

The Lamplighter

A Newsletter of **Community Presbyterian Church**
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MAY 2024

Growing In Christ and Loving One Another

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

The monthly Session meeting occurred on Tuesday, April 16th, at 6 pm. Six session members, a Deacon, the Clerk of the Session, and Rev. Ann Bowersox, the moderator, were in attendance.

Summary:

Deacons (Rocky Johnson) will sponsor a potluck on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Angel Fest is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th.

Wellness (Lois Millspaugh) continues to do blood pressure checks the 2nd Sunday of each month, had a successful Singles Lunch at Applebee's, and will be moving into the former Associate Pastor's office soon.

Clerk (Nancy Patterson) reported a membership of 182 with an average Sunday attendance of 79.

Moderator (Rev. Bowersox) Session voted that members not be charged for memorial services.

Congregational Life (George Johnson) encouraged participation in small groups and will consider a Summer Picnic. December 7th is the date for a Christmas White Elephant gathering.

Food & Fellowship (Linda Jackson-Shaw) thanked everyone for the very successful Easter Sunday brunch.

Finance (Rick Hoffman) report in a separate Lamplighter article.

Mission (Luann Johnson, liaison) voted to give \$300 each to the following organizations: Boy Scouts, FAN, Jericho Backpacks, Mt. Star Relief Nursery, REACH. We have two vehicles in our Safe Parking program – a single woman with a dog and a Venezuelan family of 3. All are employed full-time. Research continues into the possibility of a childcare center in our church building.

Nominating (Truman Grandey) Craig Dennis will fill the term of Deacon Roxanne Duman. A new members class will be held in the near future.

Personnel (Linda Jackson-Shaw) has offered to be chair, working with two other congregation members.

Property (Linda Jackson-Shaw, liaison) The team's consensus is to not move forward with Phase 3 of the renovation at this time.

Worship (Luann Johnson) May 19th is Pentecost. We hope to have different themes for fun summer Sundays.

Old Business

A quarterly catered lunch for the congregation will allow us to come together and have a structured conversation about the direction of the church.

Clark Scalera (Presbyter for Clergy & Congregations), in consultation with the Commission on Ministries, recommends we hire a full-time Interim Pastor for a maximum of 2 years and, in the meantime, hire a Bridge Pastor. We are to supply an outline of what we want in a Bridge Pastor. A team of 4-5 members from Session, the congregation, and Personnel will be created. Linda Jackson-Shaw, Luann Johnson, Rick Hoffman volunteered to be part of this team.

(continued) As you can see, many of us are filling multiple roles in the leadership of this church at this time. If you want CPC to survive and thrive, you need to step up and do your part! "I'm too old" and "I've already done that" doesn't cut it anymore. We are ALL old, and we've ALL done it before. Please pray about serving on one of these teams or becoming a part of the Elders or Deacons.

His Easter people,

Truman Grandey, Rick Hoffman, Linda Jackson-Shaw, George Johnson,
Luann Johnson, Lois.Millsbaugh, & Diane Wilson

Music Ministry May 2024

Last month, I explained the change in the music styles from Lent to Eastertide. On May 19th, the 50 days from Eastertide will end when we celebrate Pentecost or WhitSunday. This day commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, mother of Jesus, and the Apostles of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. The church transformed this Jewish feast into a Christian festival and believed that the Holy Spirit was given to Jesus' followers, making this the beginning of bringing the Christian mission to the world.

So, what is the focus of the music on Pentecost? Primarily, it focuses on the spirit of God descending onto the eleven remaining disciples and has us look at our mission as Christians. We celebrate Pentecost on one day, but I challenge you to hold the missional side of it in your hearts 365 days. Think how you can show Christ's mission in our community and beyond.

Blessings,

Karen, Director of Music Ministries



**We're here for you during
this time of change. If you
need help or support during
this transition time, please
reach out to your CPC
Leadership!**

Truman Grandey - Nominating

Rick Hoffman - Finance

Linda Jackson-Shaw - Personnel and

Liaison for Property

George Johnson - Congregational Life

Luann Johnson - Worship and

Liaison for Mission

Lois Millsbaugh - Wellness

Diane Wilson - Children & Youth

Steve Cross - Moderator of Deacons

Rev. Ann Bowersox - Moderator of Session

Their contact info is in the directory.

CPC Finance Report March 2024

Balance Sheet

Total Assets \$1,765,093	Increase \$15,754 for year
Current Liabilities \$23,598	Decrease \$73,895 for year

Profit/Loss Summary

Income March \$33,83	Year to Date \$96,469
Expenses \$21,251	Year to Date \$84,924
Net March \$12,580	Year to Date \$11,545

CPC continues to operate on a very firm financial position. Our investment funds have consistently provided positive returns, thanks to wonderful gifts provided by endowments and bequeaths, as well as regular congregational giving.

We received a positive report from the 2023 annual Financial Review team, lead by John Seitter. Many thanks to John for this service over many years!

We continue to welcome interested CPC members to become part of your Finance Team! Questions? Contact Rick Hoffman.



Congregational Life

We have had a lot of great things happening in Congregational Life. Congregational Life comprises Food and Fellowship, Adult Education, and Small Groups.

Food and Fellowship is every Sunday after church. As always, Food and Fellowship keeps stepping up to enhance our experience here at CPC. Soon, they will be offering fair trade coffee for sale.

Adult Education is a Bible study every Sunday after service.

Small Groups offer Quilting, Presbyterian Women's Bible study, the Men's Friday Bible study, Caregiver Group, and Pickleball.

Mark your calendars for December 7th at noon for the Church White Elephant Christmas party.

We also welcome Sharon Lynch as our Church advertising consultant.

I would like to offer our appreciation to the Deacons for taking on Angel Fest in November.

They graciously offered to host the Monthly potluck dinners on the 3rd Wednesday each month.



George Johnson

Deacon's Report

Great news from your Deacons. Starting this month, we will have monthly devotional potlucks. Join us on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024, at 5 pm. We encourage everyone to bring a dish to share. Because we can share food with each other, we also encourage you to donate to our food wagon - bring canned goods or other non-perishable items to the narthex food pantry wagon. We hope to have a devotional time as a part of the celebration.



We also plan to hold a memorial service for Mary Stadler on Friday, May 31, 2024, in our sanctuary. Following the service, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

In addition, the deacons will spearhead, with the help of many volunteers, an Angelfest celebration on November 9, 2024. This will include raffles of donated creations by Jerry Thackery and Don Kuntz and servings of pie and soup for sale for everyone's enjoyment. We hope to have many crafters, bakers, and others donate items for sale in the fellowship hall. We plan on spending from 10:00 AM until later in the afternoon as we invite the community to share at the start of the holiday season.

Join us in saying a heartfelt farewell to Roxanne Duman as she leaves the Redmond area in May to live near her sons in Nevada. Roxanne has worked tirelessly for years for our congregation. We feel thankful that she can live so close to her family, but we will miss her dearly.

Let's all continue to work together and be grateful for all of our blessings. We are thankful for one another and for God, who watches over us.

Steve Cross
Moderator of the Deacons



Quilters Quips May 2024

I think spring might be here this time! The quilters continue to work on ongoing projects. One is quilts for the wheelchair-bound. They will be distributed by APD, which stands for Aging People with Disabilities. Also, there are chemo quilts and quilts beyond borders. If you want to join our group but don't sew, come and stuff pet pillows for the Central Oregon Humane Societies.



The quilters meet each Thursday from ten to three to work together on projects to keep others warm and comfortable or to work on individual projects. We break for lunch around noon, followed by a short business meeting and Sew And Tell. We then continue to work on our projects. Join us or stop by to see what we are doing.

Becky Dennis

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. Lois Millspaugh, Chairman*

Wellness Ministry

The Wellness Ministry of CPC strives to support members and friends, of all ages in our church, by encouraging more physical exercise, healthy nutrition, spiritual awareness, and love of family, both church and personal. We are working on programs to support all of these endeavors and invite anyone interested in working with us to achieve these goals to join our team. The next Wellness Ministry meeting will be held at the church on Tuesday, May 14th, at 1:00 pm in the Eby Room. If you are interested in participating in this special ministry, please contact Lois Millspaugh.

Attention All Singles ~ Singles Lunch Group

On Thursday, May 16th we will enjoy a wonderful lunch in Redmond at Christie's Kitchen at 614 NW Cedar Ave. We will meet at noon and have lunch at 12:30 pm. Please sign up in the church's lobby (for seating purposes). For more details, please contact Lois Millspaugh.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Our Free Blood Pressure Screening will be held on the second Sunday of the month from 9:30 – 10:00 am in the Eby Room. If you are interested in knowing your blood pressure, our nurse is there to help you. Remember, high blood pressure is a silent killer; see your doctor with any concerns. If you are a nurse and are interested in helping with this program, please contact June Isaak.

Hospital Equipment

The 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. If you find you need equipment or would like an additional walker, please get in touch with Lynda Talbot our equipment coordinator.

Wellness Ministries has purchased a second knee scooter to replace the scooter that was taken without being checked out. We also have purchased an infant car seat to be loaned out to anyone having a small visitor and needing proper seating for a short amount of time.

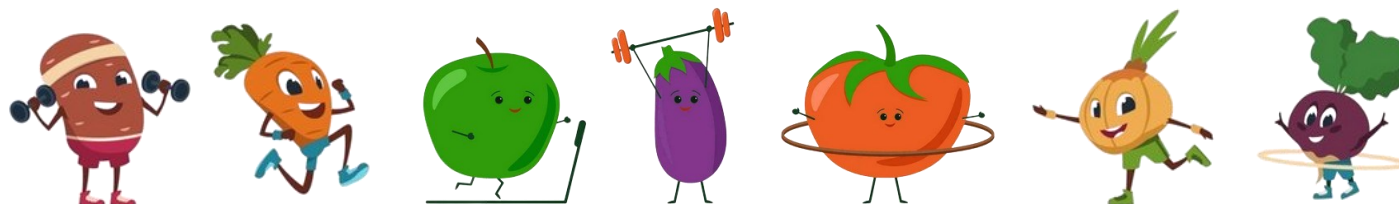
**** All equipment that is loaned out needs to be coordinated with Lynda Talbot. She is willing to deliver the equipment and pick it up if you need assistance in this matter.

Parkinson's Support Group

The Parkinson's Support Group will be conducting their regular meeting on Monday, May 13th at 1:00 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Reach out to Ginny Weeber for more information.

Emergency First Aid Stations

The Wellness Ministry of our church continues to work to create safety measures for our church. We have First Aid Stations in the lobby, nursery, and downstairs in the youth room. We also have two electronic defibrillators. One is located in the lobby, and the other is located downstairs in the youth room. Over the years, we have purchased new pads and batteries for each machine to keep them functioning properly. We also anticipate holding an AED/CPR class led by the Redmond Fire Department for those interested in learning how the machines work and how to save a life with CPR skills. If you would be interested in attending this class, please contact Lois Millspaugh or the church office so that we can coordinate with the Redmond Fire Department. Thank you for your interest.



Health Tip

Are you aware that there are Health Awareness months acknowledging different health organizations and their missions. Here is a list for your reference.



January – Thyroid Awareness Month
 February – Heart Failure Awareness Month
 March – Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month
 April – Oral Cancer Awareness Month
 May – Mental Health Awareness Month
 June – Migraine and Headache Awareness Month
 July – Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month
 August – Immunization Awareness Month
 September – Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and Cholesterol Awareness Month
 October – Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Stroke Awareness Month
 November – Lung Cancer Awareness Month and Diabetes Awareness Month
 December – HIV Awareness Month

Health observances offer a dedicated time to raise awareness about important health topics. Be informed and aware of these special Awareness Months.



*“Perfect, absolute peace surrounds
 & watches over those
 whose imaginations are consumed with you;
 they confidently trust in you.
 Yes, trust in the Lord Yahweh forever & ever!
 For the Lord God is your Rock of Ages!”*

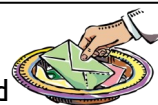
Isaiah 26:3-4 TPT

2024 Graduates



It's time for grads to shine! We're excited to celebrate your loved one's achievements in the June Lamplighter. But we need your help! Please submit your graduate information (including the full name, degree or major, school and location, any honors or special recognitions) to Gina in the office by **Thursday, May 16th at noon.** Thank you.

Why Per Capita?



As Presbyterians we are connected as a family of God at CPC. But our connectedness reaches far beyond our congregation into other Presbyterian congregations in our region (Presbytery and Synod), our country (General Assembly), and the world (Kisauni, Kenya).

We support our connections to these organizational bodies by providing an annual gift called 'Per Capita,' based on a certain amount for each member.

These “dues,” in turn, provide leadership and financing for many operations of the greater church. CPC has benefited in many areas from our connectional church. Our connections assisted our search for Pastor Kevin Manuel with Presbytery. Pastor Kevin's health concerns, leading to his retirement, were guided by leadership, including Presbytery. Our congregation has continued to be guided by Presbytery in these new months of transition.

In March, several Presbytery leaders visited CPC, interviewing our Session members, many of our congregation, and staff. At their conclusion, they provided reports that included the many strengths of our congregation and identified areas where our faith would lead us to improvement. Presbytery has provided recommendations and resources for CPC leadership and congregants to grow in our commitments to one another and in our faith journeys.

The Per Capita giving has also resulted in grants for our sanctuary technology improvements, ADA changes, roof repairs, and Wellness and Presbyterian Women's programs at CPC. These grants have come through both Synod and Presbytery. Some of our Per Capita is also used to support our partner church in Warm Springs.

Our congregation's share this year has been reduced to \$9,622 and will be paid in full by our church. The apportionment for each of our members amounts to \$45.60. Each year, our tradition has been to ask each member to add this amount to their regular giving, whenever possible, to enable the continued work of the great church. This ensures that more of our regular giving may be used to serve our local mission efforts. Please prayerfully consider the value of our Per Capita apportionment in your giving plans.

Your Finance Team

May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 Cub Scouts	2 9:30 Women's AA 10:00 Quilters 4:30 Spiritual Growth Zoom	3 Office Closed 8:00 Men's Bible Study <i>9:00 Spring Clean Up</i>	4 Office Closed
5 10:00 Worship 11:00 Bible Study 5:00 Sermon Zoom Discussion	6	7 9:30 Women's AA 7:00 Boy Scouts	8 3:30 Finance Team Mtg 6:30 Cub Scouts	9 9:30 Women's AA 10:00 Quilters 4:30 Spiritual Growth Zoom	10 Office Closed 8:00 Men's Bible Study	11 Office Closed
12 9:30 Blood Pressure Check 10:00 Worship 11:00 Bible Study 5:00 Sermon Zoom Discussion <i>Mother's Day</i>	13 7:30 Property Mtg 100 Parkinson's Group 3:00 Deacons Mtg	14 9:30 Women's AA 1:00 Wellness Mtg 3:00 Worship Mtg 7:00 Boy Scouts	15 <i>5:00 Potluck</i>  6:30 Cub Scouts	16 9:30 Women's AA 10:00 Quilters 12:00 Singles Lunch Group <i>12:00 Lamplighter Articles Due</i> 4:30 Spiritual Growth Zoom	17 Office Closed 8:00 Men's Bible Study	18 Office Closed
19 10:00 Worship 11:00 Bible Study 5:00 Sermon Zoom Discussion  Pentecost	20	21 9:30 Women's AA 6:00 Session 7:00 Boy Scouts	22 6:30 Cub Scouts	23 9:30 Women's AA 10:00 Quilters 4:30 Spiritual Growth Zoom	24 Office Closed 8:00 Men's Bible Study	25 Office Closed
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Deacon of the Month for May is Peggy Waggoner

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

Our Deacon of the Month for May is Peggy Waggoner. Peggy is a long-time Presbyterian and brings a wealth of compassion and experience to our Board of Deacons. She has served as an Elder, a Deacon, and was on staff as the Director of Caring Ministries for her church in Mesa, Arizona. She is also a Stephen Minister and Lay Pastor.

Peggy has always felt a calling to minister toward compassion, particularly to the elderly. She believes everyone has a story to tell and encourages people to share their stories with one another and the next generation.

Peggy is a bright light with a heart to serve and shares inspiration from the book "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly: "Read the Gospels for fifteen minutes a day, every day. Allow the life and teachings of Jesus to sink their roots deep into your life."



May Birthdays

5/1 Daniel Duff
5/3 Alyce Jantzen
5/6 Ron Terry
5/7 Diana Barker
5/9 Linda Hill
Karen Rooney
5/10 Jean Hoffman
5/12 Mike Myers
Bob Weeber
5/17 Luann Johnson
5/18 Roxanne Duman
Becki Lundgren
5/22 Joan Sheets
5/24 Monica Graham
5/25 Marcia Majors
Jo Anne Sutherland
5/28 Debi Galvez
Joe Griffin
5/29 Ken Kerfoot
5/30 Kathryn Outwater
5/31 Emma Barr



Can & Bottle Return

Thank you for
all the offerings.

In March & April \$209
was collected

for the CPC Mission Team!

There are three ways to give cans
and bottles to the Mission Team.

1) **Drop them off behind the church
underneath the vehicle canopy.**

2) Drop them off at Walt Taylor's home at
1849 SW Canyon Dr. Leave them on the north
side of the house on the sidewalk.

3) Call 541-548-4472 and Walt will pick them
up at your location.

Thank you for your support of the CPC
Mission Team!



Walt Taylor

May Anniversaries

5/6 Joe & June Griffin
5/8 Rick & Jean Hoffman
5/9 Steve & Becki Lundgren
5/28 Bob & Lois Ahern
5/29 Paul & Barbara Whitaker
5/30 Dick & Linda Hill



Thank you!

*Thank you for all of the cards, phone
calls, food, and prayers.*

They have meant a lot to me.

*I am doing very well and should
be able to drive soon.*

~ Linda Romani Braund



The article **due date** for the June Lamplighter is
Thursday, May 16th, at noon.

Articles should be sent to Gina at frontdesk@redmondcpc.org.

You will receive a reply letting you know your contribution was received. Thank you!