

# The Lamplighter

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



**APRIL 2021**

## Easter Worship Plans: A New Day is Dawning

Dear Community Presbyterian Church,

It is my joy to announce to you that we will gather for worship in-person for Easter Sunday, April 4, at 10:00am. Worship will be outdoors on Taylor Field on the north end of our property, weather permitting. We are so eager to be worshipping in body and soul together as the Body of Christ once again. Easter presents the ideal opportunity in the church calendar as well as our seasonal shift to begin worshipping outdoors in a manner that we feel is responsible in relation to the ongoing public health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. We will also continue with the livestream online through our website, YouTube, and Facebook.

If you feel comfortable doing so, we encourage you to join us for this special worship celebration on Easter Sunday. Please plan on bringing your own chair to sit on (we will have some available when needed), and dress for the weather – sunglasses or a down jacket or both! We will be maintaining some social distance as we set up our chairs with 6' distance in all directions between different household groups. We are requesting all who are able to continue wearing masks for outdoor worship to protect any who are vulnerable or not yet vaccinated, or who will simply feel more comfortable with masking. We do this to keep all of us safe as well as our Redmond neighbors. We will be singing outdoors behind our masks.

To amplify the celebration of the Resurrection as well as our coming back together for in-person worship, we are encouraging attendees to bring flowers to display. Vases will be available to put a few flowers in, or you can bring your own arrangement or a living plant to take back home with you after worship. Our goal is to share the joy and beauty we are all experiencing with one another on this special day where we celebrate New Life at the empty grave, new life in our church community and world, and new life in our hearts and souls by the power of the resurrection.

The Elders of CPC made this plan for returning to in-person outdoor worship at our Session meeting on March 16. At this time, we plan to continue beyond Easter Sunday with outdoor worship as the weather permits. Because the risk of viral transmission is so much greater indoors and our seating capacity would be limited, in case of adverse weather, we will livestream worship from the sanctuary, but we will not gather in person.

The Session is committed to have further conversation about large group worship gatherings indoors when Deschutes County moves from moderate risk to low risk by the state metrics, and when vaccines are available to all adult age groups, thus making church members of all ages equally welcome and comfortable with indoor worship.

In the meantime, we will keep BEING the church in all the ways that we have BEEN the church in the last year of pandemic realities. We will keep caring and praying for one another. We will show the love of God to our Redmond community in acts of mission and service. We will gather online and in-person (as people feel comfortable) in groups to pray, study God's word, and carry out the work of the church in ministry and mission.

Through it all, God is faithful, and we trust in faith that all will be well. Easter is the source of our greatest hope. We look forward to celebrating together.

*In hope, Rev. Andrew Hoeksema*



**Maundy Thursday April 1**  
Prayer and Communion Service  
7:00 pm online

**Good Friday April 2**  
Worship Service  
7:00 pm online

**Easter Sunday April 4**  
Worship Service  
10:00 am outside and online

## Holy Week Information

### Maundy Thursday Prayer and Communion

Pastor Andrew will host a simple online prayer and communion service at 7:00 pm on Thursday, **April 1**. We will share scriptures related to Maundy Thursday, prayers, and silence, concluding with a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Please come prepared with bread and juice/wine in your home. Join us online [Here](#).

### Good Friday Worship Service

Good Friday is a full worship service livestreamed from the Sanctuary on Friday, **April 2**, at 7:00 pm. Join us online [Here](#).

### Easter Sunday

Join us online, or outside in person, for Easter Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, **April 4**, at 10:00 am. Click [Here](#) to learn more.

## Worship Volunteers Needed



We are all so excited to resume in person worship outside beginning on Easter! Our worship service volunteers were reduced for the safety of staff and visitors all last year. As we consider how to resume in person worship safely, we realize we will need both new and previous volunteers to serve on hospitality and technical teams. We ask you to prayerfully consider volunteering one Sunday a month to help by serving with our hospitality team or with our technology team please sign-up [Here](#)

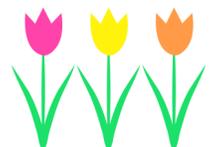
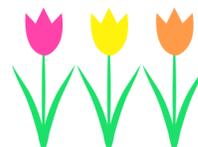
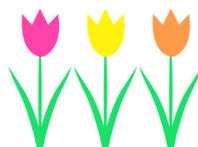
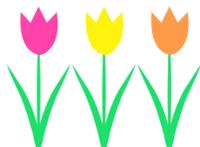
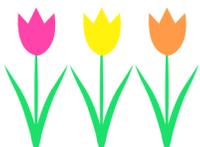
**No Previous Experience Required!**

Please contact the office by email ([tammy@redmondcpc.org](mailto:tammy@redmondcpc.org)) or phone 541-548-3367. Sunday worship services can't happen without you.

## Outside Spring Church Cleanup Day

**Saturday, April 17, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon**

Many hands make quick work.



## College Scholarship Team



The CPC Scholarship Team is excited to begin reviewing scholarship applications; as they were due to be submitted March 31, 2021. The review process will begin at our next regular meeting on April 12.

This scholarship program was developed to award CPC high school seniors scholarships for attendance at universities, colleges, trade or technical schools. Seminary students are also eligible.

It is still not too late to financially support the CPC College Scholarship Fund, your gifts are greatly appreciated. Make your check to Community Presbyterian Church with a note line: “*Designated Fund #45, College Scholarship Fund.*” This ensures your monies are deposited into the designated fund account, earmarked specifically for scholarships. We hope you are inspired to support this worthy church program.

The team is also excited to announce we are in the process of beginning an Endowment Fund for College Scholarships. In February 2021, Session approved a total of \$5,000.00 to be awarded to the Scholarship Team from the Sam Jaye bequeath fund. These funds are earmarked to be the seed monies to begin an Endowment Fund. It has been recommended the funds be invested in the New Covenant Fund and placed in the balance growth program. It is the goal of this team to receive enough funds to allow the College Scholarship fund to become self-supporting. The team is very grateful for Session’s action, and thankful an Endowment Fund will be established for the youth of our congregation.

The team welcomes your questions, please email Nancy Patterson: [nancynielsen2001@yahoo.com](mailto:nancynielsen2001@yahoo.com)

## Social Issues Group Spotlight: Facts About Native Americans

*“...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:39)*

*“Dear children, let us not love in words or speech, but with actions and in truth.” (1 John 3:18)*

The current population of 6.79 million Native Americans is growing, and 77% of their eligible voters voted in 2018, making a difference in swing states.

In a survey of 6400 people from over 400 tribes, 77% believed Americans don’t think that Native Americans exist; 87% believed Americans don’t care about them, and 65% reported having experienced discrimination. Their top three issues were mental health, violence against women, and education.

There is a problem with invisibility: over half of K-12 curriculum standards do not mention a Native American at all, and if they do, no one who lived after 1900; only 13% of states have standards for teaching Native American history after 1900; 95% of the first 100 Google search results are Native Americans from the 1800s; 78% of Americans polled said they knew little or nothing about Native Americans.

Toxic stereotypes of Native Americans are common in media, books, sports, and Halloween costumes, and false narratives negatively affect government policies.

Native Americans have the highest suicide rate and youth suicide rate of all ethnic groups in the U.S.

We can help by educating ourselves and replacing false narratives with true ones; partnering with them by listening to and amplifying contemporary and accurate Native American voices; breaking stereotypes; advocating for justice and equal opportunity in education, healthcare, and jobs; and protecting lands and waters.

(Source: Savannah Romero, MPA, Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program of the COCC Foundation Speakers Series)

More information is available at Savannah Romero’s organization, <https://illuminatives.org/>



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/01 Kiefer Leutschaft  
 4/02 Betty McCormick  
       Don Sheets  
       Bruce Smith  
 4/06 Judy McKinney  
 4/08 Maddox Barr  
 4/09 Gloria Irwin  
 4/12 Jack Nelson  
 4/14 Greg Lundgren  
 4/16 Rita Phillips  
 4/17 Barbara McDaniels  
 4/23 Olivia Duff  
 4/30 Iverson Smith

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!



### May Newsletter Deadline

The next *Lamplighter* news deadline is Thursday, **April 22**. Articles turned in after the deadline may not be published and all articles are subject to editing. Whenever possible, announcements and articles for publication should be sent via email to: [tammy@redmondcpc.org](mailto:tammy@redmondcpc.org) You will receive a reply letting you know your contribution was received.

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



4/14 Don & Linda Shaw

## APRIL Deacon of the Month

Ron Terry

### Who Ya Gonna Call? Deacon of the Month

Sometimes you just need a little help. You may need to get to the doctor because your ride was unavailable at the last minute. Or you had surgery and can't keep up with meal prep. We may help you personally or call upon our list of CPC volunteers for transportation, meals and other services. The deacon of the month is posted in the Lamplighter monthly and phone numbers are in the [Online Church Directory](#) or call the church office at 541-548-3367. Maybe you really need to talk to someone who is part of your church family.

*We will be blessed to hear from you,  
Your Deacons*



### A BIG THANK YOU For Your Support Of Our Back-To-School Supplies Drive!

The Mission Team would like to thank ALL of you who supported and participated in our back-to-school supplies drive-thru event held after worship service on Sunday February 21, 2021 to benefit Redmond **Family Access Network (FAN)**. Redmond FAN offers possibility and hope to Central Oregon families in need by connecting them with crucial resources that will help children flourish in school and in life.

Through your generous donations we were able to donate the following items to benefit the Redmond FAN:

- 70+ backpacks
- 20+ water bottles
- Stacks of notebook paper and binders
- Hundreds of pencils, pens, erasers, markers
- And more!

It is a bit surreal to think of students returning to school in February but there is a great feeling of thankfulness around seeing students return to the classroom as well as seeing all the faces who came out to donate items in support!

The donated items were delivered on February 24 to our FAN Advocate, Kelli Wolford, at Sage Elementary. The supplies were divided up later that day to various schools in our community to enable quick distribution to those students in need.

We are filled with gratitude and a warm heart for your participation and support of our Redmond students through FAN. Thank you!

*CPC Mission Team*