

The Lamplighter

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Growing In Christ & Loving One Another

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Change and Growth



The time has come again for our church to search for a new pastor. Most of our congregants will experience some sort of emotion in response to Andrew leaving. In the time that I have belonged to Community Presbyterian Church, I have seen at least a dozen pastors come and go.

Our congregation has had folks come and go, as well as some who have returned and some who have passed away. It, however, has remained Community Presbyterian Church.

I find myself reminded of the story of a carpenter who inherited his father's hammer. He used the hammer for forty two years. He had to replace the handle several times, and once when a claw broke, he had to replace the head. He nevertheless refers to it as his dad's hammer.

We can think of our congregation the same way. The people I worshipped with thirty years ago look different from the people now, but I still belong to the same church and the same worshipping community.

Various pastors will fill the pulpit until we choose an interim pastor, who will then help us form a pastor nominating team, undergo a mission study and eventually call a new permanent pastor (we will provide communication to keep you updated with the current information).

I actually look forward to the process. We get to close ranks and work together to decide how our church might have changed, and in what direction we want a new pastor to lead us.

We are still "The Church": the hands, feet, eyes, ears and hearts of Jesus. The church doesn't exist without people. We can all call ourselves people of God. We are a people who live, love, and act as Jesus taught us. We will continue to worship together, laugh together, work together, grieve together, and act as God's people. As Pastor Brown reminded us on August 8th of this year, we, the people of CPC, make up this church.

So let's all join hands, work together and look forward to the changes coming, for without change we cannot grow.

With deepest sincerity,
Steve Cross, clerk of session

Let There Be Light

We often hear the jokes about "how many 'whatevers' it takes to replace a light bulb." I finally got an authoritative answer on Monday, August 2nd. As I was walking through the CPC narthex to do a project, I noticed a group of our guys with a huge ladder, all kinds of tools, screws, ropes, etc. attempting to replace light bulbs. One of the gentlemen helping informed me that "it takes nine Presbyterians to officially replace a bulb." So now we know. Thanks to all nine of you who know who you are for "bringing us the light."

Submitted by Cheryl Adams

PARKING LOT SALE POSTPONED



For the second year in a row, COVID-19 concerns have led to the postponement of our Parking Lot Sale. With the increasing rates of infection, we do not want to put any of our members, volunteers or the community at risk. Accordingly, the Kisauni Team determined that postponement was the most responsible path forward at this time.

Many of us look forward to this event as chance to clean out our unneeded stuff so that these former treasures can enjoy a new life in the hands of our neighbors. Somehow at least a few of us also bring home nearly as much as we contribute. But it is all for the good. All funds raised at the Parking Lot Sale in the past few years have gone directly to our partner congregation, the Kisauni Parish in Mombasa, Kenya. They have used the funds to feed hungry school children and to provide feminine hygiene products to girls who otherwise would be unable to attend school for several days each month. If you have items that you have been saving for our sale and cannot wait for a future Parking Lot Sale, the Kisauni Team recommends the Opportunity Foundation, as they have been very helpful to our sale over the years. Alternatively, you might consider having your own garage sale and donating some of the proceeds to our Kisauni Programs.

The Kisauni Team

FAMILY FUN DAY 2021 WAS REALLY FUN!

Here’s a very BIG THANK YOU to all you wonderful volunteers who made our Family Fun Day a success! Despite the hot weather & fewer visitors than we had hoped for, your Deacons agree that it was well worth all the effort—from the beginning to the end. We all worked together to make it happen and “a good time was had by all.”



CPC Deacons

Remembering Barbara Rich



I have missed Barbara Rich since she sold her home in Redmond and moved to Aspen Ridge Retirement Home in Bend. Barbara was our church’s long-time church organist/pianist, teller of many stories (mostly hysterical happenings in her life!), and a walking information booth. There was no one like Barbara! If you wanted to find out about some happening in church, the community or about someone, all you had to do is ask Barbara because she had the answer and knew everybody. Barbara’s husband, Don, had been Redmond High School’s Athletic Director so, along with Barbara and Don’s three busy kids, she was also the whole football team’s Mom; and she got to know each and every player and their families. Along with teaching at the Junior High, Barbara taught hundreds of area kids (and, those kids’ kids) how to play the piano. Barbara and I worked together during my many years as the church’s wedding coordinator. She played the organ or piano for hundreds of weddings before I came on board, but she put many a jittery bride at ease with her so, so funny stories of the events of her own wedding years before. Barbara was a generous, personable and very talented person who gave so much time and energy to Community Presbyterian Church and the Redmond community. I so wish all our newest members could have known her!

Fondly, Teddy Johnnie

Quilters September 2021



It was so nice to have Quilt Camp this year after having to cancel last summer. And just in the nick of time, because the next day regulations changed. There were twelve that gathered daily with several others dropping in for a quick chat or to have lunch with us. Sheila Nordman was our presenter this year, demonstrating and teaching the Stack-n-Whack method of making a LeMoyné Star Block. It is fascinating to watch each star develop differently then all the others made out of the same fabric. It will be fun to see them completed into quilts. Thank you, Sheila!

I guess things are still changing! We were able to gather throughout most of the summer months to quilt together. Many of our gatherings were small but that is normal for summer as many of us travel. We even managed to have quilt camp for a group of twelve, about half of a normal camp. We will go back to once a month Show And Tell until further notice. We will meet the first Thursday of the month at ten o'clock in Teddy's Hall. Masks are required in the building, so until further notice, this is what we will do.

If resuming coffee hour has been postponed, we will have our annual hanging of the quilts online as we did last year. We will try to go with the flow of our changing world. Thank you all for supporting us.

Becky Dennis

Scholarship Team Update: Looking to the Future

As fall rolls around, and these blistering days that we've been experiencing come to an end, we turn our attention to school starting once again. Our two recipients of CPC's scholarships, Olivia Duff and Greg Lundgren will be off to their respective schools to begin their learning experiences in a college environment. Those parents with youngsters will trod the maze of new school clothes and the assortment of books and materials. The Stewardship Team looks forward to be able to offer scholarships to these fledging learners.

In another development, the Team is exploring offering some scholarships to the Kisauni Presbyterian Church in Kenya. As you will recall, CPC has been in a relationship with the Kenyan church for a number of years and has been supportive of many of their programs. Rev. Don Shaw and Rocky Johnson have been in dialogue with the pastor and others to work out how this can be accomplished. The Kenya university system, which is called "Tertiary Level of Education," is composed of 30 public universities, 30 chartered universities and two Polytechnic schools. Tuition at these institutions ranges from \$1300-\$5000 a year. It is hoped that a plan will evolve where money is available to one or more students from the Kisauni congregation. Perhaps we would be privy to information about these aspiring learners and we can follow their progress in the educational system, as we do with those individuals with whom we have given scholarships in the past and we still keep in touch with them.

CPC Scholarship Team

We wish to thank everyone turning in cans and bottles for the CPC mission team. The returnables are always clean and without any garbage. And all cardboard containers, labeled plastic bags and non returnable glass are recycled as well.

Thank you for all contributions of cans and bottles in June \$148.00 and July \$206.00 was collected! Thank you to everyone dropping off returnables at our home at 1849 SW Canyon Drive, it is working out beautifully.

There are three ways to give cans and bottles to the youth group at CPC.

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

*Thank you for your continued support of the CPC Mission Team and their activities,
Walt and Norrie Taylor*



...THINK POSITIVE....NEVER STOP LEARNING...

Music Ministries

Director, Karen Sipes

Church family, yes, we are in a season of change. We have been in such a season for a long time. When the pandemic began, we had to change the way that we do worship. As concerned as we all were in the face of such challenges, we persevered, with prayer, planning, a lot of loving determination, and some rolled up sleeves. Worship continued, and we found meaningful ways to connect and move forward. It was hard, but along the way there was an abundance of grace. That same grace will see us through this next season.

As you probably know, our talented, lovely Worship Leader, Yvonne, has moved on to a position in another church. I miss her a great deal, her music, sweet spirit and presence here, and also am excited for her in this new venture as she continues to serve in the way that the Spirit leads her. They are blessed to have her leadership, as was this church in her time here.

I will most certainly miss Pastor Andrew and his leadership, dedication, heart for ministry and warm spirit. I, also, am excited for his new opportunity to serve the community in a way that is so needed in this time. They are blessed to have him, as was this church.

Moving forward, worship services will continue to include both contemporary and traditional music styles, which is necessary and appropriate, as inclusive of all who worship within our congregation. I appreciate the grace with which both styles of music are received, regardless of personal preference. And now the news that many have been waiting for: (Drum Roll)

Choir will return in the Fall!

Wednesday, **September 15, 7:30 pm**, in the sanctuary, will be our first rehearsal of the year, and the choir will sing in two church services per month (Covid restrictions permitting).

I am implementing some protocols to keep our beloved choir members safe:

- *All members are fully vaccinated (as am I)
- *All of us will wear face shields for both rehearsals and church services.
- *Rehearsals will take place in the sanctuary, with distancing measures.
- *Choir robes will not be worn with the possible exception of the Cantata presentation.
- *Yes. We are planning to do a Christmas Cantata in December!
- *All fully vaccinated singers are welcome and encouraged to join us! Please contact me with interest!

Many blessings to all in this new season of change, of honoring all that has been, and of rolling up our sleeves and moving forward with God's grace, ready to embrace all that is possible.

Blessings,

Karen Sipes

Director of Music Ministries

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Community Presbyterian Church



Rooted in God's Love: Stewardship 2022

The Rev. Robin Wood was a new pastor in a small community church in the South and he likes to tell the story of "Ole John." Ole John was over 60 and a new convert and had not been in church all his life so he knew very little about the routine events in worship. He would sit by the pastor's wife, Judy, and if he didn't understand something, he would lean over and ask for help usually in a very loud voice.

On Sunday mornings during the offering, Rev. Wood would say; "Now is the time to honor the Lord with our tithes and offerings." John would yell out his weekly question to Judy, "How much should I give?" Most Sundays, Judy would pat John on the shoulder and say quietly, "Just give what you can." One Sunday when John shouted, "How much shall I give?" Judy shouted back, "Give it all!"

The entire congregation erupted in laughter, but Ole John didn't hear a thing, because he was serious about his question. Later Judy related that John emptied his wallet and with a big smile on his face he gave it all! John was asking the most important question any Christian can ask: "How much should I give?"

What does the Bible say about giving and stewardship? It tells us to REMEMBER.

It tells us to REMEMBER: that God loves a cheerful giver.

It tells us to REMEMBER: Who we are and Whose we are.

It tells us to REMEMBER: our inheritance and our relationships. We are family.

The Stewardship Committee

This Year's Stewardship campaign will begin September 19th. You can always submit your pledge online at Redmondcpc.org/stewardship

Community Presbyterian Church PW

Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching.

I Timothy 4:13

Bible study is the glue that holds Presbyterian Women (PW) together. It's our history---we celebrate more than 100 years of publishing studies and using them together. The PW purpose call Presbyterian Women to nurture faith through prayer and Bible study. We have included a list of dates and times for our PW bible study.

Please join us.

Linda Shaw-Jackson

Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus

Meeting time Sunday 2:00-3:00 PM In the Ebby room

September 26th

October 24th

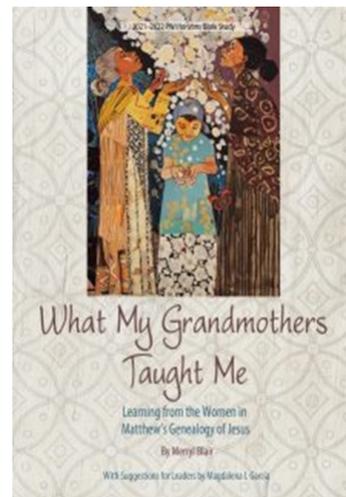
November 28th

December – No meeting

Questions:

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Linda Jackson-Shaw lindajackson@yahoo.com



New Season of Service at CPC



As we enter a new season in the life of Community Presbyterian Church I would like to take a minute and thank all the volunteers that have made working at CPC such a great experience. Because of my role as Operations Manager, rarely does a day pass that I don't interact with at least one volunteer.

Thank you all for your hard work!

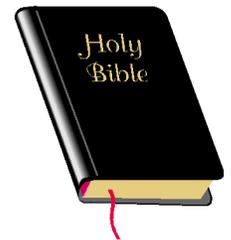
As we begin the fall season and make plans for the future, I am again asking for people to consider serving one Sunday a month on our hospitality team or our technology team. Many of our long term volunteers served through this difficult year of the pandemic and have needed to take a step back for this new season.

Would you consider volunteering for one Sunday a month? Our primary need is for people to help during the service advance slides in the technology booth. Additionally, we are reconstituting our ushering teams with a new look. We are following all the state and county Covid 19 guidelines to keep our staff, volunteers, and attendees safe while having an in person experience. Please email [me](mailto:ryan@redmondpc.org) if you are interested in serving.

Ryan O'Sullivan, Operations Manager
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The Life Long Learners Fall Activities

Sunday Evening After Sermon Discussion and Prayer: We meet every Sunday evening at 5:00 via Zoom. Approximately 10 of us participate in a wonderful time of sharing our concerns and prayers with each other and discussing Sunday's sermon. If you are interested in joining, subscribe to our [enews](#) or contact the [church office](#).



Women's Bible Study: Starts Tuesday September 14th. Please contact Diane Wilson, or subscribe to our [enews](#) for more details about joining.

Men's Bible Study: This group is meeting every Friday morning from 8:00-9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact the [church office](#) with questions.

Presbyterian Women (PW): This group is meeting the last Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm. All women are invited! Please contact: Nancy Patterson at: nancynielsen2001@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Adult Sunday School: They will resume meeting in person this fall at 9 am in the Library. The class will be discussing each week's lectionary scripture reading. Contact Steve Cross for details or subscribe to our [enews](#).

Spiritual Growth Meetings: Wednesdays at 4:30 pm a group of CPC members meet via zoom to listen and quietly meditate on God's word. A time for personal sharing is part of every meeting. Please contact the [church office](#) for a zoom link.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/02 Gloria LaBore
Paul Whitaker
- 9/05 Raydene Heitzhausen
Adam Hucke
Carol Noyes
Lee Rondema
- 9/09 Bill Creach
- 9/14 Cheryl Adams
Lynda Talbot
- 9/16 Carol Johnston
- 9/17 Nancy Eskeldson
- 9/18 Jerry Barney
- 9/21 Luke Lundgren
John Seitter
Kathy Touchon
- 9/23 Julie Leutschaft
- 9/24 Diane Putnam
- 9/25 Curt Nitschelm
- 9/26 Ann Gilliland

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/03 Jay & Alyce Jantzen
- 9/06 Bruce & Nancy Smith
- 9/08 Mike & Karen Rooney
- 9/13 Jim & Kathi Hayward
- 9/19 Don & Joan Sheets

SEPTEMBER Deacon of the Month

Kimberly Rogers

The Deacon of the Month is on call to handle requests of those who need assistance with special needs.

Get to know your Deacon

Kimberly is in her second year as a deacon. She serves as co-moderator of the Deacons along with her husband, Steve Thorp (pictured). She also serves on the Tech Team and Praise Team, where her beautiful singing and flute playing can be heard regularly during Sunday worship. As Deacon, Kimberly listens to the cares and concerns of our individual members, provides direct assistance to our elderly or ailing congregants, and offers comfort, sympathy, and support at funerals and other solemn occasions. Along with her fellow deacons, she has provided outreach and assistance beyond the four walls of our church through support of local food banks, housing and social service programs, and water and food donations to our most disadvantaged neighbors. Kimberly is a bright light with a heart to serve on our team of Deacons



CPC Office Update

We are excited to announce that Gina Sherrell (pictured with family) will be joining us on September 9th as our newest staff member at the front desk. You are welcome to come on in and say “hi” during Office Hours: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Monday-Thursday.

A BIG “Thank you” to all the volunteers who have worked at our front desk and provided a smiling face and a helping hand: Steve Thorp, Cathy Edgerton, Linda Fern, Luann Johnson, and Rick Hoffman.



The next **Lamplighter** news **due date** for the October issue is Thursday, **Sept. 16, at 10:00 am**. Articles for publication should be sent via email to: frontdesk@redmondcpcc.org. You will receive a reply letting you know your contribution was received.