



# Community Presbyterian Church

## July 2020 Newsletter

Dear Members and Friends of Community Presbyterian Church,

Last night Debbie and I were talking after we finished dinner. Instead of COVID-19 (which seems to be our usual conversation topic!) we were discussing how to get all of our 'stuff' back to Colorado. As we tried to think this through, it occurred to us how quickly these 17 months have gone by. It is hard to think we will only be 'on the mountain' for another 30 days or so.

During our short time at CPC we have made lasting friendships and had some very good adventures together, while also facing some significant challenges. You made us feel so welcome that almost immediately we were part of the community. Your warmth and caring helped sustain us during our daughter's deployment. Your concern supported us during our daughter-in-law's job furlough and their subsequent move to Colorado Springs. You taught our grandson to fish and allowed our granddaughter to 'ring the church bell' (always a highlight of their visits with us!). To put our thoughts in one phrase, our time here has been a 'delight'.

What is next for us? We will be heading back to Colorado the end of the month (my last Sunday will be July 26<sup>th</sup>). Our son and daughter-in-law are currently living in our house while they search for a place to buy, so we may be living (temporarily?) at our family cabin behind Pikes Peak ~ another adventure. As soon as we can, we will settle back into our place and begin renewing our relationships with long-time friends. I have been put forth as the candidate for the job of Executive Presbyter (basically pastor to the pastors) of Pueblo Presbytery (Southeastern Colorado). The members of presbytery will vote on my nomination at our 'Zoom' meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>. If all goes well, I will start this half-time position on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

So we have had our times of worship, our projects, our laughter and our tears. In other words, we have experienced life together. Thank you for allowing us to serve God's Kingdom alongside of you. It has been a fun time of growth. May God watch between us while we are apart one from another.

With much love, Bob and Debbie

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## CPC Reopening and Gathering Plans

As we enter the fourth month since the suspension of in-person worship services in March, we remain challenged in finding the correct paths forward for safe and meaningful worship. Our situation is complicated by Arizona's recent dramatic increase in COVID cases and the realization that the southern and northern ends of Navajo county have two of the highest COVID rates in the entire country. Further complicating our plans is the fact that the majority of our church members and attenders fall into a high risk group that must be diligently protected from exposure to the coronavirus.

As public health professionals in the congregation, we have helped CPC leadership to closely monitor CDC and Arizona Department of Health Service guidelines related to faith groups. We have also incorporated recommendations from the Grand Canyon Presbytery and local instruction such as the recent mandatory mask ordinance issued by the Pinetop-Lakeside town council on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

While ensuring the safety of our worshipers remains our primary goal, but a key secondary objective is to be a responsible community member and a congregation that models worship practices that exhibit our concern for the well-being of our broader community. Therefore, in the absence of a clear downward trend in COVID activity in our state and region, we feel that opening the sanctuary to in-person worship services remains an *unsafe option for at least the next 4-6 weeks* and possibly through the end of summer. Instead, we will focus on our drive-in service options, posting recorded worship experiences on-line for those who can't join us in the parking lot, and the potential to use some of our outdoor facilities for small group gatherings. Along those lines, we are finalizing guidelines for the Session's consideration regarding the use of the picnic pavilion for committee meetings, study groups such as the Sonrisers, and other small church gatherings. These guidelines will appear in a future issue of the newsletter and CPC Express.

Respectfully,

Marc Traeger, M.D.  
David A. Yost, M.D.



# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

## ***On-line Donations Now Available:***

A new feature has been added to the CPC website – **on-line donations**. Many folks have been asking if there was a way to make a donation to CPC through our website and as of this week there is! Simply go to the website ([www.cpcpinetop.org](http://www.cpcpinetop.org)) and at the bottom of the opening picture of the church is a 'donation button'. Just click on the button and follow the instructions. Very simple, very easy – and thanks for your support!



### ***Would You Like To Be An Affiliate Member of CPC?***

Through affiliate membership, friends who have a church membership elsewhere but summer with us can keep their current 'home church' membership, yet become 'affiliate members' at CPC – their 'summer church'. If you would like more details about this program, please contact Pastor Bob or Lynda Marble.

### ***Per Capita Information:***

The end of June CPC sends in the first half of our Per Capita funds to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. As a member, if you desired to contribute toward your **Per Capita** assessment, the cost is **\$37.35** per person. Donations can be marked '**Per Capita**' and they will be applied to the correct account. Thanks in advance!

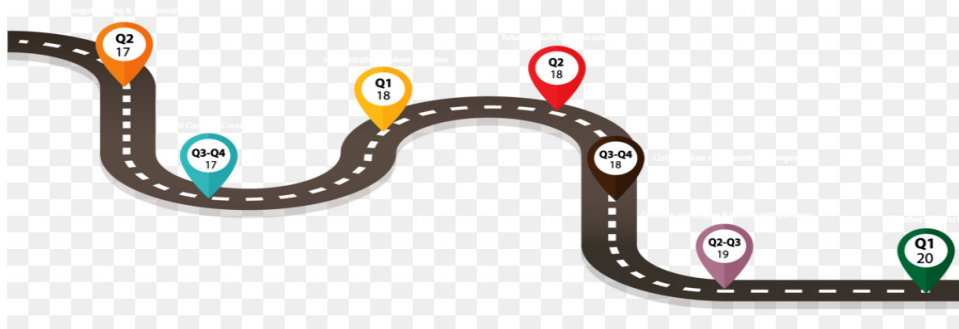
## ***Church Office Hours:***

Currently the church office is still closed. Pastor Bob is working from home and stopping in periodically to coordinate planning with Tammy. Tammy is in the office Monday through Thursday, so if you want to donate items/offerings she can assist you. Please note that her hours vary a bit as she is still driving food to school children, so please call before coming by. If you come to the church office, we are asking everyone to **please wear a mask and wash your hands** as you bring items into the building. We are working on making sure the building is virus free and remains that way - - your help is very much appreciated. Thanks and God bless.....

# The "ROADMAP" TO A NEW INSTALLED PASTOR

**The 'Roadmap' To A New Installed Pastor:** Thanks to the diligent work of our Pulpit Nominating Committee PNC, this 'Roadmap' is completed!! You can review below how it was accomplished. Good work PNC and Thanks!

- February ~ May 2019 - - Spend time getting to know congregation (Completed)
- June ~ July 2019 - - Complete congregational mission study (Completed)
- October 2019 - - Elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) (Completed)
- Oct ~ Nov 2019 - - Complete Ministry Information Form (MIF)  (resume of the church) (Completed)
- December 2019 - - Submit MIF for circulation (Completed)
- January ~ August 2020 - - Review Personal Information Forms (PIF) - Interviews - Pulpit presentation - present candidate to congregation for vote (Completed)



*Reverend Diane White*

## MINISTRY NOTES

### ***One Great Hour of Sharing Offering***

Normally the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is received during Holy Week. However, the Mission Committee decided to push this special offering back to the time when we can all be together for worship and have it be part of our celebration and thanksgiving. Stand by for more information on how we are making this an offering of gratitude for our return from social distancing.

### ***Did You Know That You Can Donate To The Church By Using Your IRA?***

*Because of changes in the tax laws there is now a tax-friendly way to contribute to qualifying charities (like a church). In general, distributions from a traditional IRA are taxable in the year you receive them. But one exception to this rule is the **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**. A QCD generally is a nontaxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA to an organization eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. You must be at least age 70½ when the distribution is made. Also, you must have the same type of acknowledgment of your contribution as you would need to claim a deduction for a charitable contribution. (You can't claim a charitable contribution deduction for an QCD not included in your income.)*

This provision of the tax code may be of interest to taxpayers who are at least age 70½ and have a traditional IRA. These individuals must take required minimum distributions from their IRA each year. Seniors in this position can now make charitable contributions while at the same time reducing their taxable income by directing the trustee of their IRA to make qualified charitable distributions (QCD), which count towards their minimum distribution. For more information please call the church office or see IRS Publication 590-B.

### ***Get It On The 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. Thanks for your help!

### ***Updates on Website:***

*If you haven't checked out our website ([www.cpcpinetop.org](http://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!*

# WORSHIP COMMITTEE

HAPPY JULY FROM WORSHIP

WOW, are the winds ever going to calm down? That is the question of the week as we continue to have our drive in worship services.

A HUGE thank you for everyone that has worked so hard every Sunday mornings through June to set up, provide parking, sound system, music, communion, and on and on. There are too many to try to name, as we would never want to leave anyone out. Thank you for everything you have done.

**BEGINNING SUNDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>, WE WILL ONLY HAVE ONE SERVICE EACH SUNDAY. Services will be at 9:30, still at our drive in service.**

There is plenty of room for everyone and as the heat continues, the wind blows, and the upcoming monsoon season fast approaches; Worship has decided to combine and have one service at 9:30. We will all get to see one another, honk our horns, wave and “thumbs up”.

July 5<sup>th</sup> this coming Sunday will be our LAST TWO SERVICES SUNDAY. Communion will be served at both services this Sunday.

We would also like to reach out to all of our musicians who are here on the mountain and miss singing together. Please reach out if you would like to lead music, do a special number or assist in any other way. We can still make this a wonderful summer, wonderful music and wonderful ministry.

**We are looking forward to seeing everyone at 9:30  
Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

Jan Mullins and Judi Bee





# PARKING LOT PROJECT

**Repair On The Driveway and Parking Lot Is Completed:** Thanks to the Buildings and Grounds team who worked this project ~ it looks great (see pictures below) and will extend the life of our parking lot. The funds for this project were taken out of our savings and the total cost of the project was **\$23,000**. We would like to pay back our savings account for this project. If you care to donate to this special project, please make out your check to 'CPC' and on the memo line designate "The Parking Lot Fund". Thank you in advance for your generous contributions. (Donations can also be made on-line by going to our website: [www.cpcpinetop.org](http://www.cpcpinetop.org))



BEFORE



AFTER!



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

I, along with past officers of PW, had the opportunity to meet briefly with Rev. Diane White during her trip to Pinetop as part of the interview and appointment process at Pinetop CPC. We were able to share both past and present achievements and activities provided by PW. I think I can speak for all of us that she positively embraced all of the information that we shared. We are looking forward to her presence as the new pastor of Pinetop Community Presbyterian Church.

At present we are not conducting meetings. I know that this is a difficult time for all of us, but we know how important it is to adhere to the safety guidelines of our state and communities. As soon as we get updated social gathering information, we will work with our church secretary, Tammy, to notify our PW participants of future meeting dates. Let us continue to pray for a safe recovery from COVID 19 and its regulations. And let us continue our support of Pinetop Community Presbyterian Church!

Georgia Merrick

PW Moderator



<sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7



## DEACON'S CORNER

*Dear Church Family:*

*As we enter our fifth month of "our new normal" I have borrowed some sayings from several of my little Christian books that I hope will help*

Love each other as brothers and sisters and honor others more than you do yourself.

*Romans 12:10*

A friend loves at all times.  
Proverbs 17:17



Hug the ones you love.  
It will make you healthier and happier !!!!!

Buy coffee for the person behind you in line. Compliment a persons smile or their pretty hairstyle. Every act of caring matters, no matter how big

Encourage each other every day.

*Hebrews 3:13*

**REMEMBER:**  
It's better to have a partner than go it alone.  
Share the work, share the wealth.  
And if one falls down, the other helps.

Leave anonymous notes of encouragement or positivity where you know

*In God's Love and Mine,*

*Arlene Kerr  
Deacon Moderator*

## THE CHURCH MOUSE

I love summer, don't you? Everywhere I look I see warm, smiling faces and hear the laughs and joys of people having a good time. I know the Lord smiles down on us every Sunday morning when He sees our Church so full of people who come to worship Him. Many of you give your time, your talents and your blessings to make our little Church such a wonderful place. The following poem reminds me of you. It is entitled

### Let Me Give

I do not know how long I'll live  
But while I live, Lord, let me give  
Some comfort to someone in need  
By smile or nod, kind word or deed.  
And let me do whatever I can  
To ease things for my fellow man.  
I want naught but to do my part  
To 'lift' a tired or weary heart.  
To change folks' frowns to smiles again,  
Then I will not have lived in vain.  
And I'll not care how long I'll live  
If I can give ... and give ... and give.

We all have gifts that we can give to brighten the lives of others. Don't be afraid to share your gifts. 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



# MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE FUTURE.....

We want to let you know that we are still hoping to have a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) program in our church at some time in the future. Everything is too uncertain to be able to plan specifically at this time, but as a reminder, MOPS is a mid-week pro-



gram, most likely twice a month. We will invite Mothers of preschool aged children to bring their children, and we'll have childcare at the same time as the moms meet for Bible Study, Fellowship, parenting tips, crafts, etc.

There is a core group of people from CPC working on getting this program organized. We hope to have a meeting in early July to plan some "phases" in order to Open (we can't "re-open" if we haven't opened yet). We have been working with the MOPS International program ([mops.org](http://mops.org)) to help us set up the program. We will need **VOLUNTEERS** from CPC to make this program work.



If you have questions about MOPS or would like to volunteer, please call Laurie Yost @ 928-521-7630 or Debbie Leivers @ 719-351-4264 (even though, sadly, she'll be leaving us at the end of July).

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