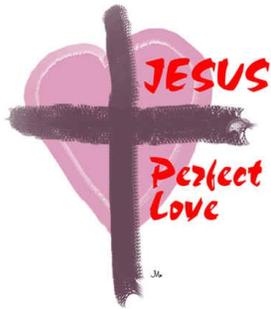


Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

February 2022



*Pastor's
Corner*

Dear CPC Family,

I have some important information I want to share with you, and while this note will be more “business-like” than I like to write for the newsletter, hopefully you will find it informative, and even exciting!

At our Session meeting this month, we began to map out the way forward in our transition and pastor-calling process. The first big step, the drafting of a Mission Study, is underway and will be completed very soon. In the meantime, it's time to start the process of forming a Pastor Nominating Committee. This is a critically important step, as the PNC will become the primary voice of the church as we begin our search.

Our Presbyterian form of government, in many respects, resembles our national representative form of government. (In fact, Presbyterians were influential in the formation of our government, and introduced aspects of Presbyterian polity into its framework!) The Session, as the elected representatives of the congregation, will nominate members from the congregation to the PNC. You, members of the congregation, will vote to approve the makeup of the committee, and delegate to them responsibility for carrying out the process of calling our next pastor.

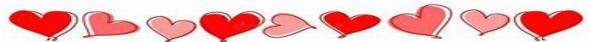
One of the observations that arose out of our transition process workshops was that improved communication is desired among Session committees, and between Session and the congregation. My hope is that the newsletter can

become one way of doing that. The pastor nominating process can be a challenging one, but it can also be very exciting. The decisions we make now will lay the groundwork for finding and calling the *right* pastor for this chapter of Community Presbyterian Church's life together.

Please prayerfully consider who you think might be good candidates for the Pastor Nominating Committee, and talk to them. Share your thoughts with Session members and each other. Think of those who might represent a variety of viewpoints, life experience and interest—youth, older adults, families. It is not required that members of the PNC be members of the church, but they should be folks who are faithful to Jesus, and who are committed to the future of our church. Consider individuals who care about the various ministries of the church: music, youth programs, community outreach and missions, worship.

This process is not about finding a pastor. It is about finding the *right* pastor, called by God to lead and minister to this wonderful congregation. And believe that just as God will be at work through the PNC, God is also preparing the heart of our future pastor.

With great joy and anticipation of how God is at work among us,
Pastor John



Deep peace of the running waves to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the shades of night to you,
Moon and stars always giving light to you.

—Gaelic blessing

Contributed by MaryAnne Wheeler

MaryAnne Wheeler	2/10
Dennis Humphrey	2/13
Raymond (Ray) Wilson	2/13
Ellen Hinton	2/18
Pamela Anderson	2/20
Bridger Burns	2/21
John Shepherd	2/23
Jett Barbour	2/27
Sandy Treloar	2/28



congregation. (G-9.0203, G-10.0300)

2022 Elders

Jane Thornes	Class of 2022
Penny Carpenter	Class of 2022
John Hughes	Class of 2022
Mike Anderson	Class of 2023
Pinky Humphrey	Class of 2023
Bill Cowin	Class of 2024
Leon Armstrong	Class of 2024



Groundhog Day

February 14 *Happy Valentine's Day*



The Session

From the Book of Order

The session governs a particular congregation. It is made up of elders elected by the congregation, plus all the installed pastors on the staff, including pastors, co-pastors, and associate pastors. (G-10.0101)

The session is responsible for all decisions regarding the program and policies of its congregation, except for the two powers reserved for the congregation: the election of officers, including the pastoral staff, and the buying, selling, and/or mortgaging of church property. The constitution spells out 19 specific duties for the session. (G-10.0102, G-7.0304)

The session is composed of elders elected for specific terms of service as well as the installed pastor(s) and associate pastor(s). It is presided over by the moderator, who is the pastor or a minister member of the Presbytery when the pastor is not available. (G-10.0101, G-10.0103, G-14.0201)

The session elects its own clerk, who is called "Clerk of the Session." The clerk of the session must be an elder, but not necessarily one serving currently on the session. The session elects the clerk for such term as it shall determine. The clerk of the session has many duties regarding the records of the church, and also serves as secretary of meetings of the

The Deacons

Acts 6:1-6

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch, They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

Meaning of Deacon: "...the church chose the title "diakonos**" that, in its most literal sense, means a person who serves food to other people in a home or a restaurant, perhaps even "slave." Since their duties required them to meet the needs of others, even washing the feet of travelers, it was not always the most enviable of jobs.

Why did the early church choose such a humble title for their new officers? Obviously they took it from the ministry and example of Jesus Christ who taught His disciples that if anyone wants to be first in the Kingdom of God he or she has to be the servant of all (Mark 9:35; see Is. 53 and the concept of the Suffering Servant).

** diakonos: The most popular Greek word for minister which means, 'a servant,' or 'one who executes the command of another.'

The office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ (Book of Order).

The Deacons of Community Presbyterian Church are organized as a board of which the pastor is an advisory member. Currently, our Board of Deacons is made up of the nine members who are elected by the members of our church at our Annual Meeting.

Deacons are normally elected for a 3-year term and they are on rotating terms, with 3 new members elected each year.

Our Deacons take responsibility for the following committees:

Bulletins, Shepherding, Coffee Hour, Communion Set-up and Clean-up, Funeral Dinners, Home Communion, The Kitchen, Meal Coordinator, Potluck, The Prayer Chain and a representative to serve on the Nominating Committee.

2022 Deacons

Gwen Edwards	Class of 2022
Marge Gannon	Class of 2022
Kathy Martin	Class of 2022
Pam Anderson	Class of 2023
Gail Barbour	Class of 2023
Kay Cowin	Class of 2023
Lexie Barbour	Class of 2024
Tei Anna Osborn	Class of 2024
Sandy Treloar	Class of 2024

Financial Secretary	Liz Hughes
Treasurer	Boni Schueller



I Saw Jesus

I saw Jesus last week.

He was wearing blue jeans and an old shirt.
He was up at the church building;
He was alone and working hard.
For just a minute, He looked like one of our members.
But it was Jesus, I could tell by His smile.

I saw Jesus last Sunday.
He was teaching a Bible class.
He didn't talk real loud or use long words.
But, you tell He believed what He said.
For just a minute, He looked like my Sunday School teacher.
But it was Jesus, I could tell by His loving voice.

I saw Jesus yesterday.
He was at the hospital visiting a friend who was sick.
They prayed quietly together,
For just a minute He looked like my pastor.
But it was Jesus, I could tell by the tears in His eyes.



I saw Jesus the other day,
He was bringing a covered dish over to me because I had been sick.
Just for a minute, I thought it was Him, with His gentle hands stroking my shoulder.
I thought it was Him but it looked like my sweet neighbor.
But it was Jesus because I could feel Him in my soul.

I saw Jesus this morning.
He was in my kitchen making my breakfast and fixing me a special lunch.
For just a minute He looked like my Mom.
But it was Jesus, I could feel the love from His heart.

I see Jesus everywhere,
Taking food to the sick,
Welcoming others to His home,
Being friendly to a newcomer and for just a minute I think He's someone I know.
But it's always Jesus, I can tell by the way He serves.

May someone see Jesus in you today.

– contributed by Kathy Martin

God, Let Me Be Aware

Stab my soul fiercely with other's pain
Let me walk seeing horror and stain.
Let my hands, groping, find other hands.



Give me the heart that divines,
understands
Give me the courage, wounded, to
fight.

Flood me with knowledge, drench me with light.
Please, keep me eager just to do my share
God, let me be aware.



Yakutat Check-in

by Cathy Wassillie
Ruling Elder/Treasurer

So sorry I haven't checked in.

I had hoped 2022 would be a better year. But Yakutat declared an emergency state cause we are covered in snow. I'll fwd pictures after this note.

On Dec 3 we lost my brother in law and it's been difficult. He was 44 and Now we're having to keep an eye on his place and the mother in law who is in Washington state recovering from a hip fall.

As I try this I'm watching for the tsunami advisory from the volcanic eruption in the Tongan islands.

Yesterday I had the stomach bug

I hope you're all doing well. I'm wondering if that cold weather is reaching you. Such crazy weather everywhere.



"In Your presence, Lord, we are but dust," said the priest. Johnny was sitting in the front row listening. He said, "Mommy, what is butt dust?"

UPDATE



On 1/26/2022, the 2021 Bazaar committee finalized all the income and expenses and made disbursement decisions. Almost **1/3** of our funds will be going to **our church's GENERAL FUND**. Additional funds will go to our Little Pantry, our Headstart Snack Pack program, our Vacation Bible School, Camp scholarships for youth, and Operation Christmas Child. Community recipients are the Free Clinic at the Panhandle Health building, the local Veterans support program initiated by high school students, the lighted Cross that overlooks town and the Suicide Prevention Area Network. We made \$6,834.95 which includes the door sprays that were made and sold in December 2020. After paying out expenses and sales tax, we decided to hold back \$757.76 for next year's event or other needs as they arise.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING OUR 40TH ANNUAL BAZAAR!

– Penny Carpenter, Chair



Our little pantry is in need of items to replenish the supply to fill it. During these icy cold weather days and nights we do not put glass containers or canned goods out. We are using up our dry goods supply. Currently we are in need of:



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| dry pasta type meals | peanut butter in plastic |
| crackers and PB | crackers and cheese |
| oatmeal | personal hygiene articles |
| granola bars | Hot chocolate packets |
| tea | instant coffee or individual packets |
| graham crackers | cookies |

Large packages of pasta and dried beans do not get picked up very often.

There is a large box near the front door to place your goods in. The pantry is getting emptied several times a week, so there is still a need.