



Community Presbyterian Church

September 2020 Newsletter

Happy Fall Y'all and Greetings!

I cannot believe that I have been a part of Community Presbyterian Church for a month! The time has flown by quickly, and already I feel a part of the congregation and the Pinetop/Lakeside community. Over the last month, it has been a joy getting to know many of you while having coffee, lunch and/or dinner. I look forward to getting to know those of you with whom I have not had the opportunity to sit down and visit. I can always make time to sit with you and chat, just give me a call at (805) 402-3954 or drop me an email at Pastor.diane@cpcpinetop.org

The leaves are changing and Fall is definitely in the air. It is certainly beautiful country up here. Yesterday I took a drive to Big Lake. In the quiet of the morning and the beauty of the scenery, I was once again reminded what a creative God we serve. So often I take the many gifts, such as the beauty of the earth, for granted and forget that God created creation just for us to thoroughly enjoy.

As we look to the upcoming months, there are several things that I am excited about. First, Bob Anderton and Stewart Lewis have agreed to lead bible studies on different days at different times. I am a huge proponent of Bible study groups. It is in bible study that we grow deeper in our faith as well as develop relationships with our fellow brothers and sisters. You will see information pertaining to the first bible study, led by Bob Anderton, in this newsletter.

Second, groups are now able to meet in our Fellowship Hall, and Session is evaluating when and how we can enter into the sanctuary for worship. There are those who are excited to return, and there are those who are extremely hesitant to do so. I want to assure all of you that when we return to the sanctuary, we will continue to tape the service and have it available for those of you who do not wish to or cannot attend the live service. Just as there are guidelines for use of the Fellowship Hall, there will be guidelines in place for persons who are attending church in the sanctuary. After meeting, Session will send those guidelines to each of you so that you will have an opportunity to review them.

Lastly, I am excited to share this journey with all of you, whether you continue to stay on the mountain through the winter or if you return to your winter home. I am blessed to be your Pastor and I am looking forward to seeing how God continues to work in and through us, stretch us, and grow us.

Mondays are my day off, therefore I will respond to emails sent Monday on Tuesday morning. Please know that I am always available for any emergencies any day and any time of the day. Presently, I am taking a class offered by the Presbytery every Tuesday from 12:30 to 3:00 and will not be available during those times for the next few weeks. Otherwise, unless I am meeting with someone, I am in the office from 9 a.m to around 5 p.m.

Have an amazing month of October and be blessed.

Diane

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, but as a reminder,

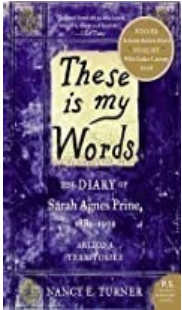
MOPS is a mid-week program, most likely twice a month. We will invite mothers of preschool aged children to bring their children, and we'll have childcare at the same time as the moms meet for Bible study, fellowship, parenting tips, crafts, etc.

There is a core group of people from CPC working on getting this program organized. 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. If you're interested in helping, think about if you would like to help with the childcare, leading discussions and/or studies with the moms, OR help getting the cottage ready for new, excited moms and preschoolers for our "SOMEDAY START"!

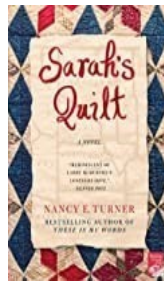


If you have questions about MOPS or would like to volunteer, please call Laurie Yost @ 928-521-7630

GOOD READS

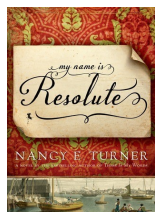
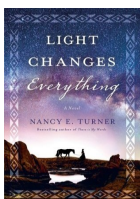


Did you know we have a published author in our midst? Nancy Turner is also one of our organists and pianists here at CPC.



If you haven't already read some or all of her books, you may want to add that to your list of things to do during our time of restrictions.

Look at her website to learn more about her books at: <https://www.nancyeturner.com/>
When we can get together again, Nancy said she'll lead a book discussion of one or all of her books. Laurie Yost will have you all over for some tea and a talk.



DEACON'S CORNER



HAPPY FALL Y'ALL !

For the first time in many, many years I put up my Fall decorations the first day of this new season. Before we know it we will be planning for our Thanksgiving and Christmas festivities. I realize it is still a little early to be concerned about Christmas, but I wanted to give you a heads-up about our annual Christmas Bear Tree mission as it actually begins in late November.

CHRISTMAS BEAR TREE

GIFT BAGS FOR CHILDREN IN C.P.S. FOSTER CARE

This mission is probably one of the most popular and meaningful charities that CPC participates in and I know it is my favorite. Mary Freemon, Sheila Hogan, Pat Mecey and I will be receiving the names of the children who are in foster care (at this time there are 62) by October 26, 2020. We will trace, cut and label the bears by Sunday, November 15, 2020. If we are not able to put them on the East wall inside the sanctuary we will have them available in the Pavilion.

We will have sign-up sheets available for you to record the bear(s) you have chosen. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THAT YOU RECORD THE BEAR(S) YOU HAVE TAKEN as we must be able to track the return of the gift bags. We will be there to help you. At this time, we are asking you to return the filled gift bags NO LATER than December 4, 2020. The C.P.S. staff will be picking the bags up on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

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As in the past, if you wish to participate and are unable to so, in person, I will be more than happy to pick a bear or bears for you and shop for you. Please send me a check or give me cash to do so. I will send you a copy of the bear(s) and the receipt from the purchases. Wishing you a season of happiness, love and good health,

Arlene Kerr

Deacon Moderator



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The Presbyterian Women are blessed, thankful and well. Tuesday, September 22, was the last official meeting of the group. It was also the last Bible study of the book, "The Bad Girls of the Bible". The consensus of the group was that this Bible study had been an interesting and challenging one with lots of food for thought and prayer. Much was learned from these bad girls by all.

Usually, at this time of the year our ladies bid each other good-bye, wish each a healthy, joyous holiday season, and a safe return to the mountain next year. While there was much of this, there was also planning for the winter. Since we have had several members decide to make the mountain their year round home, the PW's have decided they will continue to meet throughout the Winter.

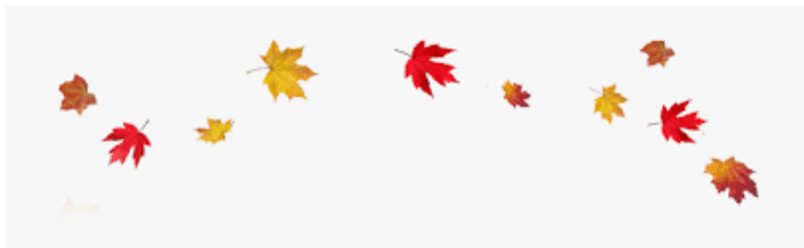
On the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays, we will have the opportunity to learn new crafts through classes taught by our talented members. On the 6th of October, we will have the first craft class. We will be crafting an owl from silk fall leaves. All materials will be available at the class. A small charge for the materials used will be requested but it is suspected that this will not exceed \$5. You will leave with a beautiful fall owl for your front door. Some of the crafts made will be taken home to delight the members' individual homes, and some will be made to support our missions when a more normal time returns.

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month will be devoted to continuing to grow in our love and knowledge of God through a Bible study. While growing deeper in the love of God, we also support each other as we journey through life.

A warm invitation is offered to all of the women of the church us for Christian fellowship and let the love, creativity and Christianity of this group warm the winter months.

In God's love-,

Wanda Gray



THE CHURCH MOUSE



Autumn is such a wonderful season. The mornings are cooler and the days are getting shorter. I love watching the leaves change color and drop to the ground. When I was young, my sisters, my brother and I would help Daddy rake the leaves. I found a poem that brings back a lot of memories to me. I hope it will to you too!

“RAKING LEAVES”

I raked the leaves on our front lawn;
It took all afternoon.
I started at ‘round half past one
And said, “I’ll be done soon.”

But once I saw how more leaves fell
Each time I made a pile,
I quickly saw this outdoor chore
Was going to take a while.

And so I did what my Dad said
A winner does to win;
I studied that great pile of leaves,
And then I jumped right in!

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



Beginning Oct. 8th and ending Nov. 5, 2020, a Bible study devoted to an overview of the OT books which are relevant to the Babylonian exile will be led by Bob Anderton on Thursdays.

There will be two one-hour classes in the Fellowship Hall: one at 10:00 AM and one at 6:30 PM . Please sign up in advance so we will know which time you would like to attend. Sign up is necessary so we know that no more than 18 people will be in attendance at one time. To sign up please call or text Bob Anderton at 1-760-402-0634 or send email to mwa46@sbcglobal.net.

The Covid church protocol will be followed including social distancing, hand washing and/or sanitation upon entering and leaving the building, wearing a mask at all times, and not attending if you feel sick or have a fever.

Blessings to all,

Bob Anderton