

Community Presbyterian Church

September 2020 Newsletter

Greetings!

Meko (my dog) and I arrived in the beautiful city of Lakeside a couple of weeks ago and are finally settled in and unpacked. I was overwhelmed at the welcome I received from so many of you....from those who assisted in unloading the truck, to those who provided meals, to those who stopped by and said hello, and those who have sent welcomed emails. I am truly blessed to become a part of the Community Presbyterian congregation!

This month I would like to share with you my life verse, Zephaniah 3:17: *"The LORD your God is among you. He is mighty to save. He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you with His love; He will rejoice over you with singing."* God gave me this verse at a very difficult and low point in my life. When I really took in the depths of this verse, it changed the way I thought about myself and the way I lived. The world is quick to point out our flaws and those areas where we fall short. Often, we too, will grab on to our flaws and those areas where we fall short and allow them to define us. Yet, God, the one and only God, dances and sings over us! I invite you to take a moment and take it in that the God who created the heavens and the earth rejoices (some versions say dances) over you with gladness and sings over you with joy.

I thoroughly enjoy getting together with persons and sharing stories. As such, I want to take this opportunity to invite you for coffee (or tea), lunch or dinner. Simply drop me an email at pastor.diane@cpcpinetop.org or call my cell phone at (805) 402-3954 with a day and time when you have an hour or so for us to get together. It is my hope to spend time with as many of you as possible.

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing what God will do in the next several years as we journey together. I know God will do amazing things, as He has already done, in and through the congregation of Community Presbyterian Church, and I would like to thank you for the honor of allowing me to walk this journey with you.

Pax,

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.

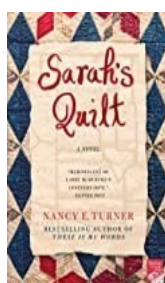
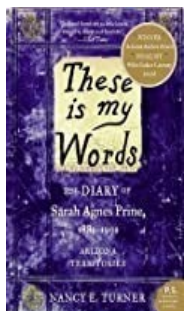
There is a core group of people from CPC working on getting this program organized. We have been working with the MOPS International program (mops.org) to help us set up the program. We will need **VOLUNTEERS** from CPC to make this program work. If you're interested in helping, think about if you would 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



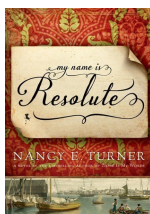
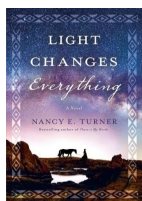
GOOD READS

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.
Soooo....., start reading!!!!



DEACON'S CORNER

Dear CPC Congregation,

Where did the Summer go and here we are celebrating September and Fall is going to be here before we know it. I can't believe the time has passed so quickly when we've been so limited in the activities we can participate in.

I hope that those of you who are up in the White Mountains have been able to enjoy "car church" in the CPC parking lot. I think it has been very successful and it was wonderful to welcome Pastor Diane as our new pastor on Sunday the 23rd of August. And, for those of you who weren't able to be here for the "season" I hope you were/are able to enjoy church online.

In one of the July CPC Express newsletters Pastor Leivers printed a wonderful Celtic prayer that was very meaningful to me and I would like to print it again for you to enjoy. Please continue to be safe, healthy, follow CDC guidelines and hopefully we will be able to greet and hug each other, in person, very soon as I miss you all very much.

Go peaceful in gentleness through the violence of these days.

Give freely.

Show tenderness in all your ways.

Through darkness, in troubled times let holiness be your aim.

Seek wisdom.

Let faithfulness burn like a flame.

GOD speed you!

GOD lead you, and keep you wrapped around HIS heart!

May you be known by love.

Be righteous.

Speak truthfully in a world of greed and lies.

Show kindness.

See everyone through heaven's eyes.

GOD hold you, enfold you, and keep you wrapped around HIS heart.

May you be known by love



*In God's love and Mine,
Arlene Kerr, Deacon Moderator*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women's Group was able to resume our Tuesday meetings on the Pavilion. We have been able to conduct our Bible Study Meetings. We are currently reading and discussing The Bad Girls of the Bible. Our meeting on Tuesday, September 1 at 10 A.M. will be a discussion of Chapters 6 and 7. We still have one copy of the book available if you wish to join us.

We will have a Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, at 10 A.M. at which time we will continue to entertain suggestions on how we can support the many missions that we have supported in the past. This is particularly difficult for us at this time as we have not been able to hold any of our fundraising activities. In the October newsletter we will list those missions in hopes that members of our congregation might consider selecting one or two organizations to which they might make a contribution.

At our August Business Meeting we unanimously selected Wanda Gray as the new moderator. She will be installed at our September meeting. We are very pleased to have such a dedicated leader.

Georgia Merrick

PW Moderator



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



THE PARKING LOT PROJECT

Thanks to the generosity of CPC's members and friends, we have met our goal. The parking lot is fully paid! Several contributions were received on Sunday 8/23/20, including a generous gift from a donor who prefers to remain anonymous.



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Tom Fink was another significant contributor to paying back the parking lot expense. He built beautiful birdhouses and donated them to the church for people to buy with the proceeds going to parking lot payback. Thank You Tom! Everyone sure loves their birdhouses!

