



Upcoming at CPC!

Check out our upcoming events and other ways to get involved at CPC! You can always check our website for a full list of events at cpcfremont.org/events

August 23, 12-3:15pm | Belief Matters

September 5, 11am-12pm | Centerville in the Park

September 26, 10am-2pm | Membership Matters



Centerville in the Park

Dusterberry Park
September 5 | 11:00 AM



Belief Matters

Saturday, Aug. 23 | 12 PM - 3:15 PM

"I want to follow Jesus, but I don't know how to take the next step in my relationship with God."

"I've been a Christian going to church for a while, but I have felt stuck in my faith journey. I want to learn what it means to fully center my life around following Jesus."

If either of the above statements resonates with you, then Belief Matters is for you. Some of the topics we will be discussing are the Lordship of Jesus, what is God's story, an overview of the Bible, your new identity in Christ, and why relationships matter on your gospel journey. If you are new in your faith and want to know where to start, or maybe you just feel stuck in your faith walk, please join us.

Download the Church Center app for more details or to sign up for upcoming events!



Membership Matters

Saturday, Sept 26 | 10 AM - 2 PM

Learn who we are as a church and how you can partner with us in God's mission by becoming a member of the CPC family!

Click or scan the QR codes to register!



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Centerville Presbyterian Church Fremont



@cpcfremont

The Joy of One Family

One of my favorite moments every Sunday doesn't happen during the worship service; it happens afterward on the patio. If you've hung around after church lately, you've probably seen one of our elders, Al Trimble, who is 90 years old, sitting on the patio laughing and playing with our two-year-old twins. Every time I see it, it makes me smile. Here is a man who has walked with Jesus for decades, delighting in two little children who are just beginning life's journey. And then there was the beautiful story of Hugh & Carol visiting with Les Young in his final days of hospice and singing together the old songs that dementia couldn't diminish.



There's overly nothing scheduled about it. No committee organized it. It's simply the intentional act of one generation enjoying another. Every time I see it, I think, "This is what the Church is supposed to look like." Walking out of the sanctuary walls into our world with an open heart to engage with those God puts in our path.

Throughout July, we spent four weeks talking about God's heart for the generations. We learned that **we are one family**, that **every generation has a calling**, that **faith is intentionally passed from one generation to the next**, and that **when generations worship, serve, and grow together, the church becomes a witness the world can't ignore**.

This isn't a new ministry strategy. It's God's design from the very beginning. From His promise to Abraham that all the families of the earth would be blessed, to Jesus bringing us into one household of faith, the Bible tells one unified story of God creating a family for His glory. But the goal is more than getting different generations in the same room. The goal is that together we would enjoy God and glorify Him and therein find our real joy!

I also hope we'll see more moments like Al and the twins, moments where more older saints encourage young families, more teenagers find mentors, more children know the names of their church aunts, uncles, and grandparents, and every generation discovers they have something valuable to give and something important to receive.

What a privilege it is to be one family, telling one story, following one Savior and Lord, until every family on earth has the opportunity to SEE Jesus and take a step closer to Him and His call on their life.

Because Jesus Made Us Family,

Pastor Sam



Capital Campaign Update

Thank you for partnering in the mission of God by investing in this capital campaign!

I loved what dear Dave Schipul always used to say to me... "I want to do my givin... while I'm livin!" He modeled that truth for me and now I am trying to follow in his footsteps.

We believe God is calling us to build for the future—not just with bricks and mortar, but by creating a spiritual legacy that will impact generations to come. Through Building for Tomorrow: Investing in the Next Generation, we are launching a faith-filled capital campaign to expand, renovate, and prepare our church to disciple the next generation, and equip our community for the decades ahead.

Our goal is to raise \$1 million or more by December 2028. You can watch for monthly updates in our Thursday emails and the Bell newsletter.

We ask that campaign gifts be "over and above" your regular giving so that our ongoing ministries remain fully funded while we build for the future.

If you would like to make a gift or pledge for 2026, please visit [this link](#) or scan the QR code below and prayerfully proceed in faith.

Every day, we are filled with joy as we participate in the future the Lord is unfolding among us. Thank you for being a part of this journey!

Because Jesus Makes Us Family,

Pastor Sam



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Where We're Going: God's Vision for CPC

Submitted by Pastor Ryan Bogert

I want to share some exciting updates about where we believe God is leading our church. Over the last several months, our Session has been spending a lot of time together in prayer, discernment, and discussion asking God this: What is God calling us to focus on in this season at CPC?

We recently shifted our governance model as a Session. This means that Elders are focusing less on managing day-to-day ministry and busywork, and more on the actual biblically defined role of Elders: providing spiritual oversight, discerning God's direction, and helping set the vision for the church. Rather than determining how ministries operate, our role is to prayerfully discern what God is calling our church to prioritize and become.

To guide this work, Session adopted four Ends - the key areas we believe God is calling CPC to focus on in this season. We've paired each End with specific Critical Goals, which spell out the specific focus and tangible results that show if we are faithfully moving toward them. While Session prayerfully discerns these Ends and Goals, our pastors and staff figure out how to implement them through our ministries. Session then holds the staff accountable, through the leadership of the Senior Pastor, to make sure we are actively striving toward the vision God has given His Church.

After months of praying together and looking honestly at where we are as a church while seeking to discern the mind of Christ, here are the four core Ends we believe God is pointing us toward:

- **Discipleship:** We want to help each other continually grow as mature followers of Jesus. It's about learning to walk with Him daily and then helping others do the same.
- **Local Mission & Relational Evangelism:** We want to equip everyone here to share the Gospel right where we live, building genuine relationships with our neighbors who don't know Christ yet.
- **Intergenerational Connection:** This is about building a church family where every generation - from our youngest kids to our seniors - actually knows and values one another while learning to share life together.
- **Church Unity, Health & Communication:** We want to strengthen our bonds with one another, keeping our spiritual health strong and our eyes fixed on a shared vision as we do Christ's work together.

These four Ends aren't just a list of new programs or ministry strategies. They are our best, prayerful attempt as your Elders to discern where God is calling Centerville Presbyterian Church to grow right now. To help unpack this vision, Session put together a quick handout for you as our Church Family. It looks at each End in more depth, shares why we believe God led us here, and outlines the Critical Goals we'll be pursuing together. Please take a few minutes to read through it and pray about how God might be inviting you to be a part of this vision.

We believe that this is not a vision for Session or leadership alone - it is a calling for our entire church family. We believe God is calling you - yes YOU reading this right now - to help us become a church that grows in discipleship, local mission, intergenerational connection, and church unity. I invite you to spend time praying about what these Ends and Critical Goals mean for our Church, and how you can personally partner with where God is calling CPC to go in this season.

If you are curious to learn or discuss these Ends and Critical Goals more, our Elders or pastors would love to sit down with you. Please email Pastor Sam or Ryan about what's on your mind, and we'll get you connected with the right person to grab coffee or chat.

As we continue to seek the Lord's leading, we invite you to join us in prayer and jump into how God is moving right here at CPC - come and play a part in His Kingdom work!

Your Elders:

Teaching Elders: Sam Knottnerus, Ryan Bogert *Ruling Elders:* Leonard Babyak, Tim Bergquist, Stuart Howard, Laura Mares, Chris Rojas, Rachel Schmit, Al Trimble, Linette Young

Click or scan the QR code to view the [Ends & Critical Goals handout](#)



Session Update (June 2026)

Submitted by Tim Bergquist, Elder

Our recent Session meeting was a productive time of prayer and planning for the future of our church. We began with a training session led by Pastor Sam, where we discussed practical ways to pursue our walk as disciples, which sparked helpful conversations within groups. This conversation helped shape our shared understanding of discipleship moving forward.

We then moved into our consent agenda, where we formally approved our meeting minutes, the clerk's report, and the April treasurer's report. This also included confirming the election of Tim Bergquist and Linette Young as Commissioners for the recent EPC Called Meeting, as well as approving our partnership with Young Life students for their recent fundraising efforts. During the meeting, we also heard a report from the May Presbytery gathering, where Pastor Sam shared our church's stories and provided an update on upcoming General Assembly items. Elder Al Trimble then gave us a financial update.

A significant portion of our time was dedicated to prayer and discernment as we agreed upon and adopted definitions of disciple and discipleship for our church. A disciple is someone who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is committed to the mission of Jesus; while discipleship is an intentional relationship in which we consistently walk alongside others as we follow Jesus to help them move from spiritual death to spiritual parenthood.

Finally, following up on our ongoing discussions since the March retreat, Session adopted for the church, Ends and Critical Goals for the period of April 2026 to March 2027, focusing on discipleship, local mission and relational evangelism, intergenerational connection and relationships, and church unity, health, and communication. We closed our time together in prayer, grateful for the path ahead.

Session Update (July 2026)

Submitted by Leonard Babyak, Elder

Session began with a time of prayer. We then moved into a time of preparation for the July 26 event, Where We're Going: God's Vision for CPC. Session had a time of discussion, how to best present the 4 Ends and Critical Goals the church will focus on for the next season:

- Discipleship
- Local Mission & Relational Evangelism
- Intergenerational Connection & Relationships
- Church Unity, Health & Communication

The goal of this event is for the Elders to share our hearts. These Ends and Critical Goals were discerned after months of prayer, study and discussion. There will be time for questions and answers as we discuss how these Ends will direct the life of our church in the months ahead.

Session then passed a new wedding policy. The updated policy will allow weddings in our facilities by non-CPC members and officiated by non-CPC pastors on an exception basis. Those exceptions are subject to Session approval on a case-by-case basis. To approve, Session must determine that the proposed wedding is in line with our biblical convictions and doctrinal standards, will honor Christ, and participants agree to abide by our policies and expectations. Non-CPC officiants must be pastors in good standing and affirm the Essentials of the Faith of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Session also approved a number of items including:

- Final version of Ends & Critical Goals
- Updates to a number of job descriptions recommended by our Operations Committee
- We voted to approve a cost of living increase for church staff effective July 1, 2026.

Session then closed in prayer.

Global Partner Update - Evie in Vietnam

In the midst of the swelling and sweating, God showed up and did what only He can do! I have so many stories, and so few allowed words! Here are some highlights for those who missed my sharing at Missions Conference.

I had beautiful moments of connecting with Dave and Beth over meals with just the 3 of us, during wedding prep, and all of the family and church gatherings. It is quite possible that God broke Beth's air conditioning system at her apartment so that she had to stay with me several nights. Spending those days together gave Beth space to share her heart, dream about her life in ministry with Dave, as well as how the Lord might use her gifts in a ministry outside of their shared ministry. Beth felt valued and heard during our conversations and gained confidence to live out her missional calling in more ways than she'd imagined possible.

I so appreciated seeing God's heart for Dave's parents. Beth is from Vietnam, while Dave is from the States. Dave's parents accepted and valued Beth, but they did not really know her. God used my time with them after the wedding to share about the significant investment I made in Dave and Beth using the Prepare/Enrich assessment during our soul care sessions. Meeting me, hearing me share about the purpose of soul care, and knowing that Dave and Beth received that level of preparation gave them increased assurance that their "kids" were prepared to thrive on mission as a couple.

And while it was an unexpected surprise, I had the opportunity to spend time with 2 of our EPC supported global workers that came to the wedding. I shared a meal with M & T and listened to their stories and encouraged them with our church's love and commitment to them.



*all names have been changed in order to protect individuals living in closed countries.

General Assembly Report

Submitted by Rachel Schmit & Pastor Sam

I am honored to once again be a commissioner and represent CPC and attend our 46th General Assembly in the beautiful setting of Denver Colorado!

This year's General Assembly was one of the most highly anticipated gatherings in recent years, with nearly twice as many commissioners registered as usual. Our theme for the week was "Better Together!" Throughout the Assembly, we were encouraged by excellent teaching on unity, church planting, and the importance of honest confession before God and one another.

Our leaders modeled humility, wisdom, and grace as they guided these conversations. We gathered to discuss and vote on several important and timely matters this year, including revisions and recommendations to our denomination's ordination standards, while strengthening our historic, biblical position on human sexuality.

I do believe that the vast majority of commissioners came with hearts that desired to honor God. They sought to lead our churches with wisdom, integrity, and a commitment to Scripture. While some of the discussions were passionate and, at times, difficult, there was an overall pursuit of seeking what would be best and wise for the future of our denomination.

Everyone shared a desire to strengthen our governing standards so they are clear, biblically faithful, and able to guide our denomination well in today's world. We also celebrated the many ways God is at work through the EPC. It was encouraging to hear about new churches being planted, new missionaries being commissioned, and the continued growth of our denomination around the world! As we return home and share these decisions with our churches, I ask that you continue to pray for our denomination. Pray for wisdom, unity, and grace as we move forward together. Above all, pray that we would love one another well. God is at work, and we are grateful for His faithfulness.

"Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, urge you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future." Ephesians 4:1-4

Nominating Committee Update

Submitted by Pastor Ryan & Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is a team elected by the congregation to prayerfully discern and identify future church leaders. Their mission is to seek out and recommend qualified members who are biblically called and gifted to serve our church family as Elders and Deacons. The Nominating Committee presents a slate of candidates at the annual meeting in October, but ultimately the congregation has the final say in the election of candidates.

This year, we are looking for 1-4 Elders and 6-8 Deacons to begin 3 year terms for the class of 2029 as officers of the church. We have been discerning through potential candidates for months and have begun the process of contacting several candidates for the role. The Committee will continue prayerfully discerning potential candidates leading up to our congregational meeting on the last Sunday of October.

If you have questions or would like to suggest someone as a candidate for serving as a Deacon, Elder, or Nominating Committee, please contact Ruling Elder Chris Rojas, Chair of Nominating Committee, and Pastor Ryan Bogert no later than August 15th. If you would like to know the qualifications to serve in any of these positions, we can forward more information

Nominating Committee: Active Ruling Elder Chris Rojas, Inactive Ruling Elder Lydia Palumpon, Deacon Kristen Del Rio, Russ Blowers, Robin Gwinner, Olivia Motamedi. Pastors Ryan and Sam serve in advisory roles.

Missions Weekend

Submitted by Glenn Anderson

Hope you were able to visit with some of our local missionaries spread across the campus of UC Davis all the way to the ends of the earth during our Missions Weekend Event in May! It was wonderful and hearing the stories, hard work, and sacrifice from our mission partners was truly inspirational.

We kicked off the weekend on Saturday afternoon with a prayer walk at Dusterberry Park down the street from our CPC campus. We headed to a gathering at the Kottnerus' home, where our CPC missions team was in attendance to warmly welcome our mission partners. Chef Larry Hsu provided us with an incredible feast! Yummy! The hospitality shown by Sam and Evie was in full swing as we caught up and fellowshiped together throughout the evening in their jam-packed home! The mission partners were able to feel welcomed, relaxed, refreshed, and cared for as we shared a meal together.

At Sunday's service, our mission partner Mark Teyler (founder of 360 Serve) delivered the message "God's Love, Our Mission". Afterward, congregants met in the Family Life Center for the showcase event, where our mission partners shared their call while breaking bread with box lunches. They shared their unique ministry and journey.

Our mission partner, Greg Roth, generously passed out his new book, "The Farming Stories Jesus Told". Others shared their work with the Navigators on the UC Davis Campus, mission work with local Afghans, Young Life, working with gang members in Fresno, and working with Youth for Christ International in upstate New York and abroad. Those in attendance were engaged and asked many questions about how they raise support, what day-to-day ministry is like for them, and how they received this call from God. These are important questions as our congregation is learning that we now are the disciples who need to obey the Great Commission, produce disciples, and follow our mission partners into the world outside our church's front doors. If they are not coming to us, we need to go to them!



Volunteer opportunities

Our volunteer opportunities have expanded, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! As our community grows, so do the ways we can make a difference together. Scan the QR code below or click the link in our Thursday email to explore our updated list of ways to serve.

We are building a team of people we can reach out to as future needs arise, allowing everyone to serve when the timing is right for them.

Keep in mind that this list is by no means exhaustive. If you have a unique skill, an idea, or a specific passion that isn't mentioned, we want to hear about it! Feel free to reach out to the office with any questions or ideas.



Scan or click the QR code to
explore ways to serve!

Serving Our Church Family, One Meal at a Time

One of the most beautiful ways we can care for one another is by sharing a meal during life's big moments. Whether a family is welcoming a sweet new baby, recovering from surgery, or navigating a difficult season of grief, a warm dinner delivered to their door is a tangible expression of Christ's love.

We are updating our Meal Train Volunteer List, and we would love for you to join us!

How it works:

- No long-term commitment: When a need arises, you will receive an email invitation with a link to the family's specific Meal Train schedule.
- Flexibility: You only sign up for the dates and times that fit your schedule.
- Options for everyone: If cooking isn't your thing, you can still participate by ordering takeout for delivery or contributing a digital restaurant gift card.

If you're willing to be notified when a brother or sister in our community needs a little extra support, please take 30 seconds to join our volunteer pool and call/email the church office.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." – Galatians 6:2

Centerville Free Dining Room Annual Report

Susan Fritz, Volunteer Co-Director

PURPOSE STATEMENT: CFDR is a voluntary ecumenical ministry that expresses the love and concerns of Jesus Christ through feeding and counseling those who are in need.

The Free Dining Room provided nutritious meals, counseling, showers, incidental clothing and toiletry items, information about housing and other available resources in a place where those in our community can come together in an atmosphere of peace.

Our volunteers have faithfully engaged the community by providing for some of our guests' basic needs. Whether slicing cakes and pies, by placing a hot tray of home-cooked food in front of them, or by handing them toiletry items for a shower, our volunteers make this ministry a welcoming place to be. We are a site for HOPE social services on Tuesdays as well as the chaplain ministry provides counseling and prayer for diners on Tuesdays.

We served about 260 dinners per week for a total of 13,410 meals from April 2025 – April 2026. We reached our 38th year of service to the community on July 9, 2026! Free Dining has served 818,537 meals over that period of time. We have approximately 80 dedicated volunteers that do the work of this ministry and use the provision of our amazing God to bring this service to the community.

Over the next year we are anticipating that the roof on the Dining Room and the adjoining buildings will be replaced.

We have continued to successfully complete our inspections by the Health Department.

Committee Members: Sara Mathew, Susan Fritz (Interim Chair), Rachel Kay Lewis, Solomon Teodoro, Val Clough, Tammy Bergquist, and Polly Walker





CenterKids



At CenterKids we believe children *are* the church! We exist to partner with parents to form kids in the way of Jesus. For us, Kids Church is more than childcare! Through thoughtful curriculum and community, we are inviting kids to become more like Jesus.

Contact Next-Gen Director Josh Morgan with any questions or call the church office.

We love our families at CPC and the sound of children in our service is a blessing! It is a picture of the life and joy that God is bringing to our community. When kids join us for service, it is a special opportunity for them to see what their parents and community do while they are in Kids' Church.

Here are some helpful ways that you can interact with families and little ones:

- **Engage!** Greet the parents and the children with smiles and joy!
- **Embrace!** It is a gift that little ones are in our community, so embrace their presence with open arms.
- **Hospitality!** Create a hospitable environment for all by gently reassuring parents that children's noises are a welcome and normal part of our church family.
- **Worship like normal!** Children learn best by observing how others are responding and interacting.
- **Don't mind the mess!** Welcome the snacks and coloring pages as practical tools that help our youngest disciples feel comfortable as they learn to worship.



Upcoming CenterKids Events

Centerville in the Park

11:00 to 12:00 pm - Saturday, September 5

Dusterberry Way & Peralta Blvd.

Are you interested in volunteering in Kids' Ministry?
Please contact Josh Morgan.

At CenterStudents we believe in partnering with parents to form students in the way of Jesus. We focus on **Relational Connection, Gospel Centered Curriculum, and Fun**



Our Middle Schoolers meet the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays in the Young Life Club Room on the West side of campus. Check-in begins at 10:25. 1st Sundays are Family Sundays, where our families attend church together.

On Sunday mornings, our middle schoolers go through the Bible together, asking questions, digging deep, and learning together. This space provides an awesome opportunity for our Middle Schoolers to interact with scripture.

Wyldlife Camp - Josh Morgan

This last week I had the opportunity to take five of our CPC middle school students to WyldLife camp with Tri-City Younglife! We had an incredible time at Woodleaf!

Our students had the opportunity to unplug from phones and screens for a week and connect with each other and with the Lord. Please pray for them this week as they recover and prepare for the new school year!



Young Life

Young Life Club meets every Monday Night from 7 to 9pm at CPC in the Club Room. For more information, email Josh and be sure to follow Tri-City Young Life on Instagram @tricityyounglife

Student Life Group

On Sundays from 4-6pm our students meet in our Young Life Club Room and go through Practicing the Way together. This is a place for our students to experience community and dig into the claims of Jesus and what it means to follow him. We eat together, laugh together, and learn together. **Middle School and High School are welcome.**

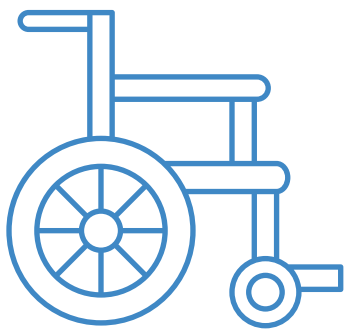




Our Loss...Heaven's Gain

John Ruckrich, July 20

Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. - John 11:26



Mobility Equipment Available

If you know anyone who could benefit from a walker or wheelchair, we have a few at the church. Check with the office for availability.

Email or call the church office if you are interested or would like more information.

Regular CPC Events

Weekly Life Groups, Groups meet weekly, cpcfremont.org/life-groups

Centerville in the Park, 1st Saturday, Dusterberry Neighborhood Park

Games in the Afternoon, 3rd Tuesday from 1-3pm

Tai Chi, Mondays 9:30-10:30 am. Dining Room

Free Dining, Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:00-5:45 pm

Men's Life Group, Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm, Rm 18

Creative Hands Craft & Fellowship, Thursdays, 7:00-8:45pm, E202

Call the church office at 510-793-3575 for more information.



Share Life Together

Join a Life Group!



Life Groups are smaller groups that gather together weekly in homes for a time of food, sharing, community, and prayer.

To learn more, visit cpcfremont.org/life-groups, scan the QR code, or email Pastor Ryan.

Download the ChurchCenter App to stay up-to-date on everything going on at CPC.

If you have questions about how to use the app, check out the tutorial video at planningcenter.com/university.



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