

Community Press

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He giveth power to the faint;
and to them that have no might
he increaseth strength.

Isaiah 40:29

Mother's Day Sunday

We have a tradition at Community that on Mother's Day Sunday the men in the church will conduct the morning worship service. If you are a man, interested in helping, contact Dennis Hermann or Steve Griffin.

The women will be called on to serve on Father's Day.



Presbyterian Women's May Circle Meetings

The Presbyterian Women's Council will meet on Sunday, May 3rd, following Worship.

Circle 1: Wednesday, May 13, 10:00 AM at the Church

Circle 2: Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 PM at the church

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Happy
Birthday

- 4 Mary Ann Vanasse
- 9 Samuel Ruth
- 23 Jimmy White
- 24 Stephen Woolson
- 24 Jacob Ruth
- 31 Kaye Holloway

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

- 16 Dennis & Jane Hermann
- 16 Levi & Katie DeMass
- 22 Robert & Andrea White



Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you. 2 Thessalonians 3:1

This scripture speaks to me about a dear friend. Jane Hermann has devoted the past several years to leading the Presbyterian Women's Council as the Moderator. During this time she has played a major role in heading up so many different programs and missions. The Spring Fling as well as the Fall Festival has allowed the Church to make improvements to the building.

Jane took on the challenge to bring new and exciting mission work for our women. A few examples would include food drives, Langley Elementary School book bag program and collecting supplies for A Night's Welcome.

Jane was instrumental in starting the M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers) group. Along with Gloria Griffin, the two of them organized mothers of preschool age children who had a desire to meet together for fellowship, Bible study and support. They have mentored these young mothers and been a wonderful example of a Christian wife and mother. The MOPS group has worked alongside the church and helped with many of our projects. This ministry has grown into a rather large group and has served the church well.

I have had the honor of serving with Jane for the past few years and have learned a great deal from her. I will have big shoes to fill. Jane took a calling to serve the church as Co-Elder of Christian Education. Although I am very excited to see what plans she has for the church youth and preschool, I am relieved that Jane has only stepped down as moderator and will stay on the council as vice moderator.

Thank you Jane for the amazing job you have done as our Moderator of the Presbyterian Women.

Susan Smith

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WELCOME SIMPSON FAMILY

CPC is delighted to welcome Sean and Cassandra Simpson and their two children, Caidann and Leigham into our church family.

Sean has been active duty in the Air Force for six years and is currently stationed at Langley Air Force Base. Sean is a SSgt and works as a Quality Assurance Inspector for the F-22 Maintenance Group.

Cassandra has worked as a realtor with Hulett and Associates Realty for five years. She is a Certified Military Residential Specialist as well as Certified Buyer's and Listing Agent. Caidann is five years old and attends kindergarten, enjoys Sunday school, swimming, ballet and is a member of the Girl Scouts. Leigham enjoys Sunday school, chasing his pet cat, loud trucks and dinosaurs.

Cassandra wrote; "We moved here in November of 2008 on military orders and were introduced to the church when Caidann started attending preschool here.

We fell in love with the charm and close knit family atmosphere and are very glad to be given the opportunity to become members. It's nice to have a church home and family!"



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What's In Store at the Preschool

We are winding down the school year with lots of exciting events on the calendar. During the week of May 4-8, our letter of the week will be Vv. The children will also be preparing Mother's Day gifts.

On Wednesday, May 6 or Thursday, May 7, our Pre-K classes will be going over to Phillips Elementary School for a preview of a Kindergarten class. The staff at Phillips provides a tour of the school, including the cafeteria and the playground.

This trip has always been fun and helps better prepare our Pre-K's for Kindergarten.

The following week, May 11-15, we will cover the letter Ww. Whistles, wheels, whales and wagons may be popping up in our artwork. May 18-22 our letters of the week are Xx and Yy.

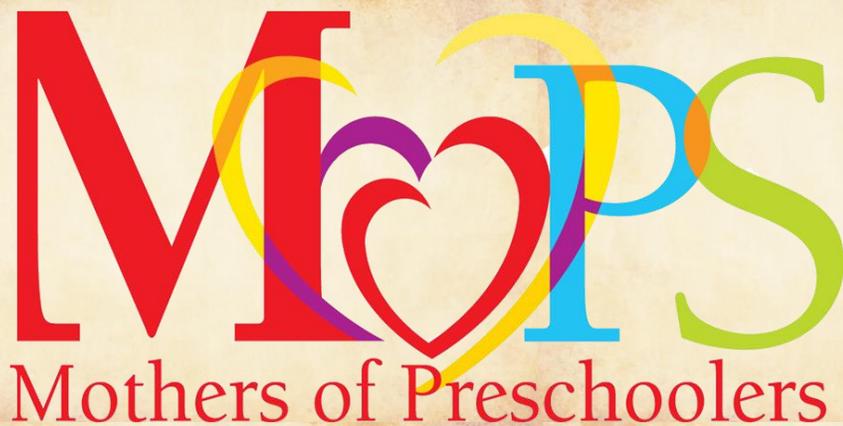
On Monday, May 18 and Tuesday, May 19, we will be taking a field trip to Gosnolds Hope Park. The Preschool will be closed on Memorial Day, May 25th.

The remainder of the week the children will be making Father's Day gifts and wrapping up our alphabet with the letter Zz. The final two weeks of school will be busy ones.

Our Closing Chapel Services are on June 8 and 9 and class parties will be held on June 10 and 11. Church members are welcome and encouraged to attend one of our three closing chapel services.



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MOPS Fox Hill is excited to be finishing up another fantastic year. We only have 3 meetings left before we start planning for next season. On June 1st, our final meeting, we will be hosting a "Tea and Testimony." We are inviting all members of Community Presbyterian Church

to join us as we share what MOPS Fox Hill has meant to us this past year. Many of our members have grown in faith thanks to our group, and that is something we would like to share with Church. Like all of our meetings, we will have breakfast available, but the Testimonies will begin around 10. We look forward to seeing you there!

Dear Friends of the Foodbank,



We would like to thank you for your generosity to the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank by coordinating a food drive at the church to help feed hungry families during the cold winter months. Winter months are tough on families and your gift of a meal gives them the comfort of knowing that someone cares. Your donations of 163 pounds of non-perishable food items will provide a nutritious meal for many families facing hunger.

Thank you for being hunger champions for our community.

Gratefully yours,

Donna P. Tighe

(excerpt from letter dated March 23, 2015. Full letter is on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary)

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SPRING FLING

Saturday, May 2nd, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

Spring Fling

The Spring Fling is right around the corner and we need all hands on deck to help make it a success. We encourage all members to find an area they would like to help out in and then sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

This year we do have the M.O.P.S. group helping, but it would be amazing if ALL our members could come lend a hand, even if you only have an hour or two. This is a wonderful opportunity for men, women and youth alike to work together while enjoying great food and fellowship. PLEASE, come and serve!

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School June 22nd – 26th. This year's theme is **EVEREST!** We will embark on an icy expedition where kids overcome obstacles with God's awesome power. At **EVEREST** Vacation Bible School kids experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways. For this to be successful we need a team, which means we need **VOLUNTEERS**. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted

on the bulletin board. The times will be 6 PM – 8 PM. So spread the word, Community's Vacation Bible School is going to be engaging and FUN!!!

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On March 21st, Community Presbyterian Church and Preschool held an Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone had a wonderful time and 60+ children were at the church giggling, hunting eggs, playing games, making crafts and of course enjoying a snack. We started in the sanctuary where Pastor Robert explained to the children the meaning of Easter. After that we divided in two age groups and proceeded to either egg hunt and games or craft and snacks. Everyone left HOPPY (happy)!

Come Let Us Worship Together

We enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and worship during Lent. The church came together for a meal of soup and bread, while learning about Lent and fellowship around God's Word.

What an amazing service we had on Maundy Thursday this year. We started in the Sanctuary for scripture and hymns, which set the tone for the service. As we walked down the hall to the Upper Room (fellowship hall), where communion was served, what Christ did for us so long ago, became so very real. As the bread and cup were served the silence was overwhelming. This was indeed a moving service which led us to the Cross. Good Friday was a time of reflecting on what Christ did for us on the cross. Easter was a time of celebrating Christ's resurrection and three baptisms. We are looking forward to the coming months and planning for summer. If you would like to join the worship committee, we will be meeting in May. The meeting will be announced in church so please feel free to come and join us!

