



The Good News

September 2020

From the desk of...Pastor Nancy Pearson

September is here, but it certainly doesn't look like other Septembers! It's been hot and dry and windy; with a small amount of rain here and there. Bob and I have moved from our house in town to our new log home up in Cedar Highlands, and I've been astounded on how different the weather is than what you're experiencing in town. We had hail and more than 1 ½ inches of rain on Sunday night. And some of the trees on the mountain are starting to turn colors. Fall is just around the corner!

September usually means Back to School and the beginning of exciting fall programming in the church. Some students are back to class this week, some are learning remotely from home, and SUU will welcome back students the week of Sept 9. We are all trying to be patient and flexible with the changes.

Here at CPC, we're settling into a "new normal" with a small group of in person worshippers on Sundays. We'll begin ZOOM Bible and Brew and in person Romans Bible Study very soon. Sunday School & youth group resume on Sept 13.

As I've studied this summer for our sermon series "Life and Lessons of Moses," I have discovered that even though we've learned some interesting things about the amazing person of Moses, the sermon series has really been about God. By his amazing power, **God** delivered the people of Israel from slavery to freedom; **God** showed his miracle powers in the parting of the sea and the provision of food & water in the desert; **God** spoke to Moses face to face; **God** gave commands for living; and **God** designed the tabernacle & came to dwell in the very midst of His people.

And this God, is "the same, yesterday, today and forever!" Our God is the same powerful God of the ancient Israelites. And though at times it might not seem so, God is in control. He holds all of us in the palm of his hand. It's hard to live in this difficult time; we're not used to inconvenient, scary, challenging times that go on and on and on. There is no clear end in sight and there is no "road map" of how to negotiate the uncertainty. But God is **with us** through it all. God will use this time, in our lives, in the lives of our church and community, to grow us. I pray that we can embrace what we know: that often God uses hard times to grow and shape us in ways that we otherwise might not be ready to receive.

May we open ourselves to new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God, and seek to discover how to serve Him in fresh and different ways.

Praying for you today.

Pastor Nancy

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Community Presbyterian Church Youth Newsletter

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September Lineup

Sunday, Sept 6 Enjoy your Labor Day weekend!

Sunday, Sept 13 Youth Group begins! Today is “welcome day”

September 20, Youth Group: Game Changers

September 26, Fun & Friends Outing: Frisbee Golf at 3 Peaks

September 27, Youth Group: Game Changers

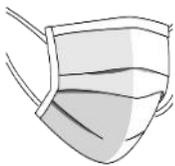
October 4, Youth Group: Game Changers



Youth Group starts Sunday, Sept 13!

We are gearing up for another great year! We will meet IN PERSON on Sundays from 11:45-1:15. For the first few weeks, we will focus on getting to know each other better. This includes getting to know Jesus better, starting with some of God’s awesome promises that will change your life! Youth group will be fun, active, friendship building, and relevant to what's going on in your life. Be a part of it!

Making Youth Group events safe: (ugh, you know the drill...)



Please wear your mask/face covering.

Use the hand sanitizer we will provide in the Youth Group room.

Use the furniture where we’ve set it up, to help keep us safely spaced.

If you feel sick, please stay home, and we’ll zoom or facetime you into our meeting.

We will meet outside as much as weather permits.

Fall Kickoff: Frisbee Golf and Cookout at Three Peaks

Saturday, September 26, 4:30-7:00pm

Grab a friend and a frisbee (or a few) and meet up at 3 Peaks for a fab afternoon throwing discs around, roasting hot dogs and smores, and hanging out with our YG buds. Look for the flier with more details. Bring your permission slips!



YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

We need YOU (a parent and a student) to join our leadership team to help shape our youth ministry! We meet quarterly to plan fun events, retreats, learning series’ and more. (you know that if Pr Robyn plans it all herself, it won’t be nearly as awesome). Please let Pr Robyn know if you want to join this team!

Remembering Patt Behrens



On Saturday August 22, we gathered to celebrate the life of long time member and friend, Patt Behrens who passed away peacefully on Sunday July 26 at her home, surrounded by her family.

Patt spent was born in Brooklyn, New York and spent all of her early years there. Her family relocated to Glendale, California when Patt was 18 , and Patt went to college and worked at an insurance office and a travel agency in Los Angeles. She met husband Ralph, and they lived in Ridgecrest CA where Ralph worked as a chemist. Their son Rob was born there. The family relocated to Henderson, Nevada, and then to Cedar City, Utah. Patt and Ralph were married for 43 years prior to his death in 2010.

Patt loved her family: son Rob and wife Marnie; grandchildren Shell (age 25) and William (age 17). They currently live in Layton, UT, and she cherished the times that they spent together.

Patt was deeply committed to Boy Scouting, and was active in Troop 360 here at the church. She served as committee chair, and on the Eagle Scout Board of Review. She was awarded the "Silver Beaver," the highest award a volunteer can achieve, for her service to the Council.

Patt was active here at church in CPW (Presbyterian Women) and as Church Treasurer for many years. She continued to stay informed about our church members and friends, and prayed for us regularly, even in later years when she was home bound.

We will miss Patt's phone calls, and her quick wit and sense of humor. Rest in Peace, Patt.



Summer Lunch Recap!



Another successful Summer Lunch program is in the books. We have been privileged over the last few years to partner with SUU to sponsor this program through a Federal Nutrition grant. Lunches are prepared here at CPC and distributed to children throughout the summer at no cost.

This year with COVID 19, new guidelines required new procedures. Gloves and masks were required for all workers here at the food preparation site and at the distribution sites. Lunches were distributed in a "drive by" set up with families driving up to receive them.

Nine people (including some of our CPC high schoolers) worked as employees through the summer along with numerous volunteers. Danielle Dominguez provided outstanding flexible leadership in sometimes challenging circumstances.

An average of 350 lunches were distributed five days per week at Main Street Park and Enoch Elementary.

Praise God for the opportunity that we have to provide this service to our community!

God's left hand

A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God's right one."

Children's Ministries at CPC



Our vision for Children's Ministries at Community Presbyterian Church is:

"All children who enter our church will feel loved and valued as they come to know Jesus as their Savior."

Our goal for both leaders and students is that we will honor God through what we say and what we do. **This year in particular, we want to love and value all children by helping to keep them safe and healthy.**

Sunday School begins IN PERSON on Sunday September 13 during the worship service for children 1st – 5th grades. Our classes are small, usually under 10 children, and so we feel that we can maintain appropriate social distance. We'll all wear face coverings, sanitize hands when entering the Sunday School room, and hold class outside as much as the weather allows.

Sunday School registration forms have been emailed to families, and if you did not receive one, please contact Pastor Robyn at pastorrobyn@cedarpres.org

We have a team of Sunday School teachers who are excited about welcoming your children back to learn about Jesus! We hope that you will make it a priority for them to be here.

We understand the stress and isolation that many parents are feeling these days. We invite you to join us for special events to help you connect with other parents and families in the church. We look forward to our annual outing to the Pumpkin Patch in October, Christmas Caroling & Cookies in December, February Family Date Night, Easter Party and End of the Year Picnic. And we hope to get our CPC Moms together each month as well for coffee & conversation.

We are hopeful to offer nursery care for our youngest children beginning in September as well. Stay tuned for that information as it becomes available.

Thanks for your support.

Pastor Robyn & Pastor Nancy

Bible and Brew

We're back!! Beginning **Tuesday morning September 1**, we'll be meeting for Bible study and reflection at "Bible and Brew." Each week, Pastor Nancy provides us with a brief scripture passage for us to reflect on and discuss. No preparation is needed! Join us at 9 a.m. by Zoom; contact Pastor Nancy or Dana Covey for an online invitation. Bring your Bible, coffee or tea with you!! Looking forward to seeing you there.



Do you need this?

A former member of Community Presbyterian Church who has moved away wants to sell her plot at the Cedar City cemetery. It is a single plot which she purchased for \$300. There is also a \$35 transfer fee. Currently plots are sold for \$400.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Nancy (pastor@cedarpres.org) and she will give you the information that you need.



Sales at Treasures continue to be vigorous. Donations are pouring in daily. We are thankful for both of these.

Several new volunteers have signed up and are getting to know the ropes. Connie Lawrence has taken over the “Linen” department. This is one area that is always overflowing. Connie is putting her J.C. Penney skills to use as she whips this department into order.

Jodi Nowak continues to clean, organize, display, and replenish our House Wares section. House Wares are very popular at Treasures, especially as our SUU students return to Cedar City and set up housekeeping.

Furniture remains one of our most profitable departments and Janet DeFever keeps rotating our inventory in fashionable arrangements. Our front room always looks inviting and displays the quality of our store merchandise.

The women’s clothing is also turning in steady profits. Becky Krause keeps the racks stocked and is marking down summer clothes and getting ready to put our fall and winter clothing. We recently had a donation of wedding items and look forward to a new set of customers looking at wedding accessories. A visitor from Florida purchased one of our wedding dresses!

Volunteers have begun returning to help, but we have **a great need** for more help! If you could volunteer to sort and price items, you would be welcome!! One day a week; one day a month— all assistance is greatly appreciated. Please contact Janet DeFever 590-1235, Martha Bayer 559-1136, Lynne Brown 590-7451 or Treasures at 865-5972 .Thanks for your support of this ministry.

Romans Bible Study

Our small group study of Paul’s letter to the church at Rome will be resuming in person this month! Our tentative plans are to meet in the church’s Welcome Center, social distance style beginning on Tuesday September 8 at 3 p.m. weekly. If you would be interested in joining this group, please contact Pastor Nancy right away so that we can order you a study book.

September Birthdays

Steve Covey	1
Richard Bontadelli	5
Bobbee Russell	6
Dorothy Chesley	7
Betty Miller	9
Genevieve Phelps	11
Sonny Enneper	12
Ginny Bontadelli	15
Bailey Hendrix	16
Siena Whipple	17
Linda Curtis	18
Ethan Childers-Garrison	20
Cameron Montoya	23
Andrew Orlemann	24
Tim Vogel	29





Upcoming Sermon series

“The Apostles Creed: What We Believe and Why it Matters”

- September 13** “I Believe in God the Father Almighty
- September 20** “I Believe in Jesus Christ His Only Son”
- September 27** “I Believe in Jesus’ Death & Resurrection”
- October 4** “I Believe in Jesus’ Ascension to the Father in Heaven”
- October 11** “I Believe in the Holy Spirit”
- October 18** “I Believe in the holy catholic church and the communion of saints
- October 25** “I Believe in the forgiveness of sins”
- November 1** “I Believe in the Resurrection of the body & the life everlasting”

August Session News

- ✠ Session met on August 26 for their monthly business meeting on Dana Covey’s patio.
- ✠ Received Thank You from Trevor Hollis, SUU Intersivity staff for church support.
- ✠ Memorial service attended by 50 people was held on August 22 for member Patt Behrens.
- ✠ Sermon series for Fall will be The Apostles Creed. Pastor Nancy & Pastor Robyn will preach.
- ✠ Communion will be served on first and third Sundays using prepackaged elements.
- ✠ Landscape clean up continues and various maintenance repairs have been cared for by Property Elder, Jeff Smith.
- ✠ Motion was made to install Air-conditioning in the Welcome Center & the library. Bids will be received.
- ✠ Thank you to the Session members for their faithfulness during these pandemic months. Pastor Nancy appreciates you!!!!



Keeping our congregation in prayer

Please pray for our church family as we begin to gather together for in person worship. Pray that we adjust to the restrictions and stay safe. Praise God for this opportunity!

Please keep these members & friends in your prayers:

Lorraine Lilley: for continued strength & that she could go home soon.

Phyllis Beatty: for success in finding a new apartment; for healing from heart & lung issues

Mary Shurtleff: for a clear diagnosis and treatment for ongoing health issues

Kathy Scott, Rhonda Vasquez’ mother: for recovery from back surgery.

Sean Moon’s father, Marvin: in hospice care.

Carla Spaulding: for a smooth transition as she moves to Mesquite.

Praise God that Jan Ackart is settled in her new home in Colorado.

Pray for our nation, our community and our world as we continue to fight COVID-19. Pray for patience as we continue to social distance. Pray for health care workers who work tirelessly for others. Pray for those who are out of work, those who have lost financial security. Pray for scientists and researchers who are working for a vaccine.

Pray for our schools as students and teachers go back to in person and remote learning. Pray for safety for all, and for a good (though different) school experience.

Please pray for these who are grieving:

Rob & Marnie Behrens & family in the loss of Patt.

Teresa Moon & family in the loss of her mother Carole.

Beth Gaines’ niece’s family in the loss of her father in a bike accident.

In Person Worship, Music and Communion

Worship in the sanctuary is happening each week now! Those in attendance are pleased and thankful for this opportunity.

We have some guidelines which we are following to keep us all safe and healthy. We continue to confirm reservations for in person worship in the office. This is helpful as we need to keep our attendance at about 50 people.

When you arrive, you'll have your temperature taken at the door with a touchless thermometer. Hand sanitizer is available in the welcome center, the office and the sanctuary. Prayer request cards are available to be filled out before you enter, and an offering plate is on a table in the back of the sanctuary to receive your prayer requests and your financial gifts. Face coverings are worn throughout the service, and social distance markings are on the pews.



Beginning September 6, we will resume live in person music! Our Praise Team is practicing weekly again, and we will enjoy praising God along with them. At present, they'll be with us every other week. We're taking steps slowly to make sure we're keeping safe. Our pianists Beth Gaines and Jolene Heit will also be back at the piano in person, and they will accompany us weekly. We're excited about enjoying this part of our worship experience together again.

In addition, we'll be celebrating The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper twice each month in worship. We will be using prepackaged elements (juice and cracker) which are available for worshippers to pick up at the door when arriving in the sanctuary.

If you are worshipping at home and would like to have the same elements as what we're using in worship, you can stop by the office during the week prior to the first and third Sundays and pick your elements up.

Communion will be celebrated on Sept 6 and Sept 20 this month.

We are encouraged by the number of people who are attending in person worship now. We feel that with the guidelines in place, this is one activity that is relatively safe to participate in. We hope that many more of you will soon feel that it is safe to come. It will be great to see you!

Our special thanks to all who are making in person worship happen: Marty Shurtleff, Jeff Smith, Linda Stetzenbach, Stephen Fish and all who are serving as ushers. It takes a whole team of people! Be sure and thank all these people for their ministry among us.

Holding Out Help

An organization providing those who come from a polygamous culture the care, support and resources to become independent and self sufficient.

You are cordially invited to:

Holding Out Help Silent Auction & Benefit Dinner

Saturday October 10; 6 p.m.

Courtyard Marriott, Cedar City

For tickets or more information contact megi.mcmullen@gmail.com

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The Session

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