



Community Presbyterian Church

November 2020 Newsletter

Greetings!

For those of you who receive this via email, the election is still a couple of days away. I want to encourage each one of you to begin praying now for the election results and the possible ramifications of either party being elected. Emotions are running high for many persons, and I have heard rumors of riots based on the “wrong” person being elected. Who is the wrong person? It depends on which person you voted for.

I encourage you to focus your prayers on 1) God’s will to be done; 2) peace before and after the elections; 3) our nation would be indivisible, and 4) for **both** candidates to seek wisdom from above in all they say and do. And, I encourage you, whether your choice for President wins or loses, to hold onto Romans 13:1, “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and *the authorities that exist are appointed by God.*”

In a few short weeks we will gather together for Thanksgiving. Like so many other things this year, Thanksgiving will likely look different for many of you – there will be no large gathering with friends and family sitting around the table enjoying conversation and food. For some of you, you will not be spending Thanksgiving with family members because of distance and/or because of COVID. How do we really be thankful in the midst of COVID, dissension in our Nation, and what is now the “new normal”?

One way is to remember those things for which we can be thankful because no one, no virus, can take them away from us. Here are a few scripture verses that I invite you to read today and on Thanksgiving to remember why we, as Christians can be thankful not only on November 26th, but on every day:

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is **good; his love endures forever.**” 1 Chronicles 16:34

“Let them give thanks to the Lord **for his unending love** and **his wonderful deeds** for mankind, for he **satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.**” Psalm 107:8-9

“I always thank my God for you because of **his grace given you** in Christ Jesus.”
1 Corinthians 1:4

“You will **be enriched** in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:11

“For **everything God created is good**, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.” 1 Timothy 4:4-5

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the **peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**”
Philippians 4:6-7

I am grateful for each one of you: for your welcoming me so warmly; for your hearts for Jesus; for your care for others; for your encouragement; for your example of being the church.

May the peace of God, which surpasses *all* understanding be upon you and your family,

Diane

VETERANS FOOD BOX



The Holiday Food Drive to provide food boxes for veterans and their families in need is well underway.

In November we are collecting the following items:

November 1 - Jello and instant pudding,

November 8 - Spaghetti pasta and sauce

November 15 - Donations by check for fresh food including turkeys. Just add the phrase 'holiday food boxes' to the memo line of your check.

As you might expect given the state of the economy, there is more need than ever for these food boxes. We are very grateful for the generous support that CPC lends to this effort. We will still accept donations of any items, and in the spirit of full disclosure, any items we are short of will also be made up out of your donations by check. Thank you so much. - The Deacons



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Where did October go? It feels like yesterday that I wrote the article for the last newsletter. I hope that all of you are enjoying the beautiful weather and the gorgeous colors.

The PW ladies have been busy. We have met each Tuesday of this month having 3 craft days and a Bible study. We are truly enjoying the coming together, continuing to grow in fellowship, love of God, developing a deeper understanding of God's love and getting to know each other in His name.

We are all looking forward to the holidays. In November, the PW's will share in craft days on the first, third and fourth Tuesdays. Bring your \$5.00 for materials and enjoy a time of friendship which ends in a finished craft. Find that inner crafter that you have kept hidden. Everyone can complete these activities while having a great time, too.

On the second Tuesday, we have been blessed with a Bible study to help us continue to grow in our knowledge of the teachings of the Bible and the all-encompassing love of God. Come, bring your Bible and enter into a lively discussion of the topic for the day. I promise that you won't be disappointed. I want everyone to know that all are welcome. The only requirement is that you are open to learning and growing in God's love and your confidence in your understanding and your abilities.

You do not have to be a member of PW or the church to come and enjoying the fellowship. I look forward to having you join us and I hope to see you next Tuesday!

In God's Love,

Wanda Gray, 623-341-4984



DEACON'S CORNER

Fall has definitely come to the White Mountains and as I compose the November newsletter it is snowing big, beautiful flakes. And with snow falling and leaves falling it reminds us that the holidays are going to be here very soon. Hopefully we will be able to gather in SMALL groups to celebrate with family and friends. Please stay safe and healthy wherever your plans take you.

I spoke with Georganne Mason, a case worker at the Division of Child Safety (D.C.S formerly called C.P.S.), on October 26th to make plans for our annual CPC Bear Tree Mission. To date they have **42 children** that are in foster care (subject to change). She will be sending me the names of the children this Friday so the Deacon's can prepare the bears to be picked up on **Sunday, November 15, 2020**. The plan is to have them on the East wall of the sanctuary, as in the past, and we will be there to write down the bear(s) that you have chosen. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR BEAR IS WRITTEN DOWN AS WE MUST BE ABLE TO TRACE THEM when you return your gift bags to the church no later than **December 4, 2020**. DCS will be picking them up the following Tuesday. You are now able to enclose a gift card for clothing or other items on their "wish list."

****PLEASE NOTE**** I will be very happy to pick a bear(s) and shop for you. If you wish me to do so, please let me know and send a check to:

ARLENE KERR
P.O. BOX 1057
PINETOP, AZ. 85935
602-361-0910 ©
928-367-1617 (h)



I will send you a copy of the bear(s) that were chosen and a copy of the receipt for your records. We look forward to making all the children in foster care in our area, very happy this Christmas.

Happy Holidays Blessings and Love To each of you,

Arlene Kerr, Deacon Moderator

Christmas Bear Tree Chairman Sheila Hogan

Mary Freemon and Pat Mecey Co-Chairmen

CHURCH MOUSE



What a year this has been! Like most of you, I have been doing a lot of praying since this began. I have a poem I would like to share with you.

A Breath of Prayer

A breath of prayer in the morning

Means a day of blessing sure.

A breath of prayer in the evening

Means a night of rest secure.

A breath of prayer in our weakness

Means a clasp of a mighty hand.

A breath of prayer when we're lonely

Means Someone to understand.

A breath of prayer in our doubting

Assures us the Lord knows best.

A breath of prayer in our sorrows

Means comfort, peace and rest.

A breath of prayer in rejoicing

Gives joy and added delight;

For they that remember God's goodness

Go singing far into the night.

There's never a year nor a season

That prayer may not bless every hour;

And never a soul need be helpless

When linked with God's infinite power.

I pray that God will continue to watch over our world and keep us safe.

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



We are getting ready to clean, paint and refurbish the cottage in preparation for the **MOPS** (Mothers of Preschoolers) program. Watch for a workday coming up. We'd love to have your help.

-The MOPS Team





CPC Building and Grounds November 2020 News

We have so many blessings to be grateful for and here are a few that have happened to our church recently. Over the summer we were able to patch, crack seal, and seal coat the parking lot. We also were able to remove all the old concrete in the front of the church and replace it with new pavers. These were two large projects and I feel so fortunate we now have them finished.

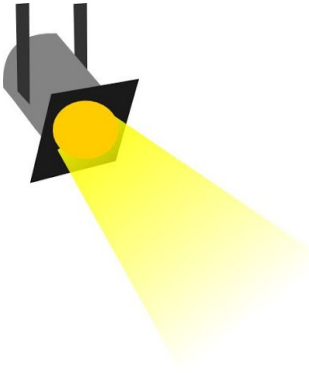
Moving forward I am proud to say we made significant progress in preparing the church building for moving our worship service back inside. We cleaned the air ducts, installed touchless hand sanitizers and soap dispensers, purchased disinfectant devices and signed a contract to improve the ventilation of the heating system.

We have worked hard to provide protection within the building from the Covid virus. All we ask is to help us keep the building safe and clean by staying home if you feel sick, sanitizing your hands when entering the building, staying at least 6 feet apart and wearing your mask at all times while inside. If we all do these simple things, our risk level of infecting one another will be reduced.

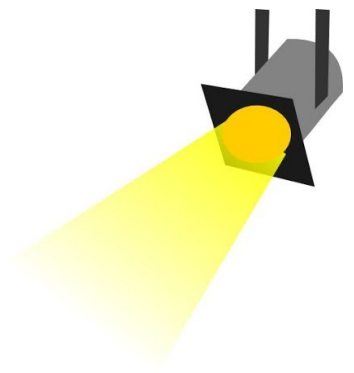
“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6.2

John Marble

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



At our last Session meeting, it was discussed and agreed upon to put highlights of our Session meetings in the CPC Newsletter to help keep our congregants informed.



Let me begin by introducing our current Session members to you and the committee they serve on:

Pastor: Rev. Diane White
Clerk of Session: Lynda Marble
Elders: Judi Bee, Worship
Patrick McKinley, Building & Grounds
Marc Traeger, Personnel & Nominating
Caroline Cox, Youth Christian Education
Jim Snitzer, Finance
John Marble, Building & Grounds
Steve Knutson, Mission
Laurie Yost, Youth Christian Education
Jerry Kinsel, Adult Christian Education

One of the main discussions has been how to get back to In-Church service. After many months of discussion and planning, we will offer In-Church services at 9:00am and 10:30am beginning Sunday, October 25, 2020. The service will be taped and posted to our website and YouTube Channel 2, and the 10:30 service will be live streamed on our Facebook page (cpcpinetop). You are asked to sign up with the office for the service you plan to attend. Masks are required inside the building and will be available. Social distancing of 6' will be marked and required to be complied with. Touchless hand sanitizers will be at each entry way and must be used before entering the Church. Touchless soap dispensers have been installed in all the restrooms. The entire Church will be sanitized before and after Worship services. Guidelines must be followed. Written copies of the guidelines can be obtained on our website and at the Church Office.

Blessings,

Lynda Marble
Clerk of Session