



Forerunners

CPC OMAK | JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2024

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Ron DeHaan

Elders Ron DeHaan and John Freese

Committee Members/Participants:

Ron DeHaan

Jim Freese

John Freese

Sandee Freese

Kelley Guelich

Stephanie Lamb Jim Wood

Praise be to the Lord as He continues to provide for our leadership needs.

The following candidates were selected by the Nominating Committee and approved at the November Congregational Meeting to serve as Elders and Deacons beginning in 2024.

Deacons

Bonnie Freese

Jennifer Fudge

Kelley Guelich

Janet Shackett

Elders

Gary Bramer

Jim Freese

The Nominating Committee strongly encourages the congregation to pray daily for these volunteers whom the Lord has led to our church leadership. Be strong in your support, obedient to their decisions, and seek to help them whenever possible. May you join them in their commitment to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE*Submitted by Ron DeHaan*

Committee Co-Chairs Ron DeHaan and David Lamb.

Your Pastor Search Committee (Jennie Freese, Ron DeHaan, Dolores Edelman, Paul and Bonnie Freese, Kurt Guelich, and David Lamb) continued to meet regularly to review pastor applications up to the Session's decision to support David Lamb in his quest to become a commissioned pastor. At that time, the search effort was put on hold until David completed all the steps required to be CPC ordained. We expect this process to finish in February of 2024. Once David is commissioned, the Pastor Search Committee will be decommissioned by Session. Session and David will then agree to a Terms of Call that must be renewed every three years.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS TEAM*Submitted by Paul Freese*

Co-chairs: Kurt Guelich, Paul Freese

We have been enjoying the new linoleum in the kitchen and classroom that was replaced early last year. Kurt Guelich was instrumental in getting a new handrail installed for easier access to the podium. Phil Skirko of Skirko Tree Service removed the evergreen tree (not so green anymore) and the three flowering cherry trees that were requiring frequent pruning due to dead and dying limbs.

Brad Harriman of Harriman

Construction did a great job replacing the broken sidewalk.

Our continuing gratitude to Nic Verbeck, our custodian for the well cared-for building and grounds. Our building is a wonderful facility especially when filled with members and friends worshipping our Lord and fellowshiping with one another. To all who share in beautifying and decorating we express our utmost appreciation!

MOMCO*Submitted by Barby Dailey*

MOPS - We Have a New Name!
From MOPS to The MomCo.

Ten years ago, we began to discover challenges with our name. The word MOPS immediately conjures a vision of cleaning supplies. Additionally, the context of the phrase "mothers of preschoolers" narrowed from referring to moms who had children not yet of elementary school age to moms of children between the ages of 3-5 years old who attend school. As we expanded globally, the name "MOPS" was non-translatable and when it was, in some cases had extremely negative connotations. For example, in German MOPS at best, means "mother of pugs" Not ideal for a mothering organization.

In 2017, we began a journey of research, focus groups, meeting with branding

experts, and fellow non-profits to see if our name was becoming a barrier to forwarding our mission of reaching the next generation of moms with the message of Jesus. The board and staff, after looking at the research and feedback, prayed and determined that it was time to explore new names. As we began the journey, we had three goals for the new name:

1. It should not be routinely misleading.
2. It would convey that all moms are welcome.
3. It would invite a future generation of moms into a community where they can meet Jesus.

After more than a few trademark failures and a lot of prayer and fasting, we found a name that met the above criteria in a way that only God himself could have offered: The MomCo.

Our mission is as needed today as it was in 1973 at that first meeting with seven women in Wheat Ridge, CO. As we look to the next 50 years, we proudly build on the 50-year legacy and introduce: The Mom Community. (Copied from the MomCo website)

Our Mission Statement

The MomCo encourages and equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women, and leaders in relationship with Jesus and in partnership with the local church.

What CPC MomCo has been doing....

In October we had a car decorated for Trunk or Treat. We handed out not only candy, but 200 flyers inviting moms to MomCo, until we ran out. We had 3 moms who responded and visited our meeting. Two of the moms have returned. We have about 11 moms on our roster but not all have subscribed to MomCo. In December we had one meeting which was our Christmas Party. We had the best turnout since we began with 9 moms attending. We started out the meeting with some yummy food and played a fun game called Last Mom Standing. The new CEO from Care Net stopped by to introduce herself and tell a bit about it. She also brought handmade quilts for the moms to take for their children. We had a Sock Exchange, which was a lot of fun. Lastly, we had a photo shoot, with backdrop, Santa & Elf hats (thank you Liz Verbeck for the photography) and ended with a cookie exchange between the moms. It was a great way to end this first MomCo semester. Each week, after refreshments and some fellowship we watch a video provided by MomCo. These videos have topics that are current in our world today and stimulate great conversations among the moms. Some of the topics are Women's Health, Shaping Attitudes about Money, Celebrating Diversity and Kinship, Christmas- a Season of Delight. Our craft/activity time is also a great time for everyone to talk and get to know each other and develop mom friendships.

The Childcare is going well with preschool activities and a home school room for children who are being homeschooled. We thank Fred Edelman for helping us in the homeschool room and Joy Wilson and her volunteers for the love and caring they give our little ones while the moms enjoy a “time-out”. Thank you to CPC for hosting The MomCo program and helping us financially also, to Nic, Liz and Jenny who help us whenever we need it!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Submitted by Chris & Becky Werner

Hello, Community Presbyterian Church, the Youth Ministry Program has been hopping all over the past three months. Our group has been consistently between 20 and 25 students grades 6-12. We have been blessed to have Sam and Daniella Boers participating weekly with our study and events. We are blessed to have many who are supporting and praying for our group.

We just wrapped up a 12-week study titled Bible 101 which walked us through how the Bible came about. We discussed both general and special revelation as well as the different ways scripture should be interpreted depending on what you are reading, known as hermeneutics. The youth were engaged and active in discussion and in prayer. This study has been a blessing. We are currently studying Christology (advent) for the next five weeks reviewing the genealogy

of Jesus, His forerunner, His birth, adoration, and advent.

Over the past three months we have had a whirlwind of events. In October, we attended the Be Bold 4 Jesus Conference in Spokane. Thank you to the Freeses, and the O'Dell ladies for helping us get students there and back. We appreciate the time you spent with the youth. We also had our annual flag football game with the Okanogan First Baptist Church with a message and chili feed. It was very well attended. In December we had our dinner and gift exchange. We had nearly 25 students there for this event as well.

We have been truly blessed with all that has happened over the past quarter. We have plans for the next quarter coming soon! Thank you all for your prayers and support.

SERVICE TEAM

Submitted by Dolores Edelman

The CPC Service Team will sponsor a Financial Workshop facilitated by Tom Pruitt on Saturday, January 27th from 10 AM – 2 PM. Workbooks will be provided. This workshop will be a practical guide to finance that helps people plan, save, and get ahead. A light lunch will be served.

Also, we will be finalizing plans at our upcoming Service Team meeting for a February Dinner and will get specific details out soon so that you may mark your calendars.

Please consider making yourself available to serve on the CPC Service Team. I will be stepping down as the Service Team Lead this year due to the need to slow down. So, in addition to seeking some additional volunteers we are in search of someone to chair the team. It is a fun group of people. We try to meet monthly and plan some outreach events as well as some enjoyable activities and fellowship opportunities throughout the year. I will be happy to volunteer alongside someone for a while if it would be helpful. Please let Liz know or you can contact me for additional information.

TREASURY REPORT

Submitted by Liz Verbeck

The year 2023 was filled with unique transitions for Community Presbyterian Church of Omak. It has been a year where we have profoundly experienced God's faithfulness to us as a community. There are numerous things for which we can be grateful.

It has been a little over 3 years since our former pastor, Rev. Bill Heming, moved for another pastoral call in mid-2020. In between those years, the church Session has had elders, guest speakers, and other EPC pastors fill the pulpit. A Pastor Search Committee (PSC) was formed, meeting regularly, although the applicants were far less than expected. The PSC diligently considered each candidate and prayerfully sought the

Lord, waiting patiently for the right candidate. Pastor Chris Warren returned to pastoral ministry after retirement to serve as our part-time Transitional Pastor. After a year and a half, we had to say goodbye to our dear Pastor Chris, who suddenly was diagnosed with cancer in December of 2022. Pastor Chris passed on to glory on January 31, 2023. His service to our church was truly a blessing to us; he loved to preach, loved people, and he especially had a special love for the youth. He was thrilled to have Chris and Becky Werner start the Youth Ministry again. His presence in the office is one we miss today. There wasn't a conversation where we didn't break out into jokes and laughter. It was a privilege to witness a faithful Christian servant. Pastor Ehud Garcia, from Okanagan Presbyterian Church, served our session as moderator and covered the pulpit and communion monthly from February through September in 2023. We are grateful that he extended a helping hand again after we faced the loss of Pastor Chris. In the fall, Dave Lamb expressed to the Session his desire to enter church ministry in a greater capacity by becoming ordained as a commission pastor through our EPC denomination. Dave has been consistently preaching for CPC since 2020, and it is wonderful to see how God has steered Dave's path into church ministry. We eagerly wait for his ordination process to be complete, in the meantime, Dave is working towards his B.A. in Biblical Studies through the Master's University, preaching every

Sunday, and continuing his Intern Pastor position.

It takes a community of Christ-focused believers to have a thriving church. Your love for God's Word, participation in events, encouragement of the staff, and generous financial support were critical to our finishing the year and beginning the new year strong.

2023 Year Report

Giving: \$212,410.76

Expenses: \$190,919.60

Quarter 1 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

Quarter 2 Summary

Giving: \$55,035.54

Down 5.16% when compared to QTR 2 of 2022

Expenses for QTR 2 were \$47,848.33

Up 9.39% when compared to QTR 2 of 2022

Quarter 3 Summary

Giving: \$61,507.02

Up 26.40% when compared to QTR 3 of 2022

Expenses for QTR 3 were \$41,303.13

Up 10.69% when compared to QTR 3 of 2022

Quarter 4 Summary

Giving: \$48,550.77

Down 19.40 % when compared to QTR 4 of 2022

Expenses for QTR 4 were \$53,819.95

Down 24.36% when compared to QTR 4 of 2022



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.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 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 January 13th and February 10th. For more info, contact Jim Freese at 322-4113.

 There will be prayer meetings in the Library every Sunday morning before Adult Sunday School, starting at 8:15 AM till 8:45 AM.

 Good News Club (GNC) will be meeting at the church on Mondays, when school is in session, at 3:30 PM starting January 8th, 2024. School-age children, K-8 are welcome for games, songs, Bible stories, and memory verses. GNC is about kids learning what the gospel means for them and being transformed by it, and how to share it.

 We will have our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 14, after Sunday's Worship service.



Come join us for the Annual Deacons's Breakfast/Brunch Sunday, January 21st. This will take place during Coffee Fellowship. There will be a signup sheet for food dishes for the congregation at the Welcome Center. Deacons's will provide egg/potato casseroles.



CPC will be hosting a financial workshop on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 10 AM to 2 PM. This workshop will be a practical guide to finance that helps people plan, save, and get ahead. There will be a light lunch served. Please contact the church office at office@cpcomak.org or Dolores Edelman at doloresjean10@gmail.com with questions or to sign up for the workshop.



We have the 2024 ushers' signup sheet in the fellowship hall. The role of the usher is an integral part of our worship service, and we hope to have more volunteers in the rotation this coming year. If you are looking for ways to be of service, please consider ushering. In short, ushers are trained to minimize distractions and to be ready to assist people in the congregation, among other duties. Contact the office, and we will connect you with the head usher who can provide you with all the details.

Regular Schedule of Events & Meetings:

REGULAR EVENTS

2nd Saturday:

Men's Breakfast—6:00 AM

Every Sunday:

Prayer Time—8:15 AM

Adult Sunday School—9:00 AM

Worship Service—10:00 AM

Youth Group—6:00 PM

Every Monday

GNC—3:30 PM (While School is in Session)

2nd & 4th Mondays:

MomCo—10:00 AM

REGULAR MEETINGS

Subject to Change

2nd Thursday:

Service Team—4:00 PM-5:15 PM

(Fellowship Hall)

2nd Sunday:

Session Meeting—Following the service.

Deacon's Meeting—Following the service.

Intern Pastor:

Dave Lamb

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

January

Terri Cunningham	-Jan. 9 th
Rosemary Price	-Jan. 12 th
Carol Miller	-Jan. 22 nd
Dottie Reams	-Jan. 23 rd
Jayne Nyberg	-Jan. 24 th
Dorothy Kendall	-Jan. 28 th
Kurt Fudge	-Jan. 29 th

Larry & Dianne Ader -Jan. 31st

February

Jim Wood	-Feb. 16 th
Yvonne Melum	-Feb. 18 th
Sandee Fresse	-Feb. 20 th
Lee Ann Sleder	-Feb. 21 st
Kathleen Flanagan	-Feb. 21 st
Charlotte Dodge	-Feb. 25 th

Tom & Florence Pruitt -Feb. 9th

If we don't have your birthday/
anniversary, please let us know.
We don't want to miss you.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call the **Church** during office hours for prayer
requests at:

(509) 826-1290

office@cpcomak.org

Office Hours

Monday–Thursday

9:00 AM–12:00 PM

SUPPORTED MISSIONS

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

