



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

- Sept. 5, 11am-12pm | Centerville in the Park
- Sept. 15, 7-8pm | Prayer & Worship Night
- Sept. 20, after service | Coffee & Conversations
- Sept. 26, 10am-2pm | Membership Matters
- Oct. 3, 11am-12pm | Centerville in the Park
- Oct. 4, after service | Baptism Matters
- Oct. 25, after service | Congregational Meeting



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!

Save the date!

Tea & Treasures

November 7 | 9am - 3pm

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



Centerville in the Park

Dusterberry Park
Sept 5 & Oct 3 | 11:00 AM



2nd and 4th Mondays | 11:00-12:30 | Westminster

Women of all ages welcome! Starting September 14

Kindred Spirits is a welcoming gathering where women of all ages grow spiritually and build meaningful friendships across generations. Each meeting offers thoughtful, guided discussions around a Christian book, creating space for reflection, encouragement, and shared wisdom. Come be part of a community where faith deepens, friendships flourish, and women support one another in Christ.

Stay connected with us online!



Centerville Presbyterian Church Fremont



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Stewardship

Have you ever heard the name Humphrey Monmouth? Not ringing a bell?

How about William Tyndale? That name may be more familiar. Tyndale was the man with a burden to put the Bible into the hands of ordinary English-speaking people.

In the 1500s, the Bible in England was largely inaccessible to the average person. Tyndale dreamed of translating Scripture into English so everyday people could read God's Word for themselves and encounter Jesus. But there was a problem. Translating the Bible into English was dangerous and forbidden by church authorities.

Enter Humphrey Monmouth. Monmouth wasn't a pastor, theologian, or Bible translator. He was a businessman who believed in what God had put on Tyndale's heart. He provided Tyndale with financial support and protection. As a merchant, he also helped distribute Tyndale's work.

Tyndale had the calling. Monmouth helped make the calling possible.

That's partnership. That's generosity. And that's how the Kingdom of God often works. Most of us will never translate a Bible, preach to thousands, or become a missionary overseas. But God has given every one of us something we can place in His hands.

Every week, your generosity enables CPC to help more people SEE Jesus and take a step by **Sharing Life, Equipping Disciples, and Engaging Community**. It helps children discover Jesus, students grow in their faith, neighbors find community, people in need receive care, and new disciples learn what it means to follow Jesus.

That's why, as we approach the close of our fiscal year on September 30, we want to finish strong together. Every gift in these next weeks matters. Every gift becomes part of what God is doing through CPC today and what He may do through those lives for years to come.

Sometimes we look at what we have to give and wonder, Can this really make a difference? Humphrey Monmouth probably never imagined that nearly 500 years later people would still benefit from the work he helped make possible. That's the beautiful thing about generosity.

We don't always get to see how far God will carry what we place in His hands.

So let's finish strong together....**Tyndale translated. Monmouth provided. God multiplied.** What might God multiply through us?

Because Jesus Makes Us Family,

Pastor Sam

Ways to Give

Scan QR code

cpcfremont.org/give

Use envelopes in pews

Mail 4360 Central Ave
Fremont, CA 94536



Session Update (August 2026)

Submitted by Linette Young, Elder

The meeting proceeded with prayer and discussion about the July 26 Ends and Critical Goals Lunch with the congregation. General consensus was this was a good forum and there were good interaction and exchange. It was also a chance for the congregation to meet Elders face to face. The Elders were able to present God's Vision for CPC and our plans forward. All the Elders feel we should continue with regular follow-up and communication. Plans are underway to include updates at the upcoming Congregational meeting in October.

Since Elders are no longer assigned to specific ministry areas, Ryan will draft a document for the Bell to let people know the best way to communicate concerns or seek information for specific areas of ministry and also who to reach out to for further information.

Considerable time was spent reviewing correspondence received regarding our church Mission Statement. No specific action was taken, however all agreed that we would review the wording of portions of our Mission Statement for clarity.

Session also adopted a AI policy for the church.

Facilities wise, The parking lot is scheduled for a new slurry top and striping.

The budget was distributed to Elders. Questions were brought up around several areas and more clarification is expected before our formal vote in September. Overall the operational budget is better than projected as shortfalls have been minimized for this year but that may not be the same going forward. The Capital Campaign has helped in providing funds for many improvements needed in the Physical plant of CPC. A plan is underway to "relaunch" the fund and better explain the needs to the congregation.

Guest preachers for August 23, October 11 and November 22 were also approved.

Rachel Schmidt and Linette Young will attend the October 9-10 Presbytery Meeting at Sierra Presbyterian Church along with pastors Sam and Ryan.

Session asks for prayers of the congregation as we continue to consider our future growth, budgets, and personnel needs.



Annual Congregational Meeting

October 25 | After service

Childcare will be available

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.

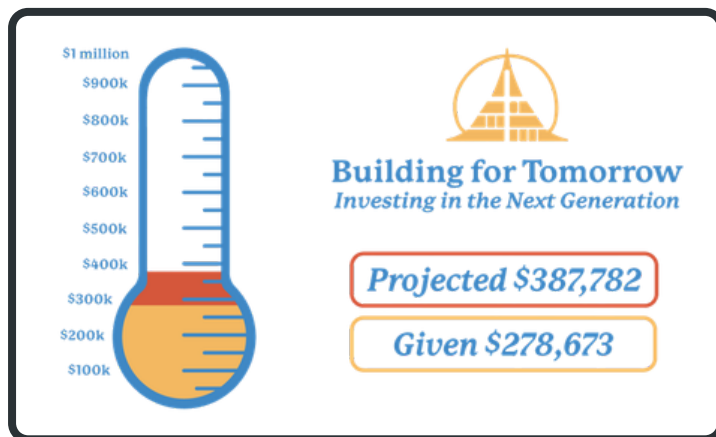
We ask that campaign gifts be "over and above" your regular giving so that our ongoing ministries remain fully funded while we build for the future.

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



Pledged \$109,109

July 2026



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August 2026

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Capital Campaign Projects

Submitted by Tammy Sawyer, Office & Facilities Manager

Termite Fumigation - Completed in June!

Parking Lot Resurfaced & Striped - Completed in August!

Next Capital Campaign Project

Reroofing the Office Courtyard area, which includes the dining room, office, West wing (the Club & room 18), Young Life, and the Fireside. We are close to choosing a roofer and hope to get it done in September.

The Gym Floor

As time is going by, the gym floor is drying more, which will allow us to continue to use the gym for our fall events before we address the repairs or replacement. This will give a full season of rain to verify all the leaks have been addressed and allow us to hold Tea & Treasurers again as well as hold the Taiwanese Thanksgiving dinner in the gym for the first time since 2019!

We are grateful for your support and cooperation as we continue to be good stewards of our property.

Admin & Finance Team Ministry Report

Submitted by Pastor Ryan

Mission Statement: The Admin & Finance Team exists to guide and educate our congregation in the biblical practice of stewardship - defined by our General Assembly as the systematic and proportionate giving of time, talents, and material possessions to the service of Christ's Church, both locally and globally.

Our responsibilities include:

- Developing the annual budget
- Creating and implementing responsible financial policies
- Overseeing fundraising and endowment strategies

Financial Overview

As we approach the final quarter of the 2025-2026 fiscal year, we are grateful to report that compared to the same time one year ago, our congregational giving has gone up about \$116,000 - praise God! Despite this, we remain at a negative net income for the year when factoring in our expenses - although this deficit is smaller than recent years. We are grateful for the improving financial health of our church.

Capital Projects & Reserves

We are grateful that we were able to finish working on the roof of the gym, and that we have resumed using the Centre Building for ministry activity and use by our community. We are using funds from the capital campaign to continue work on various projects - so far we've done a termite treatment for some of our buildings in June, and redoing work on our parking lot in August.

Capital Campaign

We are excited that we have launched the capital campaign, and that we have raised over \$270,000 to date so far this year. This will help replenish the Building Maintenance Fund that was largely depleted to repair our gym roof, which cost approximately \$1.4 million dollars.

We remain deeply grateful for your faithful generosity and for God's continued faithfulness.

Team Members: Pastor Sam Knottnerus, Pastor Ryan Bogert, Chris Christie, Dr. Mike Cook, Matthew Jue, Ned Rendell, Al Trimble, with assistance and input from CPC Business & Financial Administrator Sally Suryan

Pressing into Community

Submitted by Pastor Ryan Bogert

As human beings we often treat community casually and as something to be pursued when it is convenient. Often, we shy away from true community because the idea of being vulnerable and sharing with other people can be intimidating and risky. True community is more than just seeing people on Sunday, or even attending a life group together weekly - although both of these things are good.

This Fall, we are launching into exploring the Practicing the Way unit on community - which frames community as more than just relationships - but as an intentional practice we prioritize and invest in. During the series, life groups will explore 4 core community practices that help us gain a deeper understanding of what community is:

1. Eating Together - Using meal time as a sacred space for hospitality and connection
2. Sharing Life - Moving beyond small talk and growing in relationships centered around vulnerability and mutuality.
3. Praying Together - More than just sharing prayer requests - actually interceding for one another and learning to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit and will of God in community
4. Serving Together - As a body of believers, growing in intentionally reaching out to our neighbors and serving together as a spiritual discipline of being the hands and feet of Jesus as a unified team

God did not build us to be isolated or to have our walls up. He built us for relationships - and He built us for living out our faiths together in community. In Scripture, we are commanded to love one another, to confess our sins to one another, and to carry one another's burdens - and you cannot practice the "one anothers" in isolation.

If you are not in a life group, I highly encourage you to join one today and join us on this journey as we press into community. You can join one today by [clicking or scanning the QR code below](#).

When we SEE Jesus, Jesus invites us to take a step of faith towards him - we hope you will step towards Jesus and join us on this journey.



The Community
Practice

Questions, Concerns, and How We Communicate Submitted by Pastor Ryan Bogert

On Sunday, July 26, we had our Elder lunch with the congregation to discuss where Session feels God is leading CPC and the changes we've made to our structure. One change is that Elders no longer have specific ministry assignments, such as a "Kids Ministry Elder." This does not mean Elders are less involved; rather, Elders are focusing on the spiritual health, shepherding, vision, and overall oversight of the congregation while discerning God's will, while staff and volunteer leaders handle the day-to-day leadership of individual ministries.

Several people at this lunch asked an important question: ***If Elders no longer oversee specific ministries, what should I do if I have a question or concern?***

Here are some steps you can take:

1. **First, talk to staff.** We want to hear from you! Our desire is to have clear and direct communication with the congregation. Staff oversee the day-to-day ministry operations of the church and are usually the best place to begin. When appropriate, they can connect you with the volunteer leader best equipped to address your concern.
2. **Talk to an Elder you trust.** Elders are called to shepherd and oversee the whole church (1 Peter 5:1-3), rather than individual ministries. If for some reason you really feel you can't talk to a staffperson, an Elder can prayerfully help discern the appropriate next step - whether that means bringing something to Session, discussing it with a staff member directly, or simply processing it with you.

Here are some steps you should NOT take:

1. **Write anonymous letters.** Don't communicate concerns anonymously whenever possible. Anonymous communication limits our ability to follow up, ask clarifying questions, and pursue reconciliation. This is not a healthy way to process and deal with concerns in the church.
2. **Don't let frustration simmer in silence.** Satan loves to use quiet, uncommunicated resentment to drive bitterness and division in God's Church (Ephesians 4:26-27). Communicating directly regarding issues to the appropriate party can be difficult, but is the best way to bring things out of the darkness and into the light.
3. **Don't spread complaints or gossip.** There is a difference between seeking wise counsel from a trusted friend and spreading a complaint throughout the church. Scripture repeatedly warns against grumbling because it can spread discontent and division (Philippians 2:14-15). Complaining to a friend or a group can feel cathartic, but all that does is stir up bitterness and make others feel uncomfortable. If someone brings a complaint to you, gently encourage them to take it to the appropriate staff member or an Elder they trust.

Ultimately, we want CPC to be a church where people feel free to ask questions, raise concerns, offer constructive feedback, and have difficult conversations directly and graciously. You do not have to agree with every decision, and you should not be afraid to tell us when you think we've gotten something wrong. What matters is that we communicate honestly, humbly, and directly (Matt 18:15-20), trusting Jesus to lead us toward both truth and unity as we patiently bear with and forgive one another.

Thank you for your love and commitment to our church family and for helping us cultivate a culture of grace, truth, and direct communication as we enter this next season together.

Submitted by Pastor Ryan Bogert on behalf of Session

Teaching Elders: Sam Knottnerus, Ryan Bogert

Ruling Elders: Leonard Babyak, Tim Bergquist, Stuart Howard, Laura Mares, Chris Rojas, Rachel Schmit, Al Trimble, Linette Young

Women's Lunch Recap 2026

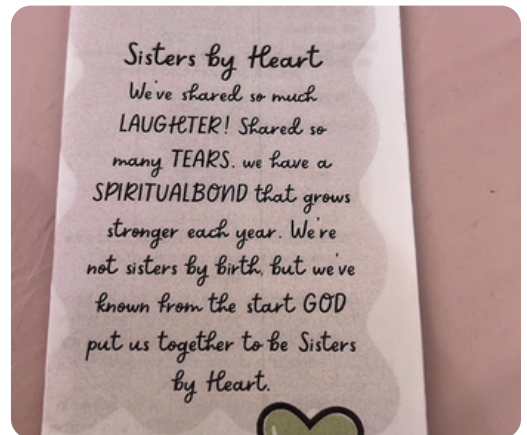
Submitted by Linette Young

Close to 90 women met under the lawn canopy for the Women's Summer Lunch on August 1st. Good food, fun, laughter, time to mingle, and get to know one another was the goal.

During our mixer, women were encouraged to meet someone new with special experiences and fill in all the blanks. Our unique 1/2 of a heart nametags meant we had to find the other 1/2! In another activity, we practiced our skill with "dice" to win sweet treats.

SISTERS BY HEART was the theme of the day, celebrating the love, support, and spiritual bond that exists for women of faith. It's a profound relationship filled with support and mutual growth. We have learned the importance of being there for each other in times of joy and sorrow, extending forgiveness, celebrating successes, and building trust.

The Bible verses we reflected on serve as a beautiful reminder of how God desires for us to interact with one another. May we carry these principles forward and embody the essence of sisterhood in all our relationships, ensuring we uplift and support each other in every step we take. Each sister is a precious gift from God, and together, we can soar higher in faith and love.



Deacons Annual Ministry Report

Submitted by Pastor Sam

Deacons demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by caring for the practical, physical, and relational needs of people within our church family focusing on church members and regular attenders.

Making Sure No One Falls Through the Cracks

Our vision is that **90% of care happens naturally within the relationships where people are already connected**...Life Groups, Bible studies, ministry teams. Deacons provide an important safety net for those who are sick, experiencing a difficult season, or are not yet connected to one of these groups. Simply put, **Deacons help make sure no one falls through the cracks.**

Our Deacons visit church members in hospitals, call, visit, and pray with those who are shut in. They check in with people walking through grief, medical challenges, and other difficult seasons. When meals are needed, our Deacons coordinate with the amazing **Karen Gray**, who faithfully organizes meal trains.

The Deacon Ministry also provides financial gifts and assistance to members of our church family experiencing significant needs and supports our chaplain ministry serving friends and neighbors experiencing hunger or homelessness through Centerville Free Dining

Bringing Hope to the Hurting

Each November and December, our Deacons offer **Getting Through the Holidays**, a two-session Grief Care Gathering for anyone who has lost a loved one. This annual ministry provides a compassionate place to acknowledge the unique challenges of grief during the holidays while pointing people toward the comfort and hope we have in Christ.

Our Deacons are also inviting the congregation into this ministry because **you don't need the title of Deacon to have a ministry of care.** In December, they led a church-wide Card Writing Day after a Sunday service. A spring outreach similarly focused on encouraging residents of a nearby rehabilitation and assisted living facility.

A Year of Transition

A major transition came in January when **Pastor Ryan handed leadership of the Deacons back to Pastor Sam.** We are grateful for Ryan's leadership and investment in this ministry.

We also welcomed **Beth Stutzman**, whose invaluable volunteer support has helped reorganize our documents and systems and prepare for our Deacon Retreat.

Through all of this, our Deacons are making a difference in the everyday lives of people in need. Much of their ministry happens quietly but each act communicates something powerful: Because Jesus made us family, no one should walk through a difficult season alone.

Deacon Executive Team: Carol Carter, Sue Mayor, Kristy Del Rio, Pastor Sam

Board of Deacons: Carol Carter, Kristen Del Rio, David & Sue Mayer, Michael Chau, Cindy Romeo, Joy Santor, Sheila Saxton, David and Sugeetha Chelliah, Glenn Anderson, Jennifer Rhoades



The Journey

Submitted by Evie Knottnerus





CenterKids



At CenterKids, we partner with parents to disciple their kids in the way of Jesus. We believe children are a vital part of the life of the church! Through intentional curriculum, caring community, and lasting friendships, we are equipping the next generation to grow in their walk with Jesus.

Contact Kids Coordinator, Molly Anderson with any questions.

Kids Music Camp!

Another year of Music Camp comes to a close! This year, we put together a short musical play that talked about how Jesus wants to be our friend. Evan brought his worship skills and led the music portion, while Josh made sure that the games were fun and exciting! We also made friendship bracelets as a reminder that we are all a "Friend of God".



New Curriculum!

The Kids Team is excited to be switching over to using the Gospel Project curriculum! This curriculum places a powerful focus on chronological Scripture. Over the course of three years, kids will journey through the entire Bible in detail. Planning for kids to be with us from Pre-K through 5th grade, they will have the opportunity to interact with the full arc of the biblical story twice before they hit Middle School.

Upcoming CenterKids Events

Centerville in the Park

11:00 to 12:00 pm - Saturday, Sept 5 & Oct. 3

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.



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.**



Front and Center

Front and Center is an outreach ministry of the CPC Music Department, whose mission is to bring the gospel to nursing facilities and retirement communities through song and testimony.

Upcoming visit

Sunday, October 11 - Cogir facility at 1:15 PM & Lincoln Villa at 3:15 PM

The Cogir facility has ample seating in its event room, so come join us for some great music that afternoon. We'll have some sing-alongs too!!



Ephesians

Jim Schoon Bible Class

Wednesday Nights
Starting Sept 23
7-8 PM | Zoom Only

Pastor Jim will be presenting a Bible Study on the book of Ephesians beginning Wednesday, September 23. The class will be on Zoom only, and will be from 7:00-8:00.

If you would like to participate in the class, click or scan the QR code or contact the office



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

CPC RINGERS & CELEBRATION CHOIR

Email Christy Hitson for more information
chitson@cpcfremont.org

Rehearsals Thursdays

BELLS - 5:30 PM

CHOIR - 7:00 PM

Regular CPC Events

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

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

Kindred Spirits, 2nd & 4th Monday 11:00-12:30, Westminster

Games in the Afternoon, 3rd Tuesday from 1-3pm, E201

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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