

The Lamplighter

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Growing In Christ and Loving One Another

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Happy New Year! Session met in December, reviewed our last year, and started planning for this year. Session members greeted new members and plan on installing and ordaining Elders and Deacons on January 16, 2022. Wow, 2022! It seems like yesterday we worried about Y2K.

As we go into the New Year, I thought I might review how the Elders work to help Community Presbyterian Church function.

Frank St Peter will continue as Chair of the Finance Team. His leadership ensures that your generous giving gets appropriately recognized and spent wisely. **Diane Wilson** will continue to work with our youth and children, helping to lead and teach them about our faith and beliefs. **Cheryl Adams** plans to keep on as the leader of Lifelong Learners, helping to oversee our Bible and book studies, as well as the various groups that learn and pray together.

Jim Hayward will work with Personnel and help to ensure our staff members get recognition for the work they do for all of us. **Connie Stoaks** will join **Brian Leutschft** in leading our various Mission projects. **Lois Millspaugh** will re-energize our Wellness ministries as the pandemic placed a hold on them these last too many months.

Linda Shaw will keep us in close contact with our Kisauni partners. **John Duff** will work with the property team as that group of volunteers keeps our building looking good and functioning well. **Luann Johnson, Diane Wilson**, and others, (including Julie St Peter), will lead us in Worship endeavors as our Pastor Nominating Team seeks to find the right pastor for us. As always, please feel free to contact your elected leaders when you have concerns or questions.

The Annual Congregational meeting will occur on January 25, 2022. First, you will hear about our budget for next year. Presently we can identify an expected income (through pledges, loose offerings, and investment income) of \$342,080.00, with expenses scheduled of \$401,374.00.

These numbers do not match and leave us with a deficit budget. Fortunately, we can work with a deficit this year through generous giving, sound fiscal management, wise investments, and property sale. Come to the annual meeting to learn more.

2022 continues to challenge us, as did 2021 with pandemic concerns, lack of a pastor, and other challenges. However, the Recent Advent and Christmas seasons have filled us with patience, hope, promise, joy, and love. We will need all of these as we move forward. Especially patience and love. As our relationships and interactions with one another develop this year, let us keep the Love of God ever-present in our hearts and minds as we live and work together. The polarization in the world around us can distract us and keep us from sharing love with one another. Let us do our best always to let the love shown to us by our Lord Jesus shine through our actions.



Steve Cross,
Clerk of Session

Music Ministries

Director, Karen Sipes

As the new year begins, I'm reflecting on the many challenges and blessings of the past two years. From March 13, 2020, the day I was sent home from my teaching job with the notion that it would be for two weeks to "flatten the curve," and the subsequent decision to do livestream only services at the church. That first Sunday, being in the building with just 5 staff members, putting a service together, and then going live to present it. It was a strange, frightening, very lonely time for many of us.

From there, the challenge of learning to engineer virtual choir music, to outdoor services, which brought a different set of challenges, cold mornings setting up, music blowing in the wind, etc., and then the exciting, yet anxious opening of the doors to begin in person worship again, the resignation of our pastor, and a new way of doing church.

When the Delta variant hit, I was hit with a severe break-through bout of Covid, followed by Pneumonia and the subsequent long-term fatigue and exhaustion, which continue, though my energy seems to come back to me more frequently now.

Through all of it, there have been so many assurances of God's presence. The choir has begun meeting and singing again, and their grace and patience are a great blessing. Worship musicians have stepped up to make our contemporary music beautiful and spirit-filled. I've seen our congregation rise to challenges, roll up their sleeves and make beauty from ashes time and again.

I look forward to 2022 with the knowledge that we can build strong bridges to cross over, and work side by side, always with the knowledge that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. Many blessings for the new year,

Karen Sipes, Director of Music Ministries



Rooted in God's Love: Pledge Update

The Stewardship Team thanks you for your faithful and generous support of CPC during this year of transition. We are thankful for the 59 pledges we have received to date representing \$231,550 (this is behind last year's 82 pledges representing \$278,000).

We remain hopeful that those that have yet to pledge will be able to do so soon.

Our Pledge budget allows us to plan for the year ahead as we serve our church family, our local community, and the world beyond. Help us start the year strong. Thank you again for your continuing generosity. We wish you all the blessings of God in the New Year.



The Stewardship Team

His Unfailing Presence

Another year I enter
It's history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread it's paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper,
I know I shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."
What will the
New Year bring me?
I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;
I surely shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."

Author Unknown



THANK YOU, THANK YOU & THANK YOU AGAIN!

Our hearts are full of gratitude for your generosity & love toward our Deacon's Angel Tree project for 2021. Because of you, 38 children had gifts under their family Christmas tree this year, and 14 needy families enjoyed Christmas dinner and filled their pantry with good food for the season.

Neighbor Impact's Head Start Program expresses their thanks to Community Presbyterian Church (that's us!) for another year of help for their beloved families.

You deserve that thanks!!

Your grateful Board of Deacons



A Mission Yearbook Message

In the North Ubangi Providence of the Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa, there is a program showing how children are thriving nutritionally. This is accomplished by intensive systematic screening carried on by community health volunteers. Each quarter, the volunteers use tape to measure the arm circumference of every child between six months and five years of age in each village.



A child suffering from moderate acute malnutrition is referred to a health center for follow-up by a nurse. In the last year, volunteers completed nearly one million screenings. There is an estimate of 13,600 children suffering from malnutrition in the country.

Help has come from the Support to the Health System of the ASSR project and with the Presbyterian Communities of Kinshasa to address malnutrition problems through education, home gardens, and low emission cookstoves.

Bruce Smith from the Presbytery Mission Yearbook

Wellness Ministry Update

Lois Millspaugh, Chairman, Linda Jackson Shaw, Co-Chairman

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.*

Wellness Committee Meeting:

The Wellness Ministries Team will be meeting on Tuesday, January 4th, at 2:00 pm in the Eby room for our first team meeting. Please contact Lois Millspaugh if you cannot attend.

* Calling all individuals interested in being a part of this important support group for our church.

Watch for upcoming programs in the coming months.

Parkinson's Support Group:

The Parkinson's Support Group meeting will be held on Monday, January 10th, in Teddy's Hall from 1:00–2:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Rachel Neilsen, PT specializing in Neurological disorders.

People with Parkinson's and Care Givers are encouraged to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Weeber.

Mental Health Support:

Linda Jackson Shaw and Steve Thorp are preparing support and classes for individuals interested in learning more about mental health and the stigmas attached to this illness. Many families have grandparents, parents, children, or other relatives who have emotional problems and don't talk about them because they feel ashamed. Help overcome this stigma and know that help can be found through education.

Blood Pressure Screenings:

The date for our free blood pressure screenings will be announced next month. If you are a medical professional and would like to assist with the screenings, please contact Lois Millspaugh.

Health Reminder:

If you have a compromised immune system or any other serious medical condition, please be sure to get vaccinated and obtain your booster shot. Use good hand washing practices with soap and hot water when you return home from being out in public. Continue to wear your mask when in areas with a large number of people. Stay safe and well!



Quilter's Quips January 2022

2022 is here! The quilters are hoping you all had a wonderful Christmas season. As the New Year is upon us, it would be our wish that we all continue to be blessed and wrapped in His warmth and comfort. As quilters, we try to pass on some of that warmth and comfort to those in need.

We will continue to sew separately until we are given the ok to gather on Thursdays to work together. Thursday, January 5th, we will meet for our monthly Sew and Tell to keep ourselves connected and inspired. You are welcome to join us at 10:00 am in Teddy's Hall. We ask that you keep this ministry in your hearts and prayers as the new year begins.



Becky Dennis

PNC REPORT

The Pastor Nominating Committee elected in October of 2021 (Viki Cross, Lee Rondema, Carol Nelson, Joan Sheets, George Johnson, Julie St Peter, and Craig Dennis) met for training with Lorne Bostwick and Betty Bullis (representatives from Presbytery COM) and CPC elders on the weekend before Thanksgiving. Orientation to the process was followed by producing rough drafts of narrative questions and statistical information for completing the Church Information Form (CIF). Viki agreed to be the PNC chair, assisted by Carol Nelson as recorder, Craig Dennis as communications liaison, and Julie St Peter as community reference coordinator.

The PNC met again on November 30th to organize our efforts and discuss steps in moving forward. We expect to start receiving Personal Information Forms (PIF's) from potential candidates as soon as January. In the meantime, we will be setting up ways of sharing and rating information received, organizing confidential storage of our deliberations, and streamlining our communications. We plan on posting a general update to The Lamplighter monthly.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 11th. The PNC can be contacted by email through Craig Dennis (his information is in the CPC directory).

Pastor Nominating Committee

2022 Per Capita Apportionment

What is the "per capita apportionment" and why do Presbyterians have it?

Per capita has been part of our funding history for over 160 years. Currently, per capita is billed to the churches based on the membership they reported to General Assembly at the end of the preceding year. The members reported times the annual rate equals the billing total. For administrative work of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly for the year 2022, the per capita rates are as follows:

\$24.82	Presbytery of the Cascades
\$5.20	Synod of the Pacific
<u>\$8.98</u>	General Assembly
\$39.00	Charged for each church member.

Please prayerfully consider helping to pay our congregation's per capita. Any payment you give helps to reduce the amount we must pay from our annual budget.

Thank you for your support and assistance.

Can & Bottle Return

Thank you for all the offerings:
in November \$132.00
was collected for the mission team!

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

January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 Worship 2:00 Iglesia Betsaida 5:00 Sermon Zoom Discussion	3 1:00 CPC Art Class 6:00 Cub Scouts	4 9:30 Sisters 4 Serenity 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 2:00 Wellness Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 9:00-4:00 Oregon Family School	6 9:30 Sisters 4 Se- renity 10:00 Quilters Sew & Tell	7 8:00 Men's Bible Study	8
9 10:00 Worship 2:00 Iglesia Betsaida 5:00 Sermon Zoom Discussion	10 1:00 CPC Art Class 1:00 Parkin- son's Support 6:00 Cub Scouts	11 9:30 Sisters 4 Serenity 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 9:00-4:00 Oregon Family School	13 9:30 Sisters 4 Se- renity	14 8:00 Men's Bible Study	15
16 10:00 Ordina- tion Service 2:00 Iglesia Betsaida 5:00 Sermon Zoom Discussion	17 MLK DAY Office Closed 1:00 CPC Art Class 6:00 Cub Scouts	18 9:30 Sisters 4 Serenity 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Session 7:00 Boy Scouts	19 9:00-4:00 Oregon Family School	20 9:30 Sisters 4 Se- renity 10:00 <i>Lamplighter</i> <i>Articles Due</i>	21 8:00 Men's Bible Study	22
23 10:00 Worship 2:00 Iglesia Betsaida 2:00 PW 5:00 Sermon Zoom Discussion	24 1:00 CPC Art Class 6:00 Cub Scouts	25 9:30 Sisters 4 Serenity 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Annual Congregational Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts	26 9:00-4:00 Oregon Family School	27 9:30 Sisters 4 Se- renity	28 8:00 Men's Bible Study	29
30 10:00 Worship 2:00 Iglesia Betsaida 5:00 Sermon Zoom Discussion	31 1:00 CPC Art Class 6:00 Cub Scouts				PW = Presbyterian Women	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January Birthdays

- 1/02 Amanda Kinhnarath
- 1/04 Sherry Mink
- 1/08 Ann Thomas
Ginny Weeber
- 1/11 Cheryl Edwards
Mike Rooney
- 1/12 Andrew Barr
Frank St. Peter
- 1/13 Linda Fern
Jim Hayward
- 1/15 Walt Taylor
- 1/16 Nancy Patterson
- 1/19 Colin Leutschaft
- 1/22 Soren Kinhnarath
- 1/27 Megan Barr
- 1/28 Cathy Edgerton
Dennis Lisius
- 1/29 Elaine Johnston
Sharon Lynch
Carol Nelson
- 1/30 Roberta Harano

Thank you for your generous gifts for the Redmond children!



- 45 Waterproof Gloves
- 26 Scarves
- 23 Hats,
- 21 pairs of Socks,
- 1 pair of Boots

Mission Team will deliver your kind gifts to the Redmond Family Access Network to be distributed to our Redmond children.



January ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/01 John & Lari Hodecker
- 1/05 John & Michelle Duff
- 1/22 Elden & DeeAnn Bauerle



From the Finance Secretaries

We will be preparing your individual donation summaries in early January. They will be in the mail to you by the first week in February. If you note any discrepancies on the statements, please contact Carol Johnston or Kathi Hayward (their contact information is in the church directory).

January Deacon of the Month is Steve Thorp

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

Steve is in his third year of service as a deacon. He is co-moderator of the deacons along with his wife, Kimberly Rogers.



Steve's been called to a ministry of compassion, witness, and service both to the CPC congregation and the outside world. There's also nothing he enjoys more than making music with Kimberly.

Steve is a bright light with a heart to serve. Here's one of his favorite quotes, from Baba Neem Karoli:

*"How will I find God? - Serve everyone.
How will I know God? - Love everyone."*

Elders

Class of 2024

- Diane Wilson
- Lois Millspaugh
- Linda Shaw
- Luann Johnson

Class of 2023

- Connie Stoaks
- Brian Leutschaft
- Jim Hayward
- Marianne Watson

Class of 2022

- John Duff
- Irv Nygren
- Cheryl Adams
- Frank St Peter

Deacons

Class of 2024

- Roxanne Duman
- Lynda Talbot
- Peggy Waggoner
- Steve Cross

Class of 2023

- Nancy Patterson
- Raydene Heitzhausen
- Carol Johnston
- Cathy Edgerton

Class of 2022

- Steve Thorp
- Kimberly Rogers
- Hannah Grandey
- Bill Creach



The next **Lamplighter** news due date for the February issue is **Thursday, Jan. 20th, 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!