

# The Lamplighter

A Newsletter of **Community Presbyterian Church**  
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Faith  Hope  
Grace  Joy

*Growing In Christ and Loving One Another*

**SEPT 2025**

## Session News

Dear CPC Family, your session met twice in the month of August; once on August 16th with Dr. Rev. Spencer Parks to continue our work toward finding and installing a permanent pastor, and once on August 26th to attend to regular and ongoing church business. Regarding the former, we are happy to report that CPC is taking all the appropriate steps along the arduous journey toward installing a permanent pastor.

We also welcomed our newly elected Elder, Alyce Jantzen, to the session this month. As a reminder, we are still seeking nominations for church leadership roles!

Whilst many churches experience summer slumps, did you know that our church attendance increased over the past two months? This is no doubt partly thanks to the renewed stability offered by Rev. Brown and Dr. Rev. Spencer Parks, but it also speaks to the general health of our Christian fellowship, of which all of you play an important role.

We continue to be in awe of the spirit of service demonstrated by CPC members, particularly our amazing Deacons, but also every individual who has given their time, energy, and resources toward enriching our church community and, importantly, the community at large. From the beautiful fellowship of the church BBQ to the continued work on the micro-shelters in the back, and so much more, it is clear that this is a fruit-bearing church.

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit... Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches." John 15:1-5*

## Team News Highlights

Congregational Life – George Johnson extends thanks to everyone who helped make the BBQ a success!

Finance – Our church continues in good financial health, with excellent investment growth in June and July.

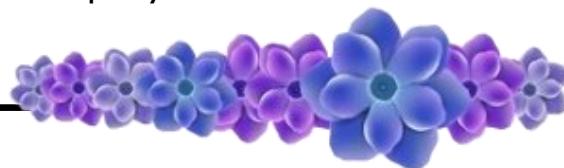
Mission – The Women's Retreat with Rev. Heidi Bolt is scheduled for October 18th, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. The Dry Canyon Cleanup is scheduled for October 4th, 9–11 a.m. (more info to come). The micro-shelter work continues with Mountain View Fellowship, and we are getting closer to "heads in beds!"

Nominating – We are still seeking nominations for deacons and elders!

Property Team – The garden work continues to progress, and proposals are being reviewed to replace outdated blinds in the building with newer, child-safe blinds.

With Gratitude, Britt Mueller-Anderson (Elder)

CPC Session: Rev. Phil Brown - Moderator, Bob Ahern - Personnel Team,  
Britt Anderson-Mueller - Children & Youth Ministry, Truman Grandy - Nominating Team  
Rick Hoffman - Finance Team, Alyce Jantzen, George Johnson - Congregational Life,  
Luann Johnson - Worship Team, Carol Nelson - Property Team, Diane Putnam - Mission Team,  
and Nancy Berry - Clerk of Session



As I wrap up my first couple of months here at Community Presbyterian Church, I find myself deeply grateful for the warm welcome I've received. Thank you for your kindness, your patience as I continue to learn names (and for faithfully wearing those name tags!), and for the joy of being invited into the life of this congregation.

We are moving into the rhythm of fall—a season when school is back in session, cooler weather is (hopefully) on its way, and the church enters an exciting stretch of ministry. The calendar fills with opportunities for worship, service, and fellowship. Our annual stewardship campaign is coming soon, reminding us of the call to respond to God's generosity with our own. New officers will be elected, offering leadership and vision for the years ahead. And before we know it, Advent will arrive, inviting us once again to prepare for the coming of Christ.

One of the things I love about the church is this ongoing rhythm. Season by season, year by year, we gather, we worship, we serve, we grow together in faith and in love. Each new season brings both continuity and fresh possibility.

I am thankful to be joining you at this moment in the life of Community Presbyterian Church. I look forward to discovering together how God is at work among us and how we are being called to live as Christ's people in this time and place.

Grace and peace,  
*Rev. Phil Brown*  
Temporary Supply Pastor



## Deacon's Report

The Deacons took a month off from meeting this summer but continued to work. We held a memorial for Mike and Karen Rooney that went very well and served about 100 people. We note with sadness the passing of Karen and Dennis Lisius. Deacons, Spike Biggers, and Pastor Phil helped Dennis in his last days.

We had a reception at the church following the interment of Della Brandt and have a memorial planned for Carol Noyes on September 5, which would have been her 100th birthday. We continue to help Jericho Table with both people power as well as financial support. It costs about \$128.00 per meal day to serve the folks who need dinner each night. We help with some transportation needs as well as serve home communion. Several people who need extra help are seen and served regularly through our TLC program. We send cards to people who have a birthday or an anniversary, or to those who would benefit from knowing that their church cares for them. We try to reach out to everyone in the directory with an email, a card, or a phone call each week.

We plan to continue the tradition of Angelfest on November 15, 2025, from 9 AM until 3 PM. Get your crafts and goodies ready for this special bazaar. Thank you all for your continued support of the Deacons' ministry.



Blessings,  
Steve Cross,  
Deacon CO-Moderator

## Quilters Quips - September 2025

Quilt Camp for the summer of 2025 is over, completing our twelfth annual gathering. Twenty-two ladies participated this year in the fun and fellowship. This year, we had two projects using the log cabin pattern, as well as a presentation on special borders. We did plenty of sharing, eating, laughing, snacking, and a little quilting! The best part was the fellowship.



Our next big event will be the hanging of the quilts in October. With more knee replacements and bad backs, we may be asking for help on the ladders! This event is followed by our participation in the Angelfest Christmas Bazaar. The final event of the year will be the distribution of quilts to local agencies that serve individuals in need.

If you want to be a part of this mission or learn more about what we do, join us on Thursdays from ten to three. We have lunch at noon, followed by a short meeting and Sew and Tell.

Becky Dennis

### The Deacon of the Month is On Call to Help With Special Needs The Deacon of the Month for September is Craig Dennis

Craig and Becky Dennis moved to Redmond in 1973 to work as teachers in the community. He taught for 28 years at Redmond High School in the areas of language arts, speech, drama, and mathematics. Becky taught preschool at Start Here Preschool for 20 years. They have been members of Community Presbyterian since 1977 when the church was still on Cascades Avenue and helped build the current building.

Craig has served the church as an elder, the treasurer, a deacon, a member of several operating committees and three pastor nominating committees, Cub Scoutmaster for Pack 27, and as a projection technician for regular services. Becky

has worked on several committees and is actively involved in Community Presbyterian Church Quilters. Craig will appreciate your prayers and assistance as he serves as a deacon.



## Even Now, God is Faithful

*“Even now, God is faithful. He always abides where you are. Living among the hurts of your heart, he heals wounds into testimony scars.”*



*Even now, God is faithful. He cares about your fears. Breathing peace into your spirit, he brings calming strength to you here.*

*Even now, God is faithful. He fulfills his good plans. Ordaining all things to have purpose, his glory reigns and commands.*

*Even now, God is faithful. He forgives sins confessed. Patient with his justice, he longs for all to repent.*

*Even now, God is faithful. Forever, he protects and provides. With unconditional love, he sent Jesus to bear our sins and bridge the divide.*

*Even now, God is faithful, never changing, the great I AM. Fulfilling every promise with immeasurable grace, he keeps you safe in the palm of his hand.”*

~ Jamie Trunnel

Thanks a bunch!



**Thank You,  
CPC Congregation!**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the CPC congregation for your incredible generosity in donating two full barrels of supplies to support Redmond Street Kitchen. Your contributions will go a long way in helping feed and care for our neighbors in need.

Your compassion did not go unnoticed - CPC was recognized at a recent community event for the kindness and care shown through this effort. Thank you for being a light in our community; your gifts nourish bodies, uplift spirits, and remind us all of the power of love in action.

The Mission Team

## Music Ministry September 2025

I love September! As a retired schoolteacher, it means I no longer have to get my room ready for the new year, something I don't miss, but it does mean the annual church choir workshop and getting back into a regular routine. Both of which I love and crave!

This year, the choir workshop will be on September 6th from 9:00 am to noon, with lunch to follow. We'll do some practice warm-ups to help get our voices back in shape, read through some music for use in September and October worship, and begin work on our Christmas cantata, "Morning Star." This Christmas story is one of hope, redemption, and fulfilled promises from God. We look forward to sharing it on December 28th during morning worship.

I hope to have at least 25 singing in the choir to balance the wonderful orchestra ensemble we'll have with us. Anyone is invited to come and sing in it, so mark September 6th and come join us as we get a good head start on it!

We're also looking for Choir and Praise Team members to join us on a regular basis. The choir meets on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:45 am. During this time, we'll practice upcoming music for both the worship services and the cantata. We also want to add more instrumentalists to our Praise Team. Please let me know if you're interested in either choir, praise team, or both.



Blessings, Karen Baldwin-Kuntz  
Director of Music Ministries

## Thank You, CPC!

Our annual BBQ was a wonderful time of fellowship, fun, and fantastic food. I'm especially grateful that we had enough leftover meat to bless the Veterans Ranch; what a meaningful way to extend our community's generosity.



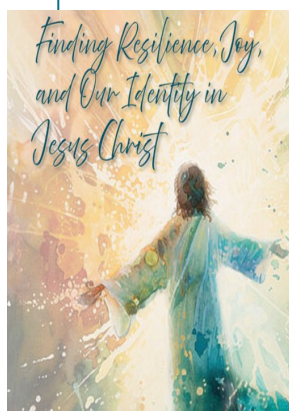
I hope you enjoyed the event as much as I did. We're already looking ahead to next year's BBQ, and I'd love your input! If you have suggestions to make it even better please don't hesitate to reach out.

George Johnson

## Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Calling all CPC ladies! Our fall Bible Study kicks off Tuesday, September 23rd at 12:30 PM in the church library. Join us as we dive into our new series: "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ."

Come ready to grow, connect, and be encouraged in faith and fellowship.



## CPC Parking Lot Sale Saturday, September 13th 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Join us for a fun and community-minded flea market-style sale right here at the CPC parking lot! Everyone is welcome to participate by bringing items you'd like to sell. You'll be responsible for pricing and managing your own table. At the end of the event, unsold items can be taken home or donated to organizations like Goodwill or the Opportunity Foundation.

All proceeds will support our cherished partnership with Kisauni which provides meals for school children and hygiene products for girls. Interested in joining the fun? Let us know! Thank you for considering this opportunity to connect, share, and support a meaningful cause.

Rocky and Luann Johnson





## **Rooted in Grace, Growing in Generosity 2026 Stewardship**

As we look ahead to the 2026 CPC stewardship campaign, we embrace the theme: "Rooted in Grace, Growing in Generosity." This powerful message invites us to reflect on how we are deeply rooted in God's love and how we can continue to grow in service, compassion, and financial stewardship.

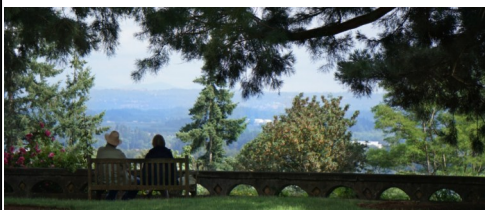
In the coming months, we'll share more details about campaign events, materials, and pledge opportunities. We invite you to prayerfully join us in this journey of faith, generosity, and community as we strengthen our commitment to God and one another.



### **You're Invited to a Time of Spiritual Renewal October 6–8, 2025 @ Mt. Angel Abbey & Retreat Center**



We invite you to join us for this year's Mt. Angel Prayer Retreat, taking place from Monday, October 6th (arrival) through Wednesday, October 8th (departure). For over 15 years, 6 to 10 participants have gathered annually to lift up the prayer requests of our CPC community. Many have



found the serene beauty of Mt. Angel and the rhythm of five daily worship services to be deeply renewing and spiritually enriching. Price for single occupancy is \$330 and double occupancy is \$450. This includes 2 nights plus all meals. For more information call Rocky or Luann Johnson; sign up in the narthex.

*God also bound himself  
with an oath, so that those who  
received the promise could be  
perfectly sure that he would  
never change his mind.*

*So God has given both his  
promise and his oath. These  
two things are unchangeable  
because it is impossible for  
God to lie. Therefore, we who  
have fled to him for refuge can  
have great confidence as we  
hold to the hope  
that lies before us.*

*This hope is a strong and  
trustworthy anchor for our  
souls. It leads us through the  
curtain into God's  
inner sanctuary.*

*Hebrews 6:17-19*



### **A One Day Women's Retreat Saturday, October 18th**

Time: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: Community

Presbyterian Church in Redmond

You are invited to a day of soulful  
renewal, and divine connection.

Join us in a space where your  
hearts can breathe, your spirit can rise, and  
your story can be honored. We are blessed to  
welcome Rev. Heidi Bolt as our retreat  
speaker. With wisdom rooted in grace and a  
voice that speaks to the soul, Rev. Heidi will  
guide us through moments of reflection,  
healing, and spiritual awakening.

*Space is limited to 50; please register soon.*  
Contact Nancy Berry or Diane Putnam for details.

# September 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 Unitary Group 11:00 Blood Drive  7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 9:00 Caregivers Group 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>4</b> 10:00 Quilters 4:45 Spiritual Growth Zoom	<b>5</b> Office Closed 8:00 Men's Bible Study 6:45 Spanish Bible Study	<b>6</b> Office Closed
<b>7</b> 10:00 Worship 12:00 Spanish Church 4:00 Sermon Zoom Disc.	<b>8</b> 8:30 Prop Team Mtg 11:30 Worship Team Mtg 1:00 Parkinson's Group 3:00 Deacons Mtg 6:00 Young Life	<b>9</b> 10:00 Unitary Group 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 10:30 Bible Study 1:00 Mental Health Bible Study 2:00 Finance Mtg 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>11</b> 10:00 Quilters 2:00 Mission Mtg 4:45 Spiritual Growth Zoom	<b>12</b> Office Closed 8:00 Men's Bible Study 6:45 Spanish Bible Study	<b>13</b> 9:00-1:00 Parking Lot Sale 
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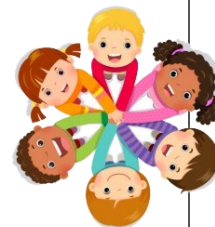


# September



## CPC Kids Corner

The kids at CPC have wrapped up their summer vacations and are headed back to school! Please join us in wishing them a happy new school year. As they return to learning reading, writing, and arithmetic, the Children and Youth Team here at CPC will continue to teach them about God's love each Sunday.



### Birthdays

9/2 Gloria LaBore  
Paul Whitaker  
9/5 Raydene Heitzhausen  
Adam Hucke  
Lee Rondema  
9/10 Todd Sherrell  
9/14 Lynda Talbot  
9/16 Carol Johnston  
9/18 Gerald Barney  
9/21 Luke Lundgren  
Kathy Touchon  
9/23 Julie Leutschaff  
9/24 Diane Putnam  
9/25 Curt Nitschelm

### Anniversaries

9/3 Jay & Alyce Jantzen  
9/13 Jim & Kathi Hayward  
9/13 Adam Mueller &  
Britt Anderson-Mueller  
9/19 Don & Joan Sheets



## Singles Dinner Group @ THE Open DOOR

Come enjoy an evening of good food and great company! We're gathering for a Singles Dinner at The Open Door (303 W Hood St, Sisters) on Thursday, September 18th at 5:00 pm. Whether you're new to the group or a familiar face, we'd love to have you join us for laughter, conversation, and a delicious meal in a welcoming setting.

Please sign up in the narthex so we can reserve enough seats. We hope to see you there!



*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*

*For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*

*When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

*Colossians 3:1-4*

## Can & Bottle Donations

CPC has an account at BottleDrop that includes blue bags to fill with redeemable bottles and cans. Blue bags can be found by the food wagon in the lobby.

Every bottle and can helps fund vital outreach efforts; thank you for being part of this mission. Together, we're turning everyday actions into lasting impact for our community and beyond. Contact Hannah Grandey for details.



The article **due date** for the October Lamplighter is **Thursday, September 18th, at noon.**

Send articles to Gina at [frontdesk@redmondcpcc.org](mailto:frontdesk@redmondcpcc.org) and you will receive a reply confirming your submission. *Thanks!*

