

The Lamplighter

A Newsletter of **Community Presbyterian Church**

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**COMMUNITY
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To Believe. To Belong. To Serve.

DECEMBER 2017

The Light Shines in the Darkness

Happy Advent! Advent, the liturgical season leading up to Christmas, officially begins December 3 and I can't wait to celebrate together as a church. I love the season of Advent because it stretches the Christmas celebration out for four weeks in advance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day itself. Advent is a season of waiting and expectation.

As we walk through this season, I want us to reflect on what we are waiting for. One of the motifs I have noticed in the scriptures we read throughout the season is the idea that in the birth of Christ, in the Incarnation, there is light that has broken into the darkness. "The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light." (Isaiah 9:2a) "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:5) How fitting that in December, when the days are shortest and the nights are darkest, we celebrate Advent by lighting candles, and on Christmas Eve we will all hold on to those lights in our candlelight services (5pm and 7pm on Dec 24).

Beyond the darkness of winter nights, though, we see so much darkness in our lives and our world. We are aware of our sinfulness and broken relationships. We are finishing a calendar year in which it has been impossible to keep up with the news cycles of mass killings throughout our country, refugee crises in various places around the world, political chaos at home and abroad. It is in the midst of this darkness that we hope and wait and pray this Advent. Let us place our hope in the God whose light always pushes back the darkness.

Finally, I want to say thank you for such a warm and enthusiastic welcome to this church community and to the town of Redmond. Holly and I are so happy to be here! We felt so loved starting our first Sunday, November 5. It was a real joy on Saturday, November 11, to share the celebration of my ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament and installation as the pastor of this church. Thanks for welcoming my friends and family who celebrated with us that weekend.

*With you in expectation and joy,
Andrew Hoeksema*



**OUR
SCHEDULE!**

Sunday Dec. 3 thru Sunday Dec. 31 Worship Schedule

Dec. 3 Communion Sunday with Worship Times at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

Dec. 10 Children's Christmas Pageant with one 10:00 am combined worship service.

Dec. 17 Cantata Sunday with Worship Times at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Morning one combined 10:00 am worship service
and candlelight services at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Morning one combined 10:00 am worship service.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast Winter Speakers Schedule:
 Dec. 6 - Thom Myers, The Battle of the Bulge.
 Jan. 3, 2018- Pastor Andrew Hoeksema will tell "His Story."

Feb. 7 - Bob Altig, will tell "His Story."
 Mar. 7-Jack Nelson will talk about his Flight Experiences.

Sign up for breakfasts in the narthex on the sign-up sheet. Cost of the breakfast is \$5 and held in Teddy's Hall, 8 to 9:30am

If you are interested in joining our committee please contact any of those listed below. This year we will be donating over \$600 to the Youth Scholarship fund as part of our outreach.

Our committee members are:
 Spike Biggers, Rick Hoffman, Craig Dennis, Richard Lance, Thom Myers and Rocky Johnson.



Hanging of the Greens



Please help CPC kick off the Advent Season with our annual "Hanging of the Greens" on Saturday, **Dec. 2**, at **9:00 am**.

A lot of good help is needed to get all of the holiday decorations in place inside and outside of the sanctuary. Please come and join in the fun.

Grief Support Luncheon

All who have experienced the loss of a loved one in the last year are invited to attend a grief support luncheon on **Monday, December 4**, at **noon**. Please RSVP to the church office at 541-548-3367.

Wednesday Night Supper



Let's celebrate the Christmas Season! Come to CPC on Wed., **December 13** at **6:00 pm** for our **CPC Christmas Party**. Enjoy appetizers

and a Christmas Carol sing-along. The party will be fun for all ages! The price of admission will be canned food for the FISH barrel or hats and snow gloves for the Mitten Tree.

All Church Breakfast



CPC's annual all church breakfast has been scheduled! Save the date on your calendar for Saturday, **January 27**, at **9:00 am** in

Teddy's Hall. This will be a FUN time with a special program, great breakfast (catered by Tate and Tate), door prizes and other fun events. Tickets will go on sale in January. We hope to see you there!

CPC's Famous Chili Cook-Off



On Wednesday, **January 10**, at **6:00 pm** CPC will hold our 5th Annual Chili Cook-off. Pull out your favorite chili recipe and sign up to win, or sign up to volunteer and help make the night a success!

For questions or more information, please call Lynda Talbot at 541-279-0576

All of you who like to eat chili, please come for the food and fellowship on January 10th!

Advent Devotional Guides



Advent Devotional Guides are in the narthex. Please stop and pick up any that you would like.

Kid's, Save The Date For A Movie!

Church School Kiddo's save the date of Sunday, **December 17**, for an afternoon at the movie theater. We will watch **The Star**, it is the greatest story ever told-The First Christmas!



Children & Youth Ministries

Director, Michelle Duff

michelle@redmondcpc.org

or call/text (503) 539-5985.

CPC Impact: The Families Mission Team



The November/December CPC Impact event, *Keeping Noses Warm in November* is going strong and there is still time to donate **NEW** hats, gloves, snow boots, and scarves for children in need in the Redmond community. Thank you to the CPC Mission Team for donating \$500.00 towards snow boots. The CPC Impact Team will be counting the items on Monday, **December 11**, at 5:30 pm prior to the youth Christmas party and Michelle will deliver the donations to the Family Access Network (FAN) on Wednesday, December 13.

Water to Wine: Parent's Book Club



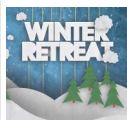
The Water to Wine group invites parents with young children to the next meeting on Sunday, **December 3**, from **5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. The Kardy's will be hosting at their home and children are welcome. Please RSVP to **Bethany Kardy** at 541-693-4804. For parents that cannot attend the group but would like to read the book, "Families Where Grace is in Place" by Jeff VonVonderen, contact Michelle to get your free copy.

Tis the Season to Celebrate Jesus' Birthday!



Middle and High school youth groups will have a Christmas Party on Monday, **December 11**, from **5:30 pm to 8:00 pm** in the youth lounge. We will celebrate Jesus' birthday with a holiday dinner and gift exchange. Gifts should cost no more than \$10.00. Please contact **Judy McKinney** for more information or to RSVP at 541-350-0352.

Let's Go Camping!



Middle and High school students are invited to the Youth Winter Retreat, "Go Camping". The event will take place at Suttle Lake Camp from **January 13-15**. The group will engage in worship, tubing, hikes, and games. The cost for the camp, which includes registration, lodging and food, is \$99.00. Scholarships are available. For more information, and to reserve your spot, contact Michelle Duff.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!



Look around and you might see a glimpse of a shepherd, a peek of the Baby Jesus or a looksee at a super cute chicken. What does this all mean? It's time for the *CPC*

Children's Christmas Pageant. This year **Jen Rost, Olivia Duff** and **Carole Kardy** will be directing and the performance will be held on Sunday, **December 10**, at one special **10:00 am service**. The children will enjoy a pizza party following the performance at 11:00 am. Come delight in the children as they reenact the reason for the season!

A special Angelfest Café Thank You

The youth can't thank the congregation enough for their support at the Angelfest Café. Because of your generosity, the kids made \$458.00 to go towards the youth mission fund. A special thank you to our bakers, cooks, and persons that provided supplies including: **Liz Scanlon, Nancy Barney, Kelsey Stealey, Sharon Byrum, Judy McKinney, Margo Menown, Carol Noyes, Roxanne Duman, Janet Lovitt, Lynda Talbot, Jen Rost, Margaret Herbison, Sandy Sutherland, Kathi Hayward, Sharon Effinger, Rona Davis, Jan Jacobs, Chris Slabaugh, and Carla Barnes**. Our crew did a fabulous job and included: **Judy McKinney, Ed McKinney, Don Shaw, Kayley Holcomb, Kelsey Stealey, Gail White, Daniel Stealey, Amanda Brown, Sarah Cox, Carole Kardy, Olivia Duff, Karlyn Breitbach, Travis Stealey, Jessie McElroy, Colin McElroy, Danika Lundgren, Chloe Sisson, Greg Lundgren, Duncan Zweitig, Eryn Pearson, Bailey Petti, Iverson Smith, Adam Hucke, Andrew McKague, Lauren Cox and Eli Gasper**.





Music Ministries

Karen Sipes, Director

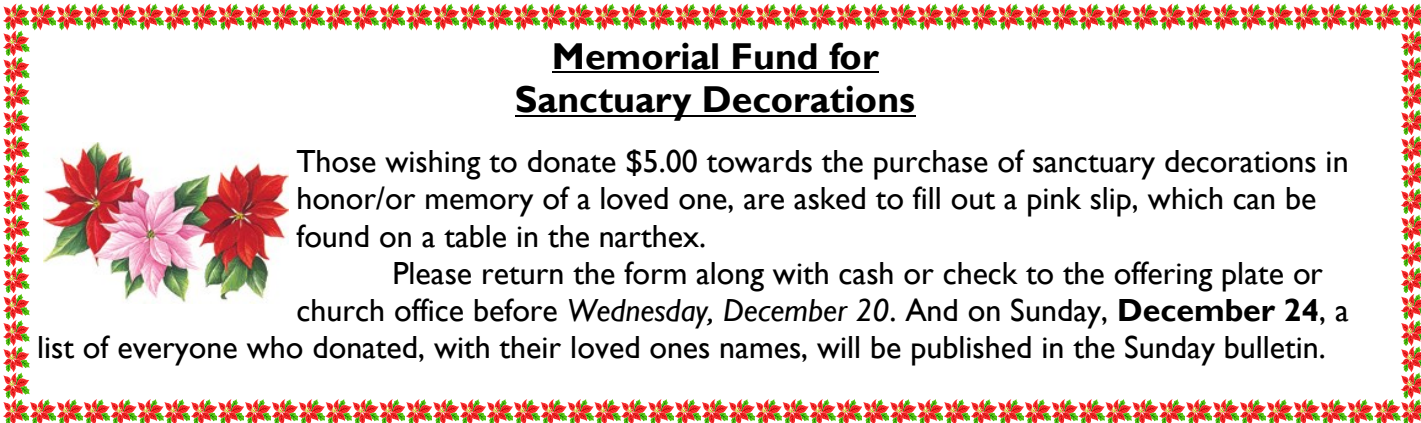


Exciting things are happening in Music Ministries! A new cantata is well underway! Joseph Martin's "Invitation to a Miracle," a beautiful and uplifting work with hauntingly lovely melodies and rich harmonies, exciting rhythms, and heart rending, moving messages of the Advent/Christmas season, will delight all who hear on **December 17**, at both the **9 and 11 am** services. The choir, praise team members and orchestra have been working hard, and I am blessed indeed by their talent, spirit and desire to put forth their very best. This is an excellent time to invite people to come to either service. The cantata is a huge undertaking for music ministries and the hope and desire is to bless as many as possible. Please consider inviting others and come, to either service. All ages will enjoy it. We have a multi-generational group of musicians sharing their gifts this year. Come and worship with us!

Blessings of the season,
 Karen Sipes,
 Director of Music Ministries



Memorial Fund for Sanctuary Decorations



Those wishing to donate \$5.00 towards the purchase of sanctuary decorations in honor/or memory of a loved one, are asked to fill out a pink slip, which can be found on a table in the narthex.

Please return the form along with cash or check to the offering plate or church office before *Wednesday, December 20*. And on Sunday, **December 24**, a list of everyone who donated, with their loved ones names, will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

Congratulations Angelfest Drawing Winners



The Ticket Drawing Winners were:
 Mari Graham ~ Wood Bowl.
 Bev Johnson ~ Cake Plate.
 Rose Gallant and The Duff Family ~ Beach Trips.
 Sandy Sutherland ~ Quilt.
 Lari Hodecker ~ Christmas tree skirt.



Wellness Ministries Mission Statement: To help the congregation attain, maintain, and/or regain the best personal health, wellness of mind, body, and spirit that can be experienced. This is realized through education, guidance, screening and providing ongoing support

Coordinator: Lois Millspaugh



STRESS AND THE HOLIDAYS

For many, the holiday season is a happy time associated with family and friends, good food and celebration.

But for others, the holidays are marked with feelings of anxiety and depression, commonly referred to as the Holiday Blues. There are a number of factors that contribute to these feelings including less sunlight, changes in diet and routine, increases in alcohol consumption, extra stress from hosting family and friends or the inability to be with family and friends. Others can be triggered by sentimental memories resulting in feelings of loneliness, sadness, fatigue, tension and a sense of loss.

During this time it is important for everyone to take care of themselves. We suggest the following: take some time alone for yourself, do something unrelated to the holidays, do everything in moderation, take one day at a time, and focus in on the reason for the season...the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Be prayerful and be filled with peace and enjoy all the different aspects of the Christmas Season. Merry Christmas to everyone!



GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCHEON

On Monday, **December 4**, the Wellness Ministries, along with Pastor Andrew, will host a Grief Support Luncheon at the church at **12:00 noon**. This luncheon is being held for members and friends of our church who have lost a family member or loved one during this year. If you would be interested in being a part of this support group please contact Lois Millspaugh or the church office.



CHAIR AEROBICS

Did you know that CPC has a Chair Aerobics Program that meets every Monday and Thursday at **9:15 am** at the church in the Mountain room.

This is a free class. Come join us for a great workout! Contact Aletha Smith at 541-504-4732 for additional information.



AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS

The AARP Safe Driving Class that was scheduled for Saturday, November 18, has been moved to **December 4 at Round Table Pizza at 9:00 a.m.**

The class scheduled at the church was not able to meet the minimum amount of attendees so it will merge with another class that will be taught by John Petersen. If you have any questions concerning this class please feel free to contact Lois Millspaugh 541-548-7065.



HEALTH RESOURCE

Have you, or a family member had heart surgery or is surgery coming up in the near future? Don Duman, a new member of the Wellness Team, is a veteran of 2 open heart surgeries and many years of experience volunteering with heart patients. He would be happy to visit with you to answer any questions or concerns you might have. Call Don at 360-601-1774 to set up a time to meet together.

REDMOND PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP



Coping during the holidays share and care – helpful hints for enjoying the Season. One of our members will bring his “tremorless” silverware to show us. Those who wish may bring finger food or goodies to share. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, December 7**, in the Mountain Room from **1:00 – 2:30 pm**. Beginning in January our group will meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month (**January 3rd**) in Teddy's Hall at the church.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS



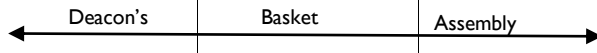
Free Blood Pressure Screenings are available to all members and friends of the church on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month in the Wellness Office. For the month of December CPC nurses will be available to take your blood pressure from 9:00-10:00 am on Sunday, **December 10**. There will be **NO Blood Pressure Screenings** on December 24th. We will resume our normal schedule after the holidays. Remember, high blood pressure is a silent killer. Be proactive and see your health care provider if you have any concerns.



December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> 7:15 Men's Breakfast Study @ Madeline's Grill	<i>2</i> 9:00 Hanging Of The Greens 
<i>3</i> <u>Communion</u> 9:00 Worship 9:00 Nursery Care 9:15 Church School 9:30 Adult Ed Classes 10:30 Congregational Meeting 11:00 Worship 12:00 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 5:00 Water to Wine Parent's Book Club	<i>4</i> 7:30 College C.C. 9:00 AARP Safe Driving Class at Round Table Pizza 9:15 Chair Aerobics 12:00 Grief Support 1:00 Art Group 1:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 MS Youth Grp 6:00 Worship 6:30 HS Youth Grp 6:30 Centering Prayer	<i>5</i> 9:30 M.O.P.S. 10:30 Food/Fellowship 3:00 Stewardship 4:30 Jericho Road Board Mtg. 6:00 CYMT Mtg. 7:00 Boy Scouts	<i>6</i> 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:30 Ladies Study In the Mtn. Room 5:30 Praise Team 5:30 Prayer Service 7:00 Chancel Choir	<i>7</i> 9:15 Chair Aerobics 10:00 Quiltmakers 1:00 Parkinson's Support Group 4:15 Outreach	<i>8</i> 7:15 Men's Breakfast Study @ Madeline's Grill	<i>9</i> 9:00 Christmas Pageant Set Up 10:00 Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal 2:00 Boy Scouts Christmas Party
<i>10</i> 9:00 Adult Ed Classes 10:00 Children's Christmas Pageant 10:00 Nursery Care 	<i>11</i> 7:30 College C.C. 9:15 Chair Aerobics 10:00 Membership 1:00 Art Group 1:00 Staff Meeting 2:00 Worship Team 3:00 Deacons 4:30 Mission 5:30 M.S. & H.S. Youth Christmas Party 6:30 Centering Prayer	<i>12</i> 12:30 Jericho Road 7:00 Boy Scouts	<i>13</i> 9:30 Ladies Study In the Mtn. Room 1:00 Wellness Team 3:00 Finance Team 5:30 Praise Team 5:30 Prayer Service 6:00 WNS 7:00 Chancel Choir	<i>14</i> 9:00 Deacon's Baskets 9:15 Chair Aerobics 10:00 Lamplighter Deadline	<i>15</i> 7:15 Men's Breakfast Study @ Madeline's Grill	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i> 9:00 Christmas Cantata 9:00 Nursery Care 9:15 Church School 9:30 Adult Ed Classes 11:00 Christmas Cantata Children's Trip To The Movie's. Time T.B.A. 	<i>18</i> 7:30 College C.C. 9:15 Chair Aerobics 1:00 Art Group 1:00 Staff Christmas Luncheon 4:00 Adult Ed Meeting 5:30 MS Youth Grp 6:30 HS Youth Grp 6:30 Centering Prayer	<i>19</i> 9:30 M.O.P.S. 6:00 Session Mtg. 7:00 Boy Scouts	<i>20</i> 9:30 Ladies Study In the Mtn. Room 5:30 Praise Team 5:30 Prayer Service 7:00 Chancel Choir	<i>21</i> 9:15 Chair Aerobics 12:00 Quiltmakers Luncheon at Christy's Kitchen 6:00 College Coffee Crew Christmas Party	<i>22</i> 7:15 Men's Breakfast Study @ Madeline's Grill	<i>23</i> 12:00 Deacon's Basket Distribution
<i>24</i> 9:00 Adult Ed Classes 10:00 Worship 10:00 Nursery Care 10:15 Church School 5:00 Christmas Eve Worship Service 6:00 Light Meal 7:00 Christmas Eve Worship Service	<i>25</i> Church Office Closed  Christmas	<i>26</i> Church Office Closed	<i>27</i> 9:30 Ladies Study In the Mtn. Room 5:30 Prayer Service 5:30 Praise Team 7:00 Chancel Choir	<i>28</i> 9:15 Chair Aerobics 10:00 Quiltmakers	<i>29</i> 7:15 Men's Breakfast Study @ Madeline's Grill	<i>30</i> 5:00 Singles Christmas Potluck at Brenda's
<i>31</i> 10:00 Worship 10:00 Nursery Care 10:15 Church School New Years Eve						



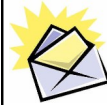
Session Meeting Highlights:

November 21 Highlights:

- ✦ The Deacons are prepared and ready to fill Christmas boxes for 33 families with info they received from Neighbor Impact.
- ✦ Four college scholarships were paid out.
- ✦ An invitation from Juniper Springs Senior Living to attend a “Hard Hat Hello” on **December 6** at **3:30** off of 23rd Street and all are welcome for warm drinks.
- ✦ Voted to designate our Christmas Eve (5 & 7 pm) Freewill Offering for Jericho Table.
- ✦ Voted to baptize Harper Lipskey, child of Wes & Audrey Lipskey, at the 10 am service on Sunday, December 10.
- ✦ The annual Chili Feed will be on Wednesday, January 10.
- ✦ The rocks from the labyrinth are being repurposed around the Taylor Field.
- ✦ Voted to have a “polite” sign put up prohibiting dogs on Taylor Field.
- ✦ The van shed has been installed out back and is enclosed and functional.



GIVING ENVELOPES



Weekly and monthly giving envelopes for 2018 will be available beginning **Sunday, December 10**, in the narthex.

Many members have already indicated that they wish to receive these envelopes, however, even if you didn't indicate on your pledge card that you would like to have giving envelopes you are welcome to take a packet.

Please note that the giving envelopes do not have a pledge number or name on them so take any one. This enables us to use any leftover packets the following year.



CPC Finance Corner

(From your Finance Team)

As we approach the end of the year, if you have a question about the status of your 2017 pledge, please email or call Kathi Hayward for an update.

kathih@bendbroadband.com or 541-526-0267.
Your support is appreciated!

Stewardship Corner

Below is an update on Giving and Expenses Year to Date compared to 2016.

January-October	2016	2017
Pledge Offering	256,568	258,620
Non Pledge Offering	50,675	33,256
Loose Offering	5,218	5,754
Other Income	14,917	12,571
Total Income	327,378	310,201
Total Expense	320,412	342,717
Net Income	6,966	-32,516

Net income for September 2017 was a \$39,000 deficit, October reduce the deficit by \$7,000.00. 2018 Pledge Campaign Update: 100 pledges received representing \$278,000.

If you have not made your pledge yet please return your pledge card to the office.



Welcome New Members.....



Ray and Joyce Ownby.....

Ray first worked for the government partly for the weather bureau and partly for traffic management in Washington, D.C. Then he worked for Trailways Bus Line as traffic manager all over the country. Moving to Redmond was their 15th move. Joyce was a school librarian, also a reference and children's librarian for Deschutes County. They have two boys (one of whom lives in Alaska) and a daughter (who lives in Redmond). They both have sung in a choir wherever they were and have known Karen Sipes for years. Ray used to act at CTC theatre in Bend until

2000. Both were avid travelers going to all the continents minus Australia up until 2008.

Welcome New Member.....



Stephen Wickens....

Stephen grew up in Central Oregon. Then he joined the Army as a cook and reached the rank of Sergeant. He spent 6 years in Illenheim, West Germany, also Alaska and Alpena, Michigan. He transferred over to the Air Force for more tours of duty. He also was a Lieutenant as a correction officer for 17 years. He came back to Oregon to retire. He has a son and daughter. He enjoys attending the Parkinson group regularly and also baking.

Quilters Quips



Thank you all for the positive comments about the quilts that have been hanging in Teddy's Hall! It is our pleasure to share their beauty with you. We also thank the many that have donated items for our use as we work to make quilts to keep others warm and comforted. Another thank you to those who purchased quilts this year. The money is used to resupply the needed items to complete a quilt and to donate to other church missions.

The first Thursday of December is "Distribution Thursday". At this time every year we distribute the quilts we have made during the year to the different agencies that we work with. So far we have completed 130 quilts of a variety of sizes, 180 chemo pillows, and numerous items for Angelfest. We also keep some quilts aside for needs that arise during the year.

We have a few up coming events to remember.

December 7 Distribution of the quilts

December 21 NO QUILTING!

December 21 Annual Quilters Lunch at noon at Christy's Kitchen.

January 29 to February 1 Winter Quilting Bee



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/03 Art Wright
- 12/04 Judy Hetrick
- 12/08 Barbara French
- 12/10 Michelle Duff
Harrison Harmon
- 12/12 Shelby Snyder
Leah Kardy
- 12/14 Mike Biondi
Heather Gedrose
John Herbison
- 12/15 Sharon Byrum
Terry Schliep
- 12/17 Jeanne Kosanovic
- 12/18 Elaine Blyler
Amy Fabbrini
- 12/19 Chris Slabaugh
- 12/22 Rocky Johnson
- 12/24 Earl Thompson
Carson Kardy
- 12/27 Steven Koutsopoulos
- 12/28 Leslie Harmon
- 12/30 Steve Crouch
- 12/31 Doug Bellew
Ken Porter



January Newsletter Deadline

The next *Lamplighter* news deadline is **December 14**. 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.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 12/12 Hank & Lorre Hahn
- 12/14 Irv & Liz Nygren
- 12/19 Jessica Rowan & Sam Saleem
- 12/22 Steve & Viki Cross
Hal & Cheryl Edwards
Tince & Cindy Timm
- 12/28 Rick & Susi Nissen
- 12/30 Craig & Becky Dennis
George & Carol Noyes

Singles Night Out

The singles group will meet for appetizers at Brenda Parrott's house **December 30 at 5:00 pm**. Please call Brenda with your RSVP at 541-526-0139. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

The Taize Choir of Central Oregon

Everyone is invited to participate in an hour of meditative non-denominational Taize music & silence at the monthly ecumenical service, 7pm, Thursday, **Dec. 7**, at St. Helen's Hall Trinity Episcopal Church 231 NW Idaho, Bend For more information call 541-815-5574 or email taizebend@gmail.com.

Library News...

The library is in the process of being updated and we seem to be missing a large number of books. If you have any CPC library books gathering dust on your shelf, please return them to the library, no questions asked. Thanks!"

DECEMBER Deacon of the Month

Mike Slabaugh

The Deacon of the Month is on call to handle requests of those who need assistance

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies



At CPC, we like our cookies! How do we know; because we always seem to run out of them! Never Fear, 2018 is almost here. Operation "Plentiful Cookies" is a hit! We ask that each Committee in the church be responsible for providing cookies for their designated month. The schedule will look like this:
January-Worship Team
February-Mission Team
March-Property Team
April-CPC Youth
May-CPC Children
June-Finance and Endowment Teams
July-Stewardship Team
August-Membership Team
September-Deacons
October-Elders
November-Wellness
December-Adult Ed.

Food and Fellowship will contact the team chairpersons who will pass the message along to their teams. Cookies can be homemade, or store bought – we are not fussy, just hungry! Thank you for your continued support.

CPC Gives Thanks to...

... **Lynda Talbot** for working in the church office during our staff meetings. The office staff really appreciate Lynda and all her help.

... **Lynn Hodecker** for helping in the church office during the short Thanksgiving Week.

...**Everyone** who came out on a Saturday morning to help with the All Church Clean Up.

...**John Duff, Travis Stealey, Daniel Stealey, Judy McKinney and Ed McKinney** for taking the youth bowling at the Sun Mountain Fun Center last month. Travis won the *Golden Pin* and fun was had by all!

...**Carole Kardy and Lorie Stealey** for teaching church school in November. The wiggles and giggles downstairs are music to our ears!

...**Linda Shaw and Amanda Glasser** for providing meals for our middle and high school youth groups.



THANK YOU

A big thank you to Jim and Kathi Hayward and their crew for the excellent job they did cleaning up my place. The weeds are gone, gutters cleaned and I appreciate all of you. Due to some health problems I couldn't do it myself this year. You are all angels.

Dottie McMenamy



We can't thank our Wellness Team enough for their wonderful cookies. Be looking forward to the appetizing extravagances of the Adult Education Team.

2017 FALL YARD CLEANUP

The CPC Mission Committee offered yard cleanup assistance to congregants who indicated they could use help with cutting weeds, raking leaves, trimming, and debris disposal this fall.

Two weekends in late October were selected for the potential cleanup times however, the first weekend was rained out so all yards for the 5 homes requesting help were completed over the 5-day period October 27 to 31.

We had 18 very willing helpers signed up but due to scheduling conflicts 4 were unable to help that second weekend. A special thank you goes out to **Diane and Dave Putnam** for allowing us to take all the debris to their ranch to be used as mulch and to **Fred Effinger** for using his truck and trailer to dispose of the debris. All volunteer workers did a marvelous job and multiple trailer loads of leaves, grass, weeds, tree and bush trimmings were collected. So, to the hard working volunteer crew listed below a very special THANK YOU for your excellent work: **Stan and Joan Carpenter, Fred Effinger, Jim and Kathi Hayward, Lynn Hodecker, Mike and Jan Jacobs, Dave and Diane Putnam, Mike and Chris Slabaugh, Sandy Sutherland and Marion Tripp.**



Save The Date For The Lenten Prayer Retreat March 6-8, 2018

Mark your calendars for The 5th annual Lenten Prayer Retreat at Mt. Angel Abbey Guest House in Mt. Angel, Oregon.

This trip has proven to be a wonderful experience for all who attend. The cost is \$186.00 for single occupancy; and \$300.00 double occupancy.

This is a quiet time of prayer, meditation, and renewal at your own pace. You can choose to be on your own, or participate in group activities. And the meals have been a much appreciated feature of the retreat!

There will be a sign-up sheet on the narthex table in January.

For further information contact Mike Jacobs at 541-923-2953



Presbyterian Meeting Highlights

On November 3-4, 2017, a total of 105 presbyters met in attendance at the First Presbyterian Church in Roseburg, Oregon. There were 59 ministers, 46 elders from 28 congregations. Brian Heron was installed as the Presbyter for Vision and Mission, the new name for the Presbytery Executive.

Of interest there was a Cross-Cultural Partnership Grant of \$30,000, a fund to encourage local churches to partner in a cross-cultural ministry. The Committee on Representation will develop goals and the process for this program.

The Presbytery sent a message to the General Assembly in two Overtures. After debate, the following two items were approved as overtures to the General Assembly:

1. Include language about the Administrative Personnel Association in the Book of Order.
2. On Responding to the Current Syrian Crisis.

For the Genesis Fellowship Church, Presbytery will make a goodwill gift of \$5,000 in support of and gratitude for their ministry and the Presbyterian Leadership Committee (PLC) will arrange to meet with them to listen to their story. (Presbytery sold this property on contract to the multiracial Fellowship in early 2008. Some believe that in light of our relationship and their unique ministry, presbytery should have been more generous than it was. Hopefully, by listening, the PLC will be able to know how our actions were understood, and what we could have done differently.)

On a personal note, Nancy and I were married in the initial Vernon Presbyterian Church and were part of the move to its new location and involved in the building of a new sanctuary and educational wing.

Andrew Hoeksema was introduced and examined by the members of Presbytery for an extensive 20-minute period of questioning on his Statement of Faith. He was excused from the assembly and there was more conversation when John Ailstock said Andrew was a good fit for the congregation. A vote was taken and he was approved unanimously to serve as pastor of Community Presbyterian Church of Redmond, Oregon!

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