

Community Presbyterian Church



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The rumor is, when our summer residents and visitors return to the Valley and Tucson, things slow down at CPC. Not this year! We have much to accomplish together in the coming months.

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Now that I've been with you for three months, you are probably curious about what's happening here at CPC, outside of worship and "behind the scenes." Besides getting to know each of you by name, I've been focusing on those specific functions that **promote the spiritual health and well-being** of CPC. We currently do not have a full Board of Deacons or Session, and we lack the purposeful functionality of active committees (my name for them is "ministry teams). This is something that must change, as it is essential for future leadership development and preventing leadership burnout.

I've shared with leadership that changing our mindset from "elders and deacons doing all the work" to building ministry teams who share together in fellowship and tasks, must become a priority in this Interim season. That's where each one of you plays a critical role in the well being of CPC. If you are invited to be a team member, I urge you to prayerfully consider the area of ministry to which you are being invited. Is the ministry one for which you have the passion and to which you will commit? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped. God equips the "called."

In September the Session adopted a more concise and updated mission statement which is now displayed on our updated website (cpcpinetop.org):

***We are a family rooted in Christ, called to glorify and enjoy
God through worship, discipleship, compassion, and service
to one another and to our community.***

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Your assigned homework is to memorize the new mission statement. It's who we are together, and why God has kept us here at 1940 S. Penrod Lane!

I've also been working closely with the Session as they prepare to write the **required Mission Study**, which is the first requirement before electing a Pastor Nomination Committee (PNC). The Mission Study addresses specific needs of the congregation that are consistent with its mission statement. Who are we as people of God? What is special about CPC? What is our history?

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- * From what walks of life do our members, visitors, and friends come?
- * Are there distinctive groups, unusual programs or particular circumstances within our congregation?
What makes CPC unique?
- * What gifts flourish among the congregation—as reflected by spiritual gifts, time, talent and treasure?
- * Who is our community outside the walls of the church, and how is God calling us to minister in and to a community?
- * What are the current trends in the congregation and community which will have an inevitable impact in CPC's future?

A new sermon series on the subject of prayer begins in October. You won't want to miss it!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Carla

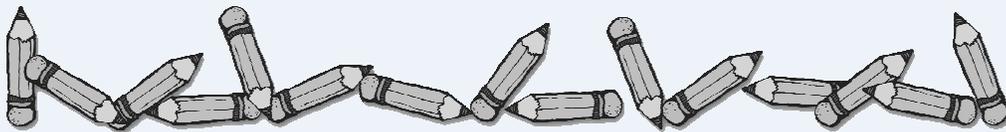
Time's Up Advent Devotional by Reverend Brad Munroe

Grand Canyon Pastor Brad Munroe has written an advent devotional that helps us explore the Biblical text around the birth of Jesus and offers ways to take the message into the world.

Permission is given for anyone to copy, duplicate, and transmit this devotional book, either electronically or as hard copy. The author asks that any funds collected from such distribution, if applicable, go to support local mission efforts in one's community. Available on the Presbytery's website at pbygrandcanyon.org, Ministries, News & Events

[BOOKLET VERSION of Time's Up Devotional](#)

[Time's Up – Reading Version](#)



Thank you!!!!

We assembled 63 school kits and sent them off to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at the end of September. Many people helped in many ways. The youth sorted and boxed, so thank them when you see them.

In Appreciation,

-The Missions Committee





THE CHURCH MOUSE

It's been such a busy month that I almost forgot my newsletter article. So, as I often do, I asked for God's help. Isn't it wonderful that He is always here when we need Him? He used a dear friend of mine who sent me this inspirational message to share with you. It's called

"WATCH THE RAIN"

One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick.

Suddenly my daughter, Aspen, spoke from her relaxed position in her seat.

"Dad, I'm thinking of something."

This announcement usually meant she had been pondering some fact for a while and was now ready to expound all that her six-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear.

"What are you thinking?" I asked.

"The rain!" she began, "is like sin, and the windshield wipers are like God wiping our sins away."

After the chill bumps raced up my arms, I was able to respond. "That's really good, Aspen." Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little girl take this revelation? So I asked, "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?"

Aspen didn't hesitate one moment with her answer. "We keep on sinning and God just keeps on forgiving us."

I will always remember this whenever I turn my wipers on. In order to see the Rainbow, you must first endure some Rain.

Until next time – be happy, do good deeds, and keep love in your heart.

Love To You All,

Webster

Submitted on behalf of Webster

By Lynda Marble



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women's Group had their final fall business meeting on September 25th at which time we completed Lesson 9 of our Bible Study, Cloud of Witnesses. We will convene our meetings beginning in May 2019.

We have had many ladies join us throughout the past few months which allowed us to form wonderful friendships and gave us the opportunity to have discussions representing our various life experiences.

On September 18th we held a Dessert Tea Party at which our members brought various diaper and paper items that we presented to a representative of Living Hope Center. At that time with all individuals present we held the drawing of the winning ticket from our quilt raffle. We are pleased to announce that Gloria Schmidt was the winner of the lovely quilt lovingly made by Chase Rawak. Presentation of that quilt took place in front of the congregation at both services on Sunday, September 30th.

The Presbyterian Women's Group here in Pinetop has embraced the national effort of the United Presbyterian Women in the United Presbyterian Church of the USA to raise funds through the annual "Thank Offering" to fund a multitude of groups and activities that assist many in need internationally. We will be inserting an envelope in an early November bulletin and trust that you will join us once again in supporting this effort.

I wish to thank the many participants who have aided us in our many fundraising activities. It has allowed us to distribute \$5,100 to our missions and causes.

Georgia Merrick

PW Moderator



Calendar

Sundays 10:30 am - Worship

Wednesdays 8:00 am - Sonrisers (Men's Group)

From Your Deacons

2018 DEACONS HOLIDAY FOOD BOX INITIATIVE BEGINS THIS MONTH

There's a touch of autumn in the air, and that means the Deacons are beginning their effort to collect food items for the holiday (Thanksgiving and Christmas) boxes which are prepared for local military and veterans who are in need. Each year our goal is to give out about 30 boxes during both holiday weeks. Over the years, we have partnered with local veterans organizations who always assure us how important and appreciated this help is. So if you are in the process of cleaning out your pantry in preparation for returning to a warmer climate, we'll be happy to take those items.

Each week, beginning on September 16 and continuing through November 4, we suggest contributions of items listed below. We can also use other nonperishable food items. You may contribute items you might have missed throughout the food drive, or if you prefer to give in advance, the donations are always welcome!

October 7th, we will be collecting macaroni and cheese.

October 14th, we will be collecting canned instant potatoes.

October 21st, stuffing mix

October 28, Jell-O and/or instant pudding.

We also need donations by check for purchasing fresh food items and frozen turkeys. If you'll write, "holiday food drive" on the memo line, checks can be dropped in the offering box.

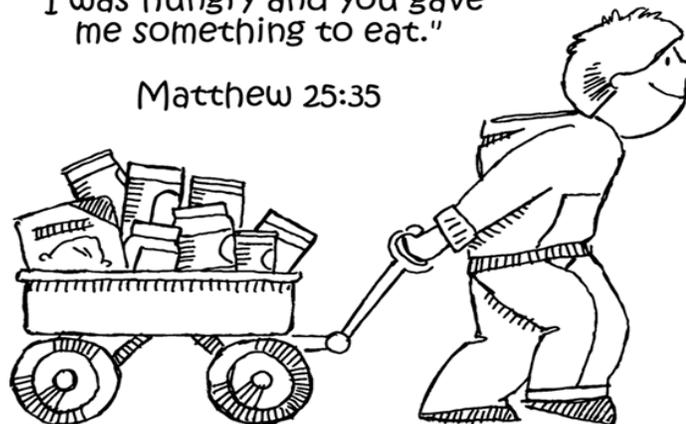
Thank you so much for your participation in this ministry.

Steve Knutson

Deacon

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



Fellowship

The Annual Church Picnic went off well with over 70 folks attending - a little less than last year but I attribute that to the Run for the Pines activities and the fact that some folks have already returned to the Valley and Tucson. I would like to thank all those folks who chipped in to help set up and then clean up after the picnic, specifically Joanie Lora, John & Lynda Marble, Steve Rodney, Roger Balzer, Jim Snitzer, Arlene Kerr, Patrick McKinley, Mary Doane, Kent Schipper, Karla Van Dine and all those who brought side dishes and desserts. Thanks, too, to the Lord for giving us beautiful fall weather so we could hold the picnic under the Pavilion.

The next activity will be the Thanksgiving dinner where the Deacons and Elders will provide the turkey and the ham - more on that as the time draws near. Thanks again to all those who attended - I think everyone had a good time and I know they had some great picnic food!!! As you know my tenure as Fellowship Committee Chairman will end at the end of this year. It has been a pleasure serving the CPC Congregation these past six years.

Respectfully submitted in God's name,

Steve Lora,

Fellowship Committee Chairman



Worship Report—October 2018

September was the last month for two services as we return to our winter schedule of worshipping at 10:30 am. Thank you, everyone who stepped up and helped make it possible to have two services the last 5 months. It takes a lot of willing people to accomplish the many tasks it requires. Many thanks to Gloria Schmidt and Rindy Reinhold for providing musical accompaniment at the early service.

We bid good-bye to Jim Bohart, the summer choir director, on the 30th of September as he left to return to the Valley for the winter. We love having him up here to lead us and encourage us to step out of our "comfort zones". Thank you, Jim.



The choir is taking some much-needed time off. We are eliminating our Wednesday night practice and will be meeting at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings beginning in November. In October, we will lead the congregation in singing the hymns with a few special numbers thrown in now and then. If you have any special requests, please let us know.

Jan Mullins 928-242-0653

Judi Bee 928-242-0526

Memorial Garden

You may notice a new Blue Spruce tree planted in the Memorial Garden. This beautiful addition was donated by the Jack Gunter family in memory of his son, Stephen, who passed away recently. Thank you Mr. Gunter and family for your amazing gift.



In Loving Memory



Per Capita



What is per capita? It is a way that we as Presbyterians share equally, responsibly, and interdependently in the costs of governing the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), no matter the size of our churches. Per capita contributions are requested from every congregation based on each church's total active membership.

Through our per capita contributions, the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon helps congregations with pastoral transitions, trains and supports interim ministers, assists churches with resolving congregational conflicts, and helps to prepare people for service as ordained ministers. In this year of change for Community Presbyterian Church, we are especially grateful for these pastoral resources that are available to congregations such as ours through the per capita program.

The Presbytery has set the per capita donation level at **\$34 per member** in 2018. While our church will pay this support contribution regardless of member donations, we strongly encourage each member to consider make a specific per capita donation as a means of supporting this key program. Please designate your checks or cash contribution as "Per Capita 2018."