



## 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](https://cpcfremont.org/events)

Aug. 2, 11 AM | Centerville in the Park

Aug. 17, 12 PM - 1 PM | Baptism Matters



## Baptism Matters

August 17 | 12 PM - 1 PM

Baptism is a sacrament given to us by Jesus celebrating that we have new life in Him. Jesus calls all of His followers to be baptized, and getting baptized is an important act of obedience to publicly declare you have made the decision to trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord. This is a great place to start if you're interested or have questions about baptism. In the Fireside Room.

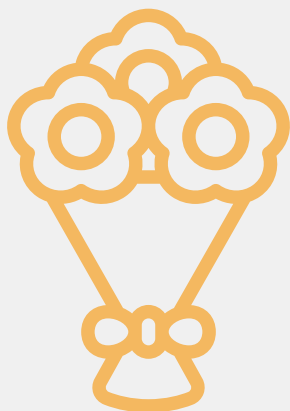


## Centerville in the Park

Dusterberry Park  
August 2 | 11:00 AM

## Free Dining needs bags with handles!

Paper or plastic as long as it has handles. Drop off at church Tuesdays & Thursdays



## Thank you CPC Family!

Although my heart is missing Scott deeply, CPC is filling it with grand amounts of love and support. Your care, concern, cards, support, and servant hearts preparing and running a beautiful service and reception have made my grief more manageable. Your Christ-likeness has been a beautiful witness to my family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

*Tammy, Jacquelyn & family*

# Disciple Making: The Work of the Spirit

*"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth." John 16:13 (ESV)*

Our vision to help people SEE Jesus—through Sharing Life, Equipping Disciples, and Engaging Community—is rooted in the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. Last Spring, the leadership of our church intentionally took some time to consider necessary shifts we as a church need to take, because discipling doesn't happen by accident. We gleaned much wisdom from a book called DiscipleShift by Jim Putman. The book reminds us that disciple-making is not a program driven by human effort but a relational, Spirit-led journey. It begins and is sustained by the Spirit, who empowers us to do the hard, slow, beautiful work of seeking God together as a church family.

Disciple-making starts with prayer, inviting the Spirit to guide our steps. Zechariah 4:6 (ESV) declares, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts." Prayer walking our neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools opens our eyes to God's presence and softens our hearts to His leading. As we pray for neighbors, coworkers, students, and teachers, we ask the Spirit to reveal opportunities to make disciples.

**Share Life.** A casual chat at the office or a kind word at school can become a divine appointment when we're attentive to the Spirit's nudging.

**Equip Disciples.** In life groups, Bible studies, or one-on-one mentorship, we depend on His wisdom to teach and transform lives, helping believers Become Like Jesus. The Spirit shapes us through relationships, fostering growth in faith and obedience.

As we **Engage Community**, the Spirit prompts us to serve as Jesus did—through acts of compassion, service projects, or outreach events that show His love. Acts 1:8 (ESV) promises, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you," equipping us to be Christ's witnesses in our daily lives.

This month, let's commit to prayer walking in our neighborhoods, workplaces, or schools. The Elders have already started this practice. Carry a notebook to jot down names or needs the Spirit highlights. Share these in your life group, praying together for opportunities to make disciples. As we rely on the Spirit, He will empower us to help others SEE Jesus, building a community of disciples who transform lives for His glory.

Click on the link below for a wonderful link to a resource created by the Navigator's Ministry to help guide you through [30 days of Prayer](#) walking the spaces where you live.

Pastor Sam

30 Days of Prayer Guide



## Session Update (June)

Submitted by Linette Young, Elder

The June 2 Session meeting began with prayer. Our Leadership focus included a review of the 30 Days of Prayer Walk and the Personalized Disciple Making Action Plan. We prayed over Practical and Actionable goals

### Business and Reports:

- The session approved the consent agenda covering the meeting agenda, previous minutes, and reports.
- Updates were provided on finance matters including roof and flooring repairs, staff leave, and deferred votes on new elders and core team responsibilities.

### Upcoming Events and Meetings:

- The session confirmed future meeting dates through December 2025, and decided not to cancel the July meeting due to budget process.

**Staff/Team Reports:** Ryan plans to take Study Leave Aug 7, 8 to attend a Global Leadership Summit.

### Recurring and Unfinished Business

- Projected new completion time for the new roof in Centre – October
- Flooring was severely damaged due to water and will need to be repaired or replaced

### New Business

- Session WILL meet in July so that budgeting can be started.

### Denominational Business

- Marilyn Khalaji, Pat Lum, and Rachel Schmit attended General Assembly.
- We noted other denominational events such as the EPC General Assembly and pastors' retreats.
- Various church events, including community nights, graduations, and holidays, were also reviewed.

The meeting concluded with prayer.

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## Session Update (July)

Submitted by Leonard Babyak, Elder

Session met on July 7th. The Elders gathered for 20 minutes prior to the start of the meeting for a time of prayer. This prayer helps Session to focus our hearts and minds on God as we seek His will and direction while conducting the business of the church.

For the first 25 minutes of our meeting, we focused two Bible passages:

**Proverbs 28:18 (KJV)** "Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law."

**Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)** "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

We reflected on what these verses have to say about aligning next year's budget with our vision: Helping People SEE Jesus through three core priorities: **Share Life (Be with Jesus), Equip Disciples (Becoming Like Jesus), and Engage Community (Do as Jesus Did)**. We discussed how our finances must support relational discipleship, prioritize small groups and mentorship.

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## Session Update (July cont.)

Session then moved to a time of reviewing the current church finances. Sally Suryan, our church Business & Financial Administrator, was there to assist us in our review of our church finances and reserve funds. With that information, members of Session will work on producing the budget for next year through the following process.

- Create preliminary budgets for each ministry area that focus on our vision as stated above.
- Our Finance committee will take that input to create a preliminary church budget for discussion at our August meeting.
- At the August Session we will adjust the budget, focusing on our mission and vision while considering our trends in giving and reserve funds.
- Finally, that input will be used to create our final budget for the next fiscal year to be voted on at our September meeting.

Following our budget discussion, Session voted to pass our Consent Agenda. The Nominating Committee reported on their activities to secure nominations for Elder and Deacon for next year. Staff reports were provided in writing. Tammy Sawyer informed us that while the work on the gym roof is progressing, we are once again waiting for an inspection from the city before we can progress. *(Since the Session meeting, the roof project has resumed!)*

Elder Rachel Schmit gave a report from her first EPC General Assembly meeting. She shared how great it was to hear from those in their 20's, how they seek time and relationship with the older members of our churches. Time at church, at coffee or lunch, a ride to a meeting, can all serve to build relationships and connections.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

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### Nominations for Deacon, Elder, Nominating Committee

As a follow-up to Pastor Sam's recent sermons on Godly Leadership in the church, the CPC Nominating Committee is always looking for your prayerful support and insight.

If you would like to nominate someone as a candidate for serving as a Deacon, Elder, or Nominating Committee, please contact Yvonne Rhodes, Co-chair of Nominating Committee, at [ydrhodes@gmail.com](mailto:ydrhodes@gmail.com) no later than August 15th.

If you would like to know the qualifications to serve in any of these positions, we can forward you a personal link.

# Report of the EPC 45th General Assembly

Submitted by Marilyn Khalaji, Elder

June 17-19, 2025 | Held at Ward Church, Michigan

The 45th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church convened at Ward Church in Michigan, bringing together leaders, congregants, and representatives from churches across the country. The assembly was a pivotal event that celebrated our denomination's commitment to faith, community, and collective progress.

The General Assembly is the annual meeting that serves as the highest governing body of the EPC. It is a time for worship, celebration, decision-making, and reflection on the past year's progress while casting a vision for the future. This year's assembly focused on strengthening community bonds, addressing pressing theological and societal issues, and advancing the denomination's mission to "carry out the Great Commission."

The 45th General Assembly was a movement that inspired hope and reinforced the EPC's mission. It provided attendees an opportunity to reflect on their roles within their respective churches and communities while committing to a shared vision of spreading the gospel and serving others. The assembly strengthened the bonds between members and laid a solid foundation for future endeavors.

The EPC 45th General Assembly was a success, embodying the grace, unity, and forward-looking spirit of the denomination. From worship and fellowship to strategic planning and theological discourse, the event captured the essence of the EPC's mission and values. I left the GA with renewed vigor, ready to share the lessons learned.

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## Women's Summer Picnic

A great turnout of over 65 women gathered for our Women's Summer Picnic - Blessings & Butterflies. A scrumptious lunch was followed with scripture readings pointing us back to the truths of God's Word for our daily lives. The scriptures reminded us that we are created, beautiful, strong, capable, always loved, enough, victorious, chosen, and amazing women!

Laughter and squeals were heard as we practiced our best butterfly "moves" for an interactive left/right passing game. Many butterfly motif items were won by lucky winners during our prize drawing.

The sun came out behind the clouds just in time for the highlight of the afternoon as we released "live" butterflies. The butterflies symbolize transformation and rebirth while reminding us of 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold all things have become new."

It was a beautiful sight watching the little butterflies flap their wings gently and finally flying off into the heavens.

Thank you Women's Ministries for another great Summer Picnic. Until next year - keep fluttering!



# CFDR Ministry Report

Submitted by Sara Mathew - Volunteer Co-Director

**Mission 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.

- Our mission is to provide a welcoming atmosphere where the hungry and homeless can have nutritious food, showers, toiletry items, incidental clothing, counseling, information about housing, jobs, and access to available resources.
- Representatives from ABODE come weekly to provide social services.
- Our Chaplains seek to meet their spiritual needs through prayer and sharing the love of Jesus. They currently meet with 35-45 diners weekly. When needed, they provide monetary support like five dollars for bus fare. This is funded by the Deacon's fund.
- The Volunteers and Diners are our Life Group. We share our joys and concerns, and we pray together and experience the love and grace of Jesus through this ministry.
- We served 15,239 meals from July 2023 to June 2024. Grand total of 831,397 meals were served from 1988 through December 2024.
- Praises to our Lord! We are able to continue this ministry because of the love, grace, and miraculous provisions from our Amazing God. He has been providing donors and a team of dedicated 70 Volunteers, paid Custodians, a shower monitor, and Security Guard.
- We are grateful for the CPC congregation, Volunteers, Chick Fil A, Niles Rotary, Mission Rotary, Fremont Rotary, and Rotary Club of Fremont for their continued prayers, donations, financial support, and service. We are also grateful to the Sikh Temple for providing Blankets every winter and to the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce and Taiwan Association for their generous yearly Thanksgiving dinner.

**Committee Members:** Barbara Brown, Rachel Kay Lewis, Sara Mathew, Solomon Teodoro, Susan Fritz and Val Clough



# Tech Team Ministry Report

Submitted by Kathy Babyak, Tech Director

**Mission Statement:** To serve God by providing the best audio and visual experience in worship to the congregation of Centerville Presbyterian Church, so that all can hear and see the Word of Jesus Christ.

The Tech Team exists so that the Congregation of CPC can Share Life, even when they aren't physically present, Equip Disciples by hearing and seeing the Word of God, and Engage Community through worship in the sanctuary and online.

We continue to grow our team through volunteers and Tech Scholars. Our volunteers can go through training on each system in Tech Heaven. Volunteers who want to learn audio go through an online course that we've found very useful. Tech Scholars are high school or college students who earn scholarship money towards either private high school or college tuition. Our Stage Managers are our contact with those on the platform. They help make sure everything runs smoothly.

Tech Team Highlights:

- One new Tech Volunteer
- One new Tech Scholar
- One scholar for 2025 (we have openings for 3 more Tech Scholars)
- Trained on the new, beautiful LED wall (and tv monitors on the back wall) that was installed in March
- We moved the station for Audio 2 (Livestream audio mix) downstairs to have the ability to isolate the livestream sound better.



It takes many volunteers and lots of volunteer hours to make Tech Heaven run smoothly. We are at church on Wednesday evenings to set up for and support the Worship Team and their rehearsal. We arrive early on Sunday morning to get everything set up and ready for Church Service. On any given Sunday, there are at least 4 people in Tech Heaven making sure you can hear and see the church service. And we are there at weddings and celebrations of life during the week or on Saturdays.

The bottom line is, ***WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!*** We especially need Audio Techs, Camera Techs and a Stage Manager or two! We train from the bottom up. You don't need to have any experience. Talk to our volunteers – we each have a different story as to why we are in Tech Heaven. We do a lot of work, but we have a lot of fun, too. And we have snacks! Do you want to join us? Volunteers can serve on a rotation basis and you can choose how often you want to help out! Come up to Tech Heaven and check us out!

**Committee Members:** Leonard Babyak, Tim Bergquist, David Fritz, Susan Fritz, Emily Galimba, Tom Luck, David Mayer, Tony Perez, Pam Pizzi

**Tech Scholars:** Ian Pagador, Matthew Pizzi

**Stage Managers:** Tammy Bergquist, Marta Elliott, Yvonne Rhodes

# Centerville Community Night

Our first Centerville Community Night was a wonderful time for everyone involved! Our Women's Ministry had a joyful time of fellowship and fun during their Paint and Sparkle event. The ladies painted wine glasses, flowerpots, and canvases, each making their own personal masterpiece.



Our Men's Ministry met to talk about biblical masculinity, and ultimately, biblical masculinity is defined by the life and person of Jesus. The men heard stories from Elders Tony Perez and Stuart Howard as examples of how to live as men. Childcare was provided as our kids had a summer kickoff party. There's something for all ages at our Centerville Community Night!



# THE JOURNEY

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 the church office 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 anyone on the leadership team... Molly Anderson, Rachel Schmit, Andrea Craddock or Chris Hung, or Ana Larson, our event coordinator for the summer.





# 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. We meet every Sunday except the first one when we have Family Sunday.

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

Think about a time when you had an adult that made an impact in your life. Maybe they helped get you to an after school activity or came to your birthday party. Did they help you with homework? Or writing your resume when it was time to apply for your first job?

They say it takes a community to raise a child. If you are a parent, you probably experienced that first hand. In Kids Church, we ask our volunteers simply to show up and be part of that community. Through times of crafts, or conversations after the video lesson, we get a window into the kids' lives - their experiences, how they view the world, and what they had for dinner last night. What starts as simply being in the classroom with them becomes the kids finding you on the patio after church to share their new artwork or something exciting that happened at school. It is the relational moments that help to create the lifelong bonds.

If any part of this resonated with you, please reach out to Josh or Molly to see how you can get involved with CenterKids!



## Upcoming CenterKids Events

### Centerville in the Park

11:00 to 12:00 pm  
Dusterberry Way & Peralta Blvd.

**Next date: August 2**

**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.



### Student Life Group

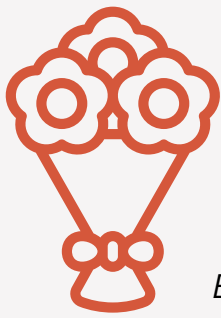
On Sundays from 4-6 pm our students meet in our Young Life Club Room and go through Practicing the Way together. This is a place for our students to experience community and dig into the claims of Jesus and what it means to follow him. We eat together, laugh together, and learn together. Middle School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

**We are excited to continue to invest in Middle and High School students this year!**  
**For more information on Middle or High School, email Josh or call the church office.**

## YoungLife Camp!

This last week some of our high school students went to Young Life camp with Tri-City Young Life. The Lord showed up in some beautiful and powerful ways in the lives of these students! I am so grateful for your prayers and support!





## Our Loss...Heaven's Gain

**Sandy Jett, June 28**

**A memorial for Sandy is Saturday, Sept. 6 at 10 am**

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

### Free Dining Invite Cards

Free Dining now has invite cards! These cards provide all the information needed for people in the community to learn more about the services offered. Pick up a few cards and have them in your car, purse, or backpack ready to hand out as the Holy Spirit leads. Cards are available in the lobby on Sundays.

## FREE MEAL

**Centerville Free Dining Room**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays  
4pm – 5:45pm**

**Showers available Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Chaplain services available Tuesdays**

**Centerville Free Dining Room**

Centerville Presbyterian Church  
(across from the DMV)  
4360 Central Ave, Fremont, CA  
(510)793-3575

## Regular CPC Events

**Weekly Life Groups**, Groups meet weekly, [cpcfremont.org/life-groups](http://cpcfremont.org/life-groups)

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

**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](http://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](http://planningcenter.com/university).



## Ways to Give

Mobile	Scan QR code
Online	<a href="http://cpcfremont.org/give">cpcfremont.org/give</a>
In Person	Use envelopes in pews
Mail	4360 Central Ave Fremont, CA 94536



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