

Forerunners

CPC OMAK | JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



CHRIS' CORNER

Micah 5:2 “But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to

be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from everlasting.”

God's Word is totally accurate. There are 281 cities in the state of Washington alone. The total for the entire world would be difficult to calculate. Yet God revealed through Micah the exact town in which the Messiah would be born.

Now, skeptics always complain that the prophecies of the Bible are too general and don't deal with concrete occurrences. However, in this case, the prophecy can't be faulted for a lack of clarity. The coming ruler of Israel who “shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from everlasting” shall be born in Bethlehem. He cannot be born in Jerusalem, or Nazareth, or Rome, or Moscow, or Washington. He must be born in the small town of Bethlehem.

As all the world knows, this was, in fact, where Jesus was born. When the wise men from the East arrived in Jerusalem, they inquired where the “King of the Jews” was to be born. King Herod called a meeting of the leading priest and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?” The scholars of Israel, seemingly without hesitation agreed, quoting the prophecy in Micah that He would be born in

Bethlehem. This clarifies that the leader of Israel knew which town their Messiah HAD TO BE FROM. This is no latter Christian interpretation of this passage, but was clearly understood by the Jews at the time of Christ's birth.

There are many other concrete historical reasons that justify our faith. Our trust in the Bible, God, and Jesus is not built upon fantasies and wishful hope, but on facts. God can give prophecy and fulfil it, because He is the ruler of history. He can not only foresee, but control the events of the world. He can not only foresee, but control the events of our world. Therefore, God can bring to pass Christ's entrance into the world even as He revealed to Micah 750yrs before this first advent took place. Unlike all the “gods” and religions created by humans, God is able to give totally accurate prophecies of the future (Isaiah 41:21-29).

Faith in Christ is a reasonable faith. It's not some blind emotional high, some empty existential experience, a psychological crutch or wishing thinking just hoping for the best. It is the acceptance of the truth and reality. To be a realist, one must be Christian, for only in the teaching of the Christian faith can a person find a consistent and rational explanation of the world in which we live.

This prophecy in Micah is but one example of the concrete evidence God has provided His people to bolster our faith and assure us of His control over this world and to hold firmly in His hands. The God of the Bible is able to accomplish His promises! That which He said, He will perform (Rom 4:21).



TREASURY REPORT

Written by Liz Verbeck

First Quarter Summary

Giving for Q1 was \$60.2k

Down 22% when compared to Q1 2020

Expenses for Q1 were \$30.6k.

Down 45% when compared to Q1 2020

Q1 had a positive balance of \$29.6k

Q1 2020 had a positive balance of \$21.4k

Second Quarter Summary

Giving for Q2 was \$49.6k

Down 37% when compared to Q2 2020

Expenses for Q2 were \$50.4k.

Down 7% when compared to Q2 2020

Q2 had a negative balance of \$745.40

Q2 2020 had a positive balance of \$24.4k

Third Quarter Summary

Giving for Q3 was \$55.1k

Up 9% when compared to Q3 2020

Expenses for Q3 were \$42.2k.

Down 28% when compared to Q3 2020

Q3 had a positive balance of \$12.9k

Q3 2020 had a negative balance of \$7.8k

Fourth Quarter Summary

Giving for Q4 was \$55.0k

Down 5% when compared to Q4 2020

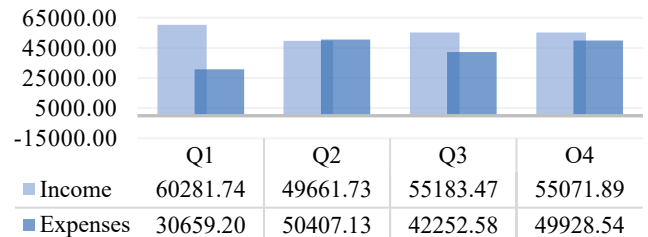
Expenses for Q4 were \$49.9k.

Up 10% when compared to Q4 2020

Q4 had a positive balance of \$5.1k

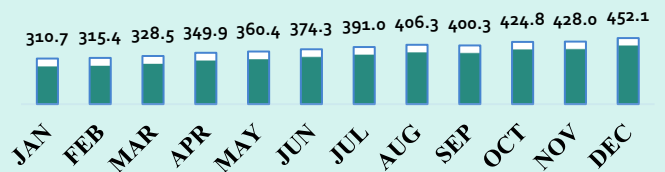
Q4 2020 had a positive balance of \$13k

2021 Income & Expenses



VANGUARD INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Balance (thousands of dollars)



This investment account is for major repairs of our building or equipment; however, funds are also available to cover operational expenses should we have shortages in income.

Memorial Courtyard

There has been discussion regarding the use of the Memorial Courtyard added to the North section of our church. As with most building projects, the intended purpose can vary from time to time. To assure the intent serves the Lord, we thought it best to ask those interested to meet and discuss ideas for the space. Thus far, Mike Johnson and Ron DeHaan have met with a stone engraver who is able to place plaques on walls or engrave names into the pavers. This information will be turned over to Session and the Building / Grounds Committee. If anyone is interested in working on this project, please contact Ron DeHaan or Mike Johnson.

SERVICE TEAM

Written by Dolores Edelman

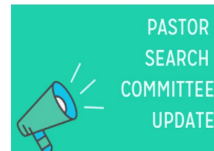
The CPC Service Team has met less frequently during the Covid 19 pandemic. We were forced to postpone some outreach and fellowship events over the past year, and it is time for us to begin discussing when we might reschedule them. Some of you may recall we planned a beginners Financial Planning Class for the winter of 2020. We have purchased curriculum from Crown Ministries and hope to make this outreach available to young people in our community who are just starting out or to individuals and couples who may have little or no experience in preparing a spending plan or have been unable to overcome debt. Tom Pruitt has agreed to facilitate this one-day workshop. We hope to host this on a Saturday in February (Tom's schedule permitting) with one module in the morning, then lunch provided by the service team followed by the 2nd module in the afternoon. The topics will be (1) Eliminating Debt and (2) Creating a Spending Plan (not necessarily in that order). There will be a \$5 suggested donation to cover the cost of each workbook (\$10 total). Last spring, the service team had planned a Baked Potato Luncheon right around Mother's Day. We were so anxious to get together and then, out of an abundance of caution, we put it on hold due to a rise in the number of covid cases. This year we hope to bring back "This Spud's for You!" for the women in our church and friends they may wish to invite. A couple of years ago, the service team discussed bringing a musical group to CPC to perform a concert. At that time, when researching a few groups, it appeared to be cost-prohibitive and then covid hit and there weren't concerts being held anywhere. We have been in contact with The Liberty Southern Gospel Quartet out of Meridian, ID. The last time they performed at our church was in 2016. They took a Love Offering during the concert and they asked that they be allowed to sell their CD's following the performance. They have tentatively agreed to perform at CPC on a Friday night next October. If you have never seen them or heard them before, you are in for a treat. Even if you have attended one of their concerts previously, you already know you are in for a treat. This will be an opportunity to invite others into our

beautiful church and to praise Jesus in song. More info to come.

CPC Service Team (Dolores Edelman, Judy Bowling, Tish Edelman, Robin Columb, Fred Edelman and Sandee Freese). We are always looking for new service team members. Please let one of us know of your interest.

PASTOR SEARCH

Written by Committee Co-Chair Ron DeHaan



Your Pastor Search Committee (Jennie Freese, Ron DeHaan, Dolores Edelman, Paul and Bonnie Freese, Kurt Guelich and David Lamb) continue to meet regularly to review pastor applications. Unfortunately, we have not received many this past month. Updates have periodically been given from the pulpit and listed in the bulletin. Committee members have been available for discussions with congregational members as needed. I have personally spoken with several of you. To date, we have had 15 applications for the position. Frankly, I expected more but we heard at General Assembly that nearly 55% of our EPC pastors will retire within the next 5 years. We also know people are not moving as they once were due to economics, covid, etc.

Several applicants are just out of seminary. Some are reformed and some not so much. We have taken a second step with several, meaning we sent follow-up questions and received their responses. Some have withdrawn due to differences of theology or accepting another call. This is all part of the process, and we remain faithful to seeking God's advice and direction. We are told the process can take a year or more but our time is guided by the Lord, so we wait patiently upon Him to provide. With this, we thank you for your prayers, support, and patience as we move forward.

We also want to express our gratitude to the Lord for His blessings as we maneuver through the search process. He has provided Pastor Chris, David Lamb and several other speakers who have handled the pulpit well. We pray that these blessings will continue until He leads a pastor our way.

CPC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Written by Former Chair Ron DeHaan

At our upcoming 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting, four members of the congregation will be chosen as members of the 2022 CPC Nominating Committee. As a former member, I can honestly say this is one of the most rewarding committees I have served on.

This committee is charged with seeking the Lord's guidance in recommending people to the church overseer committees. These leadership positions are vital to guiding us in the direction laid down by the Lord.

Please pray for this committee as well as your commitment to serve if needed.



JANUARY-FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

We are having our January Breakfast Potluck this coming Sunday, January 16, following worship service. The deacons will be providing egg dishes and potatoes. The deacons are asking for those who are able to bring a side dish.

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The Ladies' Luncheon will be held at the church on Tuesday, January 18, at 12 pm. Bring a salad or an appetizer to share. The luncheons have been a wonderful time of getting to know each other in a comfortable and relaxed environment. We hope you come!

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A memorial service for Lyslea Mizer will be held at CPC on Saturday, January 22nd, at 2 pm. The deacons will be serving lunch after the service. Let us show our love and support to Lyslea's family by our presence.

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The Minnich Family plans to have a memorial service for Evelyn Minnich later this spring. More information to come.

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The 2021 Tax Year Contribution Statements will be mailed before January 31st, 2022. Thank you for supporting CPC.

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There will be an Annual Congregational Meeting on February 6th, after Sunday's worship service. If you are a part of a committee or team, please submit your annual reports no later than January 31st.

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Good News Club is looking for donations of new or kindly used kids' toys, games, gadgets or anything a 10 to 12 year old (mostly boys) would value for our reward party store. Please bring your donations to the church by February 13th.

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Ladies, you are invited to a bridal shower honoring Faith Lofthus (soon to be Faith Mintzer). The shower will be held at CPC on Saturday, February 5th, at 10:30 am. Please RSVP by calling the church office no later than January 25th. Wedding registry: <https://www.amazon.com/wedding/share/faithandjoe/wedding>

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Our congregation has been invited to attend the union of Joe Minzter and Faith Lofthus in holy matrimony on Saturday, February 26, at 2 pm. The ceremony will be held at CPC, and the reception will follow at the Old Flour Mill (96 Pine St, Okanogan, WA 9884). Please RSVP at secretary@thefathersranch.com if you plan to attend.

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The Women's Ministry is preparing an event for the ladies on Saturday, February 12th. More information to come.

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Regular Schedule of Events

EVERY SUNDAY:
9:00 AM - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE
10:25 AM - CHILDREN'S CHURCH

EVERY MONDAY:
3:00 PM - THE GOOD NEWS CLUB

1ST & 3RD MONDAY:
10:00 AM - MOTHERS OF
PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

3RD TUESDAY:
12:00 PM - LADIES LUNCHEON

2ND SATURDAY:
6:00 AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST
2:30 PM - WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Prepackaged snacks are needed, either store-bought or homemade. Coffee will at least be served on dates with no volunteers or snacks.

CONNECT

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
9:00am – 12:00pm

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call the church during office hours for prayer requests or by contact by email at admin@cpcmak.org during or after hours.

SUPPORTED MISSIONS

1. Positive Life Radio
2. The Father's Ranch
3. Care Net Pregnancy Center
4. Omak Food Bank
5. Child Evangelism Fellowship
6. Christians in Action
7. EPC World Outreach
8. EPC Church Plant
9. Manfisher Ministries
10. Operations Christmas Child
11. Compassion Sunday
12. EPC Missionaries M&T and A&S

ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Janice Jess

