



Join us for CPC's *"Blessing of the Animals"* on October 6, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. on the front lawn.

Faithful Companions

One of the most intimate ways many of us get to know God's creatures is through our relationships with pets. Accepting responsibility to feed, exercise, and maintain the health of another creature is one way to live out the Genesis call to dominion. Being the caretaker of a pet is a significant responsibility that lasts for the duration of a pet's life. Yet, we get a lot from keeping pets. Pets can be educational as they teach empathy and other life lessons. They teach reciprocity of relationship. Pets are also therapeutic—from providing opportunities for calming touch, laughter at their antics, or even interaction as trained therapy animals. Quality time with pets reminds us that we, too, are God's embodied creatures who need care and playtime. Pets are often adept at demonstrating how to embrace Sabbath time, appreciate a good meal, express joy, or show affection.

Has spending time with one of God's creatures taught you anything about yourself?

From *"Care for God's Creatures"*
Presbyterian Mission Agency
www.presbyterianmission.org

Teachers held a classroom clean-up day on September 20 and the Sunday school room is spic and span and ready for the year. Welcome back, students and teachers!

See you **October 13!**



CPC NEWS

OCTOBER 2019

*NEXT FOOD BANK
FREE MARKET
FRIDAY is
November 29 from 2-4 p.m. in
the hall. Tell your friends!*



GARDEN NEWS

On Monday Sept. 9, twenty-eight eager and hardworking third-graders from Bel Aire Park School, along with their teacher, Ms. Villeaux, and some of their parents, came to Napa Valley CanDo's Food Bank garden here at Covenant Presbyterian Church. They harvested 21 pounds of fresh vegetables and then took them directly to the Food Pantry.

CPC's generosity in providing land for the garden is helping the next generation learn about nutrition, and about the importance of helping our neighbors in need!

Karen
Napa Valley Cando's
GARDEN FOR THE FOOD BANK

The **Napa Young Onset Parkinson's Disease**

group meets on the 4th Sunday of every month from 3-5 p.m. in the CPC Fellowship Hall to discuss issues and living with Parkinson's disease. Although not exclusively young onset (anyone can come and bring their family or support people) our group focuses on staying active and living well with Parkinson's disease. We purposely meet during non-working hours to allow those still employed access to a support group without missing work. There is typically about 1 hour of discussion often followed by a speaker or presenter on a relevant topic during the 2nd hour. For more info email Joe Burger at jeburger99@gmail.com.



Quest for Knowledge

We're currently reading Haben by Haben Girma, which is written by a deafblind woman who conquered Harvard Law School. We will be meeting on **Monday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m.** in the parlor to discuss this book. Grab a copy and join us! All are always welcome.

Property and Finance/Stewardship

The Finance Committee will be managing the property issues until Session determines who will take it over. As you are aware we just finished phase 4 of the landscaping project around the pastor's office, side of the church, and farmhouse area. It looks amazing. Now it's hard to sit in the sanctuary and not want to look outside toward the beautiful grounds.

The Finance/Stewardship Committee will be planning our pledge campaign soon for 2020, and as in the past we plan to have Dedication Sunday at our annual Thanksgiving lunch on November 24. We hope you can attend.

We are in the process of planning our annual fundraiser at **Lucky Penny Theater this year set for December 4, 2019 at 6:30 PM. The program will be "Miracle on 34th Street."** Please bring your friends, neighbors, and anyone else you can think of. We would like to fill the house. It's a fun evening with usually some laughs and great silent auction items.

Since we are coming to the end of 2019, if you find any extra funds you would like to give to Covenant you can contribute toward: Closing the Gap, reimbursement of farm house painting costs or future landscaping. Please mark on the memo line of your check which category you desire to donate to or speak with any Finance Committee member or Rev. Linda Powers.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Finance Committee.

~Cal



We need you!

Liturgists wanted to lead in worship! It's easy and fun! Sign up with Carla. If you'd like to join the Worship Committee and share your great ideas, let Carla know. Advent is coming!

The office is open Monday through Friday 8:30-12:30. The office is closed for finance hours from 1:00-3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

There will be an Elder & Deacon retreat on October 11th and 12th at CPC in the hall. Rev. Linda will lead.

How great are Your works, O God! You made them all with wisdom, the earth is full of Your creatures. Psalms 10 4:24



Our CPC Serving Team has standard staples they use to prepare the meal they serve at The Table on the *fourth Friday of each month*. While you are shopping, pick up extra:

Ranch Dressing, Canned (Pitted) Olives, Canned Corn (not creamed), Jarred Jalapeño Peppers, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Pasta noodles (Not spaghetti please), Enchilada Sauce, and/or Picante Sauce

Bring your gifts and put them on the shelves of the House that Bob Built, which is located in the Hall



**Next serving day is
October 25**

4th Friday needs a volunteer to serve at the Table. Karen is Head Chef and could use a server from approximately 2:45 p.m.—5:00 p.m. It is an uplifting service to our community and the recipients are gracious and grateful. It will bring a smile to your face.