

Community Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Corner



As many of you are aware, I've been wrestling with some significant pain over the last few weeks. I've had back issues for years, and I've grown accustomed to flare ups over the years, and I kind of know what to expect, and I know that it will pass in a week or two.

This time, however, the pain was different, more intense, and it continued unabated well into a fourth week. I started to fear that it would not resolve as it had before, and that perhaps I was going to have to learn to live with this new form and level of pain.

Thankfully, as quickly as it appeared, the pain subsided earlier this week. And I had this experience: Over the weekend, as fall settled into our region for real, and the rain and falling leaves made it clear that we were entering a new season—and I reflected on the new season of my life that I felt beginning as I turned 60—it was hard not to feel my spirit sag. The weather outside seemed to reflect the gloominess I was experiencing in my spirit.

Then one morning, the pain was all but gone. I spent part of that day outside, doing some of the fall chores that the pain had prevented me from turning to. It was the same kind of partly rainy, falling-leaves kind of day it had been the day before, but instead of being reminded of how things age and decay, I was reminded of why fall is probably my favorite season.

The colors were vibrant, the rain was a welcome relief to the drought we've been experiencing, and the chill in the air reminded me of all the things I love about this time of year.

The two days were pretty much alike. But with the disappearance of my pain, my outlook changed. It was a good reminder to me that no matter what we are experiencing in our lives, God's creation carries on with its familiar cycles. The words, "To everything there is a season" came to my mind. I felt peace in knowing that God is still in control, and the same God who loves and sustains me when I'm well, loves and sustains me when I'm struggling.

Regardless of the pain or fear or anxiety we experience, God is still God, God is still good, and we are all, through the grace and love of Christ, going to be okay. May each of us experience those reminders, through all of the ups and downs of our lives. And may each of us hear the still, small voice of the Creator reminding us that we are going to be okay.

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### **God Moments**

Further along in the newsletter, you'll find the article "Aha, God at Work Moments" by Penny Carpenter. I am asking you **all** to share one or more of your God moments. You can write them out and give to me or send to my email if you prefer to do that ([treloar99@gmail.com](mailto:treloar99@gmail.com)). I want to fill the December newsletter with God moments.

The deadline for this is November 20. Please do it as soon as you can, before you get busy with Thanksgiving.

— Sandy



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| Penny Carpenter     | 11/04 |
| Beverly Wilson      | 11/05 |
| Pete Dirlam         | 11/09 |
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| Sharon Armstrong    | 11/29 |

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November 25th
Thanksgiving



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## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

### The 7ups

1. **Wake up!** Decide to have a good day.  
"This is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24
2. **Dress Up!** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your look.  
"The Lord does not look at things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart." I Samuel 16:7
3. **Shut Up!!** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much as listening as talking.

"He who guards his lips guards his soul." Proverbs 13:3

4. **Stand Up!** For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.

"Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good." Galatians 6:9-10

5. **Look Up!!** To the Lord.

"I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

6. **Reach Up!!** For something higher

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6

7. **Lift Up!!** Your prayers.

"Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING." Philippians 4:6

God answers knee mail

**WAKE UP, DRESS UP, SHUT UP,  
STAND UP, LOOK UP, REACH UP, LIFT UP**

Contributed by Kathy Martin  
out of a 2002 church newsletter

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A "Re-Run" from the 2019 Christmas Bazaar
A "report" from **Penny Carpenter** as requested by
Pastor Janet. Too good **not** to repeat

AHA, GOD AT WORK MOMENTS by Penny Carpenter

39 years. That's a God moment right there. This fall (2019) we will put together the 40th Bazaar. WOW!

When we were asked to prepare a brief "sharing" of things we saw where God is, or was, at work in our committees.....several words popped into my head without any effort.

GENEROSITY

Have you ever made cinnamon rolls?? You first make the dough, then you have to let it rise. Then you roll it out, put on the butter and cinnamon, form

the rolls, let them rise (again), bake them. Then you make frosting to put on top. And then.....you make 9 pans of them and haul them out to your car, drive to church, carry them in to give to the Bazaar! **That's a God at work morning!**

Watch 5 people spend a day up on the mountain loading LOGS on a trailer, haul it back down, and then cut them all up. The next day they come back and SPLIT it all, throw each piece up to the guys stacking the same trailer. And you give it to the Bazaar. That's a God at work for two days!



Add up the time it takes to crochet a gorgeous shawl, make dozens of jars of jam & jelly, make soup, pies, fudge, divinity, evergreen door sprays, and countless other items.....far too many to list here, **those are God at work HOURS and HOURS and HOURS.**

And of course.....the total dollars raised speaks loudly of the generosity of our people. With these dollars, many more **God at work moments** will be created.



JOY

The actual day of the Bazaar, I observed many God moments. There were hugs happening everywhere.



Friends that hadn't seen one another for quite awhile sharing time together. Someone realizing we needed the music on.....and danced! And did you SEE the faces of some of our Raffle winners? Pure joy. **God at**

work moments.

LOVE

People shopped for loved ones; they brought loved ones; families came together for the day. One lady ordered 9 evergreen door sprays ahead of time....to mail to her family members! She does this every year I was told. Janet & I took the



Sweet Shoppe left-overs to the Elks the next morning and set up a table, wearing our Presbyterian aprons. There, I was able to meet new people that she knew and she was able to meet new folks that I knew. People sat down with us, to rest and to visit. **More God at work moments!**

COMMITMENT

The planning committee started meeting on Oct 2. And every two weeks after that, these women showed up, stepped up, and followed through on all that needed to be done. And there was a lot of that.

Alongside them, all kinds of help arrived.....bakers, crafters, dishwashers, table set up people, soup makers, bussers, clean-up workers, ticket sellers, ticket separators, ticket counters, donors of prizes, and non-church folks bringing donations galore. I'd be up here a long time if I itemized all the prep work that goes into holding this event. All those folks being committed to getting this put together....

That's all God at work moments!!

BELONGING

The first time I ever entered this church, it was to go to the Bazaar. And here I am. I belong here. I know there are others that became part of this church family the same way. **That's God at work!**



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IMPORTANT DATES

Operation Christmas Child:
Nov. 8 Coin jars due
Packing Party at 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 15 Blessing boxes during worship.



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Christmas Door Spray \$20.00



There will be a limited number and they will go fast! Order through Jane Thornes (208) 245-2758 or Pam Anderson (208) 245-0743 by **November 15.**



2 a.m
Sunday
November 7
OR
Saturday
November 6
before you go
to bed.

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Heated Prayer

My four-year-old likes to say the blessing at mealtimes, usually repeating the same short prayer: "Thank you, God, for this gracious food. Amen."

One evening, however, he thanked the Lord for the birds, the trees, each of his friends, and asked God to watch over his family and help them to be good. I was thrilled that he was finally praying from the heart.

But after the "Amen," he took a spoonful of stew, gasped, then dropped his spoon into the bowl. "I should have said a longer prayer," he said. "My food is still too hot."

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November
28th



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A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, so often times, as any other day
When we sit down to our meal and pray
We hurry along and make fast the blessing
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing
We're slaves to the olfactory overload.
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold
But Lord, I'd like to take a few minute more
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for
For my family, my health, a nice soft bed
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head.
I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those
Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know.

Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure.

Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure
That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place
And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace
So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided

And bless each and every person invited
Amen!

– Scott Wesemann

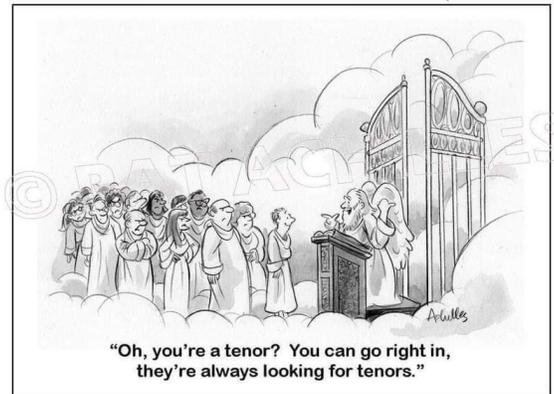
November 11th

The day we honor all of our veterans and thank them for their service.



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"Oh, you're a tenor? You can go right in, they're always looking for tenors."

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets are ready!! We have really wonderful raffle items. Buy **and** sell, sell, sell!!!! \$1 a ticket/\$5 for 6. See Sandy Treloar to pick yours up.

- Traeger Grill from Hughes Ace Hardware
- \$100 IGA Gift Certificate donated by Archie's IGA
- \$100 Harvest Food Gift Certificate
- FOOS Ball Table by Ray & Beverly Wilson
- Pie-a-Month from Clark Carpenter
- 40# of Beef by Bill & Kay Cowin
- Handmade Twin Quilt by Bonnie Scott
- Cord of Wood, delivered by men of church
- TOPS Gift Basket donated by TOPS
- \$100 Gift Certificate from Eagles Rider Club
- Local Gift Card (\$150) & 10# Ground Beef from Dennis & Pinky Humphrey