

The Lamplighter

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Growing In Christ and Loving One Another



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Hello Lamplighter readers. As we enjoy the warm weather, worry about the declining snowpack, deal with a virus that continues to plague us, face the division of our society that our response to the virus has caused, and continue searching for a new pastor, we take heart that our session members continue to work to lead us as the love of God surrounds and comforts us.

You have probably read how the various states have loosened mask mandates. Some of us feel elated, while others worry about the timing. While no one of us has trained epidemiologist in our curriculum vitae, we do have some clear guidelines from our state of Oregon health leaders to assist us in making decisions.

After careful consideration, the session has decided to start in-person worship on March 2, 2022, Ash Wednesday, the day after Mardi Gras, and the start of the Lenten season. So please continue to wear your mask, keep a safe physical distance from others, and please, if you feel ill, stay home and enjoy the streaming service.

I have some good news to report, Reverend Barry Heath will moderate the session for the duration, and Reverend Janice Box will act as pastor with our hard-working deacons. Reverend Jannie volunteered to do this, and the deacons appreciate her wisdom and guidance, as well as her experience in caring for those who suffer from illness, or just loneliness. In addition, Reverend Heath has expertise in leading and specialized training in medical ethics and has helped me and the session come to an appropriate way of making decisions.

We, as a congregation, have held together and continued to have small group meetings, Bible studies, prayer groups, book studies, and many other ways to support and uplift each other. Community has acted as a guiding principle from ancient days when the Hebrews faced slavery, and then forty years in the desert and in the early days of first The Way and then Christian gatherings in homes and synagogues.

We continue in community, whether together or virtually, on streaming applications. God's love for all of us allows us to mirror that love for one another as we remain strong together. We will continue to let Christ strengthen and unify us despite the divisive and polarizing times we live in. We come together as the body and bride of Christ. Loving and supporting one another. Thank you all, and may God's Blessings uplift us as we move into an uncertain future.

Blessings,
Steve Cross
Clerk of Session



Music Ministries

Director, Karen Sipes



Dear friends, many of you already know my news, but I wanted to share it with you here. I have been offered and accepted a full time position at another church. I wasn't looking for another position. It was entirely my intention to continue with CPC for years to come. This church has been my home since 2006. This congregation has been our church family since Sean was six years old.

There are no words to express the love and gratitude adequately I feel for the saints who've been in our lives this nearly 16 years. Leaving during this time of transition was not on my mind.

An advertisement was sent to me for a Full-Time position, with benefits, as Director of Music and Arts at Bend Church. I felt I had to apply, reflecting on this past five months, especially since I had Covid and pneumonia twice and had no health insurance.

I was offered the position, and as heartbreaking as it was for me even to consider leaving, I knew it was an excellent opportunity for me. It was time for this opportunity, professionally and personally, and I needed to accept it. My resignation is effective March 25. So I'll be with you until that time in worship and service, and after that time will remain with you in spirit.

I have tremendous gratitude for all of my years spent serving this church, the beautiful souls in Music Ministries, the staff, Elders, Deacons, all who've loved and guided my son Sean from childhood through adulthood, and this gracious and wonderful congregation.

My and Sean's lives have been incredibly blessed by our time with CPC. Sean grew up active in CPC through Children and Youth Ministries, Music Ministries, working as a sound tech at age twelve, even singing with the Men's Gospel Group as a purple-haired teenager. He was nurtured, loved, and mentored by people who remain precious to him, as they are to me in my gratitude for offering my young man an extended family as he grew.

I plan to remain in touch and welcome all those who wish to. I will miss all of you greatly and will pray for you and keep you close to my heart. I wish beautiful things for this church, and while I won't be your Director of Music Ministries, I will be cheering you on and have great hope for the future of CPC. With Love and Gratitude,

Karen Sipes

CPC Scholarship Program

It's almost Spring – it's also Scholarship time for CPC's 2022 graduating seniors. Every CPC graduating senior is eligible to apply for a Scholarship to any Community College, four-year University, or any trade school. We welcome your applications, which are now available on the CPC website. All application materials are due in the church office by 2:00 pm, Thursday, March 31, 2022.

Currently, we have several previous recipients engaged in their college careers. They are: Paige Thackery, Danica Lundgren, Greg Lundgren, Eli Gaspar, Olivia Duff and Adi Leautschaft. They are all doing very well.



Donations are being accepted to this wonderful program which honors our loyal CPC youth. Your donation will enable this program to continue to honor future CPC recipients. Thank you,

The Scholarship Team

Pledge Drive Update

Greetings from the Stewardship Team. As the Pledge Drive for 2022 ends, we gratefully acknowledge the 60 pledges totaling \$234,500.00 received to date. The generosity and faithfulness of the CPC community have seen us through a challenging year. Our trust in God's provision enables us to provide for our church, to continue its legacy of service, and give witness to God's holy love.



Pledges continue to be accepted and can be made online, dropped off at the church office, or mailed. Thank you again, as we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

The Stewardship Team

Pastoral Nominating Committee Report

Greetings from your CPC PNC! (I hope you caught all those letters.) We have been busy meeting every week to move forward in finding the new Pastor that God has anointed for CPC. Committee members have reviewed candidate PIF's (Pastoral Information Forms or more common term Resume) and taken on interviewing their references provided.

It has been wonderful to chat with other Christian brothers and sisters who have worked and worshiped alongside these candidates. As a committee, we have sat together watching videos of candidates' sermons and engaged in lively review discussions. We are always keeping in mind CPC's mission statement and hopeful visions for the future of our church and its members.

Bathing all this work in prayer, we journey on taking the charge we've been given, always in front of us. We remain confident that God will show us who HE has explicitly groomed for us. We ask you to join us in this prayer; as a church family, it is essential for us to be together in praying for our future Pastor, whoever he or she may be.



Diapers Needed for MountainStar



MountainStar has been operating for 20 years as a nonprofit organization working directly with vulnerable families in an effort to keep children in Deschutes, Jefferson, and Crook counties safe from abuse and neglect. April is Child Abuse Prevention month and diapers are always needed and appreciated. Please reach out to Leanne Latterell for more information or to donate (her information is in the directory)

"Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God." Isaiah 40:1

What is God asking of Christians with the words "comfort my people?" After reading those words many times, the message for me was to bring comfort to his people who were suffering. Throughout my life, my ministry comforting God's people has also included Hunger Action Educator for the San Francisco Presbytery.

For the past 20 years, mental illness in my family has forced me to go beyond the stigma I witnessed as a child growing up in New Orleans. I am blessed to have the opportunity to be included in the work of the CPC Wellness team, to share with the community and the CPC congregation the Mental Health ministry of Comforting God's people.

The CPC Wellness Team has joined the Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare association. Under the PHEWA umbrella, our work with mental illness will be connected to the Presbyterian Serious Mental Illness Network. PHEWA website www.phewacomunity.org

"Mental illness has such a stigma that it wasn't that long ago that people had mental health prescriptions filled in other countries, paying for them out of pocket, because they couldn't risk having people know they had a problem," says Teresa Lockhart Stricklen, an associate for worship in the PC(USA) office of Theology and Worship.

My personal journey with my loved ones and my struggles with anxiety planted the seed to research and educate myself on the forbidden topic of Mental illness. The interesting truth about seeking to educate others has been an education into understanding my struggle with anxiety. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has presented many opportunities for me to learn and be trained to facilitate or instruct others on this mental health journey.

The NAMI Central Oregon website has mental health education, training, and virtual support group schedules. NAMI Central Oregon

The Wellness Team will include opportunities for training, resources, and support in the Lamplighter.

Linda Jackson-Shaw

Wellness Ministry Update

WELLNESS MISSION STATEMENT:

To help the congregation attain, maintain, and/or regain the best possible health, wellness of mind, body, and spirit that can be experienced.

This is realized through education, guidelines, screenings, and providing ongoing support.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Free Blood Pressure Screenings will begin on Sunday, March 6th, at 9:30 am, in the Eby room by our church health care providers. Screenings will be held once per month before church service. So come a little early for church to allow time to work with our nurse provider.

Hospital Equipment

Wellness Ministry has an inventory of equipment to be loaned out to anyone needing assistance following a health issue. We have walkers, crutches, shower chairs, and numerous other items to support our church members and friends. Please get in touch with Lynda Talbot, our equipment coordinator, if you need equipment (her information is in the directory).

Emergency Contacts

Do you have a contact person listed on your telephone or with someone close to you, in case anything should happen to you? We hear daily about car accidents, sudden trauma, or other health-related issues that affect people in all walks of life.

Having a contact person listed on your telephone or with someone close to you is one way to ensure that your family will be notified if there is an emergency. Your church office is another way to know who your family members are and where they live. Use the form below and submit it to the office or use the google form [HERE](#).

Give this some serious consideration and help those who love you the most! Your Wellness Team is working hard to provide helpful suggestions for you to be thinking about.



Family & Friends Contact List

We are updating our files for the friends and family contact list. If you would like to share the information of a loved one that you would like us to be able to contact in case of an emergency please fill out this form and submit it to the office or use the google form [HERE](#).



The information you provide will be kept in our confidential database.

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Family & Friends Contact List

Name _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____

Telephone _____

Are there family members or friends nearby who might know how you are doing?

Name _____

Telephone _____

Quilters Quips March 2022



About two years ago, we stopped meeting every Thursday to quilt together. However, we will be meeting in March for Sew And Tell on March 3rd at ten in Teddy's Hall. It is always inspiring to see what everyone has been doing.

We look forward to the time when we can gather weekly to sew and be in contact with other quilters.

Our newest mission project is off and running. We delivered thirty-one-bed-sized quilts to the new Bethlehem Inn in Redmond. They are close to opening and were very appreciative of our contribution to their efforts to help those in need of a safe and warm place to stay. We will continue to make patchwork quilts for them.

Anyone interested in joining in the fun or needing more information may contact Becky Dennis (her information is in the directory).

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Cascades Virtual Spring Gathering

Save the date:

Saturday, April 30, 2022

10:00-12:30

Broadening our Understanding of Mental Health



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

“Sing for Joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.” - Isaiah 49:13

For additional information contact Linda Jackson-Shaw or Nancy Patterson.
(their information is in the directory)

The Trinity



There are three leaves
on the shamrock I see,
a reminder of
the Holy Trinity.
God the Father
& Jesus the Son,
together with the
Holy Spirit.
Three in One!



Can & Bottle Return

Thank you for all the offerings.

Last year over \$1800 was collected for missions!

And in January \$192 was collected.



There are three ways to give cans and bottles to the CPC mission team.

- 1) Drop them off at the north end of the church near the basement door.
- 2) Drop them off at Walt and Norrie Taylor's home at 1849 SW Canyon Drive (leave on the north side of the house on the sidewalk)
- 3) Call 541-548-4472 and they will come and pick them up at your location.

Thank you for your continued support of the CPC Mission Team and their activities.

Walt and Norrie Taylor



MARCH 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 Sisters 4 Serenity 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	2 9:00-4:00 Oregon Family School 6:00 ASH WEDNESDAY Service	3 9:30 Sisters 4 Serenity 10:00 Sew & Tell	4 8:00 Men's Bible Study	5
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*Happy
Birthday!*

March Birthdays

- 3/1 Lois Ahern
- 3/3 Marsha Enriquez
- 3/4 Lee Mink
- 3/5 Bruce Wilkenfeldt
- 3/6 Tom Barber
- 3/11 Janet Hucke
- 3/13 Don Shaw
- 3/14 Lynn Hodecker
- 3/16 Don Duman
Hunter Whitehead
- 3/17 Lena Land
- 3/20 Pat Wallin
- 3/23 Pat Pipkin
- 3/26 Becky Dennis
Mary Ann Schliep
- 3/27 Rick Hoffman
- 3/28 Bert DeYoung
- 3/29 Mary Stadler
- 3/30 Barbara Barber
- 3/31 Joan Carpenter
Don Johnson



Men's Bible Study will resume in person Friday, March 4th at 8 am.
Ladies Bible Study will resume in person Tuesday, March 8th at 10:00 am.

*Happy
Anniversary!*

- 3/20 Lee & Sherry Mink
- 3/24 George & Beverly Johnson

March Deacon of the Month is Cathy Edgerton



The Deacon of the Month is on call to help with special needs.

Your Deacon of the Month for March is Cathy Edgerton. Cathy is serving her second year as a deacon. Her versatility and willingness to help have been a great blessing to the Board of Deacons and our church.

She serves as liaison to the Nominating Committee and is in charge of food bank distribution. Cathy is a member of the Social Issues Group and has sung in the choir. In addition, she takes minutes for the community group: Redmond Service Providers, which is involved with issues faced by our unhoused neighbors.

Cathy loves exploring the outdoors and enjoys hiking, kayaking, and biking - you may have seen her riding her recumbent tricycle around town.

Thank you, Cathy, for being a bright light!

God will

GO BEFORE YOU
WALK BESIDE YOU
STAND BEHIND YOU

"I am with you always."

Matthew 28:20

A big thanks to Greg Hodecker who donated 50 lbs of pre-emergent to help keep our property looking beautiful, and to Spike Biggers and Curt Nitschelm for spreading it.

The next **Lamplighter** news due date for the April issue is **Thursday, March 17th, at 10:00 am.** Articles for publication should be sent to Gina via email at: frontdesk@redmondcpc.org. You will receive a reply letting you know your contribution was received. Thank you to all who contribute!

