



October 2026 Newsletter

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A Message from Pastor Paul Hudson

Lay Leadership Training, Commissioned Lay Pastor

ECO (our denomination) aims to “unleash the laity,” so to speak, which means training and releasing lay leadership in the church. Lay leadership is foundational to a thriving church. ECO is very strong on undoing the clergy-centered structure of church leadership to truly reclaim the biblical philosophy of the priesthood of all believers. In laymen’s terms, we want to be a church that raises up, releases, and recognizes lay pastors from among us who will be supported in using their God-given gifts and passions to help build HIS church. I am of the belief that CPC will not thrive as we should without a strong and varied team of lay leaders and pastors. Thankfully we have been blessed with amazing lay leaders in the Deaconate, the Session (Elders), and staff, some of whom are ‘pastors’ without even knowing it! Now, per the encouragement and direction of ECO, we have the exciting opportunity to expand our lay leader scaffold to include Commissioned Lay Pastors (CLP1).

ECO has two types of Commissioned Lay Pastors. CLP1 and CLP2. If you remember when I first came before I received my official ECO ordination, I was installed by the presbytery as a CLP2. The CLP1 is one step away from a CLP2. A CLP1 is a lay pastor who has been commissioned by the local church’s Session to lead a specified ministry as a lay pastor. There are 4 major steps that must be completed for a leader in the local church to become a CLP1.

1. First be identified by the pastor and Session as a strong candidate for CLP1 consideration, and then after initial Session approval, they must prayerfully accept the invitation to become a CLP1. Generally, they are already involved in church leadership.
2. Successfully complete the CLP1 Lay Leader Training course. This is a roughly 10 month course taken with other CLP1 candidates that consists of twenty 90 minute sessions, a mentor, and homework assignments. The course is designed to provide deeper equipping for lay leaders while encouraging them to further discern how God is calling them to kingdom ministry. Candidates that successfully complete the course receive a CLP1 course certification from ECO.



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3. Upon receiving the CLP1 Lay Leadership Course certification, CLP1 candidates must be ordained as an officer of the church (either Deacon or Elder). Importantly, much like CLP2, ordination for the purpose of CLP1 is not to join the Deaconate or Session, though they will not have to be ordained again should they ever be invited to serve on Session or the Deacons.
4. Finally, Session officially commissions the candidate as a Commissioned Lay Pastor of the designated ministry. The CLP1's role will have been clearly identified and agreed upon before this final step.

As of now, the CLP1 remains a volunteer lay pastoral leadership position, unless the person was already paid staff. The CLP1 serves as a part of the church's ministry leadership team alongside the staff and other lay leaders of the church (Deacons & Elders). They are appropriately called, "Lay Pastor." The CLP1 is commissioned for 1 year and renewed by Session as often as needed. The CLP1, unlike the CLP2, is recognized as a lay pastor only for the governing Session's local church. They must become a CLP2 to take up a pastoral position in another ECO church.

Last year, I approached Session with the desire to enroll four very strong candidates, Bill Seiden, Judy Schneider, Chyna LaGrande, and Yam Hudson in the CLP1 course. I have full confidence in their pastoral leadership. Each one has been deeply involved in leadership at CPC and have blessed this church and me tremendously. Session agreed with the course and with these candidates. After I received ECO training and certification to lead the course myself, we began around the beginning of this year. They have done a lot of hard work since then. It has been a great journey so far, and God has been at work in all of us, including me!

The course is currently set to finish around the end of November, after which we will go through the remaining steps for officer ordination (where required), specify roles, and commission each as our lay pastors for CPC! I pray that you will support the CLP1 candidates as they finish the course and continue serving CPC. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me.

Next month I will explain the CLP1 outcomes in a little more detail.

God bless you!
Pastor Paul



Family Ministry for Youth & Children

Chyna Bradford-LaGrande, Director

HARVESTING HIS LIGHT

Growing in God's Love • Sharing His Light • Celebrating His Goodness

Dear Families,

October is here, bringing cooler days, colorful leaves, pumpkins, and the beauty of the harvest season! As we welcome this special time of year, we are embracing the warmth and wonder of fall while keeping our hearts and classrooms focused on Jesus.

This month in Family Ministry, our theme is “Harvesting His Light: Growing in God’s Love, Sharing His Light, and Celebrating His Goodness.”

As the world turns its attention toward Halloween, we will use the familiar sights of the season as opportunities to teach our children about something far more meaningful: the light of Christ, the love of God, and the joy of walking in faith.

Our classrooms will be filled with beautiful fall decorations, pumpkins, harvest colors, twinkling lights, creative crafts, and sweet treats. Each Sunday, children will discover a new way to connect the season with God's Word.

Through these experiences, we want our children to understand that Jesus is our greatest light, His love is our greatest gift, and we are called to share that love wherever we go.

OUR OCTOBER BIBLE VERSE

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

— John 8:12

OUR FOUR-WEEK JOURNEY

October 4 | God Made the Harvest

God provides everything we need. Just as the earth produces beautiful fruit, God grows goodness in our hearts.

October 11 | Jesus Is Our Light

Even when the world feels dark or uncertain, Jesus guides us with His love, truth, and hope.



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October 18 | Growing in God's Love

Like seeds planted in good soil, our faith grows when we love God and care for others.

October 25 | Let Your Light Shine

We are called to share Jesus' love through kindness, generosity, friendship, and joyful hearts.

SPECIAL OCTOBER EVENT

CANDY KINGDOM

Saturday, October 31 | 2:00–3:30 PM

Join us for a sweet afternoon of faith, fun, creativity, and fellowship! Wear your favorite costume character

Our Candy Kingdom gathering will be a candy-themed trunk or treat celebration filled with joyful activities, sweet treats, and reminders that God's love is the sweetest gift of all.



If you would like to sign up to decorate your vehicle and hand out candy, the sign-up sheet is in the church lobby.



Youth & Young Adults

Jordan Adams, Director

Youth

We are continuing our Bible study series called “Joshua: The Courageous Warrior” where we are studying the book of Joshua which we started on June 17. With the weather changing, if students come to youth on Wednesdays and see that we aren’t outside, they have been informed to come upstairs.

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WEDNESDAYS	SUNDAYS
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	10:00 AM
MIDDLE SCHOOL (6TH–8TH)	HIGH SCHOOL (9TH–12TH)
	YOUNG ADULTS (18+)

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Young Adults

We will meet Friday, October 30 at 6pm in the Social Hall where we will have food, fellowship, and a Bible study. Spouses and kids are welcome.

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Friday, October 30th
6:00 PM (Social Hall)

FOOD | FELLOWSHIP | BIBLE STUDY

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📍 425 Hemlock St. Vacaville, CA



Women's Ministry

Amber Sparks, Gayle Loomis, Becki Fulton

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for contributing to the success and enjoyment of Sweet Tea & Sunshine!



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY'S @ 10 AM
In the Community Room.**

**Following Pastor Paul's
Sermon Series**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

October 11th, Operation Christmas Child Boxes will be available in the church lobby. Remember, "Fill a Box, Bless a Child."

On November 8th, the Sewing Circle is holding its annual HOLIDAY Quilt Sale in the sanctuary before and after church service.

**Women's Ministry
Sunday Bible Study**

"RENEWED"

**In the Community Room
(after worship)**

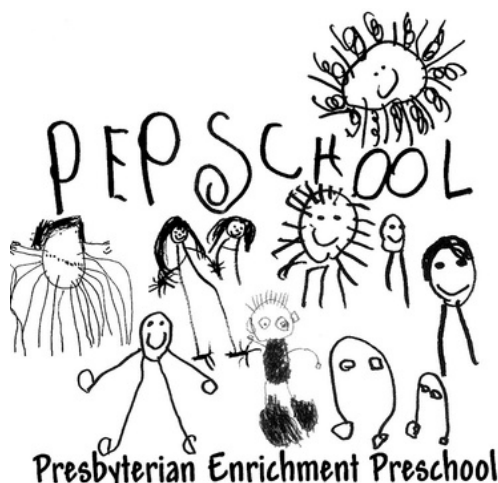
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Presbyterian Enrichment Preschool (PEP)

Renee Inman, Director



We have been greatly blessed with a wonderful start of our new school year! Each day, we greet those sweet smiling faces and welcome them into our developmentally appropriate environment. We have the opportunity to love them, share God's love with them and give them an awesome preschool experience. While our philosophy is that children learn through play, they are also making friends and developing the skills they will need when they launch to kindergarten. Our dedicated staff is committed to serving God and helping our students grow in that love.

In October, we will begin having Bible stories in the classroom each week and we will be offering a preschool Bible to our families. Something for all of us to remember as we serve God in the raising and teaching of His children...

One Hundred Years from Now

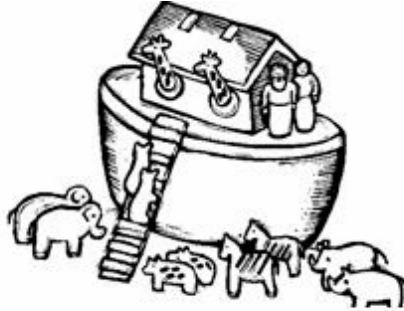
One hundred years from now it won't matter
What kind of car I drove
What kind of house I lived in
How much money I had in the bank
Nor what my clothes looked like
BUT
The world may be a little better
Because I was important
In the life of a child
by Forest Witcraft

For more information about PEP School, please call 707-448-1626.



Mother's Day Out (MDO)

Margaret Jacobs, Director



Mothers' Day Out

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MDO is back in session on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For registration information, please call (707) 448-5159.

Employment Opportunity

We are still actively searching for teachers & subs, so please spread the word! Please call us at 707-448-5159 or visit our web page at www.425cpc.com for more information.

Blessings all....

Margaret at MDO



Sewing Circle

Arlys Rogers & Laura Benham

"If you can tie a knot, you can make quilts with us"



HAPPY 🍁 FALL

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to volunteer and learn a new skill? Join us on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM, in the social hall for quilting and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you! Our Sewing Circle is a fun group of ladies who gather to create beautiful quilts, giving comfort and wrapping others in God's love. We welcome new members, whatever your skill level.

MISSION of GIVING BACK ❤️

The Sewing Circle ladies share God's love through loving service. We donate our quilts to families with new babies and congregation members in care homes or in the hospital. In September, the sewing circle donated a "Welcome" baby quilt to a new family and a lap-quilt to a congregation member recovering and needing care. If you know of someone who needs a quilt, please contact Rosie in the office or email her at office@425cpc.com. Thank you.

QUILT SALES 💜

Mark your calendars because Sewing Circle Quilt Sales are coming! We have many beautiful quilts to choose from. Suggested donation: \$30 per quilt.

FALL QUILT SALE 🎃

On October 13th, the Sewing Circle with PEP school will be holding a FALL quilt sale on Tuesday, October 13th @ 9:30-11:30am in the social hall.

ANNUAL QUILT SALE 🌲

On November 8th, the Sewing Circle is holding their yearly HOLIDAY Quilt Sale in the sanctuary before and after church service.

Many Blessings.

Arlys Rogers, Pauline Sparks, Laura Benham, Norma Buckley, Gayle Loomis





New Focus

Tony Boltz, Rick Smith, Judy Schneider, Directors

We will have celebrated our 28th anniversary when this reaches you, and we have a lot to celebrate.

We have had a marriage; Neil and Lauren met at Opportunity House, navigated their way to self-sufficiency, fell in love, and are thriving.

Mathew has launched a podcast, "Voices of Hope" which is being recorded in the New Focus office. The goal is to get this on our church website in the near future.

Five NF men participated in our semi-annual men's work weekend at Westminster Woods. The plan is for them to become the future of that program.

We would like to think that the four amazing women who started New Focus all those years ago would be pleased with what it has become, and we are grateful to CPC for all of its support





Session Report

Jim Beckett, Clerk of Session

We have 4 people who are nearing the end of training to become Commissioned Lay Pastors (CLP 1): Chyna Bradford-LeGrande, Yam Hudson, Judy Schneider, and Bill Seiden. Pastor Paul expects to share more news about this program soon.

The Treasurer reports that we are doing well financially, year-to-date, and that all three areas: MDO, PEP and Admin have taken in more than spent.

Average attendance for August was 74 per week.

Date	Guests	Kid's Church	Attendees	Communion
8/2/2026	6	3	67	56
8/9/2026	6	0	72	
8/16/2026	7	3	86	
8/23/2026	0	4	58	
8/30/2026	5	2	86	
Totals	24	12	369	56
Attendees includes worship team, tech team, infants, children, youth.				



Deacons Report

Kathy Reid, Lead Deacon

As we settle into autumn, I am reminded daily of all the things I am grateful for in my life. While I try to stay in the moment and be grateful all year long, I have to admit I especially feel that gratitude throughout the colder fall months. As the temperature begins to drop and the leaves change color and fall, it is such a great reminder that change happens all the time. Many of us don't like change, I often am in this category, but change happens whether we approve or not. To experience the beauty of new life in spring we first have to experience the slowing down in autumn and winter!

There is something about being home this time of year. It is a wonderful time to make hearty soups and bake pumpkin bread. To snuggle away from the winds we are famous for here, and sink into a good book. There is so much promise in the opportunities for time spent with family and friends in the upcoming months. But I try to be mindful that not everyone has a community or family to spend time with during the holidays. So I encourage each of us to find ways to give to our neighbors, to share with the community, and focus on ways to make our neighborhoods even better each day!

I just happen to have a great place for us to start...we can all invite a friend or neighbor to CPC on Sunday November 1st. The deacons will be hosting the second potluck of the year on that date. Our friends can enjoy the amazing worship team, a fabulous message and then they can eat a wonderful meal with us. Now that I have mentioned soup and bread...I need to decide if I want to make a yummy, gluten-free, dairy-free chicken vegetable soup or my favorite pumpkin bread. Maybe I will make both...but you will have to join us on Sunday November 1st to find out!

“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”

-Colossians 3: 13-15



Signup sheet coming soon!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



10/06 - Bill S.

10/14 - Diane H.

10/26 - Renee I.

10/08 - Chris I.

10/22 - Jared B.

10/30 - Lee R.

10/08 - Luke P.

10/24 - Dianne M-V.

- Virginia W.

- Valerie D.

- Dave S.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Blessings to you and the love you share.

10/01 - David & Sharon R.

10/11 - Jeff & Missy M.

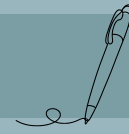
10/13 - Gary & Keri G.

10/25 - Jeff & Tracey M.

10/28 - Paul & Yam H.



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Pastor PJ's Weekly Podcasts

Listen to the Podcast at www.425cpc.com
or on facebook.com/cpcvacaville.

Women's Ministry Laughter & Latte
First Saturday of every month.

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

Women's Ministry Bible Study
Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM in the community
room.

Following Pastor Paul's sermons.
Facilitators: Sandy Crouse & Judy Schneider
Registration not required.

Women's Ministry Bible Study
Sundays in the community room
after worship service.

Following "Renewed" a bible study series
Registration is not required.

Men's Bible Study
Sundays, in the conference room, after
worship.

Following Pastor Paul's sermons.
Facilitator: Bill Seiden
Registration is not required.

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

Come together for coffee, donuts, and
fellowship. Registration is not required.

Candy Kingdom Trunk or Treat
October 31st @ 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Church parking lot.

A sweet afternoon of treats, fun, and Jesus.
Email chyna@425cpc.com for more information.

Young Adults
Friday, October 30th, 6:00 PM
In the social hall.

Hang Out for Food, Fellowship, and Bible Study.
Email jordan@425cpc.com for more information.

All-Church Potluck
November 1st, in the social hall after worship.

Hosted by the Deacons. Bring a dish to share, the
sign-up sheet will be in the narthex soon.

Youth (6th-12th Grades)
Wednesdays, 6:30 PM -8:30 PM
and Sundays, 10:00 AM

Hang Out for Bible Study, Fellowship, Worship & Praise
Email jordan@425cpc.com for more information.

Sewing Circle's Annual Quilt Sale
Sunday, November 8th, in the sanctuary
before & after service.

Cost: \$30/Quilt. Through the sale of quilts, we are able
to purchase sewing supplies and continue creating
quilts to give to senior care facilities and charities in
our community.