



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

- June 7 | Baptism Sunday
- July 21, 7-8 PM | Prayer & Worship Night
- July 25 | Women's Summer Picnic
- July 27-30 | Kids Music Camp



Baptism Sunday

June 7



July 27 - 30 | 1pm - 4pm

Kids Music Camp is for kids ages 6-12. Campers will play games, learn new songs, and work together to put on a short musical play. It's the perfect place to build confidence, make friends, and discover the joy of music.

\$100 tuition/kid
Need-based scholarships available
Registration open until July 13
cpcfremont.org/kids-music-camp



Prayer & Worship Night

July 21
7 PM

Centerville in the Park

Dusterberry Park
August 1 | 11:00 AM

Women's Summer Picnic

Saturday, August 1

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



Stay connected with us online!

Centerville Presbyterian Church Fremont

@cpcfremont

Old Sam, Young Sam, Old Church, New Church

In 1976, I met a man who changed my world. He had snow-white hair, smelled of pipe tobacco, and told stories about being chased by bears that made my four-year-old heart race. His name was Sam, and he was exactly 100 years older than I was.

Looking back, I realize that following my mother through hospital wings and nursing homes wasn't just "going to work" with her. It was my first training in ministry. Through her, I learned to be comfortable in uncomfortable places. I learned to listen to stories, be shaped by the wisdom of those at the end of their race, and how to hold the hand of a stranger.

Whenever I think of Old Sam, these lines come to mind:

*Old Sam, Young Sam, walking in the sun,
One with wisdom gained, one with life begun.
A hand held tight across the bridge of years,
Sharing all the laughter and melting all the fears.*

I always sign my correspondence, "[Because Jesus Makes us Family.](#)" Why? Because we are an intergenerational, multi-cultural family, joining God's mission to save the world. In Genesis 12:3, God promised Abram that all families of the earth would be blessed through him. That promise was fulfilled in Jesus, and now, our church is the continuation of that promise.

Putting Faith into Practice

Here is how you can help bridge the gap this summer:

In June: We will wrap up our Solitude Series and then look at Biblical Hospitality. We are inviting you to pull up a chair. Don't just sit with your usual circle; reach out to someone from a different generation and share a meal. Listen to their "bear stories" and share your own.

In July: Focus on the Family of God. We will explore God's plan for the Generations. I ask you to pray daily for a "robust unity" in our congregation—that our love for one another would be our greatest witness to the world.

How can we walk, sit, and serve together? It starts by reaching across the "bridge of years" and holding a hand. Will you join me?

Because Jesus makes us family,

Pastor Sam



Kairos Class

Do you feel equipped to engage in the mission of God here in Fremont with your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, classmates, or teammates?

Our denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church has a passion to equip & train congregations with a online tool called Kairos which can spark a passion to help us reach our local community and beyond.

KAIROS is a nine-session course that covers four major areas:

BIBLICAL: We discover that mission lies at the center of God's concern and that an overriding theme throughout the whole Bible is God blessing His people to be a blessing to all people groups.

HISTORICAL: God's mission purpose can be seen throughout history. We gain much from studying the past success and failures of the church in the area of mission expansion.

STRATEGIC: We learn about strategy and key mission strategies that bear fruit in reaching unreached people groups in today's world. Every believer and church has a significant role to play.

CULTURAL: Mission involves crossing cultures. We learn what culture is and see what it takes to communicate and make disciples in a culture different from our own.

When and Where:

Tuesdays, July 28 to September 22
4pm – 6pm PT (zoom)

Information and Registration: epcwo.org/kairos/



Kairos
God, the Church and the World

Session Update (May 2026)

Submitted by Al Trimble Elder

The Session meeting began with a time of prayer. Pastor Sam then led the meeting in a 45-minute study of Ephesians 4:25-32. After a short break, the business portion of the meeting began.

Several reports were sent to session members before the meeting and were accepted. Written reports from Pastors Ryan Begert and Sam Knottnerus were received and discussed. Because the meeting took place shortly after month-end, the April financial statements were not yet available; the March financials –already reviewed in detail at the April meeting–were available for questions. Pastor Sam will represent the church at the May Presbytery meeting.

A motion was made and unanimously approved for elder Chris Rojas to preach from the pulpit on Sunday, June 21. Regarding our stewardship of the townhomes: our financial structure was designed to be revenue-positive, meaning the properties pay for themselves and will ultimately generate an income stream while also providing housing opportunities for mission and ministry. We maintain a \$500K reserve for major and deferred maintenance, and since that threshold has been surpassed, the Finance and Administration Team brought a motion to apply \$150K toward the principal on the townhome loan. The motion was approved. This marks the second prepayment toward the principal in five years – a significant milestone that will greatly accelerate payoff and make the townhomes an even more valuable asset in service of the church's mission.

Spring Deacon Project at WeCare

Submitted by Kristy del Rio

The Deacons had a lovely time Saturday, May 2nd, at WeCare bringing love, tenderness and fellowship to the residents. We titled our event for them "Spring into Love". We provided snacks, beverages and played many rounds of Spring Bingo, where everyone in attendance received a prize, and also provided Spring themed coloring sheets for them to color while at their tables.

In addition, we lovingly provided 80+ Care Packages that included a pillowcase that had encouraging words printed on them, a handmade knit "pocket heart" accompanied by a personally addressed handwritten note. The residents all expressed that they had a good time with us and were eager for our return. God is moving and His love is being poured out.



Solitude Retreat

Our series on Solitude began with what almost sounded like a contradiction: Jesus modeled “solitude in community.” At first glance, those ideas seem opposed. Yet throughout the Gospels, Jesus repeatedly invited His disciples to be near Him while also stepping away to be alone with the Father. In the Garden of Gethsemane, He asked His disciples to pray with Him before going “a stone’s throw away” to seek the Father in quiet prayer.

Our recent solitude retreat became a beautiful expression of that same rhythm. For several hours, we spread out across the church campus—just a stone’s throw from one another—finding quiet places to sit with God. Some rested beneath the warmth of the sun while cool breezes moved through the trees. Bibles were opened, journals filled with prayers and reflections, and hearts slowly became attentive to the voice of the Lord. At lunchtime, we gathered around tables together in silence. Instead of conversation, we listened to a devotional from Max Lucado and quietly reflected as we shared a meal. Even in silence, there was a deep sense of community—many people seeking the presence of God together.

Around forty people from multiple generations participated in the day. Early on, many admitted how difficult it was to quiet their minds. The noise of life, responsibilities, and distractions often follows us into silence. Yet by the end of the retreat, many shared how deeply meaningful the experience had become. Though quieting the soul was not easy, the stillness created space to enjoy the presence of God in a fresh way.

A common theme emerged throughout the day: delighting in God. Not rushing. Not producing. Simply being with Him.

Oh, that we would make space each day to enjoy our God, for “He is not far from any one of us” (Acts 17:27).



Women's Spring Retreat

Submitted by Teresa Schmit

Our CPC ladies & friends (26 of us) had such an incredible weekend at this year's women's retreat. The theme verse was from Ephesians 2:4-10. Because of His grace we are loved, redeemed and made new.

We heard powerful teaching on Romans 8 from speaker Sara Bently and meaningful worship from Linzy Westman. The weekend created space for rest, renewal, deep connections and laughter in the beautiful redwoods. We left the weekend with hearts full of gratitude for all He has done for us!

Please save the date for next year April 23-25, 2027. We plan to start taking sign ups as soon as registration opens up. More info coming soon!



The Journey

Submitted by Evie Knottnerus

Over the summer, the Journey will be taking a break from its regular rhythm. If you know a young adult who has yet to connect with the WhatsApp group, have them contact Molly Anderson to be added to the group! The WhatsApp group will post all spontaneous gatherings and events! If you have any questions about The Journey, please feel free to ask Evie or contact the church office.



Summer with Family Ministry

Mark your calendar for our Family Ministry events this summer!



July 27-30 | 1-4 PM

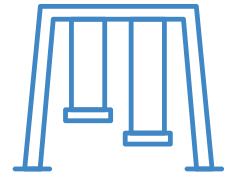
Picnic in the Park

June 27, 11am | Dusterberry Park



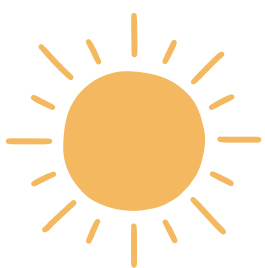
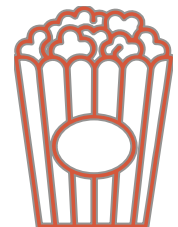
Centerville in the Park

August 1, 11am | Dusterberry Park



Movie Night

August 8, 5-7pm | CPC Gym



Young Life Camp (High School)

June 13-18 | Contact Josh for more info

Wyld Life Camp (Middle School)

July 18-22 | Contact Josh for more info

Facility Updates

Submitted by Tammy Sawyer, Office & Facilities Mgr

TERMITE FUMIGATION

We will be fumigating for termites which basically means tenting the office courtyard area that includes the dining room, office, fireside, Young Life, the club and conference room.

This will take place **Wednesday - Friday, June 17-19**. For obvious reasons, the office will be closed, but staff will be working remotely and checking email & phone messages. Centerville Free Dining will be handing out meals from the Center Gym Thursday. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

Congratulations Graduates!



Grace Grisham Bergquist

*Graduated from California Baptist University
B.S. Computer Science with a concentration in Artificial
Intelligence and Machine Learning*

In the fall she will start her PhD program in Computer Science at the University of Virginia focusing on Human AI teaming. After completion of her PhD she will continue to work for the Department of Defense.

Eric Bennett

Graduating from UC Davis School of Biological Sciences

Planning on applying to post graduate PA schools



Graduation Sunday is June 7



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

Ways to Give

- Mobile Online: [Scan QR code cpcfremont.org/give](http://cpcfremont.org/give)
- In Person: Use envelopes in pews
- Mail: 4360 Central Ave, Fremont, CA 94536



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.



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