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CPC NEWS & NOTES

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From Pastor Kimberly

Life is filled with journeys and adventures. With each destination there are joys and sorrows, expectant anticipation and disappointments, smooth sailing and bumpy roads. Through it all, God is constant, never changing, always reaching to show us the path that is marked out if we will only ask Him.

The Israelites were no different. They, too, were on a journey with God, and sometimes they forgot to seek God's will for each path. In Jeremiah 6, Jerusalem is under siege and God is crying out to them to reach out for His help. In verse 16, "This is what the LORD says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is and walk in it and you will find rest for your souls..." For the Israelites, well, they didn't seek; they didn't ask. Thus the verse ends, "But you said, 'We will not walk in it."

We each have desires on our hearts...things that we hope for, things that we wish for. These desires help to form our journeys and adventures. Mine is to passionately and purposefully follow my Lord and Savior whereever that may lead...even if it means across the country to meet and work with some wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ. I will follow as God leads.

In my life, I have witnessed those who choose to follow others or their own plans and have not followed God. They were miserable, and those around them were miserable. God has a plan and a purpose! That we can be sure of! He has placed the signposts for us to follow. He has placed desires in our hearts that will help to lead us into His will and to walk the path marked out for us.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

As we continue this part of the journey of Community Church together, may we all remember to always "acknowledge" God and the way that He brings people on the journey with us for a time and then brings others alongside to help with the next part of the journey. We are heading into a new and exciting chapter of the story that God is writing. I pray you join us for this amazing adventure with God because God is not done. There are more adventures, more journeys that are waiting in the wings. Our goal, yours and mine, is to keep our eyes on the One who set this journey in motion and follow Him with our whole hearts.

In Christ, Pastor Kimberly "..TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART"

Love God Love Your Neighbor Share Life Share Your Faith



Following worship. See back page for details

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Greetings Folks,

In every circumstance of our lives and every sentence of Scripture, our God is a visionary God. Through all the generations, from Adam and Eve to you and me, God gives us a taste of grace and points us towards a better future. Even the perfection of God's creation in the garden of Eden will be outdone when God ushers in a new creation that is beyond our imagination. Vision is a God thing!

Our God is visionary, and he created the Church to make progress towards bringing that vision into fruition. How amazing that God invites us into His world of creating! Because God is visionary and human beings are visionaries in His image, the idea of vision becomes a powerful and practical thing to our daily lives. As we live out our faith and experience God, we get to work with him to cocreate a better future! Is this not the greatest invitation anyone can receive? What is God prompting us to do? What is He teaching us and showing us? What hope is He providing? What picture of the future is He giving? Vision is part of our relationship with God!

We, Community Presbyterian, have been given the profound ability and responsibility to dream God dreams, to seek God and discern His vision for our future, and then to eagerly pursue bringing that vision into reality. Is this why we come to church? Do we believe a better future exists for CPC? Can we picture it in our mind's eye or feel it in our spirit? God is with us, He's working with us, He invites us into an opportunity to cocreate with Him! Are we hungry and eager to accept the invitation? I

hope so because...vision is a church thing! What kind of community will Community Presbyterian become? What is God's vision for our future? What is our future if we, as a church, are not even asking these questions? As we journey together into the unknown of the future, I invite you to consider and pray through these questions. A clear vision is a gift from God given to those who seek Him and I hope we'll seek Him together.



Family Ministry Sunday's

"I have hidden your word in my heart." Psalm 119:11



Nursery

Nursery is closed at this time. We are in need of volunteers for both nursery and sunday school. To volunteer & join TEAM CPC TODAY please contact cfm@communitypresbyterian.com

Love and Prayers, Brendan

SHARE YOUR FAITH

Sharing our faith is essential for fulfillment of the great commission. We fulfill this responsibility through love for God and love for others by equipping and empowering others to do the same. We grow the kingdom by boldly and courageously sharing our faith to make God known and enjoyed.



MDO School News

As the summer session of Mothers' Day Out comes to a close, we want to thank all of our CPC and MDO families for loving us through these trying times and I want to especially thank our amazing teachers, Alli, Andrea, Cheryl, Sherry and Tiffani, who have been here through it all! (Only God and they know the daily dilemmas we have persevered this year) When we came back to work in October 2020 after being closed for 7 months, we really didn't know what to expect, how long we could last, or even what our enrollment would look like, but God did and he helped us to change and adapt! We have been so blessed.....our enrollment and wait lists exceed what our amazing staff can accommodate. We are grateful to be diligently looking for loving, qualified ECE teachers to further support our programs and bring new love and enrichment.

MDO's will come to a close on Thursday, July 29th. On that evening, we will end our CPC early childhood summer programs with a combined gathering of fellowship, food and fun, and return for the new school year on Tuesday, September 8th. We hope to "spruce up" our playground and would be grateful for any help cleaning, raking, moving bark, chasing spiders, etc during the month of August. If you find yourselves looking for some yard work or window washing, come on down, we'd love to have your fellowship!

For more information about our programs, please email us at MDO@communitypresbyterian.com Blessings from MDO

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PEP School News

We just completed our Summer Fun Program for June and July. We had 40+ children here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for lots of fun in a loving environment. Our program is closed for the month of August.

We will be preparing for the new school year with a work evening on Friday, August 27 from 6 – 8 p.m. to shovel sand and wood fiber, followed by a work day on Saturday, August 28 from 8:00 – noon to ready our classroom and playground for the new school year. You are welcome to join us! We appreciate any and all help!

We are looking forward to beginning our 53rd year of PEP! The first days of PEP School on September 7 and 8. If you'd like more information about PEP School, please call the PEP office at 448-1626

Family Ministry Weekdays

CFM is looking forward to more activities that allow us to live out our mission of LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS by SHARING OUR LIVES inside & outside the building, organically in the everyday rythms of our life. We are so blessed to deepen relations with the families that overlap all three areas of Children's Family Ministry. We hope that you can join us at the next family gathering!

SHARING OUR LIFE



SHARING OUR FAITH



WELCOME BACK PEP & MDO FAMILIES!

9/2/ PEP Orientation 9-11:30am 9/7 PEP/MDO Back to School 9/10 PEP Welcome Back 5-7pm

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Team CPC, we ask that you would lovingly & faithfully be in prayer for the children, families, & teachers whose presence that the Lord has blessed us with this coming school year. We also invite you to come out & support events either through greeting, set-up, clean-up, or donations as needed. THANK YOU FOR LOVING YOUR NEIGHBORS!

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Greeters Needed!

We still have openings for greeters. Please, consider serving one Sunday a month. It's a great way to welcome people to the family of God & its just plain FUN to be on TEAM CPC!!





We are so delighted and grateful for the Lord's provision in moving in Pat's heart. Her role is vital in ensuring people are lovingly treated each Sunday with a hospitable & welcoming environment. If you would like to join TEAM CPC by serving once a month with Pat, contact the office TODAY! We are stronger together!

ELDER MEET & GREET!



Each month we will be featuring one elder and one deacon. We hope to share a little bit with you about what they do and who they are by asking them some questions such as, "How is God moving in your life, or what is He placing on your heart for the church in this season, or what's your favorite scripture?" It is our hope that as Community Church we would be in prayer for our leaders and be built up by their examples.

First up is Rick Smith, who serves as a Director of New Focus. He also faithfully tends to the church facilities and grounds, along with changing the church sign. Rick has a heart for serving and shared that God has put it on his heart to see the church move forward and is willing to help fill the needs that the church has in any way he can. He would love to see ministries grow. He says, 'I know that in this new season things are going to look different but its ok, we need to embrace it." Rick shared that Mathew 7:12 was a treasured verse for him as he eagerly seeks to live it out "So that in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." THANK YOU Rick for SHARING YOUR FAITH!

DEACON MEAT & GREET

This months Deacon is Jim Beckett and he serves as lead deacon where he oversees a team of eight. Each deacon has a care circle of members that they seek to make contact with about once a month or as needs arise. When asked about a favorite verse, it was discovered that Jim was inspired some time ago to read through the entire bible and does so every year. WOW, what an inspiration and example! Jim also loves church very much and can often be seen every Sunday enthusiastically greeting people. He shared that in this next season of the church that Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous" is leading him to also encourage fellow deacons as they reach out to their care circles. THANK YOU Jim for SHARING YOUR LIFE!



SHARE LIFE

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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS THROUGH NEW FOCUS



New Focus Ministry has been in existence for 23 years. It is designed to facilitate people in learning how to manage their finances and use a budget to become more financially stable. We work closely with Opportunity House and quite a few of our members have transitioned from homelessness to self-sufficiency. We have helped hundreds of people learn to live independently, with support from their coaches. Most members are single parents who are dedicated to making their lives better for themselves and their family.

We rely on a group of volunteers (coaches, directors, childcare providers) who have a passion for helping our members. We typically meet on Thursday nights at church, but during the pandemic New Focus continues to meet through weekly Zoom meetings. We have serving opportunities available as either a coach or assist with childcare during our Thursday evenings meetings. These are amazing ways to directly love our neighbors and impact the community. Please, feel free to contact us if you have any questions, or want to be part of this wonderful ministry.

New Focus Directors: Tony Boltz 707-372-1800, Rick Smith 707-372-6206

WELCOME CPC WORSHIP DIRECTOR BEN RIVERA!



We are so delighted to have Ben join the team. He has been an amazing addition as an outgoing leader recruiting and inviting people into our church to serve on the Worship team, some who have stayed to call CPC home. He is known as a caring and patient encourager to his two rotating teams. He has a smile that warms the heart and has been a blessing to us with his humble and serving heart. God has moved graciously through him and the energy and joy of the Lord in worship is undeniable!

THANK YOU Ben, we love you!

WELCOME TO TEAM CPCI



We are so grateful to welcome two of our youngest Worship Team volunteers, Mackenzie Jabobs(Left) who shares her gift of vocals with us on Sundays, as well as volunteering in our MDO classrooms. THANK YOU, we so appreciate all that you do!

Hats-off to Maddox Jacobs(R) for his willingness to step in and learn how to work all that tech stuff behind the scenes to serve a great need we have. We can't THANK YOU enough!

We are so richly blessed by the joy of these precious faces rising up to take their place with selfless grace. These high school students faithfully come to church with their Godly grandparent, Margaret Jacobs, so we THANK YOU TOO!



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SHARING OUR FAITH @MENS BREAKFAST!



It was so awesome to get together for a Men's Breakfast again. Iron sharpens iron when we gather together to encourage one another, share a meal and feed on the WORD together. It was also nice to see multiple generations represented. We hope to see you dear brothers at the next Men's Gathering. TBA

.OVING OUR NEIGHBORS @PEP/MDO FAMILY BBQ!























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Location - Hartstone Bible Camp 17856 Van Arsdale Road Potter Valley, CA 95469 info@hartstonebiblecamp.org

Featured Artist - Richard Andrew



TEAM CPC, join in the fun by helping reach 100 children with the gospel through OCP gift boxes.

August Birthdays

- 1- Scott Reynolds
- 6- Ben Rivera
- 8- Cecelia Senyon
- 9- Clara Seres
- 12- Jessica Reid
- 13- Sarah Lyon
- 13- Samantha Davison
- 15- Marty Boles
- 17- Glenn Schrader
- 21- Nancy Sanchez
- 26- Linda Hoffman
- 30- Tony Seres





Join us under our back covered patio area adjacent to Eldridge St. **100%** of the proceeds to benefit the children of Hemlock Elementary School. Once again, we are delighted to offer **"FIII A Bag For \$5!"** BRING A BAG, BRING A FRIEND, BLESS A CHILD

HELP NEEDED

We are still accepting donations during office hours. We are also very much in need of help sorting prior to the event & help on event day. Please, contact the office if you can join us as we LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS!.

August Anniversary

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