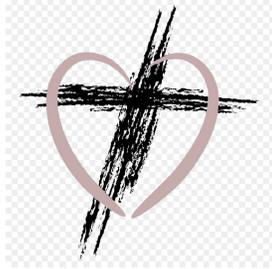


Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

February 2021

Pastor's Corner



As I think back to a year ago, it's hard to believe all that has changed. A year ago we were looking forward to our 1st Winter Carnival, our Mountain Mover's youth group was getting started; our Team Up for God kids ministry was meeting. Potlucks had themes, worship was filled with songs from the congregation and the choir and we were moving through The Story series. A Sunday morning group along with three Bible Studies were held during the week. Who had heard of Zoom, social distancing, corona or pandemic?

Remember? Now here we are....wondering when this will end? I read a joke today that said..."after the 1918 pandemic, it's no wonder the 20's were roaring!" With that in mind, let's get ready to roar this year!

Lent begins in February, even though many people think 2020 was one long continuous season of Lent (that has not ended yet!).

Lent is the traditional time of reflection and sacrifice in the church year. We gave up so many things in 2020 that worship didn't even feel familiar. I'm hopeful that by mid to late March, we might be back to a worship service filled with prayer request, singing and coffee hour. Even so, we will continue online streaming through zoom and Facebook.

As we've been in a season of change. We have had new and different ways of worshipping, meeting and connecting. As we look towards Lent, we might consider how we can be open to new ways the Holy

Spirit is calling us to worship God, to love and serve others and to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ. This is our mission, this is the purpose of our building and this is God's call on each of us. As far back as Isaiah, God has declared: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Is 43:19a). Let us look for these new things to spring up and give God all the glory!

Here's a new thing!

Beginning on Sunday, Feb. 21, we will be exploring "Lent In Plain Sight" by Jill J Duffield. This devotion book draws our attention to ten ordinary objects Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem. There are brief daily readings, which begin on Ash Wed. Feb. 17. If you want to purchase the book, it is available through Amazon, or any online bookstore.

Join me for a weekly Sunday Morning Discussion on each of these ordinary objects. We'll begin on 2/21 at 9am. It is not necessary to purchase the book to be part of the discussion.

Blessings!
Janet

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February Birthdays



Mary Anne 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

Our Deacons:

Moderator: Kathy Martin
 Secretary: Lexie Barbour
 Bulletins: Lexie, Mercy Monteagudo
 Shepherding: Leo Potter
 Coffee Hour: Mercy, Pam Anderson
 Communion: Kathy, Pam
 Funeral Dinners: Lexie, Leo
 Kitchen: Pam Anderson (buyer)
 Marge Gannon, Gail Barbour, Kay Cowin

Meals

Coordinator: Gwen Edwards
 Nominating Committee: Pam Anderson
 Potlucks: Mercy, Marge and Gail
 Prayer Chain: email-Kay; phone-Kathy
 Funeral Greeter: Margie Gannon

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

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Our Session

Clerk of Session: Jane Thornes
 Building and Grounds: Penny; Mike
 Missions: Jane; Rayna
 Stewardship: John H.; Linda
 Worship: Penny
 Christian Ed: Rayna
 Personnel: John H; Ginny
 Nominating: Ginny
 Church Treasurer: Boni Schueller
 Financial Secretary: Liz Hughes

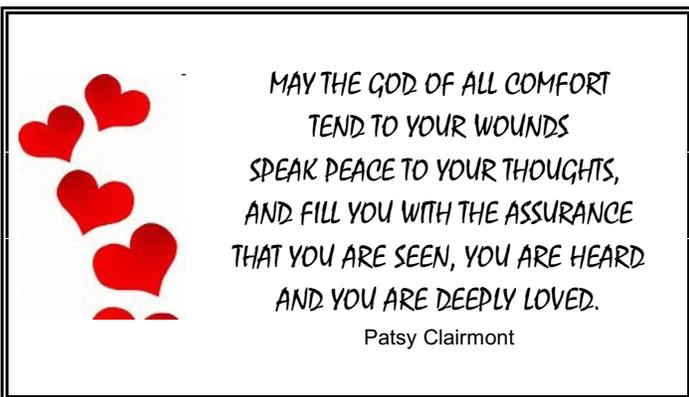
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February 17 PCUSA

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession and contrition. Acknowledging that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we stand in solidarity as fellow creatures before our Creator, acutely aware of our mortality. In the face of our transience, we pledge ourselves anew to live unto God's Word in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word that remains forever.



Historically, Ash Wednesday was a time when penitents were presented for church discipline during Lent, culminating in reconciliation on Maundy Thursday. Ash Wednesday is also the occasion when would-be disciples of Christ known as catechumens were enrolled in the catechumenate, a special time of learning the



February 16

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 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

basics of the faith in preparation for baptism on Easter Sunday or during the Easter Vigil. In some traditions, Ash Wednesday is a fast day, beginning the Lenten time of fasting and preparation for the Great Three Days that culminate in Easter.

A time to turn

An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 109-110)

The Lenten journey from the ashes of death to resurrected life begins on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, which signifies a time to turn around, to change directions, to repent. This first day of Lent reminds us that unless we are willing to die to our old selves, we cannot be raised to new life with Christ. The first step of this journey calls us to acknowledge and confront our mortality, individually and corporately. In many traditions, this is symbolized through the



imposition of ashes — placing a cross on one's forehead. During the imposition of ashes the words: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19) are repeated again and again. We are to remember that we are but temporary creatures,

always on the edge of death. On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten trek through the desert toward Easter.

Ashes on the forehead is a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality. Lent is not a matter of being good, and wearing ashes is not to show off one's faith. The ashes are a reminder to us and our communities of our finite creatureliness. The ashes we wear on our Lenten journey symbolize the dust and broken debris of our lives as well as the reality that eventually each of us will die.

Trusting in the "accomplished fact" of Christ's resurrection, however, we listen for the Word of God in the time-honored stories of the church's Lenten journey. We follow Jesus into the wilderness, resist temptation, fast, and proceed "on the way" to Jerusalem and the cross. Our

Lenten journey is one of metanoia ("turning around"), of changing directions from self-serving toward the self-giving way of the cross.

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How did you do on the Can You Name That Tune puzzle last month?



Here are the answers:

1. Absalom: "Rebel, Rebel"
2. Adam and Eve: "Strangers in Paradise"
3. Cain: "Psycho Killer"
4. Daniel: "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"
5. David: "Let's Hear It for the Boy"
6. Esther: "I Feel Pretty"
7. The Good Samaritan: "Do It Now, Do It Good"
8. Jezebel: "The Lady is a Tramp"
9. Job: "Why Is Everybody Always Picking on Me?"
10. John the Baptist: "Losing My Head over You"
11. Jonah: "A Whale of a Tale"
12. Joseph: "Coat of Many Colors"
13. Lazarus: "The Second Time Around"
14. The Magi: "Starry Starry Night"
15. Mary Magdalene: "Crying Over You"
16. Methuselah: "Stayin' Alive"
17. Moses: "The Wanderer"
18. Noah: "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head"
19. Paul: "Blinded by the Light"
20. Peter: "I'm Sorry"
21. Pharaoh's Daughter: "I Got You Babe"
22. Salome: "I Could Have Danced All Night"
23. Samson: "Hair"
24. Thomas: "Shadow of a Doubt"

March 2021 is a special month!



The first issue of this newsletter was one year ago. Can you believe it?! The time has flown!

Just a reminder: this newsletter is for YOU! Any contributions you would like to make are most welcome.

Jokes, some devotion or Bible passage that has spoken to you, news of the family.....just a few suggestions.

So, please send them to treloar99@gmail.com or mail to 8276 Hells Gulch Rd. St. Maries.

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There's this guy who had been lost and walking in the desert for about 2 weeks. One hot day, he sees the home of a missionary. Tired and weak, he crawls up to the house and collapses on the doorstep. The

missionary finds him and nurses him back to health. Feeling better, the man asks the missionary for directions to the nearest town. On his way out the backdoor, he sees this horse. He goes back into the house and asks the missionary, "Could I borrow your horse and give it back when I reach the town?"

The missionary says, "Sure but there is a special thing about this horse. You have to say 'Thank God' to make it go and 'Amen' to make it stop."



Not paying much attention, the man says, "Sure, ok."

So he gets on the horse and says, "Thank God" and the horse starts walking. Then he says, "Thank God, thank God," and the horse starts trotting. Feeling really brave, the man says, "Thank God, thank God, thank God, thank God, thank God" and the horse just takes off. Pretty soon he sees this cliff coming up and he's doing everything he can to make the horse stop.

"Whoa, stop, hold on!!!!"

Finally he remembers, "Amen!!!"

The horse stops 4 inches from the cliff. Then the man leans back in the saddle and says, "Thank God."



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Our church previously supported missionaries, Richard and Debbie Welch retired.

Meet our "new" missionaries: **Betsey and Eric Moe**, Mission co-workers in Guatemala City, Guatemala since Feb. 2020



Serving with the Presbyterian World Mission and CEDEPCA in a virtual capacity until Covid restrictions are lifted in Guatemala.

Betsey and Eric are from Spokane where she recently served as Associate Pastor at Hamblin Park Presbyterian Church.

About Betsey and Eric's ministries: Betsey is working as a facilitator for the Intercultural Encounters Program of the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA). CEDEPCA provides North American groups the opportunity to discover Guatemala in all its diversity, beauty, and complexity, and to experience the everyday life of Guatemalans

through immersion programs. Betsey is part of the team that receives visiting groups, plans and facilitates their educational program and itinerary, interprets, and leads reflection discussions.



About Betsey and Eric:

Betsey writes, "With the Intercultural Encounters team at CEDEPCA, I will help to design trips and seminars that are transformative for our North American visitors, equipping them to return

home with a broader perspective on the current context. I am drawn to this work because I see the urgent need for understanding and bridge building, especially on the part of citizens of the U.S. whose policies directly influence our brothers and sisters in Guatemala. Intercultural Encounters also offers everyone involved the opportunity to see Christ in one another and to see the beauty in our shared communion."

Betsey spent a semester in Central America that changed her understanding of herself as a Christian. While there she saw the actions of her own government had a significant impact on the people in Central America.

Eric has been a professional musician in the U.S., playing and teaching trumpet in the community and church and looks forward to using music as a way to connect with people in Guatemala. Eric will also serve in ministry in the home with the Moes' three school-age children.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/betsey-and-eric-moe/>

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**Update on church purchasing and procedures!**

The position of Purchasing Agent was dissolved at the end of 2020. A huge *thank you* to Patty Moya for faithfully serving in that position for many years!!



Pam Anderson, our church custodian, will purchase needed custodial items and supplies. Janet will purchase office supplies. Pam will purchase all Kitchen supplies as her Deacon Kitchen committee responsibility.

If you discover something needs to be refilled, replenished or restocked, please let Pam know! In the Kitchen, make a note on the refrigerator white board and include your name. Otherwise, leave her a note in either her Deacon mailbox or in the mailbox above the office desk. Thank you Pam!

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A Letter from Our Compassion Child



Dear friends, Community Presbyterian Church,

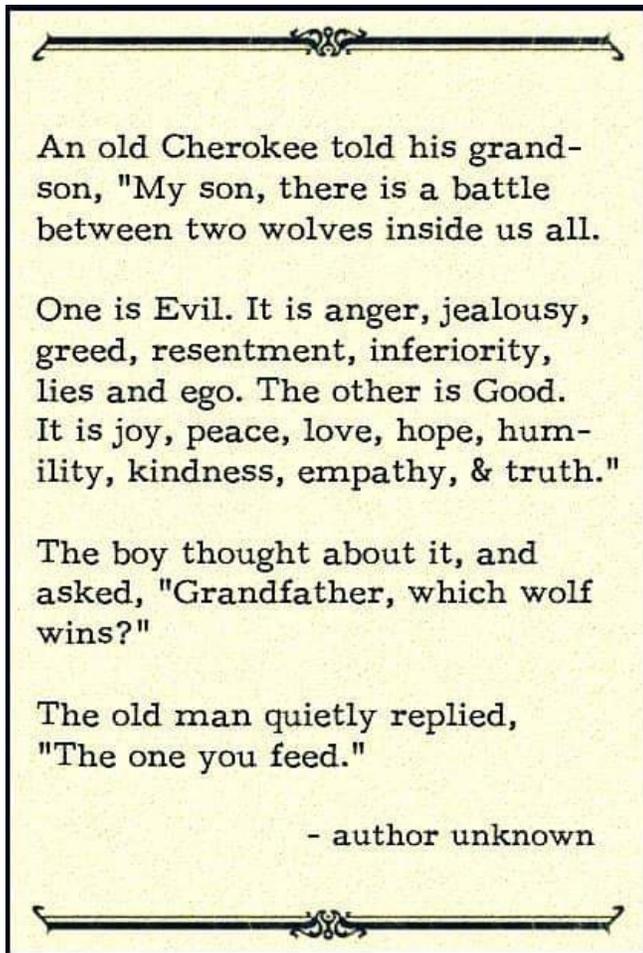
Good day: I'm so glad to see your letters and enjoyed reading it. Hope the spread of coronavirus is also decreasing. But we are not yet in a "normal" way. Health protocols is still observe, wearing a face mask and face shield and social distancing. When we are outside home. Business establishments were opened but these were also got closed. People go back to their work already but there are still others who don't and keep waiting. For a call. Others lost their jobs because the company became unstable. For about eight monthsd my mother's work was stopped because of pandemic. By God's grace and love, we're glad and thankful my mother started to work again last November the employer called her to go back to work and my family was grateful. About school, our lessons still continue of using modules. Maybe early next year, there will be a changes in our learning approach learning in school is more different. You will miss sharing of ideas during discussions inside the classroom. But time will come normal school will back. Again thank you for your continuous support and prayers for us. I wish

and I pray for your good health, safety and bountiful blessings always to all. Please continue to pray for my family's safety and good health.

God Bless You all

Love and pray
Joemel

(This was typed from his letter as he wrote it – S)



STUPID SIGNS

Spotted in a toilet of a London office:
TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a London department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:
WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office:
AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop:
WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park:
ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Notice in a farmer's field:
THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

Message on a leaflet:
IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS

On a repair shop door:
WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

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"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."



2 Corinthians 12:9-10