



Community Presbyterian Church

Newsletter



July 2019

Dear Members and Friends of Community Presbyterian Church,

As you read over this newsletter, you will get the impression there is quite a lot happening at CPC this summer ~ and you will be correct. In June we hosted two football teams for summer training, enjoyed the ministry of the Encore singing group, supported two weeks of church camp for the presbyteries of Arizona and begun new bible studies. In addition, the Presbyterian Women are hard at work studying and crafting together in preparation for their mission fund-raisers. The Handbell Choir has been resurrected for the summer months. Monday Morning Coffee Together has kicked off with lively discussions. The men continue to meet on Wednesday mornings (averaging about 15 men a week) as we study and discuss the book "A Day With A Perfect Stranger". We had a special 'coffee conversation' with Ed Morgan about his experiences at Normandy on D-Day. Attendance is up and we have moved to our two service summer schedule. This is all happening (or happened) before you read about what is coming up.



In this issue, you will find important information about our search for a new installed pastor, our mission study (CHAT), an upcoming trip to Israel and many more opportunities for ministry. If you have any questions about these items, please be sure to ask me and if I don't know the answer, we will find out together!

All of these opportunities for growth and ministry are anchored in our worship together. So let me share with you our upcoming worship schedule.

- July 7th we will celebrate communion at both services. We will be celebrating and remembering Independence Day and the sermon is entitled "A Soldier's Story". It is based on II Kings 5:1-27.
- July 14th we continue our look at the life and ministry of Elisha. Our text will be II Kings 4:1-7 and the sermon is "Famine and Abundance".
- July 21st we will consider II Kings 4:1-7 and Elisha's resurrection of a young boy. The title of the sermon will be "Raised From the Dead".
- July 28th is still in the works, so I can't give you the details as yet. But we will worship together and we will have a sermon!!

I hope all this information isn't overwhelming, rather that it gives you an idea of God's activity in our midst. We are blessed with an abundance of energy and vision at CPC. May all we do, be to God's glory!

Grace and Peace, *Bob*

RECYCLING NEWS

Hello Recycling Earth Stewards! The last weeks since I have been recycling at the church with the blue bin and open garage door, I have been overwhelmed by the participation of the congregation. 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.” For instance, Show Low curb-side **DOES NOT** recycle glass. Pinetop-Lakeside has just opened a new recycling/collection center (1000 S. Woodland Rd, Lakeside) and they **DO** recycle glass but there is a \$1.00 fee and you need to bring it to them. Phoenix and Tucson both have curb-side recycling but they take only certain types of glass. See what I mean ... it gets pretty confusing. Luckily there are some “rules” that are the same everywhere.

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, if you bring your recycling to CPC, please take the small plastic tops off soda bottles, and consider using boxes instead of plastic bags to carry the items in.

See me for more ideas and keep on recycling!



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)

DO NOT 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>

SUMMER HANDBELLS

The Handbell Choir played beautifully during both services on June 30th. They will be playing again on **July 21** and **August 18**. The plan is to **not** ask if you want to be in the 'Handbell Choir' and commit to a weekly practice all summer. Rather, you can sign-up to play on whatever Sunday (from the above list) that fits your schedule (or all the Sundays if they work for you!). Of course with the sign-up to play comes the commitment to practice a couple of times as a group before we play in worship. But the idea is you are only committing to **one Sunday at a time** – not the whole summer. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Remember, "If you can count to four, you can play handbells!"



CHURCH MISSION STUDY—CHAT

As the first step in our search for a new installed pastor, the congregation will need to participate in a Mission Study. At their meeting on April 28th, the Session decided to use the format called the **CHAT** (Church Health Assessment Tool). This is an on-line program that can be filled out in about 30 minutes from anywhere with access to a computer. If you do not have a computer or would prefer a paper copy, we can make one available – just ask in the office. The CHAT will be available to take beginning on **June 16th** and concludes on **July 31st**. In order to take the survey, go to <https://www.healthychurch.net> and as a congregational member/attendee (Elders and Deacons will use a different sign-up) your **username** is: **Community Presbyterian Church of**

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It is **very** important that as many folks as possible take this survey in order to get a good image of the congregation for our next pastor. This includes full-time **AND** summer residents. **Currently serving Elders and Deacons do not use this sign-in material, you will be given your password separately.** This is so we can separate how the leadership is perceiving our ministry and how the congregation members are perceiving the ministry. This separation helps us determine if we are all 'on the same page' in our understanding of CPC.

Questions? Just ask Bob....

BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Bible Study that was happening on Wednesday mornings has ended. Our prayers go out to Bob and Marty Anderton as they deal with health concerns.

A new Bible Study will begin on Thursday July 25th from 9-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

UPDATE ON THE WEBSITE

If you haven't checked out our website (www.cpcpinetop.org) recently, please do.

You will see many updates containing different types of material. Some of the information is directed toward folks seeking a church to attend, others is information that you as a member/attender may need to know. The biggest change you will see is the addition of videos of the anthem and sermon from our Sunday services. So if you miss a Sunday and wanted to hear the message, no worries, you can watch it wherever you are!

THE CHURCH MOUSE

For the past few years a dear friend of mine and I share what we call “thoughts for today”. Some are funny and some are sad but they all give you something to think about (hence ‘thoughts for today’).



I would like to share some that she recently sent me. Read and try to understand the deep meaning of them. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life.

1. Prayer is not a “spare wheel” that you pull out when in trouble. It is a “steering wheel” that directs the right path throughout.
2. Why is a car’s windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it’s going well, enjoy it, it won’t last long. If it’s going badly don’t worry, that won’t last long either.
5. Old friends are gold - New friends are diamond. If you get a diamond, don’t forget the gold. To hold a diamond you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, “Relax Sweetheart. It’s just a bend – not the end!”
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities. When God doesn’t solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, “Can there be anything worse than losing your eye sight?” He replied, “Yes, losing your vision!”
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them. Sometimes when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you!
10. Worrying doesn’t take away tomorrows troubles. It takes away today’s peace.

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



Thanks so much to the congregation for your generous support of the summer camp fund-raisers. We raised enough money to pay for all of our young people attend camp this summer (less the registration paid by the families). At this time we have 8 folks going to camp and we are also sending 2 counselors. One more item about camp – we will be praying during worship for our campers the Sunday that their camp starts, however, please remember to continue in prayer for them while they are at camp! May God use this opportunity to strengthen their faith.

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**)



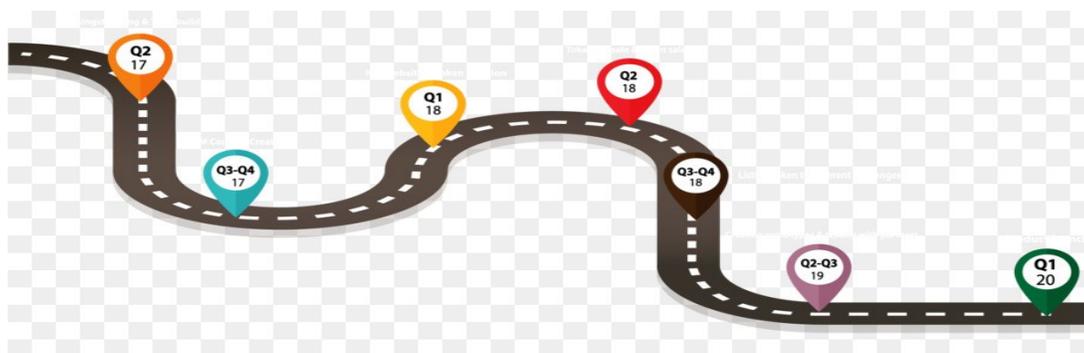
June ~ July 2019 - - Complete congregational mission study (**CHAT see page 3**)

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.



GATEWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR VISIT

Choir members from Gateway Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs (Bob's previous interim) will be forming a combined choir with CPC for worship on August 4th. The group will be traveling to the White Mountains on Friday, August 2nd, rehearsing with the CPC choir on Saturday morning (August 3rd) and joining us for worship on Sunday ~ returning home that afternoon. More details are pending, but we know we will need CPC families to host the Gateway members. Please consider hosting a choir member or two when the time comes. As plans become firmer, more information will be in the bulletin.

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 (during the month of July), 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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

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

Thank you!

BE THE CHURCH
Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
FORGIVE OFTEN.
REJECT RACISM.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
EMBRACE DIVERSITY.
LOVE GOD.
Enjoy this life.

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