

The Lamplighter

A Newsletter of **Community Presbyterian Church**
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Growing In Christ and Loving One Another

JULY/AUGUST 2023

Greetings CPC!

I hope you are savoring these early days of summer, warm days and cool nights, sunrises and sunsets. It's a time when things seem to slow down a bit, and the proliferation of wildflowers and other flowering plants and shrubs are a constant source of enjoyment for many of us and perhaps an inspiration to tend our own gardens.

I can't say things are slowing down in and around our church building this summer as we are doing a whole lot of tending and mending for our shared ministry and mission. In addition to taking out old carpeting, addressing damaged infrastructure, and preparing to put new floors in, we also met this week with AV specialists to try and put together a plan to revitalize our sound system and streaming capabilities in the near term.

For those who must worship with us remotely, the sound drops, sound interference, or breaks in the entire stream have been a far-too-frequent occurrence, I know. I apologize for these frustrating issues and appreciate the feedback provided over the last many months. It's not for lack of skilled and dedicated staff and volunteers working in the sound booth that there has been so much wrangling with these issues. Those folks are getting much more out of our system each Sunday than can reasonably be expected!

Over the last couple months the software used to create slides for music and liturgy has had more frequent glitches, requiring more and more time (and sanity!) from Gina and Karen. This and the other recurring issues brought us to a point where the Worship Team and Session agreed that a comprehensive revitalization needed to be accelerated.

Worship is the most important thing we or any church does together, after all; it's the heart that pumps blood to all our other activities. Minimally, we need to ensure that those who are worshipping in person and those who are unable to worship with us in person - for health or other reasons - can all access a service with reliable audio and video, so that we all can listen for God's voice in our lives and life together, and hear the Gospel in song and sacrament, prayer and proclamation of the Word.

On that all-important note of hearing God's voice, I will end with a brief reflection on Henri Nouwen's book *All Things New* that I read recently (compliments of Dan Baumgartner). Nouwen notes that we often become deaf, unable to hear when God calls us and unable to understand in which direction he calls us. He says our lives thus become *absurd*, which comes from the Latin word *surdus*, which means 'deaf.' In other words, a life without listening to God is an absurd one. A good life, Nouwen suggests, requires that we listen to God, who constantly speaks but whom we seldom hear. When we learn to listen, our lives become *obedient* lives. Nouwen uses that word, *obedient*, because it comes from the Latin *audire* (audio, etc), which means 'listening.' So not listening (deaf) leads to an absurd life, but listening leads to an obedient one. That is worth pondering this summer!

Sometimes our busyness is just laziness, as Craig Barnes has observed, the refusal to do the hard work of slowing down and *listening* for God's still small voice. My prayer is that we would find our lives and life together marked by a posture of careful listening and joyful obedience to God's call in the months ahead. The Lord be with you!

Kevin





Where did this year go? On June 26th, I will celebrate my one-year anniversary as your Director of Music Ministries.

There are so many people to thank for providing guidance, support, and leadership throughout this year. Thank you to Ryan, who welcomed and shared information about CPC with me. Thank you to Gina for her expertise in creating everything from bulletins to artwork. She is an amazing communications coordinator who gets more done in 20 hours a week than anyone I know.

Thank you to those who have served on the Praise Team this year, and a special shout out to Kimberly, Steve, Rick, and Jean for keeping the program going so that when I arrived, it was already a well-organized team. Thank you to Peggy for your dedication and hard work as our accompanist. Thank you to Kevin Upton for your willingness to share your talents as our new accompanist. Thank you to our guest musicians, especially: Luke, Austin, Ken, and the Redmond HS Band students. We are blessed to have so many talented musicians in our community. Thank you to Pastor Kevin for your leadership and friendship.

Thank you to the worship committee, especially Luann, our chair, for all the behind the scenes work you put into our worship experience. Thank you to our choir members for your hard work, dedication, beautiful voices, and cheerful spirits, especially when I ask you to come early or stay later for practice. There is always a danger of leaving someone out on the thank you list, so if I missed you, please know you are a valued member of the CPC community. It has been a great first year, and I look forward to the year ahead. Speaking of what is coming up:

This summer, the choir will be taking a well-deserved break, so we need some of the congregation to share your talents with us. Are you willing to sing or play a special piece for prelude, offertory, or postlude? Do you have a friend or relative that would be willing to provide special music? Would you be willing to help lead in worship by singing or playing an instrument? It takes a community to run the church, and we need your help. Please send me an email or call me if you can help serve or know of someone we should invite to share with us (my contact information is in the staff section of the directory).

Lastly, the Choir workshop is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 26th, from 9 am-1 pm. At this event, we do some exercises to help us get our voices back in shape, work on music-reading skills, look at music for upcoming worship services, and enjoy lunch together. We are always looking for new Choir and Praise Team members, so mark it on your calendar and join us!

Blessings,
Karen Baldwin-Kuntz

Notes From Session

The Session continues to supervise the remediation and repair of the building while closely monitoring the costs of doing so. Session hopes to complete phase 1 and phase 2 before school starts again. An ambitious goal!



Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and wise stewardship, our financial situation remains sound. Thanks to everyone for this piece of good news. Regarding the allergies of folks, we will continue to provide allergen-free Communion bread. As well as non-alcoholic grape juice. :)

Our next Town Hall meeting to discuss the proceedings of the Task Force assigned to supervise the remediation and repair of the building will occur after worship on July 23, 2023. Note that while this project will cost a fair amount of money, it will provide us with a safer, cleaner, and more inviting place of worship.

Session will continue to monitor the costs and the quality of the work provided. Rest assured that our congregation has the funds to perform and finish this worthwhile and much-needed project because of wise investing, generous giving, and responsible stewardship.

As we enjoy the warm weather, a summer of relaxation, and respite, your Session Members will continue their efforts to help us all continue to worship our God. What is the purpose of people? To glorify God! Let us keep that foremost in our minds as we continue our busy lives.

Thank you all for letting me serve as Clerk of Session. For personal reasons, I have to step down from this position, but I will continue to try to best discern how I can continue to serve.

Blessings to all, Steve Cross

CPC Parking Lot Maintenance - Please Note The Dates

The parking lot maintenance scheduled for June was rescheduled due to the company's equipment issues. Please mark your calendars that CPC & the parking lot will be closed Tuesday, July 25, through Sunday, July 30, at 7 am.

Phase 4 – September 2023 – (Contractor = Straight Edge Maintenance, LLC) Because we are putting a section of brand-new asphalt, Brian can not seal coat that section until it cures properly over the summer. Thus, he will come back in the fall and seal coat/strip that area.

The property team will keep the congregation informed throughout the project. *We appreciate your patience.*



Todd Peplin
Property Team Chair

CPC's Mailing Address Has Changed!

Please note that we no longer have a PO Box.

Mail is now delivered to our church at
529 NW 19th St. Redmond, Oregon 97756.
Please change this address with any institution
you use that sends donations, etc. Thank you.



Keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every glorious work of God, praising him always.

~ Philippians 4:8 TPT

Congratulations Graduates ~ part two



University

Abigail Meredith Cook

OHSU School of Dentistry
Doctor in Medical Dentistry
Abby & her fiancée will both
practice in Medford after their
September wedding.

Granddaughter of Teddy Johnnie

Owen Hucke

Syracuse University
Masters Degree in Music
Specialty in Organ Performance
Son of Gary and Janet Hucke

Natalie Kracher

Central Oregon Community College
Nursing Degree as a RN. She has accepted a position at
St. Charles Hospital in Bend in the Emergency Room.
Granddaughter of Don and Joan Sheets



Thank You From The Braunds!

Thank you to those who came to help John Braund celebrate his 90th birthday. Also, a big thank you to everyone who helped put the party together. I really appreciated it, as I had been sick and unable to do everything. It was a big success.

We are so blessed with a great church family. Thank you, again!

Pastor John and Linda



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

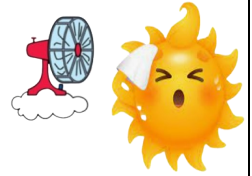
Wellness Ministry

The Wellness Ministry of Community Presbyterian Church 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 in September. If you would be interested in participating in this special ministry, please contact Lois Millspaugh (her contact info is in the directory).

Health Tip - How To Deal With Summer Weather

The summer months and warm weather are with us, and we must prepare for a safe and fun time with our friends and family. Listed below are some suggestions to stay safe.

1. Drink plenty of water to stay adequately hydrated. Carry a water bottle with you wherever you go.
2. Hot cars kill. Never leave children, older people, or pets in a parked car.
3. Keep cool. Seek out air-conditioned buildings, and close your curtains. Use a fan, take cool showers, and dress in light, loose clothing.
4. Plan ahead. Plan activities in the coolest part of the day and avoid being outdoors in the hottest time of the day from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Use plenty of sunscreen.
5. Check in on others. Look after those that are at risk in the heat. Your neighbors living alone, the elderly, young people with medical conditions, and don't forget your pets.



During extreme heat, it is easy to become overheated. You may develop heat cramps, heat exhaustion, or even heat stroke, which is a medical emergency. Extreme heat can also make existing medical conditions worse. Be sure to check with your primary care physician for any questions or additional information.

Attention All Singles ~ Singles Dinner Group

For July, we will enjoy the beautiful view and a full menu of delicious food at The View Restaurant (at Juniper Golf Course) on Thursday evening, July 20th. The location is at 1938 SE Elk Street in Redmond. We will meet at 5:00 pm, and dinner will start at 5:30 pm. Please be sure to sign-up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex of the church so that we have adequate seating planned. The dinner location for August is still to be determined. For additional information, please contact Lois Millspaugh.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Our Free Blood Pressure Screening for the months of July and August 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 nurses are 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 (her contact info is in the directory).

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, please get in touch with Lynda Talbot our equipment coordinator (her contact info is in the directory). We are also missing equipment that was not checked out. If you have any of these missing items, please return them to the church office. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Lynda has reported that she has older walkers that we have an abundance of and we would like to reduce our inventory. If you need an additional walker please contact Lynda.

Wellness Continued...

All equipment loans need to be coordinated through Lynda Talbot. She is willing to deliver the equipment and pick it up when you are done using it if you need assistance. Please contact Lynda.

Dementia Interaction Group

The Dementia Interaction Group will *not meet in July*, but will meet in August on Thursday, August 17th, at 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Both caregivers and persons with dementia are invited to attend. All are welcome. For questions, please contact Steve Thorp (his contact info is in the directory).

Parkinson's Support Group

The Parkinson's Support Group will break for the summer and resume meeting in September.

July Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 29th, is the Golf Tournament at The Greens in Redmond. Invite a friend and sign up in the foyer by July 16th!



Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you.

~ Ephesians 3:20 TPT

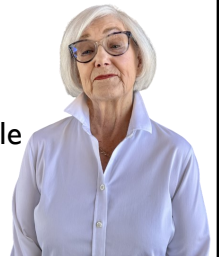
**Deacon of the Month for July and August is Mary Lou Hall**

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

Mary Lou Hall is a lifelong Presbyterian and has been a member of CPC since 2009. During her years at CPC, she has served as Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Deacon. She is now serving her second time as a Deacon and is Vice Moderator. She will be glad to be able to help those who need special assistance during July and August.

She is grateful for all the good friends she has met through CPC and offers the following verse from 1 Corinthians 16:14 "Let all that you do be done in love."

In her spare time, she enjoys working in her yard and spending time with her friends and family.

**Quilters Quips July/August 2023**

The quilters continue to make quilts for various organizations in our local area and Quilts Beyond Borders, which distributes quilts worldwide, depending on where the need is. If you want to participate in this mission, stop by and see what we are doing. We would love to have new faces join our group. We meet most every Thursday at ten, stop for lunch at noon and then work some more. Stop by anytime.

Summer quilt camp is about a month away! Mark your calendar for August 7th - 10th, 9:30 - 3:00. Make sure to plan on staying for clean up. It doesn't take long if we all help. Sign-ups will be during July at quilting or in the narthex on Sundays.

We are trying something new this year. Jean is presenting a mystery block over three days. It should be fun.

Lunch on Monday will be a brown bag with dessert provided by a couple of quilters. Tuesday will be Taco salad with a sign-up sheet on Monday and dessert provided. Wednesday will be a salad potluck with dessert provided. Thursday will be leftovers with dessert provided. It seems as though snacks just appear!

The best part of quilt camp is the fellowship between quilters. We have many opportunities to share and learn from each other. Quilt camp is truly a blessing for all.



Becky Dennis

Safe Parking Program at CPC



Session has approved a Mission Team proposal that our church serve as Redmond's seventh host location for the Safe Parking Program. This program is operated by Mountain View Community Development and partially funded by the City of Redmond. The goal is to provide two houseless families with a safe place to temporarily park and live in their RVs or trailers while they work with the program's Case Manager to transition to stable housing.

Participants will be parked near the shed and back fence of our property. This will likely begin sometime this summer after the Property Team has done some electrical work and dealt with the rock chucks and their tunnels that could be a liability hazard.

Participants are carefully screened and given background checks, and they must follow a strict set of contract rules to live on the host site. These rules include no entry into the church unless invited, no contact with church people (other than a small team of volunteer contact people) or program participants on site like schools or Scouts, no alcohol or illegal drugs, no weapons, no outside storage of possessions, no fires or grills, and quiet hours. In addition, the Safe Parking Program provides insurance, a portable toilet service, and a garbage service. Most participants at Safe Parking locations have jobs and need a safe place to live temporarily until they can get into permanent housing.

Other churches in Redmond and Bend have successfully hosted families during the past two years without impacting the church or outside programs like schools that use the church space. Families have a time limit of 90 days, which they can extend if they have shown progress in meeting their goals needed to transition to permanent housing. Our Session and Mission Team feel that providing a parking space for the houseless meets the purposes outlined for us in Matthew 25:40 by helping "the least of these." Our church can provide these spaces easily, at little or no cost to us, and with the knowledge that safety is a primary focus of the program.

You may click [HERE](#) for more information in the digital version of the Lamplighter; in addition, you may request a copy from the office, or contact Session members for more details about the program.

Connie Stoaks
The Mission Team

Beatrice Visit



We have good memories of our week with Beatrice Mburire, an Elder from our partner church Kisauni Parish in Mombasa, Kenya. Our week with Beatrice included greeting her on arrival, dinners, sightseeing excursions, a Sunday worship service, an update on our partnership, to a farewell as she returned to Kenya. Our partnership continues to meet the need to help feed school children and provide hygiene products to girls in Mombasa.



Thanks to our congregation for their support!

The Kisauni Team: Rocky and Luann Johnson, Linda and Don Shaw, Irv Nygren, Margo Menown, Connie Stoaks, and Steve and Viki Cross





July 2023



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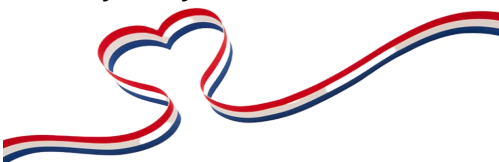


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July Anniversaries

- 7/2 Kent & Elaine Blyler
- 7/11 Bill Creach & Cheryl Adams
- 7/15 John & Lois Seitter
- 7/22 Larry & Mary Stadler
- 7/24 Karen & Dennis Lisius
- 7/25 Truman & Hannah Grandey
Joe & Jeanne Kosanovic



August Anniversaries

- 8/3 Terry & Mary Ann Schliep
- 8/5 Ed & Judy McKinney
- 8/8 Todd & Gina Sherrell
- 8/9 Bob & Ginny Weeber
- 8/10 John & Lena Land
Jack & Carol Nelson
Roger & Barbara Palmer
- 8/18 Spike & Marge Biggers
- 8/20 Ken & Paula Kerfoot
- 8/26 Dave & Diane Putnam



July Birthdays

- 7/1 Linda Romani
- 7/2 Kimberly Rogers
- 7/4 John Duff
- 7/7 Faris Kinhnarath
Shirley St. Hilaire
- 7/8 Craig Dennis
- 7/9 Randy Harano
- 7/15 Bill LaBore
- 7/17 Tom Edgerton
Ruth McCrea
- 7/20 Marty Stiewig
- 7/21 Jerry Thackery
- 7/22 Kayley Holcomb
- 7/25 Tom Bull
- 7/28 Tom Touchon
- 7/30 Spike Biggers



8:00 ~ 1:00
(closed around 10 for a short break)

Thank You!

"We wish to say thanks for the generous care of the deacons and others during Liz's fractured ankle! Again, we were reminded of what the church is all about."

~ Liz & Irv Nygren

August Birthdays

- 8/2 Mary Lou Hall
Aubrey Nitschelm
- 8/4 Roger Palmer
- 8/6 Adelaide Leutschaft
- 8/7 Penny Hetherington
- 8/14 Linda Jackson-Shaw
- 8/15 Patrick McCreary
Barbara Whitaker
Diane Wilson
- 8/16 Ben King
- 8/19 Sharon Outcalt
Eric Sande
- 8/20 Owen Hucke
- 8/21 Sharon Effinger
Pat Porter
- 8/22 Hannah Grandey
- 8/25 Kent Blyler
- 8/26 Liz Nygren
- 8/28 Aletha Smith
- 8/30 Paula Kerfoot
Anna Land
Rose Land



Can & Bottle Return

Thank you for all the offerings.
In May \$161.00 was collected for the
CPC Mission Team!



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

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

Thank you for your continued support of the CPC Mission Team!
Walt Taylor

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

