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Dear Members and Friends of Community Presbyterian Church,

Holy Week was a great time of remembering God's grace here at the Community Presbyterian Church of Pinetop! We were able to share our Maundy Thursday service with our sisters and brothers from Church of our Saviour (Episcopal) and they shared their Good Friday service by inviting us. All in all a good expression of God's people worshiping together. As you can imagine, Easter morning at CPC was very joyful. The lilies, the flowered cross, the choir and seeing many friends, all added to the celebration (see www.cpcpinetop.org for pictures).

And so we move on…. We are enjoying Spring, but are focusing ahead to Summer and warmth of the weather and our Valley friends visiting the mountain. In this newsletter, you will notice a few 'Summer Events' (camp and handbells) are being planned. Plus special music (our choir and other groups) and visiting groups of young people who will be using our facility. It will be an exciting time of extended ministry.

As we move from Easter to the next major holiday in the Church Year (Pentecost, June 9th), I will be focusing my sermons on the "In-between Time". We will be considering some of the resurrection appearances and then the events following the ascension of Jesus. You will recall, following Jesus being taken up 'in the clouds', the disciples were instructed to return to Jerusalem and wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. They weren't informed when this would happen, nor how the Holy Spirit would be manifest to them. They were just to ***wait*** (the hardest thing in the world to do!).

As we wait for Pentecost, expect God to be active in your life. Like the early disciples, it may seem like nothing is happening during the 'waiting', but don't believe it – God is always active. May we have sensitivity to recognize God's movement in our lives.

Grace and Peace,

Bob

Summer Camp Fund-Raisers: As you will remember, Montlure Presbyterian Camp is still not available for camping again this summer. Therefore, the camps will again be held at the Wilderness Ranch in Lakeside. Please note (and keep watching for) we will be holding a number of Fund-Raisers to help defer some of the cost for our young people to attend camp. If you are not in the area to attend the Fund-Raisers, but would like to donate, you may do so by sending a check made out to CPC and in the memo line please put "Montlure Camp Fund". Registration for camp is now open on the Presbytery of Grand Canyon website under the 'ministries' drop-down, then clicking on Montlure Camp. The dates for camp this year are:

Senior High: June 2-7

Junior High: June 23- 28

Juniors: July 7-11

The next summer camp fund-raiser is the Cinco de Mayo Luncheon and Dessert Auction

after worship on May 5th

Church Mission Study: As the first step in our search for a new installed pastor, the congregation will be participating 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 plan is to conduct the mission study (survey) from mid-June to the end of July so we we can involve **all** of our congregation. At the beginning of June, you will receive instructions (bulletin inserts/newsletter article/information on our website) about how to take the survey. 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.

Presbytery Senior Service Award: *On Thursday, April 11th, John and Lynda Marble, along with Bob and Debbie Leivers, attended a luncheon hosted by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to honor senior members of our congregations. Lynda was nominated by our Session, and honored by our presbytery, for her many years of service to the congregation here at Community Presbyterian Church. Around 35 congregations were represented by their pastors, friends and honorees. Congratulations Lynda!*

Summer Handbells: *Well, we are dragging the Handbells out of the closet and dusting them off for the summer! The plan is to not ask if folks want to be in the 'Handbell Choir' and commit to a weekly practice all summer. Rather, three Sundays during the Summer will be selected for the handbells to play a song in the service. These dates will be published and folks can sign-up to play on whatever Sunday fits their 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. However, the idea is you are only committing to* ***one Sunday at a time*** *– not the whole summer. More details (and dates we will be playing) are coming in the June newsletter and on the website (www.cpcpinetop.org) . Remember, "If you can count to four, you can play handbells!"*

P.S. Would anyone be willing to direct this group for the summer? If so, please contact Pastor Bob.

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!*

Change in Office Staff: *You may have heard through other announcements (and our website) that Rhonda will be leaving her position on the church staff. Her last day will be Thursday, May 2. The Session accepted her resignation with regret. She and Mark (her husband) have been hired by a tour company in Israel to promote tours. This is an exciting opportunity and we certainly wish her well even though we will miss her being a part of our ministry family.*

The Session interviewed a number of persons for this position and has hired Tammy Ryder. Tammy is a long-time resident of the mountain and well known in the community. She will 'overlap' with Rhonda for a week, then be on her own. So stop by and introduce yourself to Tammy and welcome her to our staff!

THE CHURCH MOUSE

I love Spring! The weather becomes warmer, birds are chirping all around, and hibernating animals are waking up from their slumbers. Wildlife abounds and is so enjoyable to see. Spring brings new energy and with new energy comes positive thoughts. I have some positive thoughts that I want to share with you. Maybe one or more can make a difference in your life.

1. Make your life a masterpiece. Imagine no limitations on what you can be, do, or have.
2. One small positive thought in the morning can change your entire day.
3. When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine!
4. A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone.
5. Be the change that you wish to see in the world.
6. Be thankful for every new challenge. Each will give you more strength, wisdom and character.
7. You'll never know your strength until you've faced your struggles.
8. You are special and unique.
9. Be the reason someone smiles today.
10. Have pride in how far you have come. Have faith in how far you can go.
11. Confidence is the ability to feel beautiful, without needing someone to tell you.
12. Learn from yesterday; live for today; and hope for tomorrow.
13. Always believe something amazing is about to happen.
14. Change your thoughts and you change the world.
15. Be someone's strength. Be someone's inspiration. Be someone's reason to never give up.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, and an entire life to forget them. Take the time to live and love. 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

Presbyterian Women's Group Update

Our Presbyterian Women's Group begins our weekly meetings Tuesday, May 7th at 10:00 A. M. in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome anyone who is interested in participating in our Bible Study, our crafting days, our "PW Friends' Day Out" activities, and our many fundraising events throughout the next several months.

We wish to thank those who participated in the PW Birthday Offering on April 14th. Those funds support specially selected ministries both in the United States and around the Globe.

Once again PW will be supporting Living Hope Centers' Baby Bottle Drive which runs from May 12 – June 16. This is from Mother's Day to Father's Day this year. This is a pro-life ministry and facility in the Show Low area that provides a home and a variety of resources for pregnant women and their children, as needed. Please assist us in supporting this ministry by placing loose change, bills, checks, or credit card information in the baby bottle and returning it to our table which will be set up each Sunday, beginning May 12th through June 16th.

Georgia Merrick

PW Moderator

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

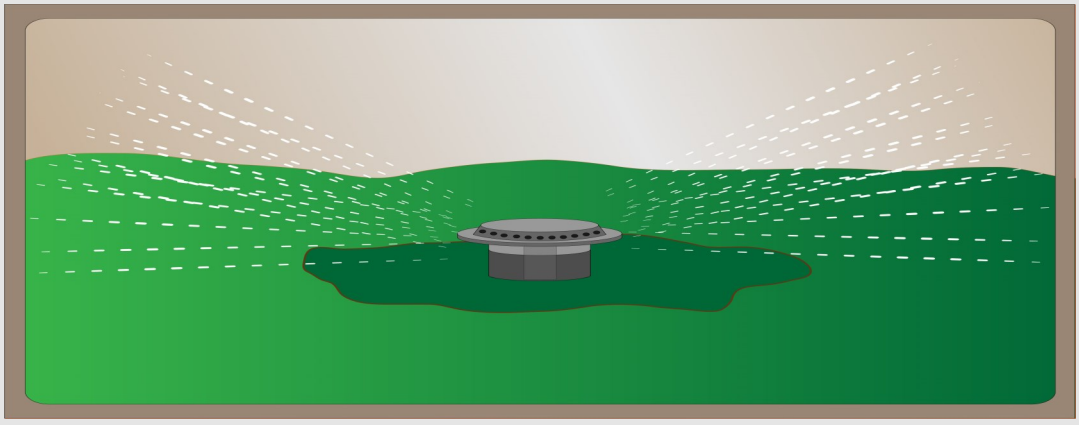
I am happy to announce that Tyler and Ryan Cox have joined the CPC staff.

They will be assisting me with Building and Grounds maintenance and repairs. Please welcome them aboard.

On another happy note, the irrigation system has been updated and leaks repaired and is operational. We are looking forward to lower water bills this year.

Thank you,

Patrick McKinley

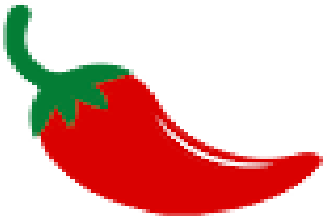


PER CAPITA

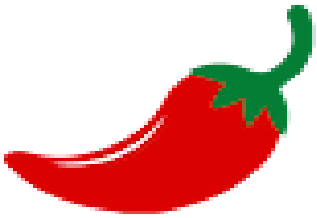
Is a way that we as Presbyterians share equally, responsibly, and interdependently in the costs of governing the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), no matter the size of our churches. Per capita contributions are requested from every congregation based on each church's total active membership.

Through our per capita contributions, the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon helps congregations with pastoral transitions, trains and supports interim ministers, assists churches with resolving congregational conflicts, and helps to prepare people for service as ordained ministers. In this year of change for Community Presbyterian Church, we are especially grateful for these pastoral resources that are available to congregations such as ours through the per capita program.

The Presbytery has set the per capita donation level at **$36.25 per member** in 2019. While our church will pay this support contribution regardless of member donations, we strongly encourage each member to consider make a specific per capita donation as a means of supporting this key program. Please designate your checks or cash contribution as "Per Capita 2019."



FELLOWSHIP REPORT



On April 6th we helped sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner with the Youth Group. The Donation Dinner was well received and a substantial amount of donations were received. We still have the donation jar on the Fellowship Counter.

I was told there were 126 people Easter Service on the 21st. A luncheon was provided for all and attended by many. Thank you for all who helped serve and clean up.

Our next event will be Cinco de Mayo (May 5th). It will be a luncheon of Mexican Food provided by our members and guests. There is a sign up sheet on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. Let's us know if you are bring a dish to share so we can plan accordingly.

The same day the youth are having a dessert auction to help pay for their Montlure Camp. There is a sign up sheet next to the Cinco de Mayo page.

Please plan to come enjoy some homemade Mexican food and delicious desserts.

Blessings,

John Marble

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WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

April was a busy month. Choir resumed their 6:00 Wednesday night rehearsals in preparation for Easter. This was in addition to the 9:15 Sunday morning practices. The quartet/quintet consisting of Lynda Marble, Joyce Baldwin, Patsy Hjalmerson, Roger Balzer and Steve Rodney were enthusiastically received when they raised their voices in song as an added bonus to several services. Their "Fearless Leader", Steve Knutson, has been out of the Country on a much-deserved vacation. He is due back this week. Welcome back, Steve!

Maundy Thursday we celebrated communion at our Church in conjunction with the Church of our Savior Episcopal Church. Father Kerry assisted Pastor Leivers. On Good Friday, we travelled to Show Low Lake Road and joined the Episcopalians. Pastor Leivers assisted this time with the service which included a memorial to the 14 Stations of the Cross. Following this service, a soup and bread meal was provided in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Sunday was a glorious celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. The Sanctuary was bedecked with 3 dozen Easter Lilies. A sight guaranteed to uplift your spirits and set the mood for the meaningful Easter service. As in prior years, everyone was encouraged to participate in the Flowering of the Cross. It was brought to the front of the Church during the first hymn for all to enjoy. Everyone agreed it was one of the prettiest crosses we have ever had.

Our numbers are increasing as our summer residents return to stay or just stop in after opening their places for the season. Last Sunday we ran out of bulletins. Oops! Session has set June 2nd as the first Sunday to begin two services. As in the past, we will have an 8:30 and a 10:30 Sunday morning service. We look forward to welcoming back our "old" friends and hope to meet some "new" friends who will enjoy us enough to come back again and again.

Jan Mullins & Judi Bee

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Choir 9:15 Worship 10:30 AM	6	7	8 Sonrisers 8:00 AM Choir 6:00 PM	9	10	11
12 Choir 9:15 Worship 10:30 AM 	13	14	15 Sonrisers 8:00 AM Choir 6:00 PM	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Sonrisers 8:00 AM Choir 6:00 PM	23	24	25
26 Choir 9:15 	27	28	29	30	31	