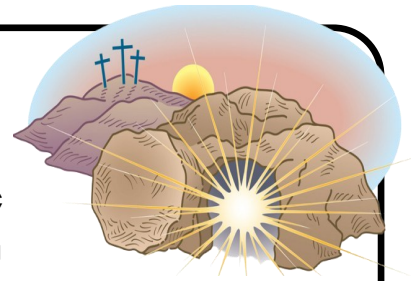


The Lamplighter

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Growing In Christ and Loving One Another

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Message From Session

Dear CPC Family, your Session met twice in the month of March to assess and guide the good work of our beloved church. On March 4th, we held a special meeting with the Rev. Clark Scalera, who educated us about the option of hiring a Transitional Consultant and brought to our attention one strong candidate for said position. The purpose of this position is to help our church navigate the transitional period while we search for a “permanent” pastor. They would do this by getting to know our congregation’s particular wants and needs and by consulting our leadership throughout the transitional process.

After much discussion facilitated by our moderator, Rev. Ann Bowersox, we voted to move forward with this option and to do so with alacrity. We are in the early stages of this action but are optimistic. We are also happy to inform you that our potential candidate, Rev. Dr. J. Spencer Parks, is expected to join us and preach on Sunday, May 4th. Please mark your calendars accordingly!

On March 18th, your session met again for our regular gathering to conduct church business. We happily approved a request to host a blood drive on Friday, June 13th. This is an important cause and a wonderful way for our church to engage the community.

Luann Johnson shared the joyous news that Creative Roots preschool enrollment is now at 12 young learners—a significant growth from last month!

Toward the goal of securing a pastor for our church, each Elder reviewed a “compatibility survey” of 14 attributes and ranked them based on perceived importance to our congregation. The responses to this survey will be entered into the national search website and are the final piece of information to complete our profile. At long last!

We are, as ever, bolstered by the tireless love and commitment shown by our fellow congregants and leaders, which propels us through this transitional time.

Warmly, *Britt Mueller-Anderson*, Elder

CPC Session - Bob Ahern, Britt Anderson-Mueller, Truman Grandey, Rick Hoffman, Linda Jackson-Shaw, George Johnson, Luann Johnson, Carol Nelson, Diane Putnam, Rev. Ann Bowersox - Moderator, and Nancy Berry - Clerk of Session



Music Ministry April 2025

April brings us several opportunities to worship in new ways. On April 13th, our children will greet us with palm branches and the choir will perform "At the Ninth Hour." This cantata covers the activities of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday. In place of the sermon, our choir, string quintet from the Bend Pops Orchestra, church instrumentalists, and narrator will share a musical story encompassing the days from Palm Sunday to Good Friday.

On Maundy Thursday, Rev. Ann Bowersox will lead us through a Tenebrae service filled with music and scripture. This service will begin at 6:30 pm and is the perfect way to prepare our hearts for the days leading to Easter.

Easter brings us the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death. Please invite your neighbors and family members to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am and the church service at 10:00. The choir will share the final piece from the cantata, designed to bring us out of the darkness of Holy Week into the joyous celebration of Easter. We will end the service by singing "The Hallelujah Chorus" with Kevin Upton and Marge Biggers serving as our symphony orchestra. This was a CPC tradition for several years and many have requested we bring it back. Below is a link for practicing that you can access on your computer or phone.

[The Hallelujah Chorus Video - Click HERE.](#)

Blessings, *Karen Baldwin-Kuntz* - Director of Music Ministries



Deacon's Report

Hello, everyone from your deacons. The board of deacons tries to oversee the spiritual development of the congregation, while also meeting their physical needs. We have goals of supervising monthly potlucks after Easter, providing transportation when asked, serving home communion, preparing meals for folks as needed, and praying for all of you, etc.

We also plan to continue with Angeltree, a program that helps some needy families by providing gift cards for meals and gifts at Christmas. To help fund this project, we would like to hold our Holiday Bazaar, Angelfest, on November 12th, 2025, from 9 am until 3 pm. We encourage those with special talents to make crafts, projects, snacks, soup, and bread to sell and serve on that day.

The deacons encourage groups to consider meeting monthly to jointly work on crafts together. This will provide a time of fellowship and fun as we share our talents together. Personally, I will continue to make unique pens, and I have taken up woodcarving in an attempt to make other special projects. So far, the plans for projects have provided band-aids in case I miss! Please plan on attending Angelfest this year so that we can enjoy each other's talent, fellowship, and fun.



Blessings, *Steve Cross*, Deacon CO-Moderator

Quilters Quips April 2025

Spring has sprung, so some of you are starting to garden as well as quilt. We will meet through the year in hopes of keeping others warm when the cold weather comes again. So far, we have put 46 new quilts into the cupboard for distribution later this year. Gloria and Jim Irwin took nine quilts to Salem to be distributed around the world by Quilts Beyond Borders. Thank you for dropping them off on your way to the coast.

We have also entered five quilts for sale in the Sisters Quilt Show. Look for them if you go in July. It is an amazing sight if you have never been.

We are always happy to see new faces. We would love to have you come join in the fun. We meet every Thursday from ten to two. We break for lunch, have a time of sharing at noon, and then continue with our projects.

Becky Dennis



All Caregivers Are Welcome

The Caregivers Group continues to meet every other Wednesday in the Eby Room at CPC. The group is now under the Wellness Committee and will be facilitated by Everett Nay, who brings a wealth of experience as a caregiver. Having cared for two wives during their final stages of life, Everett understands the unique challenges caregivers face.



This group is Christ-centered and confidential, offering a safe space for all caregivers to connect with others who share similar experiences. It's a place to find encouragement, share stories, laugh, and unwind a couple of times a month. All caregivers are welcome!

The Deacon of the Month for April is Candy Peplin

The Deacon of the Month is On Call to Help With Special Needs.



Candy grew up in an active church family, gaining a deep understanding of what it takes to care for both the church community and the local neighborhood. She and her husband, Todd, enjoy gardening, camping, and skiing. Candy has been serving as a Deacon for three years. Her caregiving skills come naturally, as she is a Nurse who specializes in caring for infants and their families.

One of her favorite verses that she carries into adulthood is from her youth when she was active in the church. 'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.' 1 Timothy 4:12

Mt Angel Prayer Retreat Mark Your Calendars

We warmly invite you to the Mt. Angel Prayer Retreat, taking place from October 6th to 8th. This serene and spiritually enriching retreat offers a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith, find peace, and connect with others in a beautiful, tranquil setting.



For more information, please reach out to Luann or Rocky Johnson. We look forward

Join Us for the Last Two Soup Suppers in April!

Wednesdays on April 2nd and April 9th, at 5:30 pm, enjoy great food, meaningful devotions & wonderful fellowship! It's the perfect opportunity to connect, reflect, and savor delicious soup together. We can't wait to see you there!



Mental Health Bible Study

You are warmly invited to join our special support group for family members and significant others of individuals facing mental health challenges.

Our time includes:

1. Respect, encouragement, and compassionate support.
2. A safe place to share by listening confidentially.
3. Healthy communication.
4. A structured bible-based resource developed for the journey with your loved one.

This Bible study offers an encouraging exploration of the lives of men and women from the Bible. It delves into how their faith intersected with personal challenges, including anxiety, depression, and other mental health difficulties. Through their stories, we can find inspiration and guidance for our own struggles.

Please RSVP Linda Jackson-Shaw if you have a desire to attend.

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CPC Kids Corner

Our Children and Youth Team is happy to report that we served an average of 5 children during Sunday services for the month of February. Currently, our attendees range in age from 8 months to 8 years. They are an ambitious little group, eager to bring their youthful energy to our congregation!

On Transfiguration Sunday (March 2nd), our attendance was up to 7 children. We made sunshine cutouts from paper plates and talked about how talking to God gives us light. We may never get the glitter glue off the craft table, but it was well worth it! We look forward to bringing the kids more fun opportunities to enliven the congregation during Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday!

Annual Spring Clean Up

Our spring clean up is scheduled for Friday, April 11th, at 9 am after the men's Bible study group. Here are some projects that we hope to get accomplished.



- outside debris removal
- window cleaning outside and inside
- light bulb replacement as needed up high above the playground
- secure chime wire on the south side of the portico roof
- remove old solar panel on pole at front SE corner of Taylor field
- boy scouts clean and haul old wood around storage shed that is creating chuck habitat
- apply fertilizer and weed and feed to lawns
- flower garden work as needed (roundup, sprinkler drip system conversion, etc.)
- spot treat with groundclear were needed.

Join us for a fun and productive day as we spruce up our beloved church for the spring season!

Wellness Ministry

The Wellness Ministry is to help the congregation attain, maintain, and/or regain the best possible health and wellness of mind, body and spirit. Spring is coming, and a new season brings new hope. With new blooms come new dreams and adventures, along with new efforts to care for ourselves.

If you need assistance with resources, we recommend stopping by the Redmond Senior Center and picking up the 2024-2026 Resource Guide. It is a valuable and free tool for finding services that you need.

Wellness has many pieces of medical equipment available to borrow for those in need. Please contact Lynda Talbot for delivery and/or pickup.



Lynda Talbot - Deacon for The Wellness Team

Presbyterian Women “Gift of the Heart” Kits

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, in collaboration with Church World Services, is providing a tangible way for all of us to get involved with disaster relief. There is a need for such supplies as Emergency Cleanup Buckets, Hygiene Kits, Kid’s Kits, and Period Packs. CPC Presbyterian Women have decided to concentrate on providing Hygiene Kits as those are needed the most.

If you would like to help, we could use any of the following:

- Washcloth
- Toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Fingernail or toenail clipper
- Bath-size bar of soap (in original packaging)
- Travel-size stick deodorant (3.4 oz or less, non-aerosol)
- Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz or less, fragrance-free, new only)
- Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz or less, new only)
- Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz or less, expiration date of at least 1 year)
- Sturdy wide-tooth comb (6” minimum, with or without a handle, no pocket combs or picks)



There will be a basket in the Narthex near the Deacon’s Food Wagon to collect any donations. We are hoping to put together as many kits as possible. Thank you for your help with this project.

CPC Presbyterian Women

Out in the Fields

*The little cares that fretted me
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields
Above the sea,
Among the winds at play,
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing
Of the birds,
The humming of the bees.*

*The foolish fears
Of what might happen.
I cast them all away
Among the
Clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay,
Among the husking of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod
Where ill thoughts die
And good are born -
Out in the fields with God.*

by Elizabeth Barrett Browning





April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 Unitary Group 7:00 Boy Scouts	2 9:00 Caregivers Group 4:30 Bible Study 5:30 Supper  6:30 Cub Scouts	3 10:00 Quilters 4:45 Spiritual Growth Zoom	4 <i>Office Closed</i> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 6:45 Spanish Bible Study	5 11:00 Centering Prayer  <i>Office Closed</i>
6 10:00 Worship 12:00 Spanish Church 4:00 Sermon Zoom Discussion	7	8 10:00 Unitary Group 3:00 Worship Team Mtg 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 1:00 Mental Health Group 2:00 Finance Team Mtg 3:30 Mission Team Mtg 4:30 Bible Study 5:30 Supper  6:30 Cub Scouts	10 10:00 Quilters 4:45 Spiritual Growth Zoom	11 <i>Office Closed</i> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 6:45 Spanish Bible Study	12 <i>Office Closed</i>
13 9:30 Blood Pressure Check 10:00 Cantata 12:00 Spanish Church 4:00 Sermon Zoom Disc.	14 8:00 Property Team Mtg 1:00 Parkinson's Group 3:00 Deacons Mtg	15 10:00 Unitary Group 4:00 Session 7:00 Boy Scouts	16 9:00 Caregivers Group 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts	17 10:00 Quilters 4:45 Spiritual Growth Zoom 6:30 Maundy Thursday 	18 <i>Office Closed</i> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 6:45 Spanish Bible Study	19 <i>Office Closed</i>
20  9:30 Egg Hunt 10:00 Easter He is RISEN! 12:00 Spanish Church 4:00 Sermon	21 	22 10:00 Unitary Group 12:30 PW 7:00 Boy Scouts	23 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts	24 10:00 Quilters 4:45 Spiritual Growth Zoom	25 <i>Office Closed</i> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 6:45 Spanish Bible Study	26 <i>Office Closed</i>
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Birthdays

- 4/2 Don Sheets
Katie Smith
- 4/4 Nancy Terry
- 4/6 Judy McKinney
- 4/9 Gloria Irwin
- 4/12 Jack Nelson
- 4/14 Greg Lundgren
- 4/16 Rita Phillips
- 4/17 Alyssa Nitschelm
- 4/23 Olivia Duff
Amanda Glasser

Anniversaries

- 4/14 Don Shaw &
Linda Jackson-Shaw



Your kindness means so much!

Thank you so much for all your support for our Dad's service. Your generosity is so appreciated! All of the people that supported us during this difficult time; really does lighten the burden.

Much Love

*The Family of Deryl Ferguson.
Alida, Linda, Yanya ; Kathy*



The article **due date** for the May Lamplighter is **Thursday, April 17th, at noon.** Send articles to Gina at frontdesk@redmondcpc.org You will receive a reply confirming your submission. Thank you!



Can and Bottle Donations

CPC has an account at BottleDrop that includes blue bags to fill with redeemable bottles and cans. Detailed instructions are printed on the bag which may be picked up in the lobby above the food wagon. You may either bring the filled bag back to CPC or take it yourself to scan at the BottleDrop Redemption Center.

If you would like to drop off your cans and bottles at CPC, please place the blue bag on the sidewalk to the left of the office door on Sundays. The Mission Team will process them and proceeds will go to the General Mission Fund. For any questions, contact Hannah Grandey.

Your support makes a meaningful difference to the incredible work of the Mission Team. Thank you for being a part of this important journey!

*"Heavens, listen to me. Then I will speak.
Earth, hear the words of my mouth.
Let my teaching fall like rain.
Let my words come down like dew.
Let them be like raindrops on new grass.
Let them be like rain on tender plants.
I will make known the name of the Lord.
Praise God! How great he is!
He is the Rock. His works are perfect.
All his ways are right. He is faithful.
He doesn't do anything wrong.
He is honest and fair."*



Deut 32:1-4