

January
2024



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WALDPOR

THE WINDOW

Pencil It In!

Jan 06	9:30am	Saturday Morning Breakfast
Jan 07	10:30am	Worship / Communion / live & Via Zoom
Jan 11	10:00am 12:00noon	Finance Committee Meeting / Zoom BIBLE Study Resumes
Jan 13	9:30am	Saturday Morning Breakfast
Jan 14	10:30am	Worship live & via Zoom
Jan 18	10:00am	Stated Session Meeting via Zoom
Jan 20	9:30am	Saturday Morning Breakfast
Jan 21	10:30am	Worship live & via Zoom
Jan 27	9:30am	Saturday Morning Breakfast
Jan 28	10:30am	Worship live & via Zoom / Annual Meeting following worship / Coffee Mingle

Special Notes.....

..... **The Study of the Bible**, lead by Wendy Olson resumes January 11 at 12:00 Noon

..... **Annual Meeting** is scheduled immediately after church on January 28th. Coffee Mingle will follow.

This is a time to hear from our Pastors & Elders on what has happened in the past year and plans for the New.

..... **Barbara Hare** continues to rest and wait for her scheduled procedure. Pastors Mark & Wendy and Lyle Seaman have been covering in her absence.

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www.cpcwaldport.com



A note from Pastor Mark

January 2024

The Easter lily a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The lily has been part of Easter and funeral services for thousands of years. Legend has it, (according to Wikipedia), that "after Jesus' death and resurrection, some of these beautiful flowers were found growing in the Garden of Geth-

semane, where Jesus went to pray before his crucifixion, and that these flowers sprung up where drops of Jesus' sweat fell as he prayed". Jesus also spoke about the lilies when he stated, "Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these" (Luke 12:27).

The poinsettia: according to Mexican legend, (Wikipedia), a young women named Pepita went to visit the Nativity that was set up at her church by the Franciscan friars. She was very poor and could not afford a gift to bring to the baby Jesus, so she picked some weeds and gave them to him. When she showed the bouquet of weeds to the baby Jesus, they turned into gorgeous red flowers which locals knew as "Cuetlaxochitl. The blooms were referred to as the Flowers of the Holy Night." The star-like blooms are said to represent the Star of Bethlehem and their red color represents the blood of Christ. According to this legend, this was how the poinsettia became associated with Christmas.

Each year churches adorn their sanctuaries with poinsettias for Advent/ Christmas and lilies for Easter. At the end of those seasons, the plants are usually given away or thrown away. Having

soft hearts for plants, Wendy and I often bring some home and plant them. This year something amazing occurred, last year's Easter lily and last year's poinsettia both survived and bloomed during this year's Advent season.

Apocalyptic Advent! We spent time looking at the Apocalyptic literature of the Bible, with its good news to those experiencing destruction and sorrow and solid hope for what is coming. A messiah was born and ushered in the realm of God. Jesus, the Son of God has been born, died, and resurrected. We have been given the gift of new life, even amid sorrow and pain. We have been given hope and we continue to live in this hope for, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life," (John 3:16).

These two throw-a-way plants became a living hope for me as they not only survived but bloomed during the cold of winter. They are a sign of hope to me, that as we walk through this coming year and whatever it holds, there will be good news, even in times of pain and sorrow.

With the grace and peace of Jesus Christ,

Pastor, Mark



Church Financial Report

Lyle Seaman

Church Financial Report

Year through November General Fund **Income \$93,662.39**

Actual income was \$5,843.37 MORE than Budgeted income.

Year through November General Fund Actual **Expenses \$79,757.62**

Our income was more than our expenses which leaves us in the BLACK by \$13,904.77.



Birthdays

Anniversaries





Extreme temperatures. Flooding. Fires. Ocean pollution. Melting glaciers. Deforestation. We see so much devastation on the news every single day.

Sometimes it just seems hopeless-what can one person do to help? One family? One neighborhood? One church? One village?

Theodore Roosevelt wisely wrote, "We have become great because of the lavish use of our resources. But the time has come to inquire seriously what will happen when our forests are gone, when the coal, the iron, the oil, and the gas are exhausted, when the soils have still further impoverished and washed into the streams, polluting the rivers, denuding the fields and obstructing navigation."

What can we do? We CAN each educate ourselves. We CAN work together to make a small difference, that together with other families, other neighborhoods, other churches, other villages will gradually add up to help preserve our earth home.

Over the next year, *The Window* will contain a section titled "Caring for Our Earth." I hope you will find it informative, thought provoking, and motivational as to how each of us can help to care for the beautiful earth of which God has so generously blessed us.

Jan Thornton

PER CAPITA 2024 is \$45.60

We ask that you contribute \$45.60 per individual or if there are two of you, \$91.20. Write "per capita" on the Memo line of your checks.

Each January we as a church pay to the Presbyterian Church USA, an amount based on the number of members we declare.

These funds support the leadership and activities in the Presbyterian Church both locally and nationally.

They help match churches with potential pastors, including our efforts to find Wendy and Mark.

~ Your financial team thanks you!



Saturday
Breakfast
and

Gift
Giveaway



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Sunday Worship Service 10:30am

Friday Bible Study 10:00am via Zoom

**Saturday Breakfast & Food Box
Giveaway 9:30-10:30am**



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