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Dear Members and Friends of Community Presbyterian Church,

Today as I look out the windows in the Pastor's Study, there is still snow on the ground! This fact makes it a little hard to think about the first day of Spring and the promise of new life coming with Easter. Maybe it is good that Easter arrives so late this year!

One of my first efforts upon coming to this congregation was to make an effort to meet as many of the clergy on the mountain as possible. Through these times of introduction, the idea hatched of sharing Holy Week with the Church of our Saviour. Father Kerry and I will be sharing the services for Maundy Thursday (at CPC) and Good Friday (at Church of our Saviour). Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find our worship schedule for Holy Week.

As we look forward to Holy Week, I would like to share a perspective with you. **Palm Sunday** is a time when we celebrate the coming of Jesus to Jerusalem. There is a parade, there is singing ("Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"), there is the waving of palms. Yet, Jesus is crying (Luke 19:41) – we often miss that point. **Maundy Thursday** we remember the disciples and Jesus sharing their last Passover meal together. A solemn occasion of remembering God's provision of escape for the people of Israel, but also a time of fore-shadowing the sacrifice of the Lamb of God (Jesus). **Good Friday** causes us to re-walk the way of suffering (the Via Dolorosa) as we re-imagine the crucifixion of our Lord – not a pleasant time. Yet **Easter** morning brings us into sharp focus with the reality of 'life after life' - the resurrection and our hope as Christians. Jesus is alive ~ so are we.

My reminder is this: "You can't get to Easter without going through Good Friday." For many of us (me included) we want to jump from Palm Sunday right to Easter, but we really can't. If in our thinking/planning we do so, we miss the true meaning of resurrection morning. Jesus had to be dead in order to be raised. Don't 'jump the gun' as many Christians tend to do, we need to spend time in our grief of death in order to fully understand the joy of resurrection.

Hope to see you during our joint Holy Week services.....

Grace and Peace, Bob

Summer Camp Fund-Raisers: As you will remember, Montlure Presbyterian Camp is still not available for camping this summer. Therefore, the camps will again be held at the Wilderness Ranch in Lakeside. Please note (and keep watching for) we will be holding a number of Fund-Raisers to help defer some of the cost for our young people to attend camp. If you are not in the area to attend the Fund-Raisers, but would like to donate, you may do so by sending a check made out to CPC and in the memo line please put "Montlure Camp Fund". Registration for camp is now open on the Presbytery of Grand Canyon website under the 'ministries' drop-down, then clicking on Montlure Camp. The dates for camp this year are:

Senior High: June 2-7

Junior High: June 23- 28

Juniors: July 7-11



Church Mission Study: As the first step in our search for a new installed pastor, the congregation will be participating in a Mission Study. The exact format of the study will be decided by the Elders (Session) at their April meeting. After that decision, then more detailed information will be available to the congregation members and our summer attendees. So be watching the newsletter and bulletin inserts in May for more information. The plan (at this point) is to conduct the mission study from mid-June to the end of July so we can involve **all** of our congregation.

Holy Week Schedule of Services: Yes, Holy Week is very late this year – so 'no' you didn't miss Easter! Below is a list of the Holy Week services:

Sunday, April 14th – **Palm Sunday** – Worship at 10:30.

Thursday, April 18th – **Maundy Thursday** – Joint worship hosted by (at) CPC , with the Church of our Saviour Episcopal Church. Time 5:30.

Friday, April 19th – **Good Friday** – Joint worship hosted by (at) Church of our Saviour Episcopal Church. Time 5:30.

Sunday, April 21st – **Easter Sunday** – Worship at 10:30.



We are particularly pleased to be sharing Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services with our sisters and brothers Church of our Saviour. Hope you can join us for these times of worship, reflection and celebration!

Tentative Timeline for New Installed Pastor

My task as your Interim Pastor is to assist in the search for a new installed pastor while supporting the current ministry of CPC. At the Session meeting on February 12th, I presented the following timeline as a way to proceed. This is not written in 'stone', but it gives us some dates to aim for in our process.

February ~ May 2019 - - Spending time getting to know the community and understanding CPC's ministry on the mountain.

June ~ August 2019 - - While our friends from the Valley are with us, involve everyone completing a congregational mission study.

September 2019 - - Elect a **Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)** which will be a committee of the congregation (not the Session) whose responsibility is to seek out a new installed pastor.

September ~ November 2019 - - The Pastor Nominating Committee (**PNC**) completes the **Ministry Information Form (MIF)**. This is a resume of the congregation based on information gathered from the congregational mission study. The **MIF** is for the purpose of giving possible pastors and understanding of CPC's ministry.

December 2019 - - Submit the Ministry Information Form (**MIF**) to Session, Presbytery and Presbyterian Church, USA Headquarters for approval and circulation.

January ~ August 2020 - - Pastor Nominating Committee (**PNC**) receives and reviews **Personal Information Forms (PIF)** (resumes of interested pastors) - conducts interviews with prime candidates - arranges to hear prime candidates in another congregational setting (not at CPC) (this is called a **Neutral Pulpit**) - finally the **PNC** presents a candidate (through the Presbytery and Session) to the CPC congregation for approval.

Please understand that this is a broad overview of the process. Yes, it is a bit complicated, but that is why we walk through this together. It is not a process that moves quickly, but rather deliberately. If you have any questions about any of the process, please feel free to ask me.

Together we will seek out God's person, Pastor Bob





THE CHURCH MOUSE

One night I had a dream. I dreamed that I had an interview with God. "Come in," God said. "So, you would like to interview me?" "Yes, if you have the time," I said. God smiled and said, "My time is eternity and is enough to do everything. What questions do you have in mind to ask me?" "What surprises you most about mankind?" I asked. God answered, "That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived." God's hands took mine and we were silent for a while and then I asked "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?" God replied with a smile, "To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved. To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives. To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis. To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is the one who needs the least. To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and it takes many years to heal them. To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness. To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings. To learn that money can buy everything but happiness. To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally differently. To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them and likes them anyway. To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves. I sat there for a while enjoying the moment. I thanked Him for His time and for all that He has done for me and my family, and He replied, "Anytime. I am here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me and I will answer."

Don't be afraid to dream dreams. You never know where they will take you.

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's Group Update



Our Presbyterian Women's Group will begin meeting in May as many of our members begin to return to the Mountain from their winter residences. Our first meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 7th at 10 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage newcomers and existing parishioners to join us and help us with new and creative craft ideas that will assist us in preparing items for our Craft and Bake Sale which takes place in August.

Once again, PW will be supporting Living Hope Pregnancy Centers' Baby Bottle Drive which runs from May 12 – June 16. This is from Mother's Day to Father's Day this year. This is a pro-life ministry and facility in the Show Low area that provides a home and a variety of resources for pregnant women and their children, as needed. Please assist us in supporting this ministry by placing loose change, bills, checks, or credit card information in the baby bottle and returning it to our table which will be set up each Sunday, beginning May 12th through June 16th.

Georgia Merrick

PW Moderator



Fellowship Report

February was an active month. Pastor Bob started, Souper Bowl event with proceeds donated to the Love Kitchen, and Valentines Day card signing. Fellowship was glad to host the events.

In March we had Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and received \$154 in donations for Montlure Camp Scholarships. Youth prepared the meal. On the 17th we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with green treats provided by PW.

Calendar:

Friday, March 29th: we will sponsor a Montlure Scholarship Spaghetti Dinner. The youth will prepare the meal with adult supervision. Time 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The meal will consist of salad, spaghetti, bread and drinks. Sign-ups are needed so we have a head count on how much spaghetti to make. A \$5.00/+ donation is requested. Proceeds will help support camp scholarships.

April 21st: Easter Sunday Lunch after Church. Finger sandwiches and treats will be provided by Fellowship. Volunteers needed to help serve, please contact John Marble at johnmarble@cpcpinetop.org



May 5th: Cinco De Mayo lunch after Church. We will not have a competition this year but will ask everyone to bring a Mexican food dish to share. We'll have a donation basket to help support Scholarships for Montlure. Volunteers are needed to help, contact John Marble at johnmarble@cpcpinetop.org



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WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

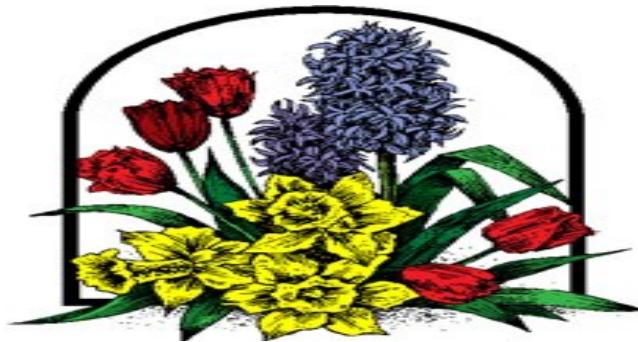
Spring is (hopefully) on its way! With high temperatures in the 50's and 60's our thoughts turn to all the fun and exciting events going on in our Church. As we flip the calendar over onto April, the choir will resume meeting at 6:00 on Wednesday nights to practice. We currently are practicing on Sunday mornings at 9:15 and will continue that schedule along with the Wednesday nights at least until after Easter. If you have been thinking you might like to join the choir, now is the perfect time. We are a small group and welcome anyone who has a love for music whether you can read notes or not (personally I cannot!).

We have ordered palms for Palm Sunday. That is always a joyous day with the children participating by carrying the palms into the sanctuary at the beginning of the service. We will observe Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as mentioned in the Pastor's report. Then on to the glorious celebration of Easter! The choir is working on a Cantata which will be uplifting and sweep everyone up into the true feeling of Christ's resurrection. Don't forget to send in your order for Easter Lilies (form in this newsletter). As in the past, we plan to decorate the Sanctuary on this glorious day. Not to be forgotten is "The Flowering of the Cross". Always a beautiful addition to the front of the Church. Personally, I usually tear up when it is rolled down front.



May will bring Jim Bohart back as our ever-faithful choir director. He has already warned us he has 5 new pieces for us to learn. They are all beautiful arrangements. We will have two services June through September with the choir singing at the second service.

Jan Mullins & Judi Bee



EASTER FLOWERS

The Easter Flowers that will beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday is a wonderful way to say “We Remember”, “Thinking of You” or In Celebration Of”. If you would like to order a flower, the cost for each flower is \$10.00. **All orders received by Sunday April 14th** will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. The orders can be emailed, phoned in or left in the church office with the following notation, on checks or envelopes, “Easter Flowers.”

Please Indicate the following:

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Please make checks payable to:

Community Presbyterian Church or CPC

STEWARDSHIP / CARE OF CREATION

Psalm 24:1 Because “the earth is the LORD’S”, “all of us are stewards, or caretakers of the creation”. We should be “committed” to proper management of the world and its resources.

I was taught this as a teenager. I began recycling anything I could. 54 years later, I still recycle what I can (esp. Water!!!).

I was very pleased when Elder John Marble asked me to set up a recycle container and recycle what was put in this container. I can take what is in the container and put CLEAN steel cans, and CLEAN plastic containers & put them in my Show Low curbside container (no # 6 Styrofoam or small caps on bottles). I can take paper, cardstock, and cardboard to 30' digester tube at Pinetop's Sanitary treatment plant (you can take it also to 2 blue dumpsters at the plant down Hansen Rd. to Alisa Ln.)

I invite you to learn & recycle only items on Waste Management's recycle guide paper on blue container (see following page). Place CLEAN plastic containers, CLEAN steel cans, & DRAINED, CLEAN aluminum cans in blue recycle container. I use rain/snow water to clean containers; take off all small caps and drain/smash aluminum cans (aluminum can money can be donated to the church's youth program or what the council decides).

This will get you started so you can take part in Pinetop's new recycling program starting soon (talk to Jim Spitner). Or I will continue to recycle whatever is in the blue container.

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Always recycle:



Plastic Bottles & Containers
Botellas y envases de plástico



Food & Beverage Cans
Latas de alimentos y bebidas



Paper
Papeles



Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard
Cartón y cartulina aplastados



Food & Beverage Cartons
Cartones de alimentos y bebidas



Glass Bottles & Containers
Botellas y frascos de vidrio

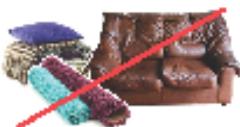
Do NOT include in your mixed recycling cart:



NO Food or Liquids
NO comida o líquidos



NO Foam Cups & Containers
NO vasos y recipientes de poliestireno



NO Clothing, Furniture & Carpet
NO ropa, muebles y alfombras



NO Loose Plastic Bags, Film or Bagged Recyclables
Empty recyclables directly into your cart



NO Batteries or Needles in the Recycling or Trash

Batteries and needles pose safety risks for our employees.
Check for local drop-off programs for proper disposal.
NO arrojes pilas o agujas en el reciclaje o la basura.
Las pilas y las agujas presentan riesgos de salud para nuestros
empleados. Puede visitar los programas locales de entrega para
su disposición adecuada.

NO incluya en su contenedor de reciclaje mixto:



NO bolsas y envolturas de plástico sueltas, o materiales
recyclables embolsados

Vacié directamente los materiales
recyclables en nuestro carro

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April

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



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8:00 AM

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7 Choir 9:15

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Worship

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6:00 PM

14 Choir 9:15

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Worship

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17 Sonrisers

18 Service

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8:00 AM

Choir

6:00 PM

5:30 PM



21 Choir 9:15

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Worship

10:30 AM

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HAPPY

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Friday

Service

Church of

Our Saviour

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28 Choir 9:15

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Worship

10:30 AM



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Session

Meeting

12:00 PM