

Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

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Pastor's Corner

We continue in a strange season as summer transitions into fall. Tomatoes and other produce are just now ripening. The grass is still a bit green on the lot across the street from church. We continue to deal with the effects of the pandemic. It's now ok to go into a bank wearing a mask, how crazy is that!?! Our activities have been cut back, put on hold, or cancelled. Worship isn't the same without singing, children's message, coffee hour, choir, and unison prayers of confessions or speaking the Apostle's Creed.

But no matter that has changed, no matter what is different, no matter what...we "proclaim God's greatness, my God and king; I will thank you forever and ever." (Ps 145:1)

**Praise
GOD!**

Today I praise God for:

For...Ellen & Bert who light the candles on Sunday morning, and count the offering, for those who attend and give an offering; for Mary Anne who plays the piano, for substitutes Penny and Jim.

For Leo in the sound/tech booth, for Bev and others who serve on the Clean Team, for our financial team-Liz, Boni Schueller, and Marianne, for Marge who fills the Little Free Pantry, Jane who purchases food for the pantry, for Pam who keeps this place spotless, for Mike

Allen who mows the yard and lot, our prayer warriors who pray for our friends... and strangers. For John B. and Mercy who sing in worship, for Mike, Penny, Jane, Mary Anne, Patty, Rayna and John H who serve on Session. For Jane who keeps me and Session in order, For generous financial offerings you all have sent in.

For our Deacons Kathy, Pam, Lexie, Marge, Leo, Gail, Gwen, Kay and Ellen who keep checking in with their flock and serve mobile funeral receptions.

For widows who invite others to the widow's group and who invite other widows to join them to walk, eat or just have coffee. for our children, for Sally who waters the plants,

for zoom technology and social media/facebook that connects us

for those who have persevered to learn and conquered new technology

For Sandy, editor of the monthly newsletter

For the saints that have gone before us.

For folks who share garden produce, books, hugs and love.

For all the faithful folks of this congregation.

I am thankful for Jesus, my Lord and Savior!

This is my list...*What are you thankful for?*

Peace of Christ,
Janet



Dolores (Dee) Johnston	9/14
Kathy Martin	9/14
Jaxson Barbour	9/21
Clark Carpenter	9/24
Bobbi Smith	9/28

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There will be a new feature next month I am calling "Oldies but Goodies." It will highlight a long- time CPC member. Jeanne Robinson will be our first "Oldie but Goodie."

The feature was going to begin this month, but due to circumstances beyond my control, I am bumping it forward to the October newsletter.

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For your contemplation:



Marthas

by Max Lucado

Every church needs a Martha. Change that. Every church needs a hundred Marthas.

Sleeves rolled and ready, they keep the pace for the church. Because of Marthas, the church budget gets balanced, the church babies get bounced, and the church building gets built. You don't appreciate Marthas until a Martha is missing, and then all the Marys and Lazaruses are scrambling around looking for the keys and the thermostats and the overhead projectors.



- Marthas are the Energizer bunnies of the church. They keep going and going and going. They store strength like a camel stores water. Since they don't seek the spotlight,

they don't live off the applause. That's not to say they don't need it. They just aren't addicted to it.

Marthas have a mission. In fact, if Marthas have a weakness, it is their tendency to

elevate the mission over the Master. Remember when Martha did that? A younger Martha invites a younger Jesus to come for dinner. Jesus accepts and brings his disciples.

The scene Luke describes has Mary seated and Martha fuming. Martha is angry because Mary is, horror of horrors, sitting at the feet of Jesus. How impractical! How irrelevant! How unnecessary! I mean, who has time to sit and listen when there is bread to be baked, tables to be set, and souls to be saved? So Martha complained, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me alone to do all the work? Tell her to help me" (Luke 10:40).

All of a sudden Martha has gone from serving Jesus to making demands of Jesus. The room falls silent. The disciples duck their eyes. Mary flushes red. And Jesus speaks.

"Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things. Only one thing is important. Mary has chosen the better thing, and it will never be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42).

Apparently Martha got the point, for later we find her serving again.

"Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume" (John 12:2-3 NIV).

Is Mary in the kitchen? No she is worshiping, for that is what she loves to do. But this time Martha doesn't object. She has learned that there is a place for praise and worship, and that is what Mary is doing. And what is Mary's part in the dinner?



She brings a pint of very expensive perfume and pours it on Jesus' feet, then wipes his feet with her hair. The smell of the perfume fills the house, just like the sound of praise can fill a

church.

An earlier Martha would have objected. Such an act was too lavish, too extravagant, too generous. But this mature Martha has learned that just as there is a place in the kingdom of God for sacrificial service, there is also a place for extravagant praise.

From Cast of Characters
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My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

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When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."



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Introducing a new "feature:"

### Meet the "Newbies"

A quick look at some our members who have not attended CPC for years and years and years.

#### Bill and Kay Cowin

- 1.) Where were you born?  
Kay Denver, CO  
Bill Oceanside, CA



- 2.) Where did you grow up?  
Kay Denver & Pueblo Colorado (until 1957)/ St.Maries, Idaho  
Bill Encinitas, CA

- 3.) Do you have siblings? How many?  
Where are you in birth order?  
Kay Yes. 4 siblings I am first in birth order.  
Bill An older brother - deceased

- 4.) Were you raised in the church? What denomination? (Optional )  
Kay Yes. Methodist (in Colorado) & Presbyterian (in Idaho)  
Bill Yes. Episcopal Church
- 5.) Where did you meet your husband/wife?  
Bill and Kay met at a Singles Bible Study in her family's "Milk House"!!

- 6.) Do you have any children? First names and ages?  
Their children Brian - 38 / Betsy - 36  
Mike - 54 Chris - 50  
Jeff - deceased

#### Charlie and Sandy Treloar

- 1.) Where were you born?  
Charlie Hot Springs, SD  
Sandy Louisville, KY
- 2.) Where did you grow up?  
Charlie Custer, SD  
Sandy Shepherdsville, KY
- 3.) Do you have siblings? How many? Where are you in birth order?  
Charlie 1 brother I am the youngest  
Sandy 1 sister/2brothers. Only have 1 brother left. I am 3<sup>rd</sup> in line
- 4.) Were you raised in the church? What denomination? (Optional )  
Charlie Yes. Pentecostal  
Sandy Yes. Presbyterian

- 5.) Where did you meet your husband/wife?  
Charlie and Sandy met at a Friday night get together with employees from Key State Bank where Sandy and his wife worked. Charlie's wife cheated on him. They divorced to Sandy's good fortune.
- 6.) Do you have any children? First names and ages?

**Our 4 children break down as follows**  
 Sandy - 2 biological daughters,  
 Jennifer, 44/Katie, 43  
 Charlie- 2 biological, 1 daughter, 1  
 son  
 Carla, 42/Corey, 38

*Love*  
**NEVER FAILS**

Cormana building and walking the softball field to Banner Bank and walking through St. Maries. The walk is FREE and we will be practicing social distancing. We will have donated adult sized masks for those who need them. T-shirts are available for pre-order (if you'd like them by the walk) and a few may be available for purchase the day of the walk. Pre-registration for the walk is encouraged - registration will be from 8 - 10 a.m. with the walk starting at 10 a.m. Please consider participating in this event! For more information you may contact Boni Schueller at 208 245-3675.

From Jeanne Robinson, who has experienced the tragedy of suicide first-hand.

“When my older son committed suicide, it was such a difficult time for his sister and brother and myself as we worked our way through grief in various ways – often feeling anger, sometimes guilt, wondering why, why, why – Other times withdrawing into seclusion – some days worse than other days – a long slow process – the most difficult time of my life.”

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Did you know you can contribute to the ministry of our congregation without leaving home? In March we began accepting financial donations through our website! Using the highly regarded



Vanco platform available to us through the Presbyterian Foundation, we have a secure, trustworthy giving option.

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www.smpresbyterian.org, scroll down and you'll find the "give now" green button. Other options include setting up direct giving from your bank or mailing in a check or if you want to get out of the house...bring it by the church! Thank you all for continuing to support God's mission through our congregation!



SPAN (Suicide Prevention Action Network) of Benewah County will be hosting its 1st Annual Suicide Prevention Walk on September 12th in St. Maries. Our goal is to remove stigma and barriers for all by creating awareness and providing support for those affected by mental health & suicide. Booths from various groups will be present with information on what is available for anyone dealing with mental health issues (for example the Veterans Admin.)



The walk is a short one beginning at the