



The Good News

October 2020

From the desk of...Pastor Nancy Pearson

The seasons are changing. It is Fall 2020. Leaves are turning yellow, red and brown, and we'll be raking them up soon. One of my neighbors had a fire in their woodstove one night last week. We've been closing the windows at night so it won't be too cold inside.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we've seen the end of winter (early March), a warm spring and a hot summer. All of the seasons, all while we've been hunkering down at home. We're anxious to get "back to normal." But for most of the country, that's not happening soon. Case counts are rising in Utah, even though not here in the southwest. We're being asked to stay diligent about social distancing and wearing face coverings.

Together we're praying for the safe rollout of a COVID vaccine. We're hoping that it could be widely and safely available in the early months of 2021. We're hopeful that we can then begin to gather and vacation and see the family members that we've been missing through this last 8 months.

Have you been discouraged? Are you weary? I must admit that I am. I feel as though I've been on an emotional roller coaster over the last 8 months. Some days I feel good, optimistic; then the next day, my feelings will plummet and I'll find myself in a puddle of discouragement. Can you relate?

Yet, as I've studied the scriptures and taken inspiration from the Word of God, I realize that my faith does not rest on feelings or emotions. My faith rests on the firm foundation of my faithful and powerful God. My faith rests upon what I know of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. I loved our reflections on John 1: our reading of Eugene Peterson's Message translation of the Bible—"the Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood." John 1:14.

Jesus is in our neighborhood—he is interested and involved in our lives, with all the ups and downs. Jesus knows about illness, about pandemic, about death, about loneliness, about racial injustice, about natural disasters, about political division. And Jesus is deeply concerned about our lives. Jesus wants to listen to your deepest concerns, your heaviest burdens, your down deep feelings. Pour them out to him. He is closer that you can imagine, and he is always, always there.

Remember the words of the apostle Paul, "If God is for us, who can be against us? Who will separate us from the love of God? Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8. Friends, our Lord Jesus dwells among us. Be assured of his love, each and every day.

Blessings to you, *Pastor Nancy*

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Community Presbyterian Church Youth Newsletter

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October Lineup (Youth Group is 11:30-1:00)

Sunday 10/4 Youth Group Jesus & his best friends
Tuesday, 10/6 High School Girls Group 7-8pm
Sunday 10/11 Youth Group: Jesus & his true mission
Sunday 10/18 NO YOUTH GROUP (Harvest Holiday!)
Tuesday 10/20 High School Girls Group 7-8pm
Friday 10/23 Youth Group Pumpkin Olympics!
Sunday 10/25 Youth Group: Halloween theme



High School Girls Group! 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm-8pm

No boys allowed (although we'll probably talk about boys...)

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening from 7-8pm. In the Youth Room. This will be a "Word, Share, Prayer" format with a more High School focus dealing with topics that are on your mind, digging into the Bible to listen for how God's Word can speak into our daily lives.

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!

Halloween Pumpkin Olympics Party!!!

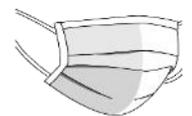
Friday, October 23, 5:30-8:30pm at CPC

Join us for a spooky dinner, lots of pumpkin-y games, and decorating pumpkins to share with our elderly shut-ins to bring a smile to their faces! Invite a friend or two! Please RSVP by Sunday, October 11 so we get enough food and pumpkins! Parents: watch for a sign up to help provide our "spooky" food.



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.



Bible Sunday!

October 25, 2020 during the 10am worship service. Celebrate with us as we share the gift of God's Word by giving Bibles to our current 3rd graders. Parents will be invited to participate, as they bless their children with these Bibles. If you are an adult and you would like to receive a Bible, please let us know! We would love to bless you with one too!



Community Presbyterian Church Families with kids!

Come to our annual Pumpkin Patch Outing!

At the Judd Family Farm in Paragonah,

Saturday, October 10 11:30-2:00

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! Please RSVP to Pr Robyn at pastorrobbyn@cedarpres.org or 435-586-8891 by Sunday, Oct 4.



New Member of Tech Team!

Susie Heine works at SUU in the Non-Traditional Student Services and is seeking an advanced degree in the Art program. Prior to her 6 years of Navy Service as a Korean Language Analysis she earned a Bachelor of Science in Geography degree at the University of Wyoming.



Susie is joining our worship tech team running and making slides. Please welcome Susie when you see her at church!

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.



Session News

Session met on the patio of Dana Covey on Sept. 23 at 3pm. All elders and Pastors were present.

Opening prayer was by Pastor Nancy, and our devotion was Building One Another by E. Stanley Ott.

A thank you note from Iris Coover was read.

- Pastor report-Pastor Nancy and Bob will be on vacation from October 2-9 with Pastor Robyn preaching Oct 4. Pastor Nancy informed us Marci Beck has given a retirement date of Sept 30! Congratulations Marci. A celebration and send off will be planned for some time in October.
- Pastor Robyn-The Eddy family has returned! Sunday School will be held this fall in person with distancing, masks, and handwashing and sanitizer in use. Youth group is mostly middle school this year. Sunday School teachers are Alexis Montoya, Michelle Garrison-Childers, Penny Yardley and Pastor Robyn. Family ministry this year will have quarterly gatherings and continue with the Mom's chat group.
- Finance-Brad Phelps-the financial report for August was approved.
- Worship and Music-Linda Stetzenbach-communion will be offered the first and third Sundays using the pre-packaged elements. The praise band and the piano accompanists have returned in-person.
- Property and Maintenance-Jeff Smith-a bid from Lawn Rangers was approved for lawn maintenance and sprinkler repair.
- Personnel-Jeff McCoy-personnel will begin reviewing the job description for admin assistant.
- Stewardship-Brad Phelps-development will be starting soon for the 2021 stewardship campaign.
- Presbytery-Pastor Nancy-Fall Presbytery will be held October 10 via Zoom.
- Treasures-Brad Phelps-Sales are good, more concrete work is scheduled, plans are being developed for a covering over the back area to protect volunteers and donations.
- New Business- A motion was approved for new or refurbished computer/equipment for up to \$1000.00 for the tech team to establish Live Streaming for CPC. A motion was approved to allow ICAMA to hold a concert in the sanctuary on November 13th , using COVID protocols. A motion was approved to move the Mabel Nelson memorial fund to the stained-glass window fund.
- Session dialogue will be held Sept 30th and Oct 14th.
- The next meeting of session will be on Oct 21st at 3pm on the Covey patio.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm with prayer led by Jane McCoy.

Dana Covey

Clerk of session





Treasures October News

Treasures is happy to report that we have some new volunteers. Thank you Sue, Linda, Jan, and Gwen for joining our Treasures Team. Jan and Gwen are helping at the cash register: while Sue and Linda are working in the back room, pricing and putting our new merchandise.

Several of our long-time volunteers have returned. It was certainly joyous to have Daryl back, along with Torrie, Audrey, and others.

The Thrift Store continues to receive compliments from our shoppers. Most compliments are on our friendly staff, quality merchandise, and attractive displays. We have great repertoire with our customers.

Treasures makes regular deliveries to CERT (Certified Emergency Response Team), Cedar City Animal Shelter, and the Crisis Center. These organizations are always appreciative of the items they receive from our merchandise inventory. Prescription eyeglasses and “readers” are also saved for organizations that get them to needy people. Treasures reaches out to our community and the world in so many ways.



From a church newsletter:

Gospel reading

Jesus is tempted by Stan

Matthew 4:1-11

That's an interesting new name for Satan.

October Birthdays

Jeff Smith	10/03
Katy Hall	10/04
Linda Johnson	10/06
Jim Curtis	10/08
Ruth Fotheringham	10/14
Emma Yardley	10/16
Botan Berndt	10/17
Linda Curtis	10/18
Leavelle Yardley	10/19
Nancy Eaton	10/21
Ellen Orlemann	10/22
Bob Ballou	10/23
Karen Russell	10/24
Jeffrey Childers/Garrison	10/24
Russ Ewert	10/25
Pam Burns	10/27



ICAMA Event!

ICAMA Presents “Live Acoustic Music in Main Street Park”, an afternoon of Bluegrass and Folk Grass. The event happens Saturday, October 3, Noon to 4 PM, Lion’s Pavilion in Main Street Park (corner of 200 N 100 E). Bring a chair or blanket.

Face masks strongly encouraged, social distancing seating required. Attendance limited to 50. Donations accepted.



Upcoming Sermon series

“What We Believe and Why It Matters”

- October 4** “What We Believe: Jesus’ Ascends & Sits with the Father”
Pastor Robyn preaching
- October 11** “What We Believe: The Holy Spirit”
- October 18** “What We Believe:
The Holy catholic church &
the Communion of Saints”
- October 25** “What We Believe:
The Forgiveness of Sins”
- November 1** “What We Believe:
The Resurrection of the Body &
The Life Everlasting”



Keeping our Congregation in Prayer

Please pray for our church family as we are now worshiping together in person each Sunday. Pray that we adjust to the restrictions (face coverings & social distancing) and that we will continue to be safe. Praise God for the opportunity to meet together again!

Please keep these members & friends in your prayers:

Klaus Stetzenbach: he is undergoing treatment for recurring cancer.

Lorraine Lilley: she is now at home. Pray for her continued strength.

Mary Shurtleff: Pray for relief from pain and discomfort related to a new illness.

Phyllis Beatty: Praise God for a new home! Pray for continuing health issues.

Please pray for comfort for the family of Dennis Janssen, cousin of Jack Jeffress, in his death in Texas.

Pray for our Iron County schools and for Southern Utah University as students learn in person and remotely. Pray for safety for students, teachers, and administrative staff; pray for patience for all through this time.

Pray for the fire situation in the Western states, especially in California. Pray for firefighters, for safety and rest; pray for those who have evacuated and for those who have lost homes and businesses.

Pray for our world as the pandemic continues to affect so many. Pray especially for those who have lost loved ones, and for those whose family members are seriously ill. Pray for those who are working towards a vaccine.

Pray for our United States in the weeks leading up to Election Day. Pray that all candidates would work towards the good of all people. Pray that each of us would speak with care, especially as we talk with others with whom we disagree. Pray that the election itself would run smoothly.

We Miss You Already, Marci Beck!!

Our longtime Administrative Assistant (and secretary to the Pastor) has announced her retirement effective the end of September! Marci has been serving in the church office for 24 ½ years through the times of seven different pastors! Marci began working with Pastor Jeff Garrison at the downtown church and then continued to work here in the new building when the congregation moved. She's worked with Pastors Jim Uhley, John Guthrie, David Crockett, Russ Durler, Jon Schmick, as well as currently with Pastor Nancy.



Marci has a wealth of knowledge about CPC and about our church family. We will miss her voice on the phone and her smile in the office, but know that Marci will still be coming to church with us, and she's only a phone call away.

We will be celebrating Marci during and after the worship service on October 11. Watch your email and mailbox for info about this special date!

We wish Marci all the best as she relaxes and enjoys a slower pace in retirement!

Worship & Music

It's great to see more and more of you venturing out to join us for In Person Worship on Sunday mornings. We are averaging about 50 people each week and continue to wear face coverings and social distance from one another. I've been so pleased to see some people that we haven't seen for more than 6 months!!



Currently our Praise Team is contributing to our worship experience every other Sunday. They are practicing weekly and are wearing masks and social distancing when they gather. They'll be removing their masks when they sing, and we feel that having them on the platform is providing a safe distance from you in the pews. We are excited that the Praise team is introducing new songs this fall.



Beth Gaines and Jolene Heit are accompanying us on piano in person, and we are happy to have them both with us. Women's choir is not currently meeting, but we hope to reconvene in early 2021.

If you've been to in person worship, you've experienced our modified experience of The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. You'll see here a photo of our individual communion elements in Pastor Nancy's hand. On one side is the wafer, on the other is the juice. Worshipers pick up their "chalice" when they enter the sanctuary. Communion is celebrated on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month.

If you are worshipping at home and would like to use these disposable elements, you are welcome to pick one up in the church office.

We continue to receive prayer requests, on cards in the worship service and in the office during the week. We are not passing the offering plates right now, but there is a plate at the entrance/exit to the sanctuary for your gifts. We are so thankful for your continued faithful giving.

Our Tech team is busy bringing a high quality worship service to us each week. Stephen Fish is working on our ability to "Live Stream" our service, which would mean that those who are worshipping at home could worship right along with the congregation at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning. We'll let you know when this happens!! Meanwhile, we are thankful for our entire tech team who is working overtime to make sure all the details are handled well.

If you might be interested in being a volunteer as a Worship Liturgist, an Usher, a member of the Tech Team (making & running slides, audio operator, camera operator) please contact Pastor Nancy pastor@cedarpres.org OR 435-586-8891.



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