

Community Presbyterian Church

June 2020 Newsletter

Dear Members and Friends of Community Presbyterian Church,

Per the request of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), the Session has called for a **congregational meeting to be held over the weekend of June 12th-14th**. The purpose of this meeting is to consider/vote on the candidacy of **The Rev. Diane White** whom the PNC is nominating to be our permanent pastor. This is a 'running meeting' and **has been approved** by the Committee on Ministry of the Grand Canyon Presbytery. Yes, this will be an unusual way to hold a congregational meeting to vote on a candidate, so allow me to explain....

Normally, when we are not dealing with a pandemic, a candidate is presented to the congregation through a series of 'meet and greets' and then **officiates at worship** on Sunday morning. Immediately following the worship service a congregational meeting would be held for **congregation questions** to be addressed by the candidate. After the questions session, the candidate would be dismissed and **discussion among the congregational members** would clarify any remaining issues and a **vote** would be taken. When the **votes were tallied**, the **candidate would be notified** and either **accept or deny the 'call'** the congregation is issuing. Finally, the candidate's **decision would be communicated to the congregation and the presbytery**. That's the normal way for these congregational meetings. However, these are not normal times. So below is a format showing how we are going to meet all of these 'requirements' for the meeting over the course of the June 12-14 weekend. (The requirement will be in 'black' and how we are going to accomplish the requirements will be in 'blue').

Candidate Officiates at Worship: [Pastor White will actually officiate at worship three \(3\) times during the weekend in June. The first is the recorded service available for viewing on our website \(cpcpinetop.org\) on Saturday, June 13th. She will also be officiating at the two Sunday morning worship services \(8:30 & 10:30\) on June 14th.](#)

Congregational Questions: [Congregational members and friends will be able to submit questions for Pastor White to address. Your questions need to be emailed or phoned into the office by June 9th and Pastor White will address them as a continuation of the recorded service available on June 13th. How this will work is following the conclusion of the recorded worship service, I will call the congregational meeting to order \(virtually\) and I will ask Pastor White the questions that have been submitted. You can then see her answers on our website.](#)

Discussion Among Congregational Members: [Because of the virus, there is not a formal time when we can all get together in person to discuss Pastor White's candidacy in. But I am sure over the weekend, members will be discussing among themselves her officiating at the virtual worship and the answers to her questions.](#)

MORE FROM PASTOR BOB

Members Vote: Please remember that only congregational members will be able to vote in this process. Members of the PNC will be contacting each member to explain the voting process. Members will be able to contact their PNC liaison and cast their vote anytime after the virtual worship service is posted on the website and up until after the 10:30 worship service on Sunday the 14th. The voting will not be a total 'secret ballot' (as the PNC liaison will know their contact's votes), however, when the liaisons report the votes to the Clerk of Session they will only be reporting numbers and no names.

Tally of vote: Shortly after the 10:30 worship service on the 14th, each PNC liaison will call the Clerk of Session with their voting results. The Clerk will tally of the votes cast and report the total to the Moderator of the congregational meeting (that's me!).

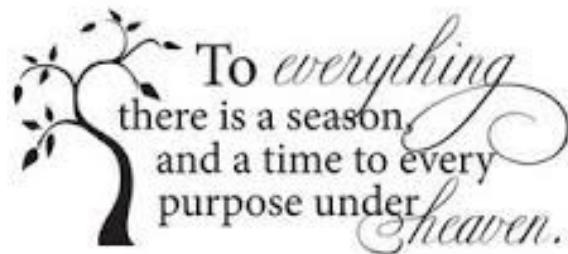
Candidate Notification: As Moderator of the meeting, I will then (by 1:00 pm on the 14th) notify Pastor White of the results of the congregational vote.

Acceptance/Denial of 'Call': Pastor White decides whether to accept or deny the 'call' of the congregation and reports her decision to the Moderator. (She will give me her answer before she leaves for the airport the afternoon of the 14th).

Congregation Notification of Results: Immediately following Pastor White's decision, I (with the assistance of the Clerk) will send out an email to the members and friends of CPC reporting the outcome. I will also notify our presbytery liaison so the decision can be reported to the Committee on Ministry.

As you can see, our 'running congregation meeting' will be out of the ordinary, but still accomplish what needs to be done. Actually, the Committee on Ministry was very pleased we were able to come up with a creative solution during this time of pandemic. If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to contact me. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation in this unique process!

Blessings and Grace, Bob



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Opening the Church and Summer Worship Times:

If you tuned in to watch last week's service, you noticed that the chairs are back in the sanctuary but arranged differently. This is our first attempt at setting up the sanctuary for 'social separation' while we worship. Different configurations may be tried while we work to prepare the sanctuary for re-opening. Another item we are addressing is air flow through the sanctuary. Proper separation and proper air circulation are critical to our being able to get back into our building. However, in the meantime, we are beginning our **drive-in worship services** on Sunday, **June 7th**. This day will also begin our summer worship schedule. There will be two identical services at 8:30 and 10:30. These services will be the first step for in-person services and provide us an opportunity to be 'together' while we continue to prepare the sanctuary for use. More information about the drive-in services will be provided in the June 5th CPC Express, so be watching for information about traffic flow, worship etiquette and how to say 'Amen' from your vehicles!

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: Don’t forget to **continue praying** for your Pastor Nominating Committee. 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)**



October 2019 - - Elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) **(Completed)**



Oct ~ Nov 2019 - - Complete Ministry Information Form (MIF)(resume of the church) **(Completed)**

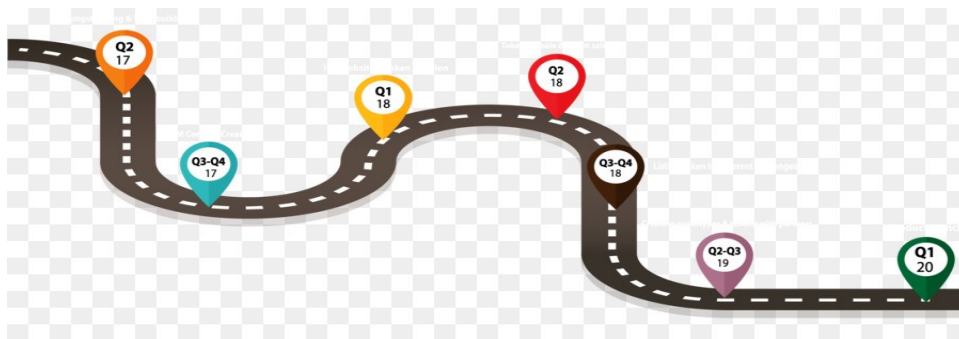


December 2019 - - Submit MIF for circulation **(Completed)**



January ~ August 2020 - - Review Personal Information Forms (PIF) - Interviews -

(Partly completed)- Pulpit presentation - present candidate to congregation for vote **(June 12-14)**



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) 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!

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 hap-

Updates on 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!

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Currently our PW group is awaiting guidance as to when we might commence our weekly meetings. At present we are not conducting meetings. We do know that there are a number of members who have not yet arrived at their summer residences here in the White Mountains. 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

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)



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 program, 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. We have been working with the MOPS International program (mops.org) to help us set up the program. We will need **VOLUNTEERS** from CPC to make this program work. MOPS International has sent us a Mother's Day Video that we'd like to share with you. Happy Mother's Day!!!

If you have questions about MOPS or would like to volunteer, please call Laurie Yost @ 928-521-7630 or Debbie Leivers @ 719-351-4264.

DEACON'S CORNER

Can you believe that the month of June is already here and it seems like I just put the garden article in the May newsletter a couple of days ago.

And, if you happen to have a garden of any kind, I hope it is doing well, and will be full of gratitude for the flowers and vegetables that are growing. Which brings me to my theme for this newsletter "GRATITUDE."

I found the following "Grounds for Gratitude" in a recent Guideposts" Magazine and would like to share it.

GROUNDS FOR GRATITUDE

I cannot tell you anything that, in a few minutes, will tell you how to be rich. But I can tell you how to feel rich, which is far better, let me tell you firsthand, than being rich. Be grateful ... It's the only reliable get-rich-quick scheme.
Ben Stein, Writer/TV Host

Never let the things you want make you forget the things you have.
Sanchita Pandey, Writer

The miracle is this: The more we share the more we have.
Leonard Nimoy, Actor

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, never have enough.
Oprah Winfrey, TV Host/Actress

Gratitude is the closest thing to beauty manifested in an emotion.
Mindy Kaling, Actress

I hope you enjoy the above thoughts as much as I do and continue to show gratitude to God.

Blessings and love to all,
Arlene Kerr, Deacon Moderator



THE CHURCH MOUSE

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was first officially observed on Monday, May 30, 1868. The day was set aside to honor our veterans who have died defending our country. The following is a salute to those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

NO, FREEDOM ISN'T FREE!

I watched the flag pass by one day, it fluttered in the breeze,
A young Marine saluted it, and then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform, so young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert, he'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him had fallen through the years,
How many died on foreign soil – how many mothers' tears.
How many pilots' planes shot down – how many died at sea,
How any foxholes were soldiers graves.
No, Freedom Isn't Free!

I heard the sound of taps one night, when everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times that tapes meant "Amen",
When a flag had draped the coffin of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands with interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard, at the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, Freedom Isn't Free!

The next time you look at our flag, I hope you will see a whole new meaning
No, Freedom Isn't Free!

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





CPC Building and Grounds May 2020 News

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power,
love, and self-discipline.” *2 Timothy 1:7 NLT*

Social distancing is getting old! I’m ready to get to the way things were before Covid-19. I know I have to have patience, stay safe and STAY HOME, but “Those Were the Days”. In preparation for our return the Church is advancing. I am happy to announce we are refreshing the building, landscaping and maintaining the improvements.

Although it is taking us longer than had planned, (contractor delays) we are almost finished with the paver project at the front door. The carpets in the Sanctuary and Cottage were cleaned (they almost look new again). The parking lot has been sawcut in the areas that need replaced. The contractor has promised to be working on the parking lot by the first week of June.



Blessings,

Patrick McKinley