

Community Presbyterian Church

Newsletter



August 2019

Dear Members and Friends of Community Presbyterian Church,

It is hard to believe how quickly the summer is moving along. Memorial Day seems like just a few days ago and already it is the beginning of August! I know for our teachers, administrators and students the summer has just flown by. Please remember to pray for our students and all who support them as they head back to classes.

A word about the **Church Health Assessment Tool** (CHAT) which is our mission study for the Pastor Nominating Committee to use. As of July 31st the study has been completed. **Thank you** to all who took the time to reflect upon the mission of our congregation and fill out the tool. At the time of this writing, I don't have the final percentage of the congregation who participated in the study, but as of July 29th we were at 56%. Some of you will look at that number and be discouraged – **don't!** The national average for such studies is between 25% and 35% participation, so we are 'above average' and will have good data for our committee.

A final focus.... Certainly we are involved in many different ministries in the White Mountains, but I would remind you that our main focus as a congregation is worship. From our worship flows our desire to be involved ministering in our communities. However, sometimes we attend worship and don't really reflect upon what we are doing during our services on Sunday mornings. So let's take time during August to remember why we do what we do in worship. The sermons during the month will focus us upon the elements of our worship. They are listed below:

- August 4: "The Gathering" ~ Psalm 100
- August 11: "The Hearing" ~ Matthew 11:1-15
- August 18: "The Responding" ~ James 1:22-25
- August 25: "The Sacraments" ~ Matthew 28:19-20 & Matthew 26:26-30

May the rest of your summer be refreshing as you enjoy God's creation around us!

Grace and Peace, Bob

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PW HAPPENINGS

The Presbyterian Women's Group sincerely thanks our congregation for their participation in our most successful Bake and Casserole sale which took place on July 21st^h. You assisted us in raising over \$1000.00 all of which will go to support our missions as listed on our bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. All of the items were donated for the sale by participants in our Women's Group.

Our last big fundraiser, our Craft and Bake Sale, will take place on Saturday, August 24thth with sales of any remaining items available after both Sunday services on August 25th. Please reserve this date as we will have many wonderful hand-made items, jellies, crafts, infant and children's clothing, decorative and seasonal items, beautifully

hand-made greeting cards, and treasured collectible items. We will be sharing more detailed information in future bulletins.

We continue to sell raffle tickets after each service for the lovely quilt which is hanging in the sanctuary. Once again, this quilt was made and donated by our own Chase Rawak who has dedicated the quilt in memory of Donna Staats, one of our cherished members of PW. Our announcement of the raffle ticket winner will take place on the last Sunday in September. All proceeds will support our missions.

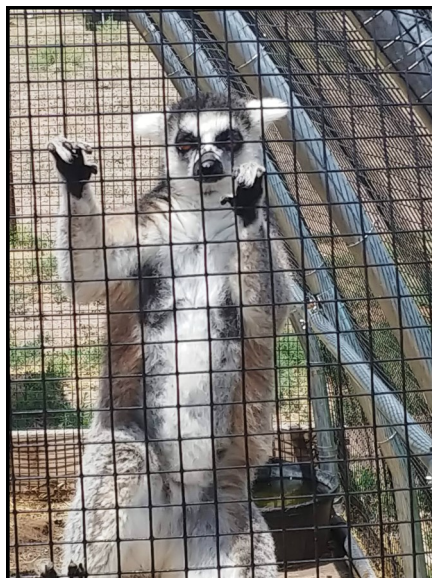
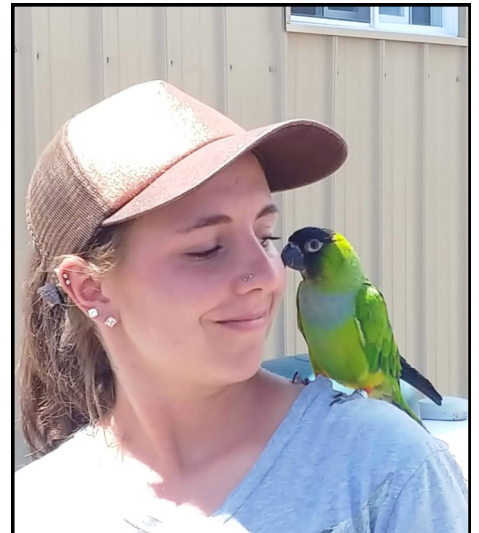
Hope to see you soon, *Georgia*



FRIENDS DAY OUT

R LAZY J WILDLIFE RANCH IN EAGAR

Photo credits Cheryl Stiers and Lori Block



NEXT UP

Tell Tales and Tunes

The next 'Tell Tales and Tunes' is scheduled for Thursday evening, August 15th in our sanctuary. The theme will be "Summer Tales". As of this writing details are being developed, but for more information, watch the Sunday bulletins or contact Marc Traeger.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE . . .

CHURCH PICNIC

AUGUST 18TH

Stay tuned for more

information in the bulletin.



“Let’s Talk About Miracles”

During the summer months, it is a tradition that Saint Mary of the Angels Catholic Church offers classes on selected topics. This August, Dr. Gherardo Pellegrini will be focusing on miracles of the faith. The topics to be reviewed on specific dates are listed on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. These classes are every Monday and Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 (sharp!) beginning on July 8th in the Saint Joseph Family Center.

TRIP TO ISRAEL January 2020

CPC is sponsoring a trip to the Holy Land, January 14~24, 2020. There was an informational meeting on June 30th, but if you weren't able to attend here are some details. The trip is limited to 30-35 people. Members and summer worshipers are invited first, then if there are still spaces available others may be invited. Pastor Bob will be leading the group and providing all study materials. If you would like more information about the journey, please contact Pastor Bob.

SUMMER HANDBELLS



The Summer Handbells groups are continuing to prepare to play in worship on August 18th (and maybe in September). If you would like to ring with the group, you are very welcome. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and practices are Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 in the cottage/manse next to the main church. Remember, “If you can count to 4, you can play handbells.” Come and ring a joyful song to the Lord!

MONTHLY DEVOTIONS FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY

These short devotions are a series written by those who worship at Community Presbyterian Church. If you would like to contribute to this series, please contact Pastor Bob.

DEVOTION TITLE: God's Wonders in the Skies

AUTHOR: Patsy Hjalmarson

VERSE: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Psalms 19:1 (RSV)

MEDITATION: One of the most real and spiritual experiences was when I saw the heavens declare the glory of God and the skies truly display His marvelous craftsmanship.

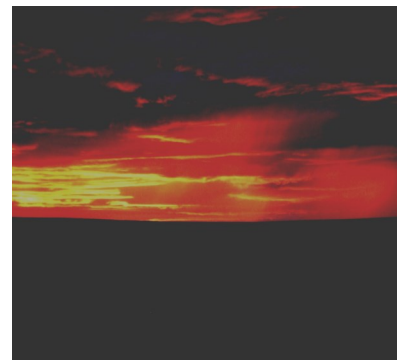
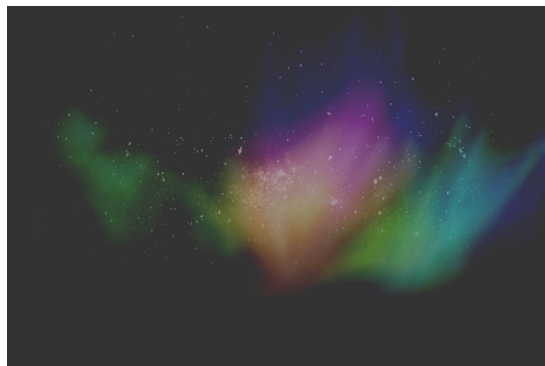
In mid-December 1985, I was flying in a small nine passenger plane from Point Barrow, Alaska, to the small village of Kaktovik, Alaska. I was in the co-pilot seat and just as we took off there was a rather huge light coming toward us on my right side. I kept waiting to hear from ground control that another aircraft was approaching and when none came through I told the pilot that I thought another plane was coming in. The light was very bright. He immediately leaned over and said "Where?" When I showed him he seemed awestruck and quietly said "I've been looking for that all week, it's Halley's Comet." I too was awestruck and just watched for a little bit. Then I turned and looked toward the left and there was a beautiful and colorful heavenly display of the Aurora Borealis. As we ascended higher, just in front of us the heavens were streaked with reds and pinks of the arctic skies. Being so far north, the sun didn't really rise or set, but being up so high we were able to see these magnificent colors.

I just sat there and marveled at these three totally amazing sights, Halley's Comet on my right, the Aurora Borealis on my left, and the colorful skies in front of me. Even as I write this, it is hard to find the right words to describe the beauty of what I saw. Even harder to describe is the total spiritual feeling that came over me. It was as if God was right there saying "See this marvelous creation." I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and knew that the Heavens do declare of Glory of God.

I'm not sure that anyone could explain these three images all at once or if they would ever happen again, but I know in those moments in that aircraft I experienced an incredible amazing picture of the heavens declaring the Glory of God. The scriptures became very real to me.

When I look into the sky, whether it is day or night, whether I see sunshine, clouds, moon or stars, I see God's craftsmanship.

PRAYER: O Lord, thank you for allowing me such wonderful experiences. Let me daily remember to thank you for your beauty, not only of earth's creation but knowing that even the heavens declare Your glory.



THE 'ROADMAP' TO A NEW INSTALLED PASTOR

Just as a reminder, below is the 'roadmap' to securing a new installed pastor:

February ~ May 2019 - - Spend time getting to know congregation (**Completed**)



June ~ July 2019 - - Complete congregational mission study (**Completed**)



August/September 2019 - - Elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

September ~ November 2019 - - Complete Ministry Information Form (MIF) (resume of the church)

December 2019 - - Submit MIF for circulation

January ~ August 2020 - - Review Personal Information Forms (PIF) - Interviews - Neutral Pulpit presentation - present candidate to congregation for vote.



THE CHURCH MOUSE

Webster has been on vacation and couldn't stop playing long enough to write an article.

Talk to you next month!



GATEWAY

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

CHOIR VISIT HAS
BEEN CANCELLED

Unfortunately, the choir visit from Gateway Church in Colorado Springs had to be canceled due to lack of proper transportation.

Perhaps we can work toward an exchange/visit next summer!

WHAT IS CPC EXPRESS



If you have an email address, and the church office knows it, you may have noticed that you are getting a Friday email called “CPC Express.” This is our way of letting you know what is happening in the life of our church for the next week or so, and to share with you the prayer requests. It also serves as a reminder of who signed up to help with what on Sunday. 😊

CPC Express is not meant to replace our monthly newsletter. There are generally no pictures, cute graphics, or crazy fonts. “Just the facts, ma’am”

If you are not receiving the CPC Express (or our monthly newsletter) and would like to, please contact the church office (office@cpcpinetop.org) or 928-367-4923.

OFFICE REMODEL

Don't forget to check out the poster in the Sanctuary showing the remodeling of the church office. Each week, we will remove one piece of the picture per \$100.00 donated until the whole picture of the completed project is exposed. The floor in the offices were ‘dry-rot’ and had to be removed and refurbished. Funds for this project were taken out of savings and we are paying ourselves back. Total cost for the project was approximately \$13,000.00. If you would like to donate, and help reveal the finished photo, please make checks out to

“CPC” and in the memo section write ‘Office’. Thanks in advance for helping us meet our goal! BTW, we are 50% of the way toward completing this goal!!

CHURCH CALENDAR

If your group has an event/meeting planned at the church, please call the church office and have Tammy put it on the master calendar. Without this information, ‘double -booking’ could easily happen.

SUNDAY MORNING HELPERS WANTED

Sunday morning worship and fellowship does not just happen when the Pastor arrives. It takes a team to help lead worship, greet folks and hand out bulletins, adjust the sound system, make sure the lights and fans are turned on etc. Another very important part of the morning is a welcoming and hospitable fellowship time. And food always helps!



Please consider being part of that team. There is a sign up book on the podium in the Fellowship Hall. What a great way to start the week by greeting your brothers and sisters in faith with a smile and a bulletin. Or indulging your love of baking and giving all the sweets away at church! Store bought goodies are fine too.



For more information please contact Jan Mullins, Judi Bee or the church office.

RECYCLING NEWS

Hello Recycling Earth Stewards!

Thank you so much for recycling! On Tuesday mornings at my Show Low home, I have been putting out my curb-side recycle bin totally filled with clean recyclables.

Although we have had a great response to recycling at CPC, not everything that has been left at the church is recyclable. I can understand the confusion because different cities and towns in our state have different “rules.”

Our recycling at the church uses the Show Low rules, so no glass and please take the tops off of soda bottles. Also

- * **NO DIRTY STUFF**—That means no used Kleenex, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, and food containers like pizza boxes.
- * **NO PLASTIC BAGS**—Bring them to church, donate them to any thrift store, and most grocery stores.
- * **NO STYROFOAM, PACKING PEANUTS or PACKAGING FOAM.**

One more thing to note, please consider using boxes instead of plastic bags to carry the items to the church. And bringing your own containers to restaurants for take out.

See me for more ideas and keep on recycling!

Kent Schuppe

ALWAYS RECYCLE (Remember they need to be clean)

Empty Plastic Bottles & Containers (#1, 2, 5)



Empty Food & Beverage Cans



Clean Office Paper, Newspaper, Cardboard & Paperboard (NO shredded paper)



Glass Bottles & Jars (only in Pinetop-Lakeside, Phoenix, Tucson)

NEVER RECYCLE



Food & Liquids



Plastic Bags

Styrofoam, packing materials,

Yard waste or Construction materials

FOR MORE INFO— Show Low—<https://www.showlowaz.gov/807/Refuse-and-Recycling-Services> or Pinetop-Lakeside— <https://www.pinetoplakesideaz.gov/341/Collection-Center>