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The Good News

A newsletter from Community Presbyterian Church



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Welcome to Community

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



Join us every Wednesday at noon in the conference room at church for an informal lunch and fellowship. Bring your stories and your questions, your jokes and your wondering and share them with this lively group. There is no “agenda” other than growing in love, fellowship and ministry.

Lunch is BYOL! We have a microwave you can use if you'd like. Hope to see you there!

The Praise Band is Returning!

After an extended hiatus, the Praise Band will be returning to praise God with music in worship on November 15th and December 13th and on Christmas Eve! Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday from 10 am – noon. We are looking forward to the band's return to worship!



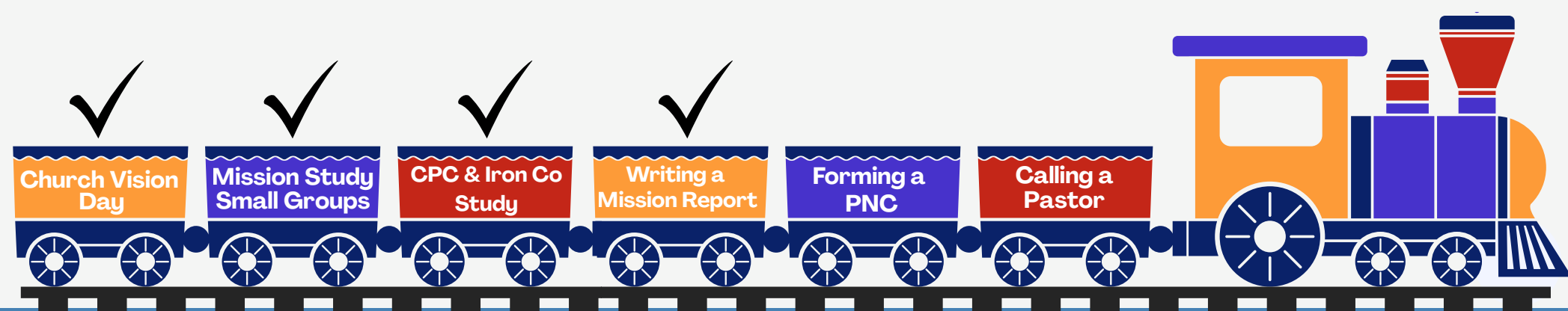
Update on the Pastoral Search

The Mission Study Report for 2026 is ready. It has been sent to the Committee on Ministry for their approval. Once that approval is received, we will make copies available to anyone who wishes to have them. This is the document that prospective pastors will review as they consider whether or not they are called to pastor Community Presbyterian Church.

Once we receive the COM's approval of the study, Session will get busy building a Pastor Nominating Committee. If you have ideas, suggestions or questions, please see Pastor Schuyler or check in with one of the members of Session.

Once the PNC is in place, the pastoral search will begin in earnest as our profile will be sent out to pastors across the county who are seeking or interested in a new call.

We covet your prayers as we walk together into this season of change, challenge and joy.



“Building. Serving. Inviting.”

From Pastor Schuyler's Macbook . . .

"For this ministry of service is not only supplying the needs of the Saints, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanksgiving to God..."

2 Corinthians 9:12



Celebrating Our Devotion to Generosity!

Dear Friends,

It's no secret that we are about to enter the season where we carry on what we typically call our "Stewardship Campaign." And it's true, you will soon receive a mailing and also find notices in worship about our hopes, dreams and visions for ministry in this community and the ways we will support them.

Our theme this year is "Devoted to Generosity." And as I have been praying about our way forward it dawned on me that both generosity and stewardship live in the same house, so to speak. Often, if not most of the time, we think of both generosity and stewardship as applying to money or things. If we are generous, we give money. If we are good stewards, we pledge our financial resources.

But the truth is, both generosity and stewardship are tied to a lifestyle to which God calls us as Christian community. We are called to live generous lives, not only in our giving to this church, but we are called to generosity in many other ways. God calls us to live into the gift of a generous spirit as we open our hearts and our doors to strangers who will soon become friends and community members. God calls us to live into generous hearts as we learn together how to forgive and how to love expansively, even to the point, as Scripture reminds us, of loving our enemies (Matthew 5:43)!

It is also true that God has called us to be stewards. This call is about wildly embracing our lives as we step up to be stewards of God's creation; stewards of our community, and stewards of our financial resources, both as individuals and as Christian community.

So let's not pretend otherwise.

In this season we are indeed inviting your generous financial commitment to the ministries we share in the name of Jesus Christ. Indeed, we are hoping to increase our giving this year so that we might increase our work in our church and in Iron County. But dear friends, we are also inviting us all to step more deeply, more profoundly, and more passionately into lives that reflect generous hearts and spirits. This call also comes as we claim our role as stewards of God's creation and of God's ministry in this place.

I am so grateful for you all, and especially grateful to have the blessing of walking with you in this season. I invite you to be in prayer with me as we all consider our "Devotion to Generosity" and our call to a deepening stewardship. Thanking you in advance for what I know will be an overflowing of thanksgiving.

Thanking God for each one of you, I am yours in Christ,

Pastor Schuyler Rhodes



What the Heck is Forgiveness, Anyway?

Forgiveness is Stewardship of the Heart

Jesus tells us in Scripture that we are to forgive someone “seventy times seven”(Matthew 18:22).” Wow. That seems excessive. Really? Forgive the same person seventy times seven, even when they keep repeating the behavior that hurt or harms you? This gives this old pastor pause to ponder.

You see, I think that the problem might be that we don’t talk, very much, about the definition of forgiveness. What does it really mean? Does it mean that when someone wrongs you, you just tell them that it’s okay? Does it mean that you excuse harmful or abusive behavior? I don’t think so.

Forgiveness does not mean that we excuse or overlook wounding or hurtful behavior. Indeed, forgiving someone does not mean that the person is not held accountable for their actions. I believe that forgiveness isn’t really about the person who wronged you. Rather, it’s about you – and me.

Forgiveness is about us releasing our anger and hurt; it’s about refusing to let our anger (justified though it likely is) control us. Because when we hold onto our anger, our pain and our wounds, who really does it hurt? Does it hurt the person who wronged us? Nope. It hurts us as we live in our anger and pain and let those things color our days.

I like to think of forgiveness more as a way of being rather than something we do each time someone does something to us that hurts or wounds. If, in the healing love of Christ, we can release our pain and sorrow to him each day as we pray, ponder and worship, then we are controlled not by our anger but by grace. We are governed, not by (oftentimes justified) desire for revenge or “justice” but by God’s healing grace in Christ Jesus. And this love, this grace is not episodic. It flows in and around us in such a way that we are able to heal regardless of someone else’s actions.

I offer this, not as some comprehensive treatise, but as food for thought and prayer as we walk together.

-Pastor Schuyler Rhodes

The purpose of life is to *The meaning of life is to*
FIND YOUR GIFTS. GIVE THEM AWAY.

Pablo Picasso

Devoted to Generosity

Stewardship is not a program, it is not a percentage, and it is not simply a part of our faith. Stewardship connects to every single thing that we do with our lives as followers of Jesus Christ. Stewardship connects us intimately to the mission and person of Christ. It draws us into deeper relationships with each other, with our neighbors, and with our God. To take stewardship seriously requires us to have an awareness of the problems and scarcity around us. It requires us to have compassion and hope for everyone that needs rescue and redemption in our world. And it requires us to step up and step out, even if we think that we aren’t quite ready, and be generous with the time, gifts, talents, money, and other resources that God has blessed us with. And here is the result: when we are good stewards God is revealed! When we are good stewards, God’s kingdom is revealed. When we are good stewards, Jesus is glorified.



Community Presbyterian Church Youth Newsletter November 2026

November Lineup:

Sunday Nov 1 Youth Leadership Team 11:30-1:00
Sunday, Nov 8 Youth Group 11:30-1:00
Saturday, Nov 14 Sub-For-Santa +Friendsgiving Dinner
Sunday, Nov 15 Youth Group 11:30-1:00
Sunday, Nov 22 : Youth Group 11:30-1:00

Hanging the Greens holiday decorating
Wed-Sun, Nov 25-29 Thanksgiving Break! Enjoy time
to rest and celebrate God's generous love!

Sunday, Dec 6 Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec 13 Christmas Cookies & Casseroles (and soup!) Fundraiser



Sub for Santa Service & Friendsgiving Dinner!

Saturday, November 14 **RSVP by Sunday, 11/8**

Cost: \$10-\$20 donation for gifts **Start & End at Community Pres.**

4:00-6:00 Service Project **6:00-8:00 Friendsgiving Dinner and Games**

Join us on a shopping spree service project to benefit the Iron County Holiday Assistance! We'll hit the shops to buy gifts for kids whose families can't afford Christmas presents. When we've spent all our dough, we'll return to church for Friendsgiving dinner, games (Sardines! Flashlight Tag!). Bring \$10-\$20, the permission form on this newsletter, and a few friends! For dinner, we'll get Chili's to go, yum! Fun! Can't come for the whole event? Feel free to attend the portions you're able to, just let Pr Robyn or Gavin know when you RSVP.

***PARENTS! We need help with transportation and supervision! Please let Pr Robyn know if you can help!!!

Looking ahead:



We need Youth for the Christmas Pageant! The Church Pageant is Sunday, December 6, with a rehearsal on Friday, Dec 4. We will need youth to serve as readers, actors and little kid wranglers.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE AND CASSEROLE SALE FUNDRAISER! Sunday, 12/13 after worship. Please come on Sat 12/12 7:00pm to help set up the sale—bring all your food (at least 2 dozen home-made holiday cookies, 2 frozen home-made casseroles/soups), help decorate, and divvy up jobs. Our goal is to raise \$600 towards our various 2027 retreats and rebuild our trip fund for a summer trip. Turn this page over for lots more info!



Session

Session Report for October

The stated meeting of Session was held on October 10th. Pastor Schuyler led us in a scripture reading of Matthew 6:25 and read a poem “Do it Anyway” attributed to Mother Teresa.

In attendance were Gavin, Nadine, Dawn, Karen, Dana and Brad, Pastor Schuyler and Danielle, guest.

Correspondence was the Presbytery’s newsletter.

Clerk’s report was the ordination and installation of Pam Powell on September 27th , during worship.

Pastor report as the invitation to the groundbreaking on Oct 27th for the Care and Share’s new tiny house village.

Motions passed:

- Approval of the agenda

- Motion to hire only one pastor

- Motion to accept the final edit of the Mission Study

- Motion to have a card and welcome back cake for Robyn on Oct 25th

- Motion to change the monthly meeting time to the third Saturday of the month, starting in December.

Discussions of:

- Welcome back celebration

- Hosting the Presbytery meeting on Nov 7th

- Replacing fluorescent lights with LED lights

- OARS and Faith Formation going well

- Need for more greeting volunteers

- Discussion of need for more awareness of conversations that could be mistaken for discrimination

- Sunday morning coffee instructions to be posted

- A flowering crab tree in honor of Harry Brown to be planted by Big Trees

- Treasures reports a few changes in management, work on a volunteers book

The next meeting of Session will be Nov 14th at 10:30am

Meetings are open and visitors welcome!

Dana Covey, Clerk of Session



People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; **Forgive them anyway.**

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. **Be kind anyway.**

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; **Succeed anyway.**

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you. **Be honest and frank anyway.**

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; **Build anyway.**

If you find serenity and happiness, there may be jealousy; **Be happy anyway.**

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; **Do good anyway.**

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; **Give the world the best you’ve got anyway.**

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

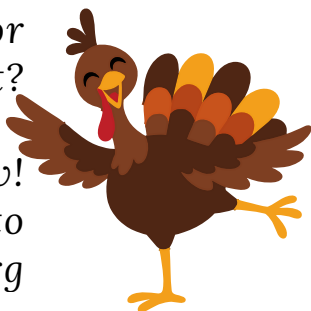
It was never between you and them anyway.

- Mother Teresa

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Is your birthday missing or incorrect?

Please let us know!
Email changes to
office@cedarpres.org



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01 All Saints' Sunday Mike Lambert's Birthday Daylight Savings Time Ends	02	03 OARS - 6pm	04 Lunch with Pastor - Noon	05	06	07 Adrian Boudreau's Birthday Statewide Meeting of the Utah Presbytery 10am - 3pm
08 Dick Reed's Birthday Youth Group 11:30am 1:00pm 2nd Sunday Potluck	09 Treasures Work Day 9am - Noon	10 OARS - 6pm	11 Lunch with Pastor - Noon Veterans Day	12 Audrey Jones' Birthday Beth Gaines' Birthday	13 Schuyler Rhodes' Birthday	14 Meeting of Session - 10:30am Youth Sub for Santa & Friendsgiving 4pm-8pm
15 Michelle Nelson's Birthday Youth Group 11:30am 1:00pm	16	17 OARS - 6pm	18	19	20 Jennifer Larsen's Birthday	21
22 Eryk Neumeier's Birthday Youth Group 11:30am 1:00pm Hanging of the Greens Christ the King Sunday	23	24	25	26 Sherry Larsen's Birthday Thanksgiving	27	28
29 Treasures Volunteer Meeting - 11:15am 1st Sunday of Advent	30	01	02	03	04	05

Meeting of the Utah Presbytery - Here at CPC!

The next meeting of the Utah Presbytery will be held here in our church on November 7th.

Everyone is invited to join the worship that will take place beforehand as well as the meeting itself.

Holy Communion will be served.

We would love for EVERYONE to attend, if you can!

Please email admin@pbyutah.org to RSVP so that we have a head count for food.

Lunch will be \$10, to be paid upon arrival.





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WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00am

Faith Formation Sunday School
during worship,
after children's message

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