



## A Message from Pastor Paul Hudson

2026 is upon us and with the new year comes renewed expectations, hope, and wonder (or curiosity). What is one expectation, one hope, and one “wonder” that you have for 2026 for your own life? For me personally, one expectation I have is that I will see God birth a new work in my life. Our God is the God of rebirth and renewal- Titus 3:5 says, “he saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.” This is talking about our baptism, but it is also talking about what is happening in each and every believer every day: rebirth and renewal. The newness of life never ends with God. Like a green, budding leaf in the new season that signals new growth and new fruit, the Lord prunes and renews us to bring us to fresh seasons of flourishing fruitfulness.

One personal hope I have for 2026 is for complete healing. Our God is indeed the God who heals. The beautiful Jeremiah 33:6 talks about the restoration and healing that God promises to his people who are stricken down and held captive, saying, “I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.” Restoration and healing are in the hands of the Lord, and we can rest knowing that the new heaven and new earth is where our full restoration lies, but in the meantime, we can hope for God’s merciful touch today!

Finally, one “wonder,” or curiosity I have for 2026 is... hmm... well, let’s make this one fun. One curiosity I have for 2026 is how well my Seattle Mariners (baseball team) will do after coming within a few innings of making it to the World Series in 2025--- something they have NEVER done! Go Mariners! 😊

So, there you go—one very spiritual expectation, one very spiritual hope, and one very Unspiritual curiosity for 2026. Unspiritual, but you know... Baseball has great analogies for our walk with God: returning home comes with struggles and failures; getting a hit 30% of the time is considered great, so a 70% rate of failure is acceptable; getting thrown a curveball is a part of the game; you can make the weakest and most feeble swing and still get a hit; the game is not over until the last out, so the greatest moments of the game can come even when you’re down to your last strike. Did anyone say there’s nothing spiritual about sports?

Now it’s your turn! What is one expectation, one hope, and one curiosity that you have for 2026?

Happy New Year!

Pastor Paul



# Family Ministry for Youth & Children

***Chyna Bradford LaGrande, Director***

Hello Families!

Happy New Year! 🎉

First off, thank you, everyone who volunteered last year for nursery and for any events for family ministry!!! You are so appreciated.

We've made it to 2026 a fresh start full of new grace, new mercy, and maybe a few leftover Christmas cookies! 🍪 I pray God kept His hands on you and your loved ones this season.

Before we dive into January, let's look back at December. The highlight of the month was our Community Christmas Celebration! We were blessed to gather 40+ friends from the community for a day of fellowship, fun, and giving. Together, we shared toys, food, and sweets, blessing children through love in action. We even had a Christmas tree character, and Rudolph's cousin stopped by to spread holiday cheer! 🎄🦌

A special thank you to everyone in our church family who donated, and a heartfelt shout-out to Debbi Schrader for her oh so generous donation of toys. 🙏 We also want to give a big thank you to our Youth Group members Doris and Lillian for stopping by and being our amazing elf helpers, and a special shout-out to our Family Ministry volunteer Troy LaGrande for assisting with this grand event. Volunteers, your time and love made the celebration truly memorable! ❤️

Now, this January in Kids Church, we're heading back to the very beginning when God created it all! From the sun and sky to the animals (and yes, He made us in His own image) talk about a masterpiece!). 🌟

Join us every Sunday for fun crafts, cool activities, and exciting lessons that help kids explore God's amazing creation and maybe show off some "God-made-me" dance moves! 🎉🕺

Let's start the year growing in faith, having fun, and celebrating God's handiwork together. Be blessed!



## Family Ministry for Youth & Children

*Chyna Bradford LaGrande, Director*





# Presbyterian Enrichment Preschool (PEP)

*Renee Inman, Director*



## Happy New Year!

PEP School has been a very busy place so far this school year! In addition to our regular curriculum of science, art, music, and stories, letter of the week, Bible stories, and outdoor activities, we have enjoyed some special activities, as well.

Our Christmas programs were especially fun, as the children got to share their Christmas songs with their families, followed by refreshments on the patio. We are blessed to have 40 wonderful 3 and 4-year-olds in our program.

When we return from Christmas break, the teachers will be conducting kindergarten readiness evaluations for our 4-year-olds, and we will have parent/teacher conferences with all of the parents in February.

Our staff includes Renée Inman, Director, and teachers Cara Thiele and Corey Borgen. Mary Lou Gantt is our Administrative Assistant.

Your generous support of PEP is greatly appreciated. It's an exciting, busy, learning environment for preschoolers.

PEP School wishes you all a wonderful 2026!

Serve  
Grow  
Love  
Pray

# Women's Ministry & Community Connections

***Diane Henderson, Interim Director***

Our Women's Bible Study group enjoyed a delightful and festive Christmas brunch, complete with a gift exchange, on Wednesday, December 17th.

If you're interested in becoming a part of our study group, we warmly invite you to join us every Wednesday at 10 AM in the conference room. For further details, please reach out to the Church office at 707-448-5055.





## Sewing Circle

### *Arlys Rogers & Laura Benham*

As part of the church for many years, the Sewing Circle's mission is to create beautiful quilts, giving comfort and wrapping others in God's love. Our objective through the years has been to donate quilts to nursing homes, congregation members that are hospitalized, and families with new babies.

The Sewing Circle ladies today (see photos) enjoy meeting every Tuesday for fellowship and creating new quilts. We welcome new members, regardless of skill level. The Sewing Circle's goal is to sell and donate homemade quilts. The craft quilt sales are held at the church, as well as at PEP school and off-site locations. Quilts that have been donated in the past have gone to: Veterans' Administration in Santa Rosa, Orchard Retirement Home, Vacaville Rehabilitation, Police Department supplies for children, congregation members in the hospital, and new families with babies in the congregation. Quilt donations are a highlight of the holidays for care homes in Vacaville. They look forward to our donations and our smiling faces every year.

During December, the Sewing Circle has been very busy creating, donating, and selling quilts. We donated approximately 135 quilts. Our holiday sale was very successful. We sold 25 quilts, with total sales of \$450.00 plus a \$25.00 donation.

Sales are essential to keeping our quilting running smoothly. For example, we use funds for sewing machine repairs, notions, batting, and fabric. We welcome donations of quilting supplies.

If you are interested in purchasing a homemade lap quilt, they are \$30.00 each. The Sewing Circle, after the holiday break, meets on Tuesdays in the church social hall.

Thank you to church members, as well as those who have donated throughout the years.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Many Blessings,

Laura Benham & Arlys Rogers  
 Sewing Circle





## New Focus

***Tony Boltz, Rick Smith, Judy Schneider, Directors***

We celebrated at our annual New Focus Christmas dinner on the 18th of December. Thanks again to the CPC family for all of their support for the Angel Tree ministry. This dinner gave us a chance to look back at the past year and evaluate how things have grown. It can best be explained in a story.

Tamara who is an alumni and single parent with two children was hospitalized with possible appendicitis. This left her children alone in their apartment. Three mothers from New Focus took turns for the next three days staying with and caring for her children. A biological family could not have done a better job. This really spoke to the community they have become.

We look forward to 2026 with all the joys and challenges that it may present.

## New Focus Christmas Dinner December 18, 2025





## Session Report

*Ethel Hoskins, Clerk of Session*

CPC attendance averaged 67 in December 2025.

Our Boy Scout troop sent a request to become a family (co-ed) unit, and session did approve this request, which included the stipulation that the supervision will be male and female. A copy of the youth protection policy will be kept in our files.

We are part of the Presbyterian's Evangelical Covenant Order (ECO), and just received a letter from their Synod staff, which is as follows:

***Dear Community Presbyterian Church - Vacaville,***

***Today marks another year of your faithful partnership in this covenanted order of flourishing churches making disciples of Jesus Christ.***

***Thank you for choosing to walk alongside ECO in our shared calling to advance the gospel and nurture thriving congregations. Your participation strengthens the bonds of covenant community and reflects the beauty of Christ's body working together in mission.***

***May this anniversary renew your vision, deepen your fellowship, and encourage you in the ongoing work of disciple-making and Kingdom impact.***

***With gratitude and joy in Christ,  
ECO Synod Staff***

And, a huge thank you to Richard Becker and Renee Inman, who have finished their service as active elders on our session! We are truly grateful for their faithful service to CPC.

And...we welcome Paula Sandusky and Jim Beckett, who will be serving with Elders Bill Seiden, Julie Krebs, Don Lyon, and Pat Morris.

With that, we welcome 2026 and look forward to how God will lead us, guide us, and, guaranteed, He will give us a hope and a future!



# Deacons Monthly Report

**Kathy Reid, Lead Deacon**

Happy New Year to all!

I truly hope that each of you had a joyous and memorable Christmas. December was full of wonderful events, from our weekly Advent candle lighting to the jubilant Advent Joy Music Sunday, and finishing with our cherished Christmas Eve Candlelight service. There are so many incredible ways to celebrate Christmas with our church family that all leave me feeling so blessed!

As the new year begins, I like to consider ways to reconnect with friends and to find ways to become involved in our community. Whether it is our church, our neighborhood, or our city; there are so many places to join in and help out.

This coming year, the deacons will have opportunities for you to participate. The first will be the Communion Sunday Fellowship Table, which is set up on the first Sunday of every month. If you would like to bring something, whether you want to bake or even if you have extra produce from your garden, you are encouraged to share. We also plan to have a couple of potlucks this coming year. They were a great success for all who attended in 2025, so we want to host more potlucks to encourage even more fellowship.

Once we settle into a new deacon board and everyone starts their new jobs, we will want to collaborate with other ministries. We will, as a church, be looking for ways to interact more within our community. I am really excited to work with our returning and our new deacons this year and hear their ideas about where CPC can connect within Vacaville. Joining me again will be: Elaine Brinn, Gayle Crawford, Amber Sparks, and Jan Walker. These women worked tirelessly for the last few months to help prepare for this new year. I appreciate them all! And joining the deacon board will be: Becki Fulton, Gayle Loomis, Sarah Lyon, Alice Miller, and Azata Nyepan. Thank you all for saying "yes" when called to serve our church community!

**"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."**

**Romans 12:9-15**

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



1/01 - Ernie L.

1/04 - Julie K.

- Tom D.

- Dave F.

- Ken M.

- Terry S.

1/06 - Cody G.

1/10 - Jackie W.

1/12 - Kendra S.

1/16 - Andrew H.

1/18 - Brendan K.

- Terri B.

- Santino F.

- Debbi S.

1/19 - Nate M.

- Emma M.

1/20 - Aubrey K.

1/22 - Judy S.

1/24 - Steve A.

1/25 - Margaret P.

1/31 - Jenna K.



1/24 - Daniel & Jenna K.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**Sermons From the Greats II - John Calvin, George Whitefield, MLKJR**  
**January 4<sup>th</sup> thru January 18th**  
**Sundays @ 10:00 AM**

**Sermon Series: Acts, Church Afire!**  
**January 25<sup>th</sup> thru June 21st**  
**Sundays @ 10:00 AM**

**Card Making Class**  
**Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**In the social hall.**  
**Cost: \$35/person**

**Join us for a fun day of card making. A sign up sheet will be in the church lobby. We will be making a total of 9 cards, one will be a Valentine-themed card. Materials will be provided. You will leave with beautiful creations and a crafty skill. The class size is limited to 18 people.**

**Women's Ministry Laughter & Latte**  
**Saturday, January 3rd @ 10:00 AM**

**Join us for latte and fellowship at Journey Coffee, 896 Alamo Dr., Vacaville.**

**Sewing Circle**  
**Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM**  
**In the social hall.**

**Meets regularly for fun & fellowship as we create quilts for charity, and community purposes. Registration not required.**

**Men's Coffee Hour**  
**Thursdays @ 10:00 AM**  
**In the social hall**

**Come together for coffee, donuts, and fellowship.**

**Men's Bible Study**  
**Sundays @ 11:30 AM**  
**In the conference room.**

**Following Pastor Paul's sermons.**

**Women's Bible Study**  
**Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM**  
**In the conference room.**

**Following Pastor Paul's sermons.**  
**Facilitators: Sandy Crouse & Judy Schneider**