

# The Lamplighter

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

## NOVEMBER 2024

### Session Update

*Give thanks to the Lord and bless his name! Psalm 100:4*

Session met on Tuesday, October 15th. These are the highlights of the meeting.

**Membership News:** Reverend Dr. Don Shaw & Dr. Steve Cross presented a class on Discovering CPC. As a result of this class, several are either transferring their membership or being accepted into CPC on November 3rd. We're also having a baptism on October 27th. Also, be watching for the Nominating Committee news concerning a Congregational Meeting on November 10th to accept the slate of Elders, Deacons, and the 2025 Nominating Committee. Thank you for volunteering your time and talents!

**Interim Pastor Job Description:** Has been approved and will be posted with the Presbytery as of October 15, 2024.

**Genesis Christian Meditation Workshop:** On Thursday, October 17th, your Elders began working with this group on Zoom so that we can better serve you. They met with them again on Thursday, October 24th with the Deacons. And the congregation is invited to a meeting with Genesis on Sunday, November 24th (see the article in this Lamplighter on page 6 for details).

**Creative Roots Preschool LLC:** The final contract has been approved by your Elders and Amy Hendrix. The Presbytery will review it, and then this document can be signed. Thank you, Luann Johnson, Connie Stoaks, & Rick Hoffman, for diligently working with Amy on this contract.

### Team Reports:

Singles Dinner & Blood Pressure checks are ongoing.

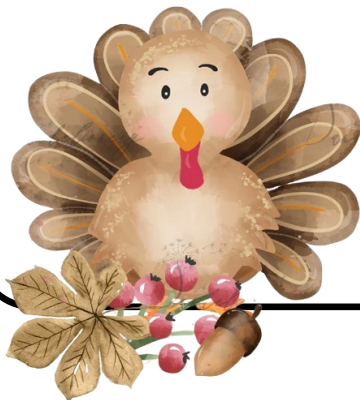
Angelfest (bazaar) & Angel Tree are in the final prep stages.

Helping Hands (cleaning up yards) needs more yards to clean, Canyon Clean-up had 8 people, and Bottles & Cans has an account using blue bags (in the lobby) that can be filled and brought back to Church on Sundays (ask Hannah Grandey for more info).

The Ministry of Flowers needs more people to sign up to decorate our Sanctuary with flowers (sign-up form is in the lobby).

*Diane Putnam, Elder, Mission Team*

Community Presbyterian Church Session: Ann Bowersox, Moderator,  
Nancy Patterson, Clerk of Session, Truman Grandey, Rick Hoffman,  
Linda Jackson-Shaw, George Johnson, Luann Johnson, Lois Millsbaugh



## Music Ministry November 2024

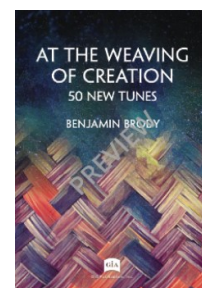


On Reformation Sunday, I hope you enjoyed singing songs that were composed between 1529 and 2009. They serve as a reminder that no matter the year of composition, we are a reformed people and the Holy Spirit is at work reforming us daily.

Our sending song on Reformation Sunday was by a good friend and wonderful composer, Ben Brody. Don and I were blessed each week by the thought-provoking, integrative music that Ben selected for the worship services at Colbert Presbyterian in Spokane, WA.

Ben will be at CPC on Sunday, November 10th, from 12:30–2:30 to lead us in an “At the Weaving of Creation Hymn Festival”, where he will introduce us to 12 or more songs from his latest hymnbook. Everyone is invited to come and learn the stories behind his music and to sing through them. This is the second book of hymn tunes Ben has created. The debut of “At the Weaving of Creation: Fifty New Hymn Tunes” happened at Colbert Presbyterian a few months ago. We had a LARGE turnout, and I would love to have as many attend this event.

Ben currently serves as Chair of the Music Department, Professor of Music, and Director of Church Music Studies at Whitworth University. His hymn tunes have appeared in over a dozen hymnals and published hymn collections. Ben is bringing 60 copies of his hymnbook, which can be purchased, but no purchase is necessary. I guarantee this will be a worshipful experience that you will thoroughly enjoy. Put November 10th on your calendar. You won’t want to miss it!



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

## Finance Update

Aren’t we living in interesting times? We find ourselves without a pastor, but find church leadership developing within the congregation. We miss the experience of personal ministry from an individual, but find that ministry developing from a ministry of Deacons and one another. That seems so biblical! To me, the congregation seems stronger and more cohesive in these last months, even as we await a called pastor.

The church budget for 2024 was planned to end the year at a deficit, yet revenues are actually ahead of projections while expenses are obviously reduced. Meanwhile, special gifts to our church continue to arrive, such as a recent bequest from the Hodecker estate. CPC is in the top 10% of congregations of our size with the financial resources that we have.

This represents amazing gifts and legacy giving from saints of the church no longer with us, as well as faithful giving of our existing church family.



I want you all to realize that CPC has the financial resources necessary to continue our public ministry for many years. Investments have been made which can carry us forward into the new plan and leadership which God has in store for us. Session has approved a new pastor job description which is now being posted to Presbytery’s website, with plans for additional outreach.

Finance team is beginning the budgeting process for 2025. Trusting in His providence, we will be including the expenses of a new pastor in that budget!

*Rick Hoffman*, Finance Team Elder

## The Deacon of the Month for November is Steve Cross

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

Steve joined Community Presbyterian Church in 1979. He received ordination as an Elder in 1983.



He practiced medicine in Redmond until age 64. Steve served as Clerk of Session between 2020 - 2023 and received ordination as a Deacon 2022. He enjoys having the opportunity to serve as needed.

## Quilters Quips November 2024

I hope you are all enjoying the display of quilts hanging in the fellowship hall and in the hall leading there. This is the first hanging of the Quilts since before the pandemic hit in 2020. It is so nice to be able to share with you the many different quilts. There are quilts of all different colors, sizes, and patterns. Please take time to enjoy them. You may purchase one if desired by putting your name on the tag attached to the quilt or by asking a quilter to assist you. We will take the quilt down and let you know that it is ready for you to purchase and take home to enjoy.

The money we receive from the sale of the quilts is used to purchase the supplies needed to make a quilt, as well as to monetarily support missions that help those in need. Such as helping with mailing costs for Quilts Beyond Borders, cold weather shelters, and helping the



church by purchasing needed equipment, like the downstairs refrigerator. In December, the rest are distributed to local agencies, which then parcel them out to those in need. After that, we start all over again!

*Becky Dennis*

## Deacon's Report

The Board of Deacons met on October 14, 2024. We noted with sadness the passing of Diane Wilson, but appreciated the Memorial Service for her in early October. Diane was a true Saint of the church.

The deacons invite all of you as well as the Community to the Angelfest celebration on November 9th, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. We will serve a luncheon from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. We have several expertly crafted items for sale.



A beautiful bowl and pitcher by Jerry Thackery, a bookcase built by Don Kuntz, a painting by Lois Milspaugh, and walking poles made by George Johnson. We will have other crafts, goodies and items made by our faithful congregation. PEO, an organization represented by Rona Davis, will have a table of items available as well. Plan on joining in on this kickoff to the holiday season. Proceeds will go to our Angel Tree mission, which gives gifts and food for families that the Family Access Network has identified has needs.

The Wellness Team has provided much needed medical equipment for folks facing surgery, as well as for people recovering from medical issues. The deacons also visit with folks that have difficulty attending worship services, serve home communion to some families, collect and deliver donations of non-perishable food items to the community food bank, send cards to folks that have special needs, and try to act as the body of Christ in our community.

We intend to serve a potluck on November 20th, at 5:00 pm, weather permitting. It does get dark early then, and we may have difficult driving conditions.

Thank you all for your continued service and generosity, especially at this time of year!

*Steve Cross*

## Wellness Ministry Update

**WELLNESS MISSION STATEMENT:** To help the congregation attain, maintain, and/or regain the best possible health and wellness of mind, body and spirit that can be experienced. This is realized through education, guidelines, screening and providing ongoing support. *Lois Millspaugh, Chairman*

### Wellness Ministry

The Wellness Ministries of Community Presbyterian Church strives to support members and friends in our church of all ages, both in 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. Our next meeting will be held on November 12th at 1:00 pm in the Wellness office. If you are interested in participating in this special ministry, contact Lois Millspaugh, or attend our next meeting.

### ATTENTION ALL SINGLES \*\*\* NOTE THE TIME CHANGE \*\*\*

On Thursday, November 21st, we will enjoy a wonderful lunch at Madeline's Restaurant (2414 SW Highway 97 in Redmond). We will meet at noon, with lunch at 12:30 pm. Please be sure to sign up on the sheet in the church lobby so that we have adequate seating. We would love to meet new friends, so be sure to invite a neighbor or relative to join us. For details, please contact Lois Millspaugh.

### Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Our Free Blood Pressure Screening will be held on the second Sunday of this month from 9:30 – 10:00, 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. Know what your blood pressure levels are and see your doctor with your concerns. If you are a nurse who would be 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 in need of assistance following a health issue. We have walkers, crutches, knee scooters, shower chairs, and numerous other items to support our church. If you find you have a need for equipment, please contact Lynda Talbot, our Equipment Coordinator.

\*\*\* All equipment that is loaned out needs to be coordinated with Lynda Talbot. She is willing to deliver the equipment and pick it up when you are through using it if you need assistance in this matter. Remember, all equipment is only on a temporary loan and needs to be returned so that it can be cleaned and loaned out to others. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

### Parkinson's Support Group

The Parkinson's Support Group will be conducting their regular meeting on Monday, November 11th at 1:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. If you need additional information please contact Ginny Weeber.

### Emergency First Aid Stations

The Wellness Ministry of our church continues to work to create safety measures for our church. Do you know that 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 one is located downstairs in the youth room. Over the years, we have purchased new pads for each machine and batteries to keep it functioning properly.

AED usage is self-explanatory on the cover of each machine.





## Health Tip - Be Thankful

there is  
always  
something  
to be  
thankful  
for

Thanksgiving is officially here and it's time to show gratitude to your friends, family and coworkers. In fact, making time to be thankful can change your outlook on life. Science says so! Experts report that expressing gratitude can even lower your blood pressure and keep you from getting sick, in addition to helping your relationships.

For those reasons alone, it's sure worth making time to focus on giving thanks. You may also want to reflect on life's simple pleasures. REMEMBER... I have a lot to be thankful for. I am healthy, and I am loved! Thank you, Lord!



## Warm Springs Presbyterian Church Offering



On Sunday, November 17th, you are invited to join hands with our Presbyterian Women's group in supporting their mission work at Warm Springs Presbyterian Church. Please plan to bring one or more of the items on this list and show Christ's love to our friends at Warm Springs:

Hygiene Products - Shampoo, Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Deodorant, and Feminine Products

Warm Clothing - Gloves (waterproof, not knit), Socks, Scarves, and Hats

Other - Bottled Water

The items can be placed in the box next to the food wagon in the lobby. Thank you for reaching out to help others! *Presbyterian Women*

## Midstate Fertilizer Donation

Midstate Fertilizer (Greg Hodecker) donated 200# of 16-16-16 fertilizer for Taylor Field. The fertilizer was applied in late September and should result in a very healthy lawn area, known as Taylor Field, on the North side of the church property. Midstate Fertilizer



has been very generous for several years in donating materials to enhance the health and looks of our premises. Earlier this year, they donated Weed and Feed that was applied to the lawn bordering 19th Street. We appreciate their partnership in keeping our grounds beautiful!

## Stewardship Update

Our stewardship drive is underway, with a letter and pledge cards mailed to the congregation. The theme is Threads of Our Community, which starts with our own quilters, who not only decorate our Fellowship hall and hallways with colorful quilts but, through the sale of quilts, have donated to needy organizations in our community. The thread then extends to our Worship leaders, who provide for our weekly worship, and then to our committees, who care for this building and congregation.

The thread then extends to our community through programs such as Safe Parking, Jericho Table, the Food Pantry and the Canyon Cleanup. The thread then goes beyond our immediate community to Warm Springs, and internationally to our Kisauni partnership in Mombasa, Kenya. We are an active church seeking a pastor; however, we continue to move forward with these threads into our community.

This pledge drive is important to our moving forward. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider your participation, and if you are able to make a pledge, please do so and return the pledge card to the office or drop it into the Joash box in the lobby. Your response will help us determine our resources in 2025, especially as we seek a new pastor.

Thank you, *The Finance Team*

## Sharing Is Caring

The CPC Wellness Team Partnered with Gloria Healing to host a Family and Friends workshop in September. We had several members attend this workshop. If you would like to request any additional NAMI programs or resources, contact Linda Jackson-Shaw a trained National Alliance on Mental Illness facilitator and trainer.

Join Linda for a Mental Health Bible Study on Wednesday, November 20th @ 1:00 in the Eby room. The class is free, but registration is required. Please email Linda at [longjourneyhome40@gmail.com](mailto:longjourneyhome40@gmail.com).



NAMI's signature programs are places where people and communities can find help, hope and healing. We encourage you to share or sign up for these programs if you or someone you know needs mental health support.

**NAMI Basics:** A six-session education program for parents, caregivers and other family members who provide care for youth (ages 22 and younger) who are experiencing mental health symptoms.

**NAMI Family-to-Family:** A free, eight-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions.

**NAMI Family & Friends:** A free 90-minute or four-hour seminar that informs people who have loved ones with a mental health condition how to best support them.

**NAMI Homefront:** A free, six-session program for families, caregivers and friends of military members and veterans with mental health conditions. Plus, find free online resources available 24/7.

**NAMI In Our Own Voice:** Free presentations that provide a personal perspective of mental health conditions, as leaders with lived experience talk openly about what it's like to have a mental health condition.

**NAMI Peer-to-Peer:** A free, eight-session educational program for adults with mental health conditions who are looking to better understand themselves and their recovery.

**NAMI Support Groups:** NAMI support groups are peer-led and offer participants an opportunity to share their experiences and gain support from other attendees.

### Congregational Gathering - Sunday, 11/24



On the recommendation of the Presbytery, Session has invited a Christian counseling group called Genesis to assist us in processing the changes in pastoral leadership we've experienced over the past few years. Session met with Genesis once, and a second meeting included both Session and the Deacons.

An essential part of this process is hearing from the congregation. To this end, we have scheduled a 2-hour congregational gathering with lunch for Sunday, 11/24 immediately following service. This important event is just a few weeks away. Please prioritize attending, as it is crucial for CPC's future.

*May your tender love  
overwhelm me,  
O Lord,  
for you are my Savior  
and you keep  
your promises.*

*Psalm 119:41*



### Hanging of the Greens Saturday, 11/30 @ 9 AM

Join us in transforming our church for the cherished Christmas season. Your help in hanging the greens will make our sanctuary even more beautiful and festive. We can't wait to celebrate this meaningful holiday together with you.





# Welcome New Members



## Linda Anderson

"I am Linda Anderson-Martinez and am very happy to be a new member of CPC.

I was born in Miami, Florida and am one of 9 children. Having been raised in a large family, there was never a dull moment. To this day, I cannot say enough about how grateful I am for every one of them.

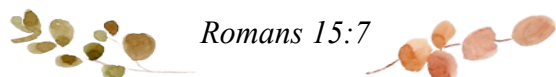
After completing high school, I went into the nursing field. I moved to Oregon in 1981 following my parents footsteps as they wanted a better school system for the younger half. In 1986, I moved from the valley to Redmond and worked at St Charles Redmond for 25 years.

I have 2 wonderful children. In 2010, my father passed away and in 2019 my mother. I am grateful that I could be at their bedside delivering the loving care they both so greatly needed and deserved.

Being an active person and now retired, I wanted to learn how to play pickleball. I met some very nice people at the courts, one in particular, his name was Ed. He could not only smack the ball, he knocked me right off my feet. We married in 2022 and God has blessed us in many ways. Sharing our faith together is one of those blessings."

*"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love" - Mother Teresa*

*"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*



*Romans 15:7*

## Frank Carter

"I was a lifelong member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Montana, where he was an active member of three congregations in Helena, Missoula, and Bozeman. I married my wife in 1957. We met at church in Bozeman; we grew up together, and our families were friends. We were both active in our church on the local, regional, and national levels. I served in several capacities as Elder, Deacon and Moderator of local and regional manifestations.

I was an agriculture lending officer for US Bank and did ranching and farming as well. I was married to my lovely wife for 62 years; she passed away five years ago. We have 3 daughters. Candy's the oldest; one lives in Montana, and one in Washington. We have 4 grandsons and are expecting a great-granddaughter in December. I moved to Oregon to be closer to Candy and Todd Peplin and their family."

## Jeremiah Elliott

"Hello, my name is Jeremiah Elliott. I'm 23 years old and a new member here at Community Presbyterian Church. I was born in Eugene, Oregon and was raised in Springfield, Oregon. I currently live here in Redmond not far away from the church and I am looking to go into ministry.

My hobbies are hiking, reading, singing, shooting, and fencing. My favorite food is beef and my favorite drink is Gneiss. My hope for joining this congregation is to help serve God and be a productive member of the church."

## Member Transfers - We Warmly Welcome

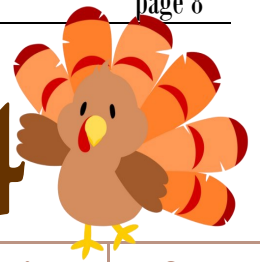
**Ray and Shirley Harris** affiliate members from First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls, Idaho and Community Presbyterian Church, Redmond, Oregon.

**Britt Anderson-Mueller and Adam Mueller** transferring members from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Portland, Oregon.

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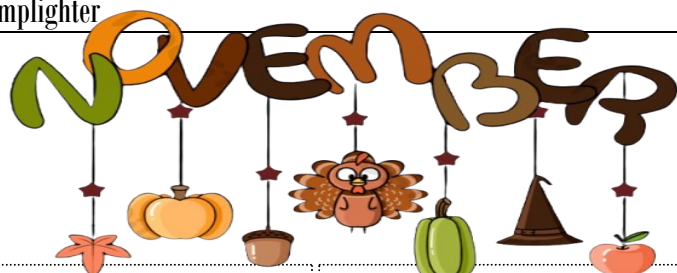


# November 2024



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3 10:00 Worship 11:00 Wreath Pre-Sale  4:00 Sermon Zoom Discussion	4	5 7:00 Boy Scouts	6 9:00 Caregivers Group 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts	7 10:00 Quilters 4:30 Spiritual Growth Zoom	8 <i>Office Closed</i> 8:00 Men's Bible Study	9 9:00 Angelfest 
10 10:00 Worship 11:00 Congregational Mtg 11:15 Wreath Pre-Sale 12:30 Hymn Festival with Ben Brody 	11 1:00 Parkinson's Group 3:00 Deacons Mtg	12 9:00 CPR Class 1:00 Wellness Mtg 1:30 Mission Mtg 3:00 Worship Mtg	13 10:30 Bible Study 3:30 Finance Mtg 6:30 Cub Scouts	14 10:00 Quilters 4:30 Spiritual Growth Zoom	15 <i>Office Closed</i> 8:00 Men's Bible Study	16 9:00 Helping Hands
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24 10:00 Worship 11:00 Congregational Gathering with Genesis & Lunch 4:00 Sermon Zoom Discussion 	25	26 12:30 PW 7:00 Boy Scouts	27 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts	28 	29 <i>Office Closed</i> 8:00 Men's Bible Study	30 9:00 Hanging of the Greens





### Birthdays

11/01 Jim Irwin  
 11/04 Marge Biggers  
 11/07 Betty Moffitt  
     Dave Putnam  
 11/08 Danika Lundgren  
 11/09 Sandy Booth  
     John Land  
 11/11 Lois Millsbaugh  
  
 11/13 Jeanne Simonsen  
 11/14 Jay Jantzen  
     Brenda Johnson  
 11/15 Jan Thackery  
 11/17 Ben Huckle  
     Marian Tripp  
 11/22 Susi Nissen  
 11/25 Viki Cross  
     Jeannine Rondema  
 11/27 Brian Leutschaft  
 11/28 Joe Kosanovic  
     Mary Stiewig  
     Judy Vancil  
 11/29 Rona Davis

### Anniversaries

11/21 Corky & Ruth McCrea  
 11/26 Tom & Cathy Edgerton  
 11/28 Rocky & Luann Johnson

### Thank You Canyon Cleanup Crew!

Thanks so much to Becky and Craig Dennis, Cathy and Tom Edgerton, Luann and Rocky Johnson, Spike Biggers, and Larry Stadler for spending their Saturday morning on October 12th cleaning up our Dry Canyon as part of our mission outreach in the community. The Dry Canyon looks better thanks to our efforts!



### Can and Bottle Donations

CPC now 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, on the food wagon.

You may either bring the filled bag back to CPC or take it yourself to scan at the BottleDrop Redemption Center. The address is 1204 SE Lake Road, across from Fisherman's Pond. The redemption door is on the left side of the building, with some parking. Scan the bag's label, open the door, then drop it in. Their website is [bottledrop.com](http://bottledrop.com) for more information.

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. (FYI, the Boy Scouts have their own separate account at BottleDrop.) For any questions, contact Hannah Grandey.

### Join Us for the Fall Church Workday!

Come together with your church family on Friday, November 15th at 9 am, for a time of fellowship and service! We'll be working on various projects to spruce up our church, inside and out. Whether you have a green thumb, a knack for fixing things, or simply want to lend a helping hand, your presence is valued.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow members, make new friends, and contribute to the upkeep of our beloved church. Bring your energy, a positive attitude, and any tools you might find handy. We can't wait to see you there!



The article **due date** for the December Lamplighter is  
**Thursday, November 21st, at noon.**

Articles should be sent to Gina at [frontdesk@redmondcp.org](mailto:frontdesk@redmondcp.org).  
 You will receive a reply letting you know your article was received. *Thanks!*

