

August 2026

The Good News

A newsletter from Community Presbyterian Church



**Youth Group
Resumes**
with a
parent-student
orientation on
August 16th
11:30am - 1pm



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**OARS
Resumes
September 8**

Welcome to Community

I know. The times are a little crazy. It's hard sometimes to understand what's going on around us, and harder still to figure out how we are called to respond.

For us as faith community, the answers are not always easy but they are consistent.

We are called by God's grace be in a community of integrity and wholeness. We are called to be in prayer, to discern the signs and then together, to determine what is the right and just thing to do.

No matter what's going on in the world, God continues to call us to feed the hungry, to heal the sick; to make the lame to walk and to do our work to release all the captives. This call doesn't come from politics or snarky commentators. It comes from Jesus in the 4th chapter of Luke where he stands up in the temple and reads from the scroll.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor..."

Indeed friends, like our Savior Jesus, the Spirit of the Lord is upon us; upon you and me here at Community Presbyterian Church. And that Spirit beckons us to come together in community to be the hands and feet of Jesus; to be his voice and his heart in this time and place.

And behold, amazing things are happening as we receive the inspiration of this Spirit. Our OARS Ministry continues to serve young adults as they explore and seek faith. Our Youth Ministry is vibrant and growing! Indeed as I write this we have nine young people attending Glacier Camp in Montana! Through our Mission Team we continue to support our Mission Partners; and a big part of that team is our Treasures Thrift store!

Such joy, such wonder, such open-hearted hospitality you all offer.

Clearly, God's Spirit is moving here at Community Presbyterian Church! Thanks to all of you for your openness and your commitment to Christ's love in this place!

Community Presbyterian Church & Community Mission Partner Needs



"I always ask what they need and for the first time each one said food. Needs are up and donations are down. They really need basics - peanut butter, granola bars, canned meat and tuna, beans and chili in a can, hearty soups, mac and cheese, cereal, pancake mixes, anything with protein, instant mashed potatoes, bags of apples and oranges."

- Louise Neale, Missions Committee

"Reach, Grow, Send"

From Pastor Schuyler's Macbook . . .

A Word From Pastor Schuyler: *Update on the Pastoral Search*

Friends, I can scarcely believe that this month will be the one year anniversary of my coming to serve among you as your Interim Pastor! The time has flown, that's for sure. And what a privilege and a joy to be with you at this incredible time of vision and new beginning!

As many of you know, we have begun the process of the search for your next pastor. This process began in May with an All Church Vision Day. It was a time of prayerful power and discernment and I am grateful to all who attended and shared.

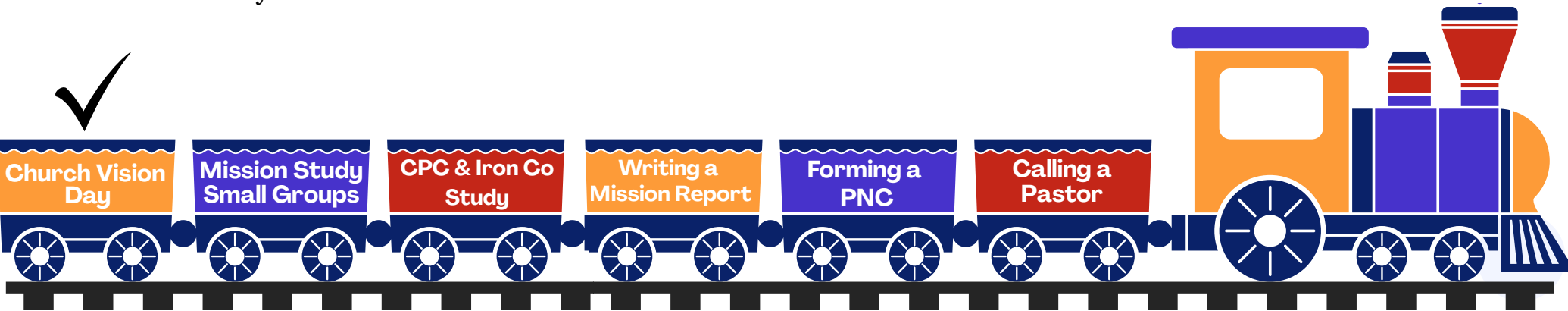
This was followed by a similar day for our Session, in which they shared visions and dreams. And now we are in the midst of our Mission Study Conversations. There will be five of these. In the month of August there will be two sessions, August 11th and August 12th at 6:30 pm in the conference room at church. Please plan on attending, as your spirit, faith and input will help us immensely!

After we complete the Mission Study Conversations I will, with the help of others, distill all we have learned and offer that information at an informal gathering following worship at an unscheduled time in August. Then we will submit all this to the Presbytery for their approval. This will lead us to write a new mission report which also be submitted to the Presbytery for approval. Then, with God's help we will elect our Pastoral Nominating Committee, who will be responsible for conducting the Pastoral Search from that point forward.

I know. It's an involved process. But your commitment, trust and openness are key factors to our work. If you are unable to attend one of the five mission study sessions, please feel free to contact me at the church office to set up a time for a one on one meeting. As I say, your input matters!

In the meantime, I invite us all to be in prayer for this process and for those who will be leading it. It is both a challenging and an exciting time, and we need everyone to dive in with their spirit, their heart and their commitment!
Blessings on you all!

Pastor Schuyler



Session

Report of Session for June and July

Session met on June 13th and July 11th.
Present at the June meeting were Brad Phelps, Amarante Vásquez, Karen Russell, Dawn Hendrix, Beth Gaines, Gavin Puckett, Nadine Hansen. Pastor Schuyler and Pastor Robyn. Excused were Dana covey, Sue Foster, Tammy Vogt.

The minutes of prior session meetings of Feb, March and April were read and approved.

Motions made and approved were:
All committee reports were received and approved.
A Called Meeting of the Congregation will be held on July 19th, following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to amend the CPC bylaws to change the number of elders to be elected (By-Law #8), and to elect an elder to session, representing Treasures. MA
A motion for the purchase of a new furnace for Treasures was presented from Property and Maintenance. MA
The next meeting of session will be held July 11th at 10:30am, following committee meetings.

The July Meeting of Session was held on July 11th at 10:30am.
Elders present were Nadine Hansen, Karen Russell, Brad Phelps, Tammy Vogt, Dana Covey, Gavin Puckett-Neumeier, and Pastor Schuyler. Excused were Sue Foster and Amarante Vásquez.
Guests attending were Pam Powell and David Camacho.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved as amended. MSA.
Pam Powell and David Camacho were interviewed, desiring membership by Reaffirmation of Faith. A motion was heard to approve their membership by reaffirmation of faith. MSA.
Pam and David will be received into membership on July 19th during worship.

Pam Powell was presented as a candidate to be elected as an elder at the Called meeting of the Congregation on July 19th. Schuyler and Pam have had many discussions, and Pam was interviewed by session members. The Candidacy was approved by session. MSA

Dana presented the changes to By-Law #8, pertaining to the number of elders to elected to session.
A motion was heard to approve the By-Law changes and present them at the Congregational Meeting. MSA.

Committee reports were accepted and approved. MA

Discussions were held about:
Dispersal of Mission Partner monies, development of and expanded tech crew and updates on the tech crew and streaming for the summer, discussions about the formation of coffee teams, potluck teams, discussions of the progress on cleaning up the library/storage room, OARS and young adult ministry will resume Sept 8th, reports and discussion on the small group meetings for the mission conversations, discussions from a financial advisor about bringing the Treasures budgets and monies into the church finances, discussions about what the music ministry can be for CPC. Pastor Schuyler gave us an update on the timeline for the pastoral transition. A report from Gavin who attended the Presbytery Meeting by Zoom that Rev. Andy O'Dowd has been elected as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Utah.

A motion was received from the personnel committee for approval of vacation time for Pastor Schuyler from Aug 16-24, and Nov 18-30th. MA.

The next meeting will be held on Aug 8th at 1030am. Dialogue will be held July 25th at the Covey's at 11am and will be a potluck.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19pm, praying the Lord's Prayer.

Dana Covey, Clerk of Session

Finance Report:					
	Actual: June 2026-06-01 to 2026-06-30.	Actual: year 2026-01-01 to 2026-06-30:	Budget	Difference	
Total Expenses:	18,806.66	113,542.60	229,530.00	115,987.40	49.46%
General Operating Fund Net Income:	1,090.41	4,104.79	15,674.00	11,569.21	

Called Meeting of the Congregation:

The Called Meeting of the Congregation was held on July 19th following worship. The purpose of the called meeting was to amend the By-laws of CPC to change the elected number of Elders from “Up to 9” to “Up to 12”, allowing for the flexibility to elect enough elders that reflects the needs and size of the congregation.

The motion from Session to amend By-law #8 was approved.

The floor was opened for nominations for an elder, having been agreed to serve prior to the meeting. No nominations were heard, a motion from Session to elect Pam Powell as an elder was approved.

A motion for adjournment was made and seconded, MA. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Dana Covey, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

Mission Partner Spotlight: Friends of Festival Country K9s
Enriching the Human - Animal Bond



The Friends of Festival Country K9s, also known as the Enoch Dog Park Group, are responsible for building and maintaining Iron County’s only dog park! The dog park (located at 6337 N. 675 East Enoch, Utah 84721) has two sides, one for small dogs and one for large, a shaded area for humans, an agility course and a canine pool for hot days. The dog park is run and maintained entirely by volunteers!

But, while the dog park is probably what the group is most known for, they do a lot more for the animals of Iron County. The group coordinates with Iron County shelters and rescues to make sure they are well stocked in supplies like dog food, cat food and kitty litter. They run low-cost microchip clinics, ensuring that lost pets can be reunited with their families.

Festival Country K9s also works with Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah to transport animals to spay, neuter and vaccination clinics.

And with all this going, they still have big plans for the future. They have a list of improvements they would like to make to the dog park including more shade, water features and a third dog run that would be used in rotation with the current runs, allowing for landscape repairs and special events.

As a non-profit organization, Festival Country K9s cannot continue to do all their amazing work without donations and continued volunteers. View a list of their current donation needs and volunteer opportunities using the QR code above. CPC will also be hosting a visitor from Festival Country K9s in August who will be telling us first-hand how we can help out!



Scan here
to see how
you can
help.

Community Presbyterian Church Youth Ministry Newsletter for August - September, 2026

Sunday, Aug 16 Parent-Student Orientation 11:30-1:00
Sunday, Aug 23 Ice Breaker Youth Group 11:30-1:00
Saturday, Aug 29 Kickoff Event 11:30-4:30 at the Swifts!
Sunday, Aug 30 Youth Group 11:30-1:00
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



Parent-Student Orientation Meeting!

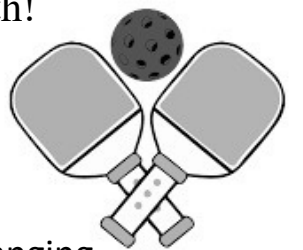
Sunday, August 16, 11:30-1:00 In the CPC Youth Room

Students in grades 6-12, and your adult-type-person, come join us for lunch, get to know each other, and get our youth group off to a great start. Gavin and the Youth Leadership Team want to share with you some of our great plans for the year, hear your ideas, and make sure you get the most out of this awesome ministry. Invite friends who may want to be a part of CPC Youth!

Kickoff the Fun, Friends and Faith!

Saturday, Aug 29 11:30-4:30 at Todd and Kristin Swift's sports paradise.

Celebrate the start of school together! You don't want to miss this super fun afternoon away, hanging with friends and getting to know the other youth! Pickleball, Basketball, horseshoes, frisbee golf, and more! Lunch provided. Meet at the Church at 11:30 to carpool together and then return to church at 4:30. Parents: we need some extra drivers and you'd be welcome to stay or go, please let Todd know if you can transport youth! The Swifts live about 30 minutes away from CPC. RSVP to Todd Swift by Sunday, Aug 23. Todd's contact info: 515-419-8919 or swifts5@live.com.



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



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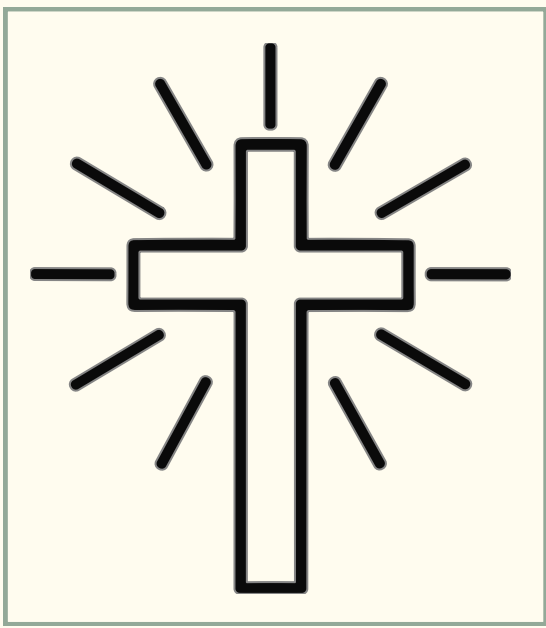
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03 Adrianne Anning's Birthday	04 Lisa Quoresimo's Birthday	05	06	07 Men's group luncheon - 12pm	08 Monthly Committee Meetings - 9am Meeting of Session - 10am
09 Celia Imbrescia's Birthday 2nd Sunday Potluck Mission Study Small Group - 11:30am	10 Amelia Herb-Carrigan's Birthday Treasures Support Day - 9am	11 Mission Study Small Group - 6:30pm	12 Diane Douglas' Birthday Bruce Hendrix's birthday Mission Study Small Group - 6:30pm	13 Fred Judd's Birthday	14	15 Amarante Vasquez's Birthday
16 Youth Ministry Parent-Youth Orientation - 11:30am	17	18 Nadine Hansen's Birthday Treasures Support Night - 5pm	19 Brad Phelps' Birthday Elaine Moores' Birthday	20 Holly Boudreau's Birthday	21 Laura Cott's Birthday Dawn Hendrix's Birthday Becky Hill's Birthday	22 Marsha Lundgren's Birthday
23 Martha Bayer's Birthday Youth Group Ice Breaker - 11:30am	24	25	26	27 Elijah Montoya's Birthday Charlee Brindley's Birthday	28	29 Youth Group Kick-off - 11:30am
30 Treasures Volunteer Meeting - 11:15am Youth Group - 11:30am	31	01	02	03	04 Labor Day Weekend	05



Tuesdays, 6pm
@the Cedar City library (by Main Steet Park)
beginning Sept 8, 2026

Questions? Contact:
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- Are you between the ages of 18-30?
- Are you hungry for some FREE dinner?
- Are you looking for a spiritual community where you will be totally accepted just like you are?
- Are you looking for a Safe Space where you can work out issues of faith and life?
- Would you like to be with a group where ALL questions are more than welcome? Where all perspectives are respected?
- Are you interested in Christian faith and spirituality, but not thrilled about rules or doctrine or being judged?



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WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00am

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

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