

Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

March 2020

Pastor's Corner



Dear all this is so exciting! Monthly newsletters...again! Thanks to Sandy and Charlie Treloar, editor and producer, we will, once again, receive news about ministry updates, committee work, upcoming events and articles for children.

Some of you may remember the newsletters from the past. I know I do. When I first got here, Leona McCarter let me borrow a stack of old church newsletters to read. It was a great way to catch up on people, activities and ministries of the congregation. This newsletter will offer the same kind of information and help keep us all informed. Watch for an email, on the website, printed copies to pick up after church the last Sunday of the month and for those who are unable to get to church, it will arrive in the mail. Thank you Sandy and Charlie!

We begin the season of Lent on Feb. 26 with an Ash Wednesday worship service at noon/12 followed by a soup lunch. Lent is the 40 days (Sundays not included) before Easter. During Lent, The Story continues as we move into the New Testament. Our 9am Sunday morning video discussion continues as well.

Beginning March 1, the children's message will be all about Spring Training for Disciples! Each week, they will receive a handout of skill training to become more like Jesus. Adults are welcome to listen in and be part of spring training too.

Peace of Christ,
Janet



March Birthdays

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



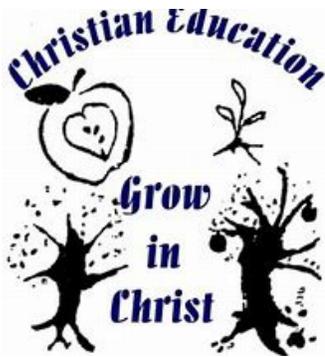
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Upcoming March Events

March 1	Communion Sunday Worship at Valley Vista 3 p.m.
March 3	Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
March 4	Men's Forum 7:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Mountain Movers 2:45 - 4:30 p.m.
March 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins "Spring forward" one hour
March 10	Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
March 11	Wednesday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
March 15	Irish Theme Potluck after worship
March 16	Card Making 9:30 a.m.
March 17	Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 a.m. St. Patrick's Day 
March 18	Men's Forum 7 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Mountain Movers 2:45 - 4:30 p.m.
March 22	Session/Deacon 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
March 24	Team up with God After School 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Christian Education Committee

Chaired by Rayna Farrell



The Christian Education Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in joining is welcomed to join us .

Adult Bible studies are presently being led by Pastor Janet, Leo Potter, Kathy Martin and Kay

Cowin. Contact these leaders to see if their meeting times would work for you.

Sunday Schoolers are studying the Parables and the nursery is a hit with our younger kids .

Vacation Bible School is in the planning stage and will be an exciting week for our community's kids this July

CE is busy and working hard for our youth, from the monthly committee members to our many congregants who help out in so many ways .

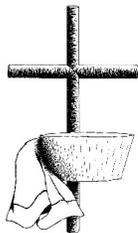
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## The Deacons

Chaired by Kathy Martin

What is the meaning of the word deacon?

- The word deacon is derived from the Greek word *diakonos*, which is often translated *servant*.



The office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ (Book of Order).

The Deacons of Community Presbyterian Church are organized as a board of which the pastor is an advisory member. Currently, our Board of Deacons is made up of the nine members who are elected by the members of our church at our Annual Meeting.

Deacons are normally elected for a 3-year term and they are on rotating terms, with 3 new members

elected each year. The nine Deacons that are currently serving are:

Gail Barbour, Lexie Barbour, Marge Gannon, Ellen Hinton, Leo Potter, Pam Anderson, Gwen Edwards, Kay Cowin and Kathy Martin.

Our Deacons take responsibility for the following committees:

Bulletins, Shepherding, Coffee Hour, Communion Set-up and Clean-up, Funeral Dinners, Home Communion, The Kitchen, Meal Coordinator, Potluck, The Prayer Chain and a representative to serve on the Nominating Committee.

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Christmas Bazaar 2019

Because of all the work done by so many people under the direction of Chairwoman Penny Carpenter, the 2019 Christmas Bazaar was a huge success. A big thanks to everyone who helped make it successful.

After expenses were taken out and the cash returned from the cash boxes, we had a total of \$6,073.18.

General Fund	\$2,000.
2nd Harvest Food Truck	400.
After School Team-up Youth	100.
Vacation Bible School	400.
The Milling Center- memberships	\$1,000.
Heyburn needs	200.
Winter Carnival outreach	200.
Volunteer Health Clinic	300.
(can be used for mental health)	
Operation Christmas Child	300.
Camps scholarships	200.
Emergency fund for pastor	600.

Saved back for next year
minus RADA costs

\$373.18

\$6073.18

The distributions were presented to the Session at the January meeting and were approved.

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An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout "PRAISE THE LORD!"

Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!!!"



Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted "PRAISE THE LORD. GOD I NEED FOOD!! I AM HAVING A HARD TIME. PLEASE LORD, SEND ME SOME GROCERIES!!"

The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted, "PRAISE THE LORD."

The neighbor jumped from behind a bush and said, "Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn't."

The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and said, "PRAISE THE LORD. He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them. Praise the Lord!"

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We have so much support from our congregants with our youth activities. We are so thankful for that.

Our monthly After School "Team Up For God" Celebrations have adults leading crafts, games, science, music and more. Volunteers help out in the kitchen, making fun Fellowship with food and friends for the kids possible.

The Mountain Movers are off to a good start with Leo and Lexie leading our older youth.

They have changed their meetings from Sunday evenings to Wednesdays after school.

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On February 26<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday), we entered into the 40 days of Lent, the days leading up to Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.

From the PCUSA website - an explanation of Lent:

Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later on Holy Thursday, the memorial of the Lord's supper the Thursday of Holy Week before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and denial of ego.

## *A Lenten Prayer for You*

Gracious God, you are our way in the wilderness. In our own times of testing, be our spiritual nourishment, protect us with your angels, and show your authority in our lives, so that we may hunger for righteousness and live in peace and safety, worshiping and serving you alone; through Christ Jesus our Lord. (Luke 4:1 - 13)

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What does the Session of our church do?

From the Book of Order

The session governs a particular congregation. It is made up of elders elected by the congregation, plus all the installed pastors on the staff, including pastors, co-pastors, and associate pastors. (G-10.0101)

The session is responsible for all decisions regarding the program and policies of its congregation, except for the two powers reserved for the congregation: the election of officers, including the pastoral staff, and the buying, selling, and/or mortgaging of church property. The constitution spells out 19 specific duties for the session. (G-10.0102, G-7.0304)

The session is composed of elders elected for specific terms of service as well as the installed pastor(s) and associate pastor(s). It is presided over by the moderator, who is the pastor or a minister member of the Presbytery when the pastor is not available. (G-10.0101, G-10.0103, G-14.0201)



The session elects its own clerk, who is called "Clerk of the Session." The clerk of the session must be an elder, but not necessarily one serving currently on the session. The session elects the clerk for such term

as it shall determine. The clerk of the session has many duties regarding the records of the church, and also serves as secretary of meetings of the congregation. (G-9.0203, G-10.0300)

Our Session:

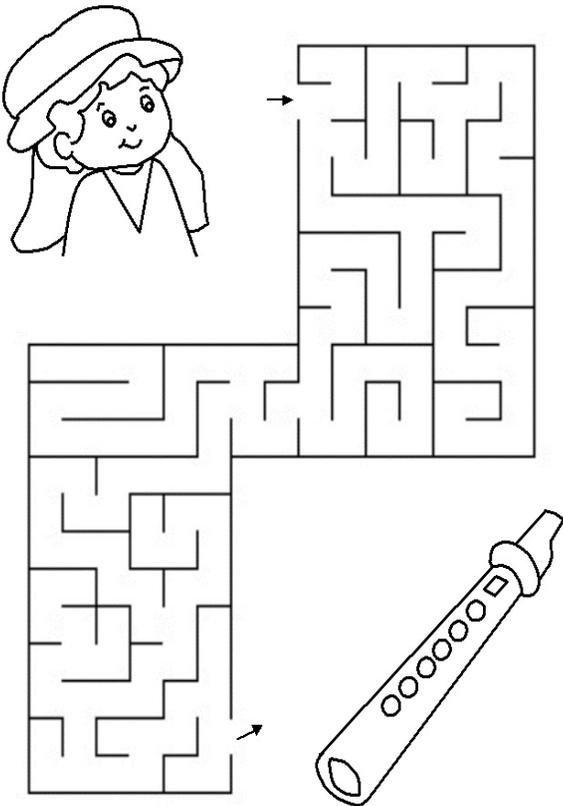
Rayna Farrell, John Hughes, Jane Thornes, Linda Weimann, Mike Anderson, Patty Moya, MaryAnne Wheeler and Penny Carpenter.

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## For the Kids

### Child of God Maze

Help David find his instrument so he can sing and praise God.



## Bible Word Search

Names of God/Jesus

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Alpha  
Creator  
King  
The Light

Ancient  
Father  
Lord  
Trinity

Christ  
Jehovah  
Prince

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Fill in the blanks



“_____ loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who _____ in him will not _____ but will have eternal _____.”

John 3:16

die life believes God



“Do to _____ as you want _____ to _____ to _____.”

Luke 6:31

them you others do