



Dear Members and Friends of Community Presbyterian Church,

When Debbie and I told our friends we were moving to Arizona they all thought we were going to be basking in warm sunny weather while they were stuck in winter. Well after 20+ inches of snow last week (and multiple inches of rain for our friends in the Valley), the folks in Colorado have changed their 'tune' and are now teasing us for moving to a 'Winter Wonderland'! However, it is beautiful and of course we need the moisture. Thank God for providing for our needs.

We are quickly approaching the **Lenten Season (Ash Wednesday is March 5th)**. As a start to this time in the liturgical calendar, we are hosting a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. (Please see the Fellowship Report later in this newsletter.) The youth group will be making supper and serving from 5:00 to about 6:15 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. We will conclude the supper with a short devotional service in the sanctuary ~ thus starting our Lenten season.

But why pancakes? As you will remember, the day before **Ash Wednesday is Mardi Gras** (French for '**Fat Tuesday**'). Along with a time of 'partying' before the introspective time of Lent, it is traditionally the last time (until Easter) that we eat rich, fatty foods. So, it is time to use up the fat in the pantry and the tradition of making pancakes evolved. I hope you can join us for this Shrove Tuesday supper and help us 'eat up the fat'!

One last thought ~ about **sermons for Lent**. Our mini-series on Barnabas will flow into the beginning of Lent and then we transition into the travels of Jesus and His disciples toward Jerusalem for Passover. By the way, if Easter seems 'late' to you this year - it is! Remember, Easter is based on the phases of the moon, so it does fluctuate from year to year.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bob

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Tentative Timeline for New Installed Pastor

My task as your Interim Pastor is to assist in the search for a new installed pastor while supporting the current ministry of CPC. At the Session meeting on February 12th, I presented the following timeline as a way to proceed. This is not written in 'stone', but it gives us some dates to aim for in our process.

February ~ May 2019 - - Spending time getting to know the community and understanding CPC's ministry on the mountain.

June ~ August 2019 - - While our friends from the Valley are with us, involve everyone completing a congregational mission study.

September 2019 - - Elect a **Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)** which will be a committee of the congregation (not the Session) whose responsibility is to seek out a new installed pastor.

September ~ November 2019 - - The Pastor Nominating Committee (**PNC**) completes the **Ministry Information Form (MIF)**. This is a resume of the congregation based on information gathered from the congregational mission study. The **MIF** is for the purpose of giving possible pastors and understanding of CPC's ministry.

December 2019 - - Submit the Ministry Information Form (**MIF**) to Session, Presbytery and Presbyterian Church, USA Headquarters for approval and circulation.

January ~ August 2020 - - Pastor Nominating Committee (**PNC**) receives and reviews **Personal Information Forms (PIF)** (resumes of interested pastors) - conducts interviews with prime candidates - arranges to hear prime candidates in another congregational setting (not at CPC) (this is called a **Neutral Pulpit**) - finally the **PNC** presents a candidate (through the Presbytery and Session) to the CPC congregation for approval.

Please understand that this is a broad overview of the process. Yes, it is a bit complicated, but that is why we walk through this together. It is not a process that moves quickly, but rather deliberately. If you have any questions about any of the process, please feel free to ask me.

Together we will seek out God's person, Pastor Bob



THE CHURCH MOUSE

I'm sure you have heard the old saying 'laughter is good for the soul'. I don't know where it originated from but it could have come from reading some of these announcements in Church bulletins or at Church services. Since we have never seen or heard any of these at Community Presbyterian Church in Pinetop, I thought I would share some with you.....

"The sermon this morning is "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight is "Searching for Jesus".

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands."

"Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation."

"Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the Choir. They need all the help they can get."

"A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening at the Church hall. Music will follow."

"This evening at 7PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin."

"The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7PM. Please use the back door."

"Weight Watchers will meet at 6PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance."

"The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon."

"The Associate Pastor unveiled the Church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours'."

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



FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

After a successful Souper Bowl and the Deacons Valentine's Day card signing in February, we are off to a very fun and exciting year.

Next up:



**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER**

*March 5
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall*

Please plan to attend and bring an appetite.

Send me an email if you would like to be a "Party Animal" at

johnmarble@ccpcinetop.org . Come help us plan new events and have some fun.

Blessings,

John Marble



WORSHIP NEWSLETTER

What a wonderful start to February as we welcome Rev. Bob Leivers , our new interim pastor, along with his wife Debbie. Bob has even joined the choir, we are so excited.

Speaking of the choir, we continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 to practice our choral anthems. We are working very hard on our music for March. We will also be preparing for our Easter music with special music from “Come Touch The Robe”, one of our most favorite Easter Cantatas. We can always use more voices, please consider joining us, even if just for the Easter music.

We want to thank Steve Knutson and his quartet for all the great music over the last few months. We are certainly going to miss Steve and Leora during their 2 months of traveling “down under”. Give our love to the Yosts when you see them.

We continue to struggle for volunteers to assist with worship. Please take a moment and sign up to usher or greet on Sunday mornings. It really is a great way to get to know everyone.



What’s the old saying, “Time flies by”? Well, we certainly are anxious for May to arrive so that we can welcome Jim Bohart back to direct our choir. We are all anxious for our summer choir members and Jim to return. What a great summer we will have!

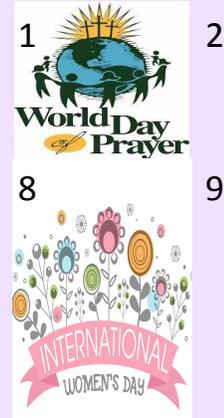
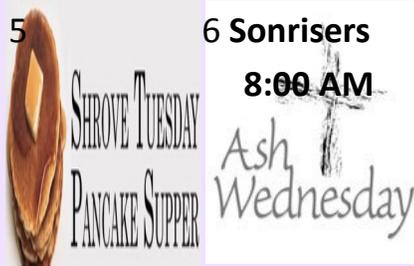
Jan Mullins and Judi Bee



MARCH

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

3 Choir 4
 9:15
 Worship
 10:30 AM



10 Choir 11
 9:15
 Worship
 1st SUNDAY
 10:30 AM

13 Sonrisers 14
 8:00 AM

17 Choir 18
 Second Sunday of Lent
 9:15
 Worship
 10:30 AM
 Session Mtg.
 Noon

20 Sonrisers 21
 8:00 AM

24 Choir 25
 9:15
 3rd Sunday
 Worship
 10:30 AM
 Rev. Derek
 Luptak

27 Sonrisers 28
 8:00 AM

31 Choir
 9:15
 IN LENT
 Worship
 10:30 AM

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