

Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

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Pastor's Corner



If you've been in worship lately, you have heard two themes appear frequently in my preaching: "Wax on, wax off. Breathe in, breath out." And, "We will see."

On Easter Sunday, a new theme sprung from these two: "One step at a time, just show up."

I suppose this last theme arose out of my own experience of intense pain from a pinched nerve in my neck, which seems to overwhelm everything else, and which significantly impacted my experience of Holy Week. On Sunday, Easter morning, that was about all I could do: show up.

Unexpectedly, I found myself in the company of some of the characters we encounter in the story of that first Easter, Resurrection day. The women who went to the tomb before it was even light out, to prepare a body for burial, instead were the first to encounter the risen Lord. Peter stood outside by the fire while Jesus was tried and tortured before the governor, Pilate, and denied knowing Jesus three times, even though Jesus had told him that would happen. He became the "cornerstone" of Christ's church.

For the women and for Peter, the experience of seeing their beloved rabbi and leader publicly humiliated and executed must have torn their souls to pieces. And yet, despite their fear and grief and who knows what else, they continued to go through the motions, showing up where they were supposed to be. They didn't hide or run away or give in to the possibility that everything they had been through with Jesus was all for nothing. They continued to show up, and it was they who formed the foundation of Christ's church—the church that we, now, are a part of.

We want to believe that believing in Jesus as God's Anointed One will protect us from suffering

and struggle in this life. Most of us also know that things don't always work out that way. But we continue to show up, trusting that what we have learned from Jesus is true (*wax on, wax off...breathe in, breathe out*), and that no matter what happens—good or bad—God is in control, and our future with God is secure (*We shall see...it's not over yet.*)

This Easter, the message for me was simple: just show up. Jesus will meet me wherever and however I am, and that will be enough.

Christ has called each of us to follow him. The response of faith is simply to follow him, one step at a time. We can find comfort and confidence by knowing we travel together, and that wherever we go, Christ meets us there.

Pastor John



May Birthdays

Bonnie Scott	5/04
Jim Broyles	5/06
Jenifer Miller	5/08
Patty Moya	5/14
Bayleigh Humphrey	5/18
Richard Schumacker	5/18
Heidi Scott	5/19
Jeanne Robinson	5/21
Pinky Humphrey	5/24
Alica Holthaus	5/25
Miriam Foster	5/27
Bill Cowin	5/28
Gail Barbour	5/29
Emma McLaughlin	5/30

Elder Leon Armstrong reports that:

Building & Grounds has two big projects coming up this summer. One is the painting of the church exterior; the other is the rebuild of the "boat dock" entrance into the church.



May Day
May 1st



More Christian Symbols



The Anchor Cross reminds Christians that Jesus is the anchor of their faith.



Cinco de Mayo
May 5



The Cross symbolizes that Christians believe Jesus Christ died for everyone on a Cross.



IHS are the first three letters of 'Jesus' in Greek, this has been used to represent Jesus from the third century. From the middle ages, they also were used in the latin phrase "Jesus Hominum Salvator" which means "Jesus, Saviour of men". And in English they can mean "In His [Jesus's] Service."



Thru the Ages

When your children are very little,
They listen to Mom and Dad.
When your children start to school,
They listen to teacher and to Mom and Dad.
When your children are teenagers,
They listen to their peers,
and *sometimes* to Mom and Dad.
When your children are young adults,
Sometimes they listen to Mom and Dad.
As they age and have families of their own,
They need to listen to Mom and Dad,
but they sometimes roll their eyes.
As Mom and Dad get older,
Mom and Dad must just listen and smile.

"We can't breathe without oxygen from outside of ourselves. Similarly, the soul can't live without God."

-Evan Moffic

The soul cannot live without God. The operative word here is live. It may be able to survive from day to day for a period of time, but I think live refers to something more than continuing to exist. To live is to learn, to grow, to experience joy as our Creator intended. Living is more than putting in another day. Living is finding meaning in the living of the day. This is why we cannot do it without God.

People throughout history have found their way into trouble by trying to find meaning in life in things that are not God. The people that I have encountered throughout my life who seem the most fulfilled and the most joyful - regardless of circumstances - are the people who place the highest value on their relationship with God.

The call to us is to feed our soul by feeding our relationship with God. The goal of growing that relationship is to live that life that truly is life.

- The Rev. George Love
Hebron Presbyterian Church



May 8



Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands on, even from the church. One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "Where is God?" The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "Where is God?" The boy ran out of the cathedral crying, to his home where he hid in a closet. Eventually his brother found him and asked, "What's wrong?" The crying boy replied, "We're in trouble now! God is missing and they think we took Him!"



May 30th



Kentucky Derby
May 7



Tom Simons Obituary

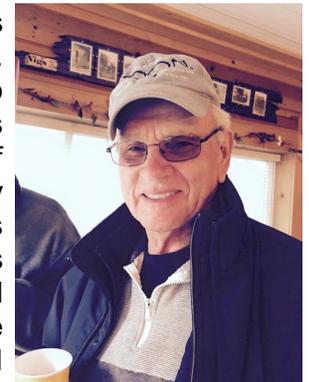
Sent to us by Jeannette Simons, Tom's youngest sister.

Thomas Norvell Simons crossed over on April 3, 2022, at 86 after a long illness, in Davis, CA. where

Tom in High School

his daughter Andrea lives. Tom was born on October 19, 1935, in Pasadena, CA to Edmund Rice Simons, Jr., and Fern Cordelia Norvell Simons. Edmund was working on the San Gabriel Dam. Around 1938 the family, with older sister Diane Kathleen, moved to Ventura, CA. where Edmund worked for Shell Oil Company.

Tom attended Avenue Elementary School, Ventura Junior High, and Ventura High School where he played the trombone in the band and earned a track Lettermen's Sweater, and graduated in 1954. He attended Ventura Community College, and was a member the Gents Car Club. He served in the U.S. Army, deployed to Germany in the early 1960s he was a Cold War Veteran. Tom followed his father's footsteps working at Shell Oil Company until he retired in 1990. Tom loved country music, and was among those who saw Johnny Cash sing live at The Rig. He traveled with Habitat for Humanity, and hiked with the Sierra Club. He left Ventura in 1995 to live on Lake Chatcolet, Heyburn State Park ID where his high school friend Terry Grider also had a cabin. Tom loved it there, and became beloved by his community who honored him with an unofficial title "mayor". He loved boating, fishing, and hiking and spending time with his many friends, and holidays his nephew Eric and his family. Tom volunteered his time to his community in St Maries where he was a member of the Presbyterian Community Church, and the park. Always willing to help others, Tom's garage was everybody's tool shop. He always had the right tool, spare part, and know-how to fix whatever



needed fixing, ranging from complete cabin remodels to frozen pipes and eradicating bats in the attic. In 2001 Tom was named the Idaho State Parks Volunteer of the Year for his work at Heyburn. He volunteered there for many years and did everything from clearing hiking trails, to painting signs to building bird houses and bat boxes. He cut firewood with the Kiwanis and delivered to older or disabled people in the area. Last year many of the cabin residents got together to put up a bench in Tom's honor. It was meant as a tribute to thank him for all the years of helping out. It proudly resides on the patio at Heyburn Park Headquarters, overlooking Tom's Lake Chatcolet. He was a good friend and we all miss him. Tom is survived by two daughters, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three sisters, two nephews, and three nieces, three great

nieces, and one great nephew: Eldest daughter Cammie Livingston and husband Eric, their five children Christiana, David, Andrew, Benjamin, and Sophia; Andrew and his wife Gemma and their children Miriam and Asher; Andrea Noel Simons, partner Brian Rush, and her three children Rane, Oliver, and Iris; Rane and partner Maurissa's daughter Raven; sister Diane and her children Kathleen and Brian and his daughter Chelsea; sister Martha and her children Eric and Leslie, Eric's wife Liz their children Nick and Jazmine, and Leslie's daughter Dominique; sister Jeannette. He is predeceased by his parents Edmund and Fern, Andrea's mother Virginia Wright Simons, and Andrea's children's father Joe Eddy.

Smith Funeral Services in Davis CA is handling cremation; there will be no services. A memorial will be held in Ventura on June 2 at the Arroyo Verde Park. You may contact the family at tsimons203@gmail.com for details.



From our Stewardship Committee Chairman John Hughes

Per Capita – FAQ

What is Per Capita?



Annually, the General Assembly and many regional bodies (synods and presbyteries) assess the local congregations a fee to provide the means to strengthen our work as a denomination. This money

helps to build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry.

How much is it?

Per Capita is based on membership and this year the assessment is \$37.00 per member.

Does any of this money stay local?

Most of it. \$.25 goes to the Synod of Alaska Northwest and \$8.95 goes to the Office of the General Assembly. The rest stays with the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest to be used for the benefit of the churches in our region.

What does CPC get out of it?

In a word, lots.

The Presbytery treasurer audits and reviews the church's finances each year at no cost.

The Committee on Ministry supports the ministry and vitality of our congregation through our COM liaison.

It helped finance our new roof by providing a low interest loan only available to the churches in the Synod.

What happens if I don't make an additional donation to cover my Per Capita?

The church's per capita is in our budget and is paid out of the general fund. This is money that the church could use to pay for operational costs or ministerial needs if it weren't committed to our annual per capita.

How do I help?

That's easy. Just write an additional check for \$37.00 for each member that you want to support or put the cash in a pew envelope and mark it "for per capita". That's all there is to it.

Who do I talk to if I have more questions?

Find one of the members of the Stewardship Committee, John Hughes, Penny Carpenter, or Eric Besaw, and ask away. They will be able to help.

Finances at a Glance

	March 22	YTD 2022
Operating Income	\$ 9,242	\$ 25,482
Operating Expenses	7,301	20,926
Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 1,941</u>	<u>\$ 4,556</u>



Matthew 6:25-29

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"





28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the field of flowers grow. They do not labor or spin, 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

Sunday, May 1

During Coffee Hour

The Besaws and Carpenters
will present
“A View From the Holy Land”
from their recent trip.

Israeli food will be served

CPC’s 110th Anniversary Celebration



On Sunday, May 15 Community Presbyterian Church in St. Maries will be celebrating the church’s 110th anniversary with a celebration. We are excited

to plan this event and hope that you might be able to join us in this event. During the morning worship at 10:00 am Pastor John Owen will be highlighting the history of many features in the sanctuary. That service can be viewed on zoom or Face Book.

Following the service we will be sharing a potluck meal. During that time you can view a slide show of many events from our years of history. Then individuals from the congregation will be sharing highlights of each decade through the years. Sharing the memorabilia and articles on display we will be moved through the years of history of the Presbyterian church here in St. Maries. To enhance the mood we will be treated to music through the decades by MaryAnne Wheeler.

We are hoping you will be able to join us in this celebration. If not, please remember us in prayer as we continue to plan for our future to nurture and share God’s Word and love with our congregation and friends . As most of you know we are in the process of seeking a new pastor as Rev. Janet Potter retired last summer. We are currently under the guidance of our interim pastor the Rev. John Owen.

Please keep this process and new journey for us in prayer as well.

110th Anniversary Planning Committee:

- Jane Thornes
- Marjorie Martin
- MaryAnne Wheeler
- Pinky Humphrey
- Pastor John Owen



What a glorious Easter morning!

Tei’Anna and I would like to thank everyone who attended the Pancake Breakfast. Your monetary donations more than paid for the food that was prepared.



We also thank Bill Cowin, Leon Armstrong, Kathy Martin, Pam Anderson, and Charlie for their help with the Pancake Breakfast.

Sally Grant came in expressly to wash dishes. And, of course, we can’t forget those people who jumped in and cleaned up. I don’t want to miss anyone, so I’ll just say you know who you are.



The verse in the Holy Land on the Church of John the Baptist, written by John the Baptist’s father.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel. He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us. So his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our lives in his presence.

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him.

To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH - JERUSALEM

A	G	S	I	L	O	P	O	R	T	E	M	D	D	D
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All the words are in the puzzle - left, right, down or diagonally. Find each word and circle its first and last letter, drawing a line between. After you have found all the words, take the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer.

ANCIENT
 ARK
 AUGUSTUS
 BLOODSHED
 CHRISTIANS
 CHURCH
 CRUCIFIXATION
 DAVID
 EXCAVATIONS
 FORTRESS
 GARDENS

GATE
 HISTORY
 ISLAM
 MACCABEUS
 MAGNIFICENT
 METROPOLIS
 ORCHARDS
 PALESTINE
 PEACE
 PERSECUTION
 PETER

RESTORATION
 RESURRECTION
 ROMAN
 SACRED
 SANHEDRIN
 SAUL
 SOLOMON
 STRONGHOLD
 TABERNACLE
 TEMPLE
 VINEYARDS

MYSTERY WORD

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