

The Good News

March 2020



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From the desk of...Pastor Nancy Pearson

Lent began this week on Ash Wednesday. On this day, we “remember that we are dust, and to dust we will return.” But we also remember that we are beloved by God—one author suggests that we are “beloved dust.” I like that!

Lent is a solemn season of the church year. In it we remember the sacrifice of Jesus; we walk together this 40 days with Jesus as he journeys towards the cross. Some will “give up” something for Lent: something that is a genuine sacrifice for them. Other might “give more.” Consider what you might do during Lent to show your devotion to our Lord Jesus.

“Lent should be more than a time of fasting. It should also be a season of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things and feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; feast on God’s providence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that sustains.”

By Rev. Robert Williams

It is a privilege to walk this Lenten path with you. May God bless us as we worship during this season.

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Nancy

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Community Presbyterian Church Youth Newsletter

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March Lineup

(Youth Group is from 11:45-1:15 on Sundays)

3/1 Youth Group: Why does God let bad things happen?

3/8 Youth Group: Suicide

3/15 no Youth Group (4 day weekend!!! No School!)

3/21 Fun and Service: Trip to Saint George

3/22 Youth Group: Godly Dating

3/29 Youth Group: Why did Jesus go to hell? (or Godly Dating pt 2)



Looking ahead!

YOUTH SUNDAY is April 26th! Since this will be the Sunday after Spring Break, we will be preparing for Youth Sunday in early April. We will hold a rehearsal on Saturday, April 25 at 10:30am.

End of the Year CAMPOUT! May 15-17 at Kodachrome State Park! Hiking in Willis Creek Slot Canyon! Mountain Biking in the park! So much fun! We will need some parents to come, too so please save these dates!

Rocky Railway VBS June 1-5! Like last year, we will need lots of youth leaders to help!

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP WITH OUR FIRST FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER! TOGETHER, WE FED 80 FOLKS AND RAISED \$456 FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES HERE AT CPC! THANKS ESPECIALLY TO THE ORLEMANNS, EASTEPS, EBERSOLES, EDDYS, AVA K, DANA COVEY & HER AMAZING KITCHEN CREW!

Fun and Service:

Saint George: Neighborhood Connections and House of Jump

Saturday, March 21, 9:00am-4:00pm Cost \$15

Join us for a fabulous time in Saint George! First stop is Neighborhood Connections, assembling weekend meal bags to give to kids who may not have anything to eat other than what they get at school. Then we'll grab some lunch and head over to House of Jump for bouncing good times! Invite your friends and be sure to bring along comfy clothes, your permission slip, and a couple friends! And be sure you have your House of Jump online waiver signed by a parent!! Here's the link: <https://houseofjump.aluvi.com/employee/waiver/Signwaiver2?waiverId=1>



Where Can I Serve God at Community Presbyterian?

During the month of February, our worship messages focused on who we are as the body of Christ here at our church. "For you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27

Just as the human body has many parts that all work together for a person to function, so the church is made up of lots of different people who work together to make it go. Each of us has "gifts," given by the Holy Spirit, in order to do our part to build up the body.

There are things that need to happen to allow us to be an effective witness to God in our world. Below is a short list of things YOU might consider as you pray about how to serve.

- Serve as a worship liturgist
- Greet people on Sundays
- Help with 2nd Sunday potlucks
- Make & serve coffee
- Sing in the women's choir
- Join the Praise Team
- Learn how to run the sound system
- Learn how to make & run worship slides

- Teach Sunday School for children
- Assist with Youth group
- Assist with communion preparation
- Serve as a worship usher
- Serve at the Welcome desk

- Join the mission committee
- Help in the church nursery
- Give a children's sermon
- Assist with memorial services
- Provide meals as needed (Meal Train)
- Volunteer at Treasures Thrift Store



Please contact any member of the church Session for more information on how you can serve. Jane McCoy, Brad Phelps, Dana Covey, Jeff Smith, Jeff McCoy, Rich Bontadelli, Pastor Nancy or Pastor Robyn.

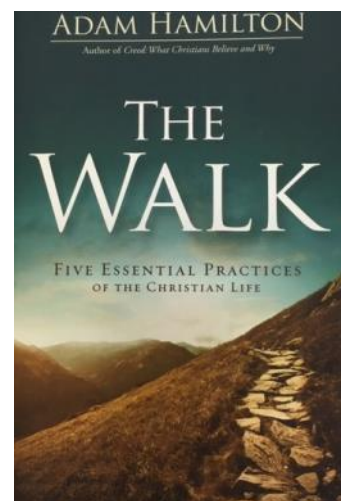
The Walk” An All Church Book Study

Beginning Sunday March 1, we'll be reading "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton together as a church. Books are available for purchase at the welcome desk, and there's an opportunity to sign up to be a part of a 5 week small group discussion group. Small groups begin the week of March 1.

Pastor Nancy will be preaching through the five weeks in March on the themes from the book. Together we'll look at "Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life."

- Worship and Prayer: A Living Hallelujah
- Study: The Importance of Listening & Paying Attention
- Serve: Here I Am, Lord, Send Me
- Give: Where Your Treasure Is
- Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light

Join us for this Lenten journey as we share together this journey of faith.



Elder and Deacon Joint Training Event

Together with officers from Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, St George and Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Richfield, your elders and deacons enjoyed a morning of fellowship and training on Saturday February 8. Pastors Nancy and Robyn led a time of worship; Rev Ralph (St George) and Pastor Nancy led the training time for elders and members of the three Sessions. Pastor Nancy Holve (Richfield) conducted a training for deacons and shepherds. It was good to be together as the people of God, all of whom have been called to leadership in God's church.

We finished our time together by sharing lunch around the tables. Sometimes we forget that we are a connectional church—it is good to get together with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters in Christ!

A Poem for the Lenten Season by Ann Weems, (adapted by Pastor Nancy)

Here are the 40 days of Lent, they stretch before us.

We have 40 days to remember who Jesus is.

Forty days to find out who Jesus is.

Forty days to look and listen to this man from Nazareth.

This man who walked into the hearts of the people.

This man who 'stirred their imagination.'

This man who is still walking into the hearts of his people.

Still stirring the imagination of the people.

Help us, O Jesus, to allow you to stir us.

Help us to discover anew who you are.



ICAMA

Iron County Acoustic Music Association presents a local favorite: longtime singer, songwriter, teacher, and guitarist, **Mason Cottam**, Friday, **March 13 at 7 PM** in the **CPC Fellowship Hall**. Mason has played over 1000 shows, and really knows how to entertain an audience. He will be joined onstage by some of the top sidemen in southern Utah. You can check out Mason's music on **Facebook, at Mason Cottam Music**. This will be the last scheduled show of the 2019-20 ICAMA season.



Celebrating the Lives of our Loved Ones

It's been a season of saying good bye to several dear members of our Community Presbyterian family.

- **January 11**, we celebrated the life of Tim Ebersole who passed away after a long battle with cancer. Tim led a fascinating life that included his birth in India!! Tim was a lifelong learner, achieving honors in educational pursuits. Tim was a devoted husband to Sue and father to Caylee, Sharleena and Jasmine. His interests included astronomy, guitar music, competitive swimming, and volunteering with Utah Summer Games and Youth Volunteer Corps. Tim will be sorely missed by all
- **February 8**, we remembered and celebrated the long life of Mabel Nelson. Mabel passed away on February 1 at the age of 105!! Mabel lived a full life after her birth in Saskatchewan, Canada in 1914. Mabel and her husband Clifford moved to Cedar City in 1972 to be near their daughter Susan and son in law who live in Parowan. Mabel was a faithful member of CPC and especially enjoyed all the activities and service projects of the Presbyterian Women. Mabel will be missed by all who knew her all these years!
- **February 19**, David Price passed away at Cedar Rehabilitation Center where he had lived over the last months. David is also a long time member of CPC with many friends here. We will remember David and celebrate his life on Sunday March 1.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, March 7, 2020

8:00-9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Come join the men of CPC for pancakes, bacon, juice, coffee and tea

Special Guest Speaker

Scott Phillips

City Councilman

“Cedar City: Today and what lies ahead”

Questions?

Jeff Smith (310) 612-4331

Jeff McCoy (702) 301-9113

MARCH Birthdays

Carolyn Vancil	March 1
Muriel Lee	March 3
Jan Ackart	March 5
Linda Ahlstrom	March 5
Bruce Janis	March 6
Peggy Dahl	March 6
Mary Belle Royer	March 8
Julie Gregz	March 9
Lorraine Lilley	March 14
Sonya Swatsley	March 14
Thomas Childers- Garrison	March 18
Amanda Lundberg	March 21
Betty Imbrescia	March 23
Sienna Osborn	March 26
Lee Bechtel	March 27
Connie Lawrence	March 29
Jeff McCoy	March 30



Our thrift stores continues to be very busy. We had a recent donation of two used, but still very functional, grocery carts from Wal-Mart. These have been put to good use as a place to accept donations when they come in the front door. Volunteers are now able to easily wheel the donations to the work area for processing. Thank you Wal-Mart. Volunteers are very busy, sorting, pricing, and displaying merchandise. New volunteers are always needed and welcomed. The work at Treasures is fun and certainly rewarding. Please think about sharing an hour or two a week “chipping in” at Treasures.



Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8



Session News

Session met on February 18, 2020.

Elders present were Dana Covey, Brad Phelps, Rich Bontadelli, Jeff Smith, Jeff McCoy, and Jane McCoy. Excused were Linda Stetzenbach and Pastor Robyn. Pastor Nancy moderated the meeting, and opened the meeting with prayer. Word, Share, Prayer was Ephesians 4: 11-16. The minutes of the January meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Annual Meeting of the Corporation were reviewed and approved. A thank you note was read from the At Risk and homeless students of Iron County for the donation that was received from our Christmas Eve offering.

Committee reports:

- Pastor Nancy: CPC hosted a joint Deacon/Elder training workshop on February 8th. Taking part with CPC were the churches from Richfield and St George. The Presbytery Pastor Retreat is Feb 20-21, and the winter Presbytery meeting is Feb 22. The Walk book study will start on March 1, books are being sold and sign ups are available for small groups. A motion was made to approve the Summer Lunch and the After School Lunch programs for 2020. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Pastor Robyn: Robyn will be leading worship on February 23, and assisting with Ash Wednesday services. February and March youth and family ministry events are planned, and plans for the Rocky Railway VBS are under way. See Robyn's youth pages for details.
- Finance: the finance report for January was approved. A motion was approved to move fund 990 into fund 997 and dissolve fund 990.
- Worship: Holy Week and Easter Sunday services will be planned at the next Worship meeting. Discussions were held concerning the communion prep and serving and the usher team.
- Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing is on the calendar. \$1000 will be sent to support the SUU Intervarsity Christian group, 243 pounds of suds goods were taken to Care and Share from the Spuds for Suds event.
- Resource Ministry: The team will be trying Coffee and Conversations on Sunday mornings to take the place of one on one meetings, to develop connections. Revisions to the welcome card with Holy Week information were presented.
- Property and Maintenance: Repairs have been accomplished to the HVAC units in the classrooms.
- Personnel: Jeff McCoy and Mary Belle Royer presented measurable job descriptions, and will continue working on the forms.
- Presbytery: Winter Presbytery meeting is Feb 22. Nancy and Dana will attend.
- Treasures: Brad has ordered a door to start the door replacement project.
- Congregational Life: The Talent Show and potluck was a great success! The second Sunday Potluck was smaller than usual but followed shortly after the talent show. The next 2nd Sunday Potluck/Birthday Sunday will be March 8th, our most loved Spring Forward day!!
- Old Business: the Autism Awareness Event was moved to another venue.
- New Business: Some of the men of the church have met and are going to establish a Men's Fellowship Breakfast to meet on Saturday mornings, starting March 7. Scott Phillips will be the speaker at the March meeting. A motion was heard to approve the baptism of Derrick Nelson on March 1st. Derrick is the son of Michelle and Jerry Nelson. MSA.

The next meeting of session will be at 5:30 pm on March 17th, 2020. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Jeff Smith. Dana Covey, Clerk of Session



Upcoming Sermons “The Walk”

- March 1** Worship & Prayer
 “Light for the Walk”
 1 John 1:5-10
- March 8** Study
 “Hearing Well”
 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- March 15** Serve
 “Here I Am, Lord”
 Isaiah 6:1-10
- March 22** Give
 “A Generosity Like God’s”
 Mark 12:38-44
- March 29** Share
 “Being a Sharing People”
 Matthew 9:35-38



Please remember in prayer

- Carla Spaulding’s sister Larri Ann recovering from pneumonia
- Joyce Vandever, recovering from the flu and other health issues
- Harry Brown, recovering from hip replacement & neck problems
- Jan Hite, continuing treatment for cancer
- Kathie Duca, recovering at Cedar Rehab after foot surgery
- Tyler Ballou, son of Laurel & Bob, continuing battle with cancer in Texas
- Greg Gonzalez, father of Alexis Montoya, continued healing from a stroke
- Jackie Jackson, community music leader, dealing with serious stomach issues
- Klaus Stetzenbach, healing and recovery in SLC from lymphoma
- Audrey Starks, Jane McCoy’s aunt, continuing to recover from a stroke
- Bob Beatty, Phyllis’ husband, continuing health issues
- Lorraine Lilley, continuing health issues

Those who are home bound

- Patt Behrens
- Beverly Dressen

Those who are grieving

- Family & friends of David Price
- Family & friends of Mabel Nelson
- Sue Ebersole & family in the death of Tim
- Lucille DiBrienza in the death of her mother
- Des & Sara Penny in the death of Des’ mother
- Family & friends of Carole Lucas



Looking Towards Easter

Easter will be here before we know it. I hope that you will take time during the weeks leading up to Easter: time to reflect on your walk of faith and on the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. The joy of Easter is much more full if we take time to read and ponder the stories of Jesus.

You’ll want to mark these events on your calendars

- ✠ Easter Scavenger Hunt for families April 4; 1 p.m.
- ✠ Palm Sunday worship April 5; 10 a.m.
- ✠ Maundy Thursday worship April 9; 7 p.m.
- ✠ Good Friday worship April 10; 8 p.m.
- ✠ Easter Worship April 12; 8 and 10 a.m.

***Egg hunt for kids after Easter worship



Congregational Life

Congregational Life helped with the Beat the Winter Blues Talent/No Talent show. We had a great Potluck, then held the Talent Show in the Sanctuary this year! We have so much talent/no talent in this family!! It seems we outdid ourselves with the potluck, so our Second Sunday Potluck/Birthday Sunday was a little sparse, but fairly well attended. That's what potluck is all about, right?



We co-hosted the Mardi Gras Pancake Supper with the Youth, and raised over \$400 for the youth and children's program. We are estimating attendance of around 75 people. Thanks so much to everyone who participated, and especially to all of my kitchen and set up and clean up helpers!! We couldn't do it without you!! It was really fun!

Our next event will be our Second Sunday Potluck/Birthday Sunday on March 8th. Save the date- March 8th for our time of church family fellowship! If you are so inclined, you could bring your favorite Irish/British food. If not, just bring some food to share!! See you at Fellowship!!

The March donation for Care and Share is
CEREAL!



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY MINISTRY PRESENTS:

**FAMILY LENTEN PRAYER EXPERIENCE,
SATURDAY, MAR 7,**

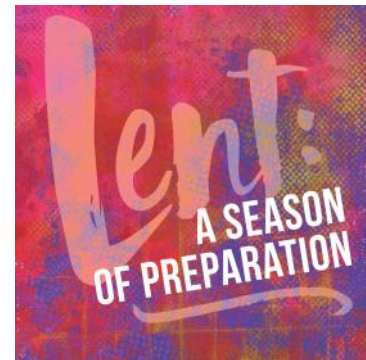
5:00-7:30PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Help your family grow in prayer as you move through a series of interactive prayer stations together.



Believe us, this is **KID FRIENDLY!** And will help expand your understanding of the variety of prayer. We will begin with a simple soup and bread dinner.

RSVP to Pr Robyn or Penny Yardley so we get enough food! pastor-robyn@cedarpres.org, FB message or text



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We are especially thankful for...



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