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CPC OMAK | MAY-JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER



Nominating Committee Update

By Elder Ron DeHaan

Our church's Nominating Committee will soon begin meeting to discern God's direction in the selection process for our future deacons and elders. Your seven-person committee consists of four members elected from the congregation, one deacon and two elders.

For those who have not had the honor of serving on the NC committee, our meetings consist of prayer, scripture reading, review of the Book of Order, Bylaws and, of course, constantly seeking God's will. The committee reviews the church membership list for aspiring candidates that align with God's word (1 Tim 3:1-13). Potential nominees chosen for consideration are personally contacted and provided information regarding the responsibilities of deacons and elders. The nominee is encouraged to seek God's will prior to their decision. Willing nominees are reviewed by session and recommended for congregation approval prior to the start of the new year.

If you are asked to serve as a deacon or elder, we encourage you to sincerely pray for God's guidance. We believe that you too, will find the work glorifying to our Lord and Savior.

We feel it is truly an honor to participate with fellow brothers and sisters in seeking God's will for our church leadership. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us.

Lastly, we ask that you continue to pray for this committee throughout the process.

Committee Members: Ron DeHaan, Sandee Freese, Jim Freese, John Freese, Kelley Guelich, Stephanie Lamb, and Jim Wood

CPC Service Team

By Dolores Edelman

The service team met on April 20th. We discussed a couple of possible outreach events and activities. Prior to Covid-19, CPC sponsored a School Supply Drive. We obtained a list of items students were

required to have for the new school. This was a successful event and we had families lined up outside of the entrance to our church a half hour prior to the scheduled start time. We have decided to do this again this year. We will be providing the supply list to the congregation once we have it. School supplies will be collected throughout the summer and the event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 19th from 9am-12pm.

Service team members are Mike & Ilene Johnson, Judy Bowling, Sandee Freese, Robin Colomb, Dolores Edelman, and Rick Werner. We are actively seeking 1 or 2 more volunteers to serve on the service team. Please prayerfully consider this. It is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate God's love to our community. In addition, if you have ideas for Community Outreach, please forward them to anyone on the service team or submit them to Elizabeth or Jenny in the office and they can forward them to the ST. Thank you.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" John 15:12

Board of Deacons

By Robin Colomb, Moderator

Our Deacon Board is a service branch of CPC. We have eight deacons right now. We are shy one deacon, as we are usually a board of nine members. Please prayerfully consider joining our board of deacons. In January, Dolores Edelman, Renee Hancox, and Carol Miller retired from the board. They were faithful and dedicated deacons. The church members are divided into Care Rings, and you should be hearing from your deacon at

least once a quarter of the year. Your deacons are praying for you and would like to hear from you regarding your specific prayer requests. Many of us try to make personal contact with you at our church service on Sundays.

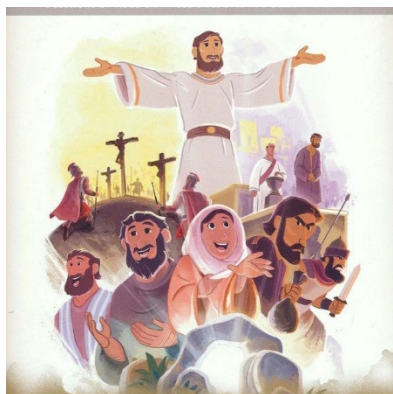
We welcomed Kathleen Flanagan and Ilene Johnson to the board in January. The deacons are a very busy group. Kelley Guelich is finding both greeters and ushers for each Sunday. We welcome you to sign up for a Sunday or two or three. The sign-up sheets for both greeters and ushers are now on the wall in the fellowship hall behind the fellowship table. Kathleen Flanagan and Ilene Johnson have taken charge of the Fellowship Hour. We also have a sign-up board for fellowship hour, and you all know where that is... if not it's the one with the lights around it. We appreciate every one of you who signed up to serve at coffee fellowship. Thank you to all of you who bring in assorted cookies, brownies, muffins etc. Please keep them coming as the freezer is always running low. Randi DeHaan is our deacon in charge of visiting our shut-ins, and she also manages our care rings with updates and various changes. If you know of someone in our church who would like a visit from Randi, please let our church office know. Jennie Freese and Maxine Wood oversee putting together our communion elements once a month. They share these duties and do a wonderful job. Judy Bowling and Robin Colomb are your new funeral deacons in charge of meals for the family. I would like to take this time to thank everyone who brought salads and veggie trays for Pastor Chris's memorial service. You all out did yourselves with the ample servings you provided. Many of you may not

know, but the Okanogan Presbyterian Church coordinated with us and brought the cookies, punch, and rolls.

Summer is coming at last! We hope to have an all church picnic this year so we can have one big fellowship get together in the warm sunshine. Please consider hosting this very fun filled event this year. You can pick the month and time you would like to host. Blessings to all.

Children's Church Team

By Renee Hancox



We are still using The Gospel Project (GP) curriculum. GP is a Christ-centered chronological Bible study for all ages which immerses kids in the gospel

through every story and shows how all Scripture points us to Jesus. What we're trying to do with this Bible study is to help children see how the Bible fits together to tell one big story—God's plan to rescue and redeem sinners through faith in Jesus Christ.

The Children's Church Team (CCT) plans on taking the summer off. CCT will end June 11th and will start back up the first week of September.

We are now in Unit 19, of the book Matthew 4; and Luke 4. The question and answer for this month is: What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead.

Youth Ministry Report

By Chris and Becky Werner
(January - April)



As Becky and I enter our 8th month as Youth Directors at CPC Omak, the 'why' of Youth Ministry has been on my heart and mind. Why do we place value on our

youth? What is the importance of Youth Ministry at our church and in the valley? For me, the 'why' is simple: We want to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, we want to equip our youth with the tools to bring glory to God, and to teach them how to be a part of our church body. The youth are not the future church, they are a part of the current church body. We must teach them what this means and how they can contribute to the body.



One way we have chosen to equip our youth is in study. We wrapped up our 12-week study, PRAYER 101 written and published by Reformed Youth Ministry. This group has been endorsed by the EPC. In Prayer 101, we addressed the many reasons for prayer, what are the parts of a prayer, what does scripture

say about it, and why prayer is important. The ability to give thanks, to repent, to celebrate with joy, and to acknowledge the amazing glory of our God in prayer is an important part of our faith. To communicate humbly with our Lord helps us to grow in a loving relationship with Him. The youth learned that being obedient requires prayer, and that in prayer we become closer to our Creator.

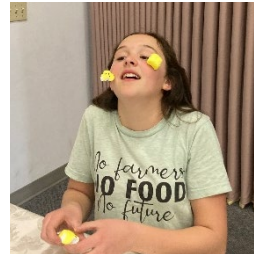


In unity with other believers, we have met quarterly with several other youth groups in the Omak and Okanogan area. This March, Kyle Joyner (Cornerstone), Pastor Mark (Foursquare), and CPC joined to provide a bonfire and scripture night. Kyle gave the message and Mark allowed us to invite youth to hear the Gospel and spend time in fellowship. We will continue to show unity in the faith with other youth in the valley quarterly. These events are open to all youth.



This past month, we were able to purchase tickets for the Be Bold 4 Jesus event in October. Speakers at the event include Lee Strobel (A Case for Christ), Ken Ham (Creation Museum and Ark Experience), Greg Laurie (Jesus Revolution), and several

others. I am looking forward to taking our youth to this event and others like it. It has been difficult to find camps for our youth to participate in, so it is my hope that conferences like these are a way for us to support our youth.



Finally, to help equip our youth regarding issues of our fallen world, we have begun a study called "One Race One Blood: The Biblical Answer to Racism." This study is written by Charles Ware and Ken Ham and addresses the issue of racism. The study will explain that God created one race of people and that racism is the result of a broken and sinful world. Being a teacher in the public education system, this topic is one that is confronting many of our youth, so being able to address the issue using scripture will help them to understand how we as Christians should address the issue.



Becky and I thank you for your support of the Youth Ministry Program. As always, prayers for our youth are needed. They are constantly being hit with the ideas and the pressures of a culture that disregards Biblical teachings. Anything we can do to teach them to be a member of the church body and to equip them for the challenges of the world, we should do. As always, there is an open to see what we are doing. Youth Group is currently meeting Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Peace be with you!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasury Report

By Liz Verbeck

January 2023

Giving: \$15,547.00

Down 13.30% when compared to JAN of 2022

Expenses: \$15,505.09

Down 2.49% when compared to JAN of 2022

February 2023

Giving: \$16,476.27

Up 28.66% when compared to FEB of 2022

Expenses: \$16,009.81

Up 18.38% when compared to FEB of 2022

March 2023

Giving: \$15,294.16

Down 16.91% when compared to MAR of 2022

Expenses: \$16,633.29

Up 17.01% when compared to MAR of 2022

Quarter 1 2023 Summary

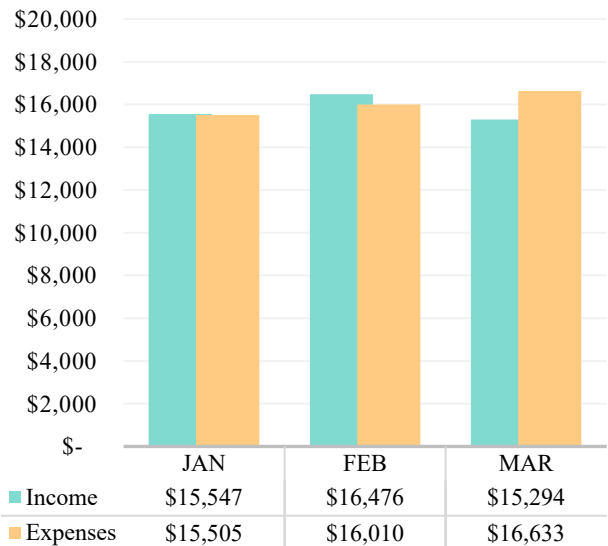
Giving: \$47,317.43

Down 3.72% when compared to QTR 1 of 2022

Expenses for QTR 1 were \$48,148.19

Up 10.33% when compared to QTR 1 of 2022

2023 Income & Expenses



QTR 1 Income & Expenses



Investment Accounts

The church has two investment accounts with Vanguard and Edward Jones. Funds have been transferred to these accounts at the discretion of the Session and by members designating funds to these accounts. The purpose of these accounts is to cover operational expenses should we have shortages in income or for unexpected needs.

MAY & JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

All men of all ages are invited to join us for a time of prayer, breakfast, devotions, and fellowship. Always meeting on the "Second Saturday" of each month starting at 6 AM. The next Men's Breakfasts will be on May 13th and June 10th. For more info, contact Jim Freese at 322-4113.



Spring small groups are starting once more. We are reading "Twelve Ordinary Men". Sign-up sheets are coming soon.



Ladies of CPC, Paint and Pie is back! Come join us for a painting class taught by Patty Helberg and, of course, some delicious pie! May 20th from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend! Sign up at the bulletin board.



Please prayerful consider sponsoring a child for Compassion Sunday. Sunday is a day when people speak in their churches on behalf of children living in poverty. It will be an opportunity for you to sponsor a child, helping provide for basic needs.



The Good News Club wants to reward our regular attendees with personal Bibles so money donations toward those would really be appreciated. Plus, we are looking for a few more quality new or gently used items such as toys, games, books, and fun things to do for girls (ages 5-7, boys ages 9-12). Thank you for supporting our wonderful Club!



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CONTACT

**Regular
Schedule
of Events**

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

2ND & 4TH MONDAY:
10:00 AM - MOPS
3:15 PM - GNC (EVERY MONDAY
WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)

EVERY WEDNESDAY:
6:30 PM - YOUTH GROUP

2ND SATURDAY:
6:00 AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST



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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.

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Office Hours

Monday–Thursday
9:00 AM–12:00 PM

PRAYER CHAIN

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

SUPPORTED MISSIONS

1. The Father's Ranch
2. Care Net Pregnancy Center
3. Omak Food Bank
5. Child Evangelism Fellowship
6. EPC World Outreach
7. EPC Church Plant
8. Manfisher Ministries
9. Compassion Sunday
10. EPC Missionaries M&T and A&S