

Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

March 2022

Happy 2nd Anniversary Newsletter!!!!



*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

Pastor's Corner

When you think about it, the church is a pretty remarkable institution.

Not only do we believe ourselves to be the living body of Christ in the world, but we are—at least in this country—completely self-sustaining. The church exists and carries out its ministries because individuals voluntarily give of their time, energy and financial resources. No corporate sponsorships, no government underwriting, no taxpayer funding...we make the church happen, based upon our faith in God, and God's calling to serve each other, the community and the world.

One of the things about Community Presbyterian Church that I have appreciated since the day I was introduced to you has been the leadership, commitment and energy of our members. I'm constantly amazed at how quickly and consistently members of our congregation step up and make things happen.

In the past few weeks we've witnessed this acceptance of responsibility for the mission of the church in two significant ways...

In mid-January, we elected, ordained and installed four Ruling Elders—Bill Cowin, Leon Armstrong, Pinky Humphrey and Jen Miller—and five Deacons—Marge Gannon, Kathy Martin, Kay Cowin, Lexi Barbour and Sandy Treloar. These individuals have voluntarily committed

themselves to guiding, leading and caring for our congregation. It is with great gratitude that we dismissed Linda Weinmann from active service as a Ruling Elder.

Last week, the congregation elected seven members of our congregation to serve as our Pastor Nominating Committee: Eric Besaw, Bill Cowin, Pinky Humphrey, Pam Anderson, MaryAnne Wheeler, Kathy Martin and Beverly McCuaig. These individuals have accepted the responsibility for articulating CPC's understanding of who God is calling us to be, and calling the Pastor who will lead us into that future.

It's easy to overlook the amount of time, energy and effort that goes into fulfilling the Church's calling to serve the world, and the individuals who give so generously to represent Christ. Just as Presbyterians accept the priesthood of all believers, we each accept responsibility for supporting the church and its mission. Thank you for demonstrating your commitment to Christ and Christ's Church. Please continue to look for ways to contribute to the life and ministries of Community Presbyterian Church, and remember to uphold our leaders and committees in prayer.

~Pastor John~



CORRECTION: Jenifer Miller's name was omitted from the Session member list last month. She is class of 2024. My apologies, Jen.

March 2 Ash Wednesday



A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present “Seven Wonders of the World.” Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt’s Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter’s Basilica
7. China’s Great Wall



March 17th



While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, “Yes, a little. I couldn’t quite make up my mind because there are so many.”

The teacher said, “Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help.” The girl hesitated, then read, “I think the “Seven Wonders of the World” are :

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| Beverly McQuaig | 3/12 |
| Cloia Morris | 3/14 |
| Mike Fitzgerald | 3/20 |
| Christopher Scott | 3/22 |
| Maxine Hutchinson | 3/25 |
| Brian Miller | 3/26 |
| Dylan Miller | 3/26 |
| Sally Grant | 3/31 |



1. To see
2. To hear
3. To touch
4. To taste
5. To feel
6. To laugh
7. And to love

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

The things we overlook as simple and ordinary that we take for granted are truly wondrous.

A gentle reminder.
– contributed by Marjorie Martin

March 13



“God does not come on hoof beats of mercury through streets of gold. God is in the dregs of our lives.”

– Joan Chittester



March 1st

SHROVE TUESDAY Shrove Tuesday, the day immediately preceding Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent in Western churches). It occurs between February 2 and March 9, depending on the date of Easter.

Shrove, derived from shrive, refers to the confession of sins as a preparation for Lent, a

Session Committees for 2022

Moderator: Rev. John Owen
Clerk of Session: Jane Thornes

Committees

Stewardship: John Hughes
Penny Carpenter

Building & Grounds: Leon Armstrong, chairman
Bill Cowin/Penny Carpenter

Missions: Jane Thornes, chairman
Pinky Humphrey

Nominating: Jane Thornes

Personnel: John Hughes, chairman
Bill Cowin

Worship: Penny Carpenter, chairman
Mike Anderson

Christian Education: Jenifer Miller, chairman

usual practice in Europe in the Middle Ages. Although the day is sometimes still used for self-examination and introspection, Shrove Tuesday eventually acquired the character of a carnival or festival in many places and is often celebrated with parades. As the final day before the austerity of the Lenten fast, Shrove Tuesday also has many customs pertaining to food. Pancakes are traditional in a number of European countries because eggs, sugar, and fat, commonly forbidden during the Lenten fast, are used up so they will not go to waste; the day is known as Pancake Day or Pancake Tuesday in Ireland and in many Commonwealth countries. Similarly rich pre-Lenten treats, sweet paczki are traditional in Poland, and king cake is an iconic part of Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday") in New Orleans.

Encyclopedia Britannica



As the world fights to figure everything out,
I'll be holding doors for strangers,
letting people cut in front of me in traffic,
saying good morning,
keeping babies entertained in grocery lines,
stopping to talk to someone who is lonely,
being patient with sales clerks,
smiling at passersby.

WHY?

Because I will not stand idly by and
live in a world where love is invisible.
Join me in showing kindness,
understanding, and judging less.
Be kind to a stranger,
give grace to friends who are having a bad day,
be forgiving of yourself - today and every day.

BE the change, **BE** the light,
start today and never stop.



BLANK SPACE

Contributed by Charlie Treloar



You have turned



my weeping into dancing.

Psalm 30:11a



A minister who was very fond of pure, hot horseradish always kept a bottle of it on his dining room table. He offered some to a guest, who took a big spoonful.

When the guest finally was able to speak, he gasped, "I've heard many ministers preach hellfire, but you are the first one I've met who passed out a sample of it."

THE DEACONS COMMITTEES FOR 2022

Moderator: Kathy Martin
Secretary: Sandy Treloar



Committees

Nominating: Pam Anderson

Meals Coordinator: Gwen Edwards

Potlucks: Tei'Anna Osborn
Gail Barbour

Communion Prep: Pam Anderson
Gail Barbour

Funeral Dinners: Lexie Barbour
Kathy Martin

Kitchen: Tei'Anna Osborn
Kathy Martin

Coffee Hour: Pam Anderson
Margie Gannon

Home Communion: Gwen Edwards
Kay Cowin

Bulletins: Lexie Barbour
Sandy Treloar

Prayer Chain: Kay Cowin - email
Margie Gannon - phone tree

Shepherding: Lexie Barbour

Funeral Greeter: Margie Gannon
Sandy Treloar



The CCCs

by Penny Carpenter

The Workshop meetings held recently revealed many things for our church.....one of those was the need to improve **Communications** from our **Committees** to our **Congregation**. One suggestion was to share notes from committee meetings in the Newsletter, so Worship committee is starting this out.

We don't meet "monthly" but do so as often as needs show up. The WORK OF SESSION describes what the committee shall do:

1. Order the worship of the church and establish policies for the following:
 - a. arrange Communion servers, both Elders & Deacons may serve.
 - b. music....delegated to a sub-committee (i.e. choir)
 - c. wedding protocol
 - d. worship service
 - e. ushering & greeting
 - f. décor, atmosphere, furnishings, change vestments per Calendar, pew materials, fill candles with oil when needed.
2. Act as a liaison between Pastor and congregation
3. Provide a proposed budget for the Spending Guide each year.
4. Write a synopsis of activities for the Annual Report each year.

In addition, we submit a monthly report to Session. Membership is open to anyone but is Chaired by an Elder currently serving on Session. You don't have to be invited to be on any committee and volunteers are most welcome. Currently members of Worship committee are MaryAnne Wheeler, Marjorie Martin, Barbara Smeltzer, Beverly McCuaig, Charlie Treloar and Mike Anderson. Mercedes was also until last August.

We each have assigned chores but anyone can help with all needs. The candles are filled with oil and folks to light them are scheduled, the pew materials are kept in supply, the Vestments are changed, the banners are changed, the Sound booth needs are met, Communion stewards are asked & this will resume when Session deems it okay. We are also charged with filling the pulpit in Pastor's absence. Often we find homes for any unclaimed flower bouquets. Christmas & Easter decorating gets arranged and taken down.

