Jill Consie and Pam Fraboni

Stewardship- Ralph Kerler- Ralph will edit the “attached draft stewardship letter” created by Steve Schunk. The group expressed: a great letter just needed a few tweaks. Ralph will present this edited version at our next Session meeting.

Building and Grounds- Owen Karlmann and Ron Wilke

Personnel- Steve Schunk

Worship & Music- Mary Jane Stevens

Outreach/Fellowship- Mary Jane Stevens

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Attic Re-opening- Motion by Raduege seconded by Consie to Reopening the Attic. Discussion: We have no “Mission” without the Attic. Topics to Consider- operating just 3 months, parking, arranging alternative church fellowship space, security of church, options to find an off-premises space (Pam) insurance (Mary Jane) parking (Ralph). Carried.

Future Pastor Discussion- Tabled Kerler reported we are covered through March 3, 2024. Kerler will continue to schedule Pastors’ Table for next meeting as we expect more information on possibilities.

Next meeting February 23rd 10am

Motion by Morrison seconded Kerler to adjourn. Carried

Closing Prayer by Jill Consie.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Fraboni, Clerk of Session

The volunteer women of Community Presbyterian Church will be cleaning the kitchen followed by sending notes out to the SnowBirds and ending with a soup luncheon. Hope to see you there.



WE ARE IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR:
GREETER
LITURGIST
USHERS

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