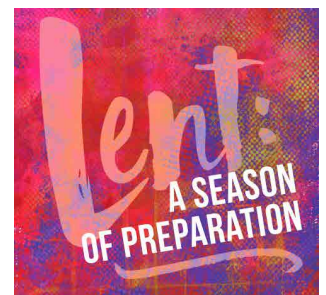




March 2020

Exploring Forgiveness . . . A Church Wide Lenten Focus

Please pick up our brochure that gives more details of all the activities and programs associated with our church wide Lenten focus on Forgiveness. The brochure is available in the church office and Welcome Center.



Exploring Forgiveness . . . Through Interactive Stations

Sunday, March 1, from 9:30 - 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

For all ages: children – adults. (No regular Sunday School classes this Sunday. All are encouraged to drop in the Fellowship Hall instead. Choir members too!)

Exploring Forgiveness . . . Through Worship

Sundays 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Beginning Sunday, March 1 – March 29, Rod will be preaching a series of messages on the topic of forgiveness.

Exploring Forgiveness . . . Through Teaching and Discussion- Oriented Class

**Wednesday nights beginning March 4 – April 1.
(Except for Tuesday night March 24) 6:30-8:00
p.m. in the Fannie B Gray Parlor.**

Exploring Forgiveness . . . Through the Cinema

**Friday, March 27, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
in Fannie B Gray Parlor.**

Movie and discussion appropriate for ages 13-adult. Children's movie and activity also provided downstairs.

Exploring Forgiveness . . . Through the labyrinth

**Palm Sunday afternoon through Good Friday
afternoon, 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily in the
Fellowship Hall.**

**For more information, please contact Mary
Ellen Vernon, Director of Discipleship for Youth
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Cares and Concerns

Caring for loved ones with physical or cognitive issues can sometimes be difficult. Learning good coping skills, forming a strong support network, and getting some respite care are ways that help caregivers handle the stress of caring for a loved one. I have been doing a little investigating and have come across some resources in our community that may be helpful. Listed below are some of those support groups.

For caregivers of those suffering from Dementia-related diseases there is a group that meets weekly on Tuesdays from 10:30–12:00 at the Village Chapel, 10 Azalea Road, Pinehurst and on Thursdays from 10:30–12:00 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1517 Luther Way, Southern Pines. The contact person for both groups is Dale Krech: dalek1948@gmail.com

The Clara McLean House also offers several support groups. A Dementia Caregivers Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 1:00–2:00. A Parkinson's Disease Support Group meets the 2nd Monday of every month from 4:00–5:00. Dr. Karen Sullivan will be holding Stroke Recovery Group meetings March 17th, April 14th, May 12th, June 16th and July 14th from 1:00–2:30. If you would like to attend any of the group meetings held at The Clara McLean House please contact the Director, Rebecca Ainslie, (910) 715-4224.

I had an opportunity to visit a facility in our area which offers an adult day care program for seniors. If you are interested in learning more about that I am happy to talk with you.

Kathy Hodges

You're invited to

CALL's Gracias Gala Party

Wednesday, March 25th, 2020

From 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Community Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

See you there!

Admission is by a monetary donation at the door –
suggested \$25/family.

Come and enjoy authentic Mexican food, live music, silent auction,
50-50 raffle, \$45 cakes and a photo booth.

The Gala is a fundraiser to provide scholarships for STEM camp and
Summer Enrichment for the CALL students during the summer.

Congregational Meeting Highlights

- Membership as of 12/30/2019 = 708
- Pledged estimates of giving increased from \$642,074 in 2019 to \$697,000 for 2020.
- Total budget increased from \$856,300 to \$930,000.
- Total Mission giving for 2019 was \$186,616

One GREAT Day of Service



Do you remember that morning when the patter of little feet and giggling woke you just before you were presented with under-cooked eggs running into burnt toast? Sure . . . there was pleasure for you as the receiver . . . but the real “joy” that morning belonged to those delighted givers.

How long since you have experienced that joy that delights the soul because you have made someone smile? That smile, or belly laugh could be from a receiver, or a co-worker, or they could be your own beautiful shining eyes because you know in your heart and soul that you have done something for God that has made him smile.

You are being called into active duty! Come share the joy of service and make our Father smile.

Sunday, April 19th. Sign up now!!

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Church Office

(910) 295-6848

Website

www.communitypres.com

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you need a pastor after hours, the following can be reached

Rod Stone

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(910) 585-0828

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2020 Update - March Madness

While many people are working on the March madness brackets, the 2020 team and our wonderful office personnel will be having their own madness of sorts. As we bear down on wrapping up the 2020 project, the office and hallways will be having a paint job and new carpeting from March 3rd – 9th. We will have to shut the office down during that time but will still function remotely or other areas of the church. So please be patient as we work through some of the final stages of 2020. You have all been patient and wonderful through this whole process.

Parking

Moving forward no on-street parking will be allowed on Kelly Road, Everette Road or Fields Road by the Village of Pinehurst. Please use the designated church lots. Any on-street parking may be subject to ticketing by the Village.

O.W.L.S. (*Older, Wiser, Learning, Still*)

On February 12th we all enjoyed “a trip” to Israel and Jordan through a very interesting presentation by Boo DeVane and Faye Urello. The pictures they artfully shared with us and the fascinating facts and stories they told made us all feel we had been there too!

On March 11th Leighton (Snuffy) Smith a retired 4 Star Untied States Navy Admiral will be our speaker. Snuffy Smith was Commander in Chief of U.S. and Europe and Allied Forces during the Yugoslavia War. He received many distinguished medals and well as Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire. One of the highlights of his Snuffy’s talk will be about the 2001 movie Behind Enemy Lines which was based on the daring rescue of a U.S. Air Force Captain who was shot down over Bosnia. Snuffy was the Commander in charge of that operation and Gene Hackman played Snuffy in the movie. Admiral Smith is a highly distinguished veteran and a very engaging speaker. So mark your calendars and I hope to see you all at our O.W.L.S. event March 11th at 3:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Kathy Hodges



Men’s Tuesday Morning Bible Group



YWT Winter Jam

The Youth Worship Team was off to Winter Jam 2020 on Saturday, February 15th! Winter Jam is a large national tour of Christian music artists and speakers. It is a 6 hour event designed both to entertain as well as to speak to the youth about issues they face daily and matters of importance in their lives. We saw Crowder, Building 429, and New Song along with many up and coming artists of all genres. The youth all left there inspired and ready to brainstorm creative ideas for their service in April. This is the second time we have taken the youth to Winter Jam thanks to an anonymous donation to the YWT. We appreciate the support of the congregation as well as the adult volunteers who helped us with the event: Sonja Brewton, Craig & Lynne Phifer, and Jody Foyles. It takes a village to travel with youth! J



YWT Lock-in

The Youth Worship Team had a fantastic lock-in in February! The week-end started with work on their music and service theme before dinner. After dinner, they had to go to the sanctuary in the dark to find 17 hidden puzzle pieces. Our head of staff was hanging out in the darkened balcony in his gorilla costume for some added excitement! After several games around the church, we had a devotional where we decorated light bulbs. We all placed a metal cross in the light bulb first to remind us of the source of our light, and a metal key to remind us that we each hold the key (faith) to access that light, then came the sparkles we added to remind us to always let that light shine for others. Next came the Everette House with games, movies, and snacks. The youth were up pretty late that night, so Kirsten went around to each room in the morning waking up the young ones by playing Morning Has Broken on the recorder – the youth all LOVED that! The lock-in ended with a waffle breakfast and worship in our PJs! The whole experience was filled with a lot of laughter, fun, and fellowship.



Youth Fellowship

Mission Statement

To build community around middle and high school age youth in pursuit of a growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a deeper involvement in the life of the church. Our theme this year is "Play, Prayer, Purpose."

PLEASE NOTE: DROP OFF AND PICK UP HAS RETURNED TO THE BACK DOOR/PARKING LOT OFF FIELDS ROAD!

March 1, 15, and 29: Youth Fellowship: 6:30 – 8 p.m. Fun, Fellowship, and Snacks! Join us this month for Exploring Forgiveness, "Safety" with John Galland, and a game night! (Hide-And-Seek back by popular demand.)

No evening programs on March 8 and 22.

Summer Conference

information and forms have been handed out or mailed. If your family did not receive a packet and would like information about **Massanetta** or **Montreat**,

please stop by the church office or contact Mary Ellen. March 1 is the second deadline to sign up. Scholarship aid is available. Please do not let financial concerns keep your son or daughter from participating. For more information contact Mary Ellen or one of our Discipleship Elders: Chris Graham and Bob Baer.

Thank you to the youth and adults serving on our Youth Council:

Kaylee Akerlund, Kayden Foyles, Lauren Foyles, Garrett Graham, Lee Ann Graham, Emma Lassiter, Chris Miller, and Nick Petero. We meet monthly to plan and oversee the Youth Ministry programs and activities. Interested in joining us? Contact Mary Ellen. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Parent Fellowship: March 29: 6:30 – 8 p.m. Parents of Children and Youth are invited to a time of fellowship and brief discussion around a theme in parenting. While parents meet in Fannie B Gray Parlor, youth (6th – 12th grade) will meet in Fellowship Hall and children (5th Grade and under) will be downstairs with Ms. Julie. Please bring an appetizer to share. Drinks provided. Come enjoy time socializing with other parents and exploring how to parent for a "sticky faith" for our children and youth.



2019 Preliminary (Unaudited) Financial Results

CPC had outstanding financial results in 2019. Total Operating Income of \$884,917 was higher than budget by \$28,617. Total Operating Expenses were \$849,227 after paying all bills, a level \$7,073 below budget. Therefore, CPC ended 2019 with a Net Operating Surplus of \$35,690 which will be transferred into CPC reserve accounts for future use.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in helping CPC achieve these remarkable financial results.

CPC continues to have a very healthy balance sheet with sufficient cash reserves to allow CPC to move forward positively into the future.

If you have questions or would like further information on CPC's preliminary 2019 financials, please contact Jim Curley (585) 755-8195, Chair of Finance Ministry, or Pastor Stone.



Community
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Vacation Bible School



Climb aboard for mountains of fun
at rocky railway! On this faith filled
adventure, kids discover that trusting
Jesus pulls them through life's
ups and downs.

June 22nd –June 26th
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
each day.

Pre-K to 5th grade (grade your child
just completed)sign up on the CPC
website or pick up a form in the office.



New Friends • Fun Games
Yummy Snacks • Incredible Music
Creative Crafts • Exciting Stories

2020 College Scholarships Announced

**In 2020 the following scholarships are available for any
qualifying student to apply:**

The **Community Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund** has
been created to help CPC students who have actively participated
in the life of our church. They may attend any accredited
program of higher education or trade school. The 2020 recipients
will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship.

The **Joyce G. and Roger W. Johnson Scholarship** is open
to any Community Presbyterian Church member who has
been accepted to Sandhills Community College. There is the
potential that this scholarship will provide two years of financial
support in the field of the student's choice and will based on an
established list of criteria. The award is paid directly to SCC and
will cover tuition and books and possibly other required school
materials.

The **James W. McClung**, memorial scholarship will recognize a
CPC college student who wants to pursue a degree in the study of
music or art. The student may attend the college of their choice
and will receive a \$3000 scholarship.

The **Virginia (Gini) Wessinger Memorial Scholarship**
provides a \$1,000 scholarship to a college bound student who
is pursuing a career in early childhood development, fine arts,
nursing or teaching in any of these fields. The scholarship is
available to any CPC student for study at the recipient's choice
of colleges.

**Applications for the 2020 scholarships will be available
beginning immediately from the church office. Please
see Mrs. Sally Raynor for an application. If a student is
currently attending college and would like to apply for
one of the scholarships please contact Mrs. Raynor at
sraynor@communitypres.com to receive an emailed
application.**

**All completed applications are due by Wednesday April
15th at 12 noon.**

The selection of the recipients of these scholarships will be
determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee on behalf
of CPC's Endowment and Special Gifts Committee.

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