

September 2026

# The Good News

A newsletter from Community Presbyterian Church



TAKE THIS  
AND EAT.  
THIS IS *my body*  
WHICH WILL BE  
*broken for you.*  
DO THIS IN  
*remembrance*  
*of me.*

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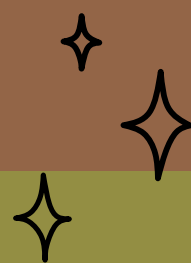
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# Welcome to Community



**Building** authentic Christian community. **Serving** God's people.  
**Inviting** all into the Way of Christ.



## OARS Young Adults: Dinner is on us.

OARS is a Young Adult Fellowship in its fourth year of forming an open, safe space for people ages 18-30 to explore their faith and to be able to share. This is an affirming space where all are welcome. Gatherings take place at the Cedar City Public Library beginning on Tuesday Sept 15th and continuing throughout the school year! Spread the word and bring seventeen of your closest friends!  
Oh. And did we mention that there is free supper?

Questions? Contact:  
pastorschuyler@gmail.com



## Lunch with Pastor Schuyler

Join us at Community Presbyterian Church in the conference room for *Lunch with Pastor!* Every Wednesday at noon beginning on September 9th! Bring a bag lunch and settle in for some conversation about questions of faith and practice; spirituality and prayer. All questions welcome!



## New Bible Study

# The PARABLES of Jesus

Join Pastor Schuyler following the potluck on Sunday September 13 as we begin a 4 week study of The Parables of Jesus! This informal gathering (about an hour) will explore the mystic stories of Jesus, their evolution, function and use by the religious community of the time. So on September 13th come for potluck and stay for Bible study in the CPC conference room!



## What it Means to be a “Teaching Church”



Most of us know Gavin Puckett-Neumeier! Gavin is an active member of our church and a member of Session who helps in many ways in the life of our church. What you may not know is that Gavin is attending seminary in preparation to become a Presbyterian pastor! We are excited to support Gavin in his calling! Part of this work for Gavin is that he has recently become a Pastoral Seminary Intern here at Community Presbyterian Church.

In this role Gavin will be preaching, assisting with youth and learning the many tasks involved in parish ministry. As a church, I know we are excited to support Gavin and to participate in his development as he moves toward the day when he will be seeking a call to his own ministry!

The Session and Pastor Schuyler deeply appreciate the willingness of the whole church to – in a very real way – become Gavin’s teachers as he moves and grows in his Call. If you get a chance, take a minute to talk with Gavin. Ask him about his Call, his studies and the many challenges of working full time *and* attending seminary! As far as we know Gavin is the first person this Church has ever lifted up to ministry. So, loud shouts of thanksgiving and a chorus of support and prayer go to Gavin.

“Building. Serving. Inviting.”

# From Pastor Schuyler's Macbook . . .

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since you all invited me to accompany you as your interim pastor. These have been days of joy and inspiration as we have moved together in the rhythms of grace and faithfulness. It has also been a time of healing and new life. And, friends, it has been a time that I have felt your power and your commitment as a faith community.

As we begin a new season of ministry together, we are also moving with great intention to carry on the search for your new Pastor. To date, we have sought input in the following ways.

- A) An All Church Visioning Day, which was powerful indeed!
- B) A Day of Visioning for The Session; and
- C) Five separate gatherings where participants responded in dialogue to a series of questions about our congregation and our vision for the future in terms of clergy and ministry.

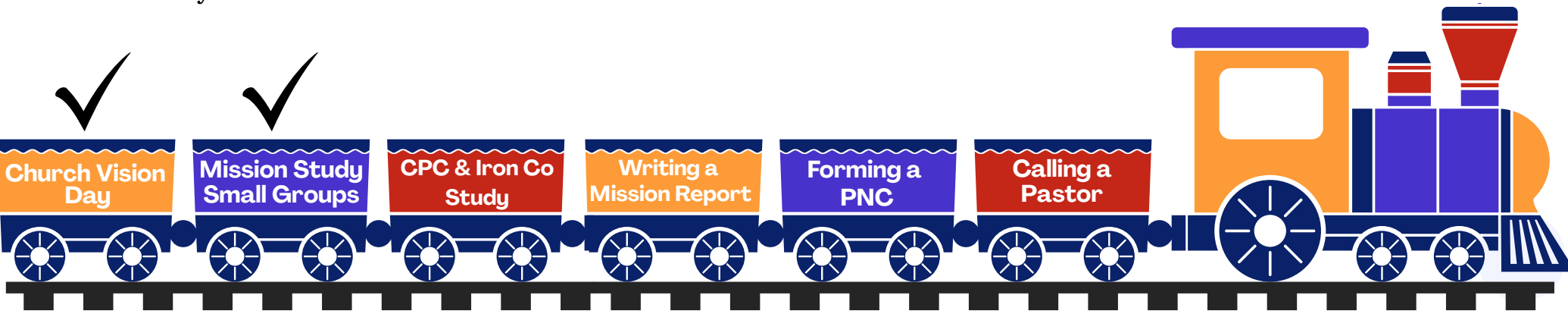
Our next steps will be to appoint a writing team who will pull all the data and information received at our conversations and gatherings into a “Mission Report” which will clearly describe the church’s history, mission, and hopes for the future. This document will be submitted to the Presbytery and, when approved, we will move to establish a Pastoral Nominating Committee.

This team, with our trust, prayers and blessings will proceed with the active search for your new pastor. While we are moving forward in this process, I want you to know that there is still ample time if any of you would like to come sit and share your hopes, joys and concerns so that we might include them in the work that God has before us.

In the meantime, God is doing great things at Community Presbyterian Church! On the financial front, your generosity has brought us to a place where the month of August had us \$12,000 “in the black.” Usually summer months find us in a time of deficit, but with your faithfulness we are moving forward and growing! The Church’s Thrift Shop, called “Treasures” continues to be a miracle in motion as we serve the community in numerous ways, both providing low cost goods and spreading the proceeds across the church and community for missional needs! Our Youth Ministry is launching this month with Gavin Puckett-Neumeier, Todd Swift, Amelia Herb-Carrigan, Charlee Brindley and Jackson Morgan at the helm! Faith Formation 4 Kids will resume with Alexis Montoya leading! Our Young Adult Ministry is starting up again with three wonderful new interns, Sam Vick, Abi Lee and Lauren Gubler! We also celebrate the emergence of a new and exciting Women’s Ministry, Renewal, and so much more!

I give thanks to God for each and every one of you as I am reminded of the word of St. Paul in the opening verses of Philippians. “I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you...”

Pastor Schuyler





## Report of Session

The Stated Meeting of Session was held on August 8th, 2026 at 10:30 am in the classroom of CPC.

Pam Powell was welcomed as a member of Session.  
The clerk, Dana Covey was absent, no Clerk’s report. Pam Powell kindly acted as Clerk Pro Temp.

Motions passed were:  
Approval of up to \$3000.00 in repairs to the Lean to at Treasures.  
Approval of Gavin Puckett-Neumeier as a seminary intern at CPC.  
Reports from all committees were accepted.

Discussions held:  
Checks have been distributed to our Mission Partners Care and Share, Youth Futures, Canyon Creek Services, and the Children’s Justice Center.  
Discussions and updates about the transitional housing at Care and Share  
Talk of creating a Stephen’s Ministry program  
Discussion of the purchase of hymnals.  
Streaming times have hiccups this summer.  
Hospitality training has been put on a flash drive.  
Stewardship program is being created.  
The finance report was reviewed.  
Compensation of musicians was discussed.  
Discussion of the gnarly trees along the street, and possible floor replacement at Treasures.  
The Q Center is on hiatus.  
OARS starts Sept 15th .  
Discussion of the nominating process.  
Updates on the Pastoral Transition process.

**The next Session meeting will follow the committee meetings on Saturday, September 12.**

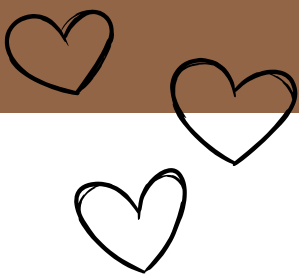
All Session meetings are open! You are invited to attend any committee meetings you would be interested in starting at 9am, and session follows at 10:30.

Dana Covey  
Clerk of Session



### *Church Directory*

The latest church directory has been emailed out!  
Please contact the church office if you still need a copy or if you need the password!



WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

October 4: World Communion Sunday,  
Received beginning Sept 6

The World Communion Offering, received during A Season of Preparation leading up to World Communion Sunday, is a new way for Presbyterians to “love kindness” expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment. Racial justice, gender justice, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith engagement are the important causes supported by this Offering.

In addition, a grant program has been created as part of this Offering that allows any council of the PC(USA) – session, presbytery or synod, regardless of participation in the World Communion Offering – to apply for ministry funds to support their own efforts to do ministry around these cause areas. This directly supports the ministries of our councils in their neighborhoods and around the globe.

A Call for Bread, Bread, and MORE Bread!  
World Communion Sunday

October 4th is World Communion Sunday! On that day we join with Christians around the world as together we celebrate Holy Communion! Our hope on this day is to have as many people as possible bake a loaf of bread that represents their family, culture, or just something that you love to bake! On that Sunday, just come a little early and bring your loaf of bread so we can use it in the “basket of abundance” that we will have on the church’s altar!

The Little Free Food Pantry:  
*an update*



Our LFFP is beginning to be noticed! We recently had someone take photos of it and share them on a community Facebook page lauding the value of such a resource!

Also, if you didn’t know, we have a cabinet at Treasures that the volunteers also keep food in as another makeshift food pantry.

Mission Partner Spotlight: Canyon Creek Services  
Love Shouldn’t Hurt.

As a community based non-profit advocacy organization that serves Beaver, Iron and Garfield counties, CCS provides free, confidential and comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and also engages in community education and prevention programming to achieve their vision of “Communities Free of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault”. They serve all survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation or any other identity. CCS provides both immediate crisis and long-term, supportive advocacy services.

CSS will be visiting our congregation in September to speak about their mission and how we can help!



Did you know?  
CCS has a 24/7 hotline that can be accessed by call or text.  
Hotline 435-233-5732

# Youth



## Community Presbyterian Church Youth Ministry Newsletter for September, 2026

Sunday, Sept 6 No Youth Group. Enjoy your Labor Day weekend!

Saturday, Sept 12 Service and Fun 9:00am-2:00pm

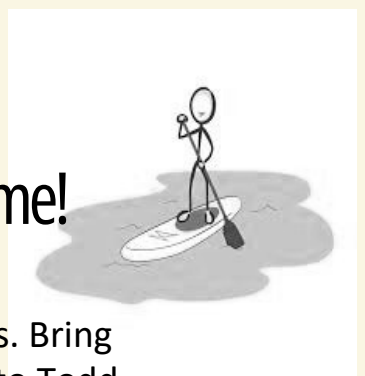
Sundays, Sept 13, 20 and 27: Youth Group 11:30-1:00

Saturday, Oct 3 Families Connected: Pumpkin Patch Outing 11:30-2:30

### September Service and Fun: Parks Upkeep and Lake of the Hills Beach Time!

Sat. Sept 12 9:00am to 2:00. Meeting Location TBD, but pickup is at Lake of the Hills.

Help spruce up a park, get lunch together, then play at the beach! We'll rent SUP's and life jackets. Bring clothes to work in outside, and an extra bag with beach attire (modest!), towel, sunscreen. RSVP to Todd Swift by Sunday, Sept 6. Parents, we may need help with transportation and extra supervision. Please let Todd know if you can help!



### Families Connected: Pumpkin Patch Outing!

#### At the Judd Family Farm in Paragonah, Saturday, October 3, 11:30-2:30

This event is for the whole family! Meet @ church at 10:45 to carpool or caravan. Includes: pumpkins for everyone, hay ride, lunch, face painting, cookie decorating, games, piñata, and more! The whole family is invited! And it's FREE! Youth will help pick out the pumpkins we will decorate for our homebound church folks! Please RSVP by Sept 27 to Alexis Montoya

[lexilu492@msn.com](mailto:lexilu492@msn.com)



# Fall Gathering

September 25-26

5:00-8:30pm(Friday)  
9:00-2:30pm (Saturday)

WASATCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1626 S 1700 E, SLC, UT 84108

Join us for conversation, community  
building, worship and learning with:

Women's Health- Karen  
Jackson & Deb Penny

The UN's Comission on the  
Status of Women-  
Natalily Kyremes-Parks

RSVP: 801-368-9130 or  
carolanneday@gmail.com

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF UTAH

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### Evolve

BUILDING YOUR FAITH  
FROM THE GROUND UP

Join us in a guided small-group discussion  
where we dig into the process of building  
our individual faith!

September 19, 2026  
9 - 10:30am  
CPC Sanctuary

Save the Date

Calendar subject to change. See a full calendar  
of meetings and events at [cedarpres.org](http://cedarpres.org)

Is your birthday missing or  
incorrect?  
Please let us know!  
Email changes to  
[office@cedarpres.org](mailto:office@cedarpres.org)

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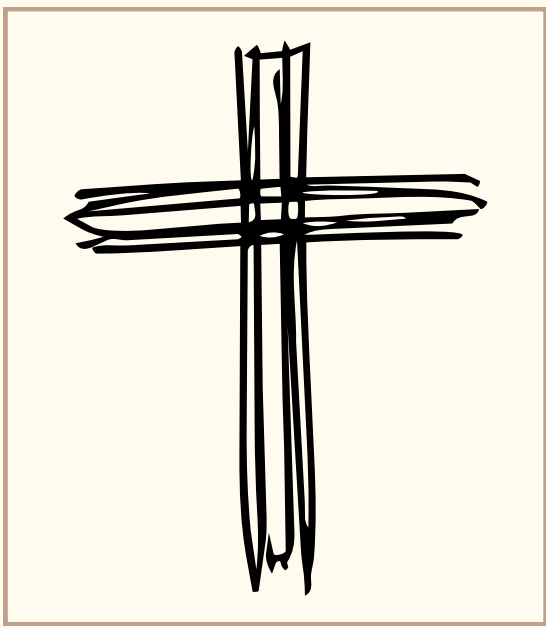
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| 30                                                                                                                     | 31                                                          | 01<br>Steve Covey's<br>Birthday              | 02<br>Trevor Davis'<br>Birthday                                      | 03                            | 04<br>Labor Day Weekend       | 05                                                                                                                                               |
| 06<br>NO YOUTH<br>GROUP<br>Labor Day<br>Weekend                                                                        | 07<br>Choir Practice<br>6:30pm<br>Labor Day                 | 08<br>OARS 6PM                               | 09                                                                   | 10<br>Eric Vogt's<br>Birthday | 11                            | 12<br>Monthly<br>Committee<br>Meetings 9am<br>Meeting of<br>Session 10am<br>Youth Group<br>Service Project<br>9am 2pm<br>Gen Phelps'<br>Birthday |
| 13<br>2nd Sunday<br>Potluck<br>Youth Group<br>11:30am<br>Jesus' Parables<br>Bible Study<br>11:15am                     | 14<br>Choir Practice<br>6:30pm<br>Treasures Work<br>Day 9am | 15<br>NO TREASURES<br>WORK NIGHT<br>OARS 6PM | 16                                                                   | 17                            | 18                            | 19<br>Renewal Launch<br>Event                                                                                                                    |
| 20<br>Jesus' Parables<br>Bible Study<br>11:15am<br>Youth Group<br>11:30am                                              | 21<br>Choir Practice<br>6:30pm                              | 22<br>OARS 6PM                               | 23<br>Marny Bixler's<br>Birthday<br>Cameron<br>Montoya's<br>Birthday | 24                            | 25<br>PW Fall Gathering       | 26                                                                                                                                               |
| 27<br>Treasures<br>Volunteer<br>Meeting 11:15am<br>Jesus' Parables<br>Bible Study<br>11:15am<br>Youth Group<br>11:30am | 28<br>Choir Practice<br>6:30pm                              | 29<br>OARS 6PM                               | 30                                                                   | 01                            | 02<br>Men's Group<br>Luncheon | 03<br>Families<br>Connected at<br>Judd Pumpkin<br>Patch                                                                                          |

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**WEEKLY WORSHIP**

Sunday  
10:00am

Faith Formation Sunday School  
*during worship,*  
*after children’s message*

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