



# Community Presbyterian Church

## April 2021 Newsletter

Greetings!

As you know I was recently in the hospital with some health problems that seemingly appeared out of nowhere. First, thank you all for your prayers; I am doing much better. As I reflected on my experience, it occurred to me the importance of doing periodic health checkups, and to learn to recognize signs that things are not as they should be. In retrospect I realize that my body was giving me signs that my blood pressure was higher than normal, but these signs became the norm. After a period of the differences in my health became such a part of me that I took them in stride.

We know that we need to do physical health checkups, but what about spiritual health checkups? Ever so slowly, signs arise that attempt to alert me to the fact that my spiritual life is not as healthy as it could be. For instance, I find that I slowly begin to allow other priorities to interfere with my spiritual and prayer life. At first, I recognize the symptoms, but after a relatively short period of time, I begin to ignore the fact that I am not spending as much time in the Word or in prayer.

The same is true with our church; we need to do periodic health checkups by asking ourselves in what areas do we remain strong and healthy (doing well), what areas do we need to grow or increase, and/or what are the areas where there may be signs that our health is slipping. I want to encourage us to do a health check-up of our church during the month of April. I am encouraging us to do so for a couple of reasons:

First, I am relatively new and there very well may be areas that are slipping through the cracks of which I am not aware. Secondly, this last year has been a long and difficult year because of COVID and our not having the ability to meet and worship together has impacted each one of us and our church as a whole.

Next month, Session will be meeting for a day to look at the health of our church to determine what we are doing well, what areas are in need of growth, and where do we want to be in a year. We would welcome your input - this is your church, and as a family I firmly believe it is important for all of us to have input. Before April 20<sup>th</sup> I would love to meet with you, have a telephone call from you or an email from you with to talk about your concerns, what you value at our church, and what we are doing well. Also, you are welcome to contact any Elder and talk to him/her.

In closing, I believe we are a healthy, vibrant and strong church and I am blessed to be a part of this family.

Shalom,

Diane

Beginning April 11, 2021 — One Service @ 10:30  
In Person and on Facebook Live



## ***Easter Lily Tributes***

Bob & Marty Anderton	In Memory of: Lew & Evon Anderton In Memory of: Al and Lucy Wyker
Michael & Kathy Clark	In Memory of: Michelle, Wayne, Patricia, Lolly, Patrick & Sam J.
Thomas Fink	In Memory of: Nancy L. Fink
Gagnon Family and Cathy Muckenhirn	In Memory of: Gordon Muckenhirn & Mom & Dad Gagnon
Wanda Gray	In Memory of: Family & Friends who have passed
John & Marty Hayes	In Memory of: John's Parents, John & Mary Hayes In Memory of: Marty's Parents, Doug & Betty Burleigh
Jordan Family	In Memory of: Lois & Ed Cottrell
Jerry & Tara Kinsel	In Memory of: Vivian Vincent In Memory of: Wanda Claunch In Celebration of: Nancy & Archie Kinsel's Health
Stewart & Linda Lewis	In Memory of: Hugh & Effie Farnham In Memory of: Bob & Libby Lewis In Memory of: Sidney Nicole Roll
David & Becky Lopez	In Memory of: Elvira Muñoz
Joan & Steve Lora	In Memory of: Their Parents and Brothers
John & Linda Marble	In Memory of: Lynda's Parents, Ben & Mary Allison In Memory of: John's Parents, John & Betty Marble



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Pat Mecey	In Memory of: Jamie K. Mecey Dixon
Jim & Georgia Merrick	In Memory of: Their Parents
Rich and Jan Mullins	In Memory of: John & Hellen Mullins In Memory of: Margaret Becker In Memory of: Tom Mullins In Memory of: Craig Becker In Memory of: Jeff Becker In Honor of: Granddaughter, Hailey Mullins-Deployed in Iraq
Susan Orlowski:	In Celebration of : Community Presbyterian Church
Joanne Packebush	Grateful!
Rindy Skousen Reinhold	In Memory of: Rindy's parents, Bobby & Elaine Skousen
Steve Rodney	In Memory of: Chase Rawak
Robert & Susan Singer	In Memory of: Don & Norma Singer In Memory of: John & Stella Seman
Cliff & Deb Underwood	In Memory of: Ann & Bill Crozier In Honor of: Kathy Kindred In Memory of: Ames, Wanda, Ski & Casey Underwood
Mary Behrens-Wilson	In Memory of: Marvin Wilson
David & Laurie Yost	In Memory of: Edgar Perry

# Celebrate the Resurrection

Community Presbyterian  
Church

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

1940 S. Penrod Ln  
Pinetop, AZ

**MY JESUS,**

**YOU WERE BORN TO DIE SO THAT I COULD BE BORN TO NEW LIFE**

**YOU SUFFERED TEMPTATION SO I COULD EXPERIENCE VICTORY**

**YOU WERE BETRAYED SO I MIGHT KNOW HIS FAITHFULNESS**

**YOU WERE ARRESTED AND BOUND SO I COULD BE RESCUED FROM BONDAGE**

**YOU STOOD TRIAL ALONE SO THAT I MIGHT HAVE AN ADVOCATE**

**YOU WERE WOUNDED SO THAT I COULD BE HEALED**

**YOU ENDURED MOCKERY SO THAT I COULD KNOW DIGNITY AND JOY**

**YOU WERE CONDEMNED SO THE TRUTH COULD SET ME FREE**

**YOU WERE CROWNED WITH THORNS SO I MIGHT CROWN YOU WITH PRAISE**

**YOU WERE NAILED TO THE CROSS SO I MIGHT ESCAPE JUDGEMENT**

**YOU WERE STRETCHED OUT BETWEEN THE THIEVES SO I COULD KNOW THE REACH OF LOVE**

**YOU SUFFERED THIRST SO I CAN DRINK LIVING WATER**

**YOU SAID, "IT IS FINISHED" SO I COULD BEGIN MY WALK OF FAITH**

**YOU WERE GOD'S LAMB, SLAIN SO I COULD CLAIM YOUR SACRIFICE AS MY OWN**

**YOU WERE FORSAKEN BY THE FATHER SO I WOULD NEVER BE REJECTED**

**YOU CHOSE THE SHAME OF WEAKNESS SO I CAN KNOW THE HOPE OF GLORY**

**YOU SHED YOUR BLOOD SO I CAN BE WHITE AS SNOW**

**YOUR HEART WAS PIERCED SO MINE COULD BE MADE WHOLE**



# DEACON'S CORNER

Happy March & April Dear Church Friends,

Don't we all hope that March & April will be the beginning of wonderful things .....less COVID cases and deaths, getting to be back in church, more snow/rain to add moisture to our forests and gardens and, a world that becomes kinder to each other. I am so thankful for the moisture we received in March.

Feel free to call your Deacons in cases of illness or emergency needs.

Steve Rodney ..... A-B-C-D

Arlene Kerr ..... E-F-G-H R-S-T

Mary Freemon ..... I-J-K-L

Sheila Hogan ..... M-N-O-P-Q

Becky Lopez ..... U-V-W-X-Y-Z

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest Deacon, Becky Lopez, who will be on the Board until 2023.

DID YOU KNOW THAT KINDNESS IS A "DISEASE" AND THAT IT IS VERY "CONTAGIOUS"? Let's spread KINDNESS in every way we can.

Spring Blessings to all of you, Arlene Kerr Deacon Moderator





## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We are now in the Lenten season and looking forward to Spring - no more white fluff on the ground, tulips, the arrival of baby animals (if you have lived on a farm), Easter, etc. Between COVID and the snow, many of us have suffered from the effects of cabin fever and are excited, full of anticipation for Spring and all it brings. As I walk through the stores, my heart sings as it sees the arrival of patio furniture, spring colors, pretty patio dishes, garden supplies and an absence of snow shovels, windshield scrapers, de-icers, winter coats, etc. I thank God for the realization of the wonders of the promises for the future. The anticipation is heightened to an almost painful level. The promise of warm days, sunshine, long walks, etc. are all reasons to stop and thank God for each and everyday that he brings to us.



Join me in thanking God for our health and the promise that as the COVID reports continue to improve, we may soon be given the clearance to once again meet, enjoy each other's company and, together, continue to grow in God's love and understanding as we study his teachings. I can't wait.

I hope this finds you all well, protected and as excited as I am for Spring and all its promises.

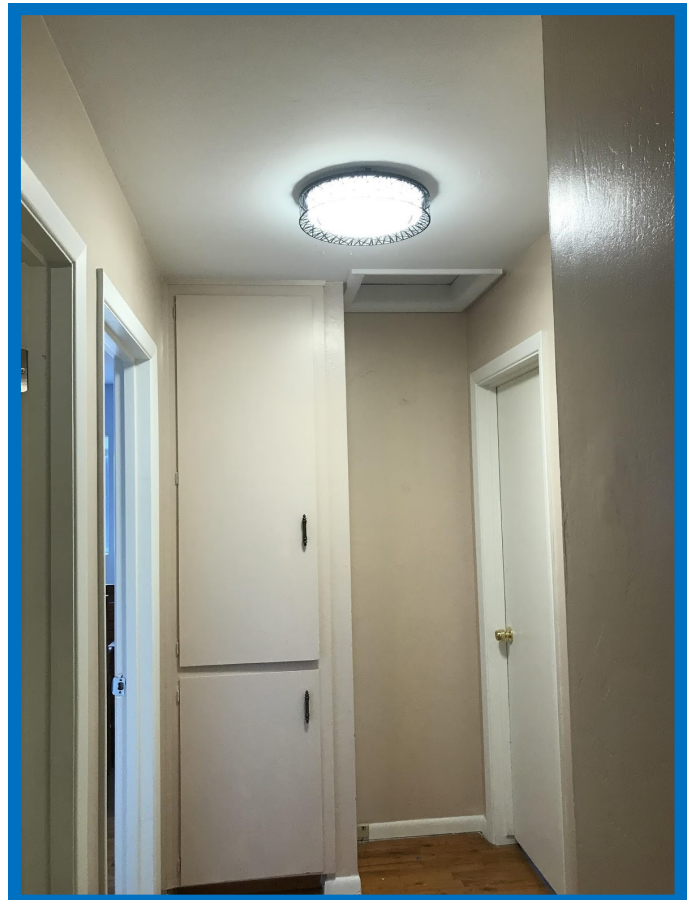
All my love and in God's love- Wanda Gray-623-341-4984

# BUILDING AND GROUNDS



“We can do no great things, only small things with great love.” — Mother Teresa

B&G is happy to announce the MOPS Project to modernize the cottage for their program. We have finished the repairs except for floor coverings: they will be installed in May. Special thank you to Mike Clark, Cliff Underwood, Larry Valis, and Patrick McKinley for their help in making this possible.



Faith is the assurance  
of things hoped for,  
the conviction of  
things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1

*Peace,*

*John Marble*



# 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?"

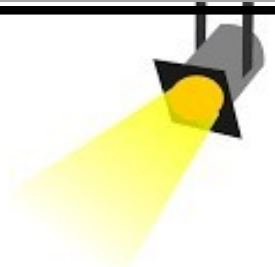
Aspen didn't hesitate one moment with her answer. "We keep on sinning and God just keeps on forgiving us." I will always remember this whenever I turn my wipers on. In order to see the Rainbow, you must first endure some Rain.

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



# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



## COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Minutes of the Regular Stated Session Meeting

January 10, 2021

The Regular Stated Session meeting, held by Zoom, was called to order and opened with prayer by Reverend Diane White at 2:04pm. Elders present were Judi Bee, Caroline Cox, Jim Snitzer, John Marble, Steve Knutson, Laurie Yost and Jerry Kinsel. Patrick McKinley and Marc Traeger were excused.

**Clerk's Report:** Communion was held on January 3, 2021. MSP to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2020 Regular Scheduled Session Meeting. Session has approved the work of the Deacons. A Certificate of Insurance is on file in the office. Communion will be served the first Sunday of the month. PW functions dates have been approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Diane said we will need Officers training after officers are elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting. Peggy Duhamel is on Hospice care. Diane wants to use the YouTube Channel for worship services and will call it CPC YouTube. John offered to help her set it up. Diane has her sermons prepared for Lenten Season and discussed having ashes done as a drive-thru for those who want them.

**Worship:** Judi said Diane has done a wonderful job with her sermons and handling everything.

**Finance:** Jim said we are still in great shape financially with a surplus of \$50,000. He has sent Tammy the revised budget for the Annual Congregational Meeting.

**Mission:** Steve discussed our mission pledges. We will donate \$1000 to Presbytery Montlure Scholarships and are donating food boxes to the Navajo Reservation. He will be working on One Great Hour of Sharing. Discussion was held in regards to helping the Love Kitchen. Steve will get a group together and make recommendations to Session.

**Building & Grounds:** John stated the new air ducts have been completed with 25% more clean air. He has started working on the Cottage to prepare for MOPS and will be updating the bathrooms and begin painting inside. He put a lock box by the side door of the Church with church keys inside to keep having to give keys out to so many people.

**Christian Education:** Caroline will work with Steve Knutson regarding Souper Bowl Sunday. Caroline and Laurie will pick out new vinyl for the flooring in the Cottage. John is taking photos of the Cottage as work progresses.

**Personnel & Nominating:** Diane said Becky Lopez has agreed to be a Deacon and Becky-Willis Zarembo has agreed to be an Elder. Both will be nominated at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

**Calendar Review:** Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 31, 2021 at 2:00pm by Zoom. There will be a call-in number for voting. Only CPC members are allowed to vote. The results of the voting will be sent to Clerk Lynda Marble. Notice of the Annual meeting will be posted January 17th and 24th as is required. The next Session Meeting will be February 28, 2021 by Zoom. It was agreed that Session meetings will be held the 4th Sunday of the month.

**New Business:** Diane will have an Ash Wednesday Service.

MSP to accept and receive all reports. The meeting was closed at 3:11pm with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Marble

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



## COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 31, 2021

The Annual Congregational Meeting, having met the requirement of public notice on two (2) consecutive Sunday's, including the Sunday of the meeting, was called to order by Pastor Diane White and opened with prayer at 2:06pm. The Clerk declared that a quorum was present. Due to the Church being closed because of the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was held by Zoom. Voting was by poll and only members were allowed to vote.

Committee reports were available prior to the Zoom meeting. Following discussion, MSP to approve all Committee Reports.

Jim Snitzer gave a review of the budget and stated we are in great shape financially. The review was not up for vote.

Diane signed out of the meeting for discussion on her Pastor Salary and Allowance. MSP to approve Pastor's salary and allowance as budgeted. Pastor Diane rejoined the meeting.

MSP to give Session the authority to approve the Minutes from the Annual Congregational Meeting at the next Session meeting.

MSP communion is to be served the first Sunday of every month.

MSP to re-elect Roger Balzer to remain as Church Treasurer, at Sessions recommendation.

MSP for Session to approve the work of the Deacons.

It is noted that a Certification of Liability Insurance is on file in the Church office.

We began 2021 with 69 members of which 34 are women.

Clerk Lynda Marble has submitted all required 2020 Annual Reports to Presbytery.

MSP to recess at 2:34pm for the Corporation Meeting.

## COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### CORPORATION MEETING

Pastor Diane White called the meeting to order at 2:35pm and opened with prayer. Lynda Marble was designated Secretary of this meeting. A quorum was established.

Trustee Jim Snitzer gave the report and stated we began 2020 with \$146,000 and ended with \$159,000. Following discussion, MSP to approve the report. MSP to adjourn the Corporation meeting at 2:43pm in prayer by Jim Snitzer.

The Annual Congregational Meeting reconvened and was called to order at 2:46pm

Nominations for Elders, Deacons and Trustee for 2023 are Becky-Willis Zaremba, Elder; Becky Lopez, Deacon; and Trustee for 2023, Becky-Willis Zaremba, Trustee. MSP to approve.

The 2021 Nominating Committee is Elder, Becky Willis-Zaremba, Deacon, Becky Lopez, and Member-at-large Joyce Baldwin. MSP to approve.

MSP to adjourn the Annual Congregational Meeting at 2:52pm. The meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Diane at 2:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Marble, Clerk of Session Pastor, Diane White

## EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

The words "Thank You" are written in a highly decorative, black cursive script. The letters are interconnected with elegant flourishes and loops, giving it a classic and artistic appearance.

Message from Lynn Lewis of the Love Kitchen

This (the gift from CPC) is such a blessing as you can imagine! Thank you so much. This absolutely brings me to tears. It has been a brutal year without our Head Start contracts to give us that financial relief. We were hoping they would go back in session at the beginning of February but they opted to continue online. This means we don't prepare the meals for the children and we don't get paid. It is a vital part of our survival. Thank you again to all that gave.

Thanks to everyone for your response to the special offering for the Love Kitchen. This effort was very successful. We are always amazed at the generosity of our church family and are thankful to be united with you in our love for the Lord, His Church, and our community. God bless you.

Steve Knutson

Thank you for the needed donations for the family that lost their house to a fire last month. Everything helped! They have already been given a place to stay, furniture and beds. Receiving essential items made them feel loved and cared for.

Thank you,

Valerie Stirling