



THE CHIMES

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The Results are in. . . and we were surprised.

In November of last year the Communications Committee received a request that we look into changing the name of the church newsletter. A visitor had accessed the website and reported they thought the button to download “*The Chimes*” had something to do with music and did not refer to a newsletter. The committee decided to let the congregation decide on a new name.

The December article in *The Chimes* encouraged the congregation to propose a new name and we received twelve submittals. During both services on Sunday December 14th, the congregation was asked to vote for their favorite new name. Following the second service, the votes were counted.

Vote Tally

Keep “The Chimes” (a write in)	16
The Messenger	14
CPC Happenings	12
CPC Newsletter	12
Heart to Heart	11
Faith News	7
News from the Heart	5
The Herald	4
Others and write-ins having 3 or less each	14



The results were interesting and unexpected. The first service voting was diversified with several write-ins. Second service voted overwhelmingly to keep “*The Chimes*” as our newsletter name. And we will.

However, this didn’t solve the apparent confusion on the website. We have decided to alter *The Chimes* download button. Moving it to a more prominent location, closer to the top of the page and further identifying it as the “The Monthly Newsletter of Community Presbyterian Church.” We feel this will resolve the confusion encountered on the website.

The Communications Committee wishes to thank all those who participated, both in suggesting names and voting for their favorite.

Larry Collins – Chimes Editor

On a personal note: I was thrilled to not have to work up a new logo for page one this month.

Session Report

By Al Jessen, Clerk of Session

Eight elders, 5 elders-elect, 8 deacons and 5 deacons-elect met in Fellowship Hall for the December 18 annual Joint Meeting of Elders and Deacons at 7:00 pm. Thirty persons were present. Refreshments were provided by Morgan & Veronica Murray. Moderators Morgan Murray and Dorinda Ross thanked outgoing officers for their service on Session and the Board of Deacons, respectively, and welcomed new officers whose terms begin in January. New officer ordination and installation are scheduled for Sunday, January 13. There will be a training class for new elders on January 14 and a training class for new deacons will be announced. Committee assignments for elders will be announced on January 15. The Moderator dismissed the deacons to the CE room for their regular monthly meeting.



The December 18 Regular Meeting of Session began with a prayer by Moderator Morgan Murray at 7:40 pm in Fellowship Hall. Team Leader Bob Ause gave a verbal summary of the successes of the Family Ministry Initiative and possible future activities to expand it. Co-chair Dale McLeod presented a stewardship report including November 30 and December 16 year-to-date contribution results as well as 2008 pledging statistics. There were no significant changes from the report he gave at the December 16 Town Hall Meeting.

Pastor Morgan, Deacon Frances Bucklin and member Toni Hannum, RN, visited and served home communion to Trudy Emerson, Dolores Snell, Janet Boucher, Leona Sims and Paul & Honey Cassady on December 12. They also visited Vern Tucker and Vera Mansfield who did not receive communion.

The Finance & Administration Committee distributed a November 30 Financial Statement which indicates that year-to-date income was \$16,900 more than y-t-d expenses and that the cash reserve was \$46,028. Session approved a report from the Internal Audit Committee which examined all CPC statements and financial records for 2006 and found them to meet all applicable standards of accounting. Session approved the 2008 Preschool Budget as proposed, but tabled the 2008 General Fund Budget until the next meeting because more discussion is required.

Session voted to follow a standard adopted by our Presbytery in 2006 which affirms Presbyterian Book of Order sections stating that all ordained church officers must live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness. CPC will apply this standard to candidates for ordination to all church offices. This standard cannot be used to exclude anyone from fellowship or worship.

A Called Congregational Meeting will be held between worship services on Sunday, January 6, 2008, to vote on a motion changing CPC By Laws to specify that the term of office for elders be reduced from 3 years to 2 years, and that 6 elders shall be elected each year so that Session will continue to include 12 elders. This replaces an earlier request to reduce Session membership to 9 elders. This change is expected to make more members willing to accept a nomination to serve on Session.

The Annual Potluck Lunch and Meeting of the Congregation will be held at noon on February 10, 2008.

Church rolls currently include 197 active and 30 inactive members. The per capita apportionment for 2008 is \$22.14 per member

Presbyterian Women -

- Ø **Bible Study - Above and Beyond – Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth. Pastor Morgan will lead the Bible Study Preview (for Chapter 5) on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 from 10:00 – 11:00 in the CE Room.**

Lydia Circle meets Wednesday, Jan. 9, 10:00 at the church. Call Colleen Emery for details 496.7521 – cemery@cox.net

Martha Circle meets Thursday, Jan. 10, 9:30 at the church – CE Room. Call Val Jessen for details 495.0350 – jessen23@cox.net

Mary-Deborah Circle meets Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7:00 PM. Contact Nancy Powers for location 495.4262 – forpowers@cox.net

- Ø **The PW Quiltmakers** will meet on Thursday, Jan. 3 after breakfast and Jan 17 at 9:00 am. Call Marilyn Johnson for details 498.2231 – mj1626@aol.com
- Ø **The PW Book Club** meets Tues, Jan. 22, at 7:00 PM at the home of Veronica Murray, 218.6074. Call for directions. The selection for discussion in January is **Setting the Table** by Danny Meyer.



Other January Dates

- Monday, December 31st, 7:30 pm. New Year's Eve Service
- Tuesday, January 1st – Happy New Year
- Sunday January 6th Congregational Meeting between services. We will be considering a change to the Church bylaws.
- Sunday January 6th, 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. Inquirers' Class (see page 4)
- Saturday January 12th Breakfast and Study Group re-starts following the holiday hiatus (see page 5)



Announcing our new Director of Music – Art Ortiz



We are proud to introduce the newest member of the Community Presbyterian Church Staff. Art Ortiz has accepted the position as Director of Music. Art's duties include both the first service praise band and the second service choir.

Please take the opportunity to welcome Art and the Ortiz family into "the Little Church with the Big Heart" at your first opportunity.



Art Ortiz Director of Music

Per Capita for 2008



Remember: Each Presbyterian Church is charged a per capita fee for each reported member. The amount for Community Presbyterian Church for 2008 is \$22.14 per person. Thank you for assuming your share of these annual dues. A per capita envelope is in the 2008 Offering Envelope Packet or envelopes may be found in the pews

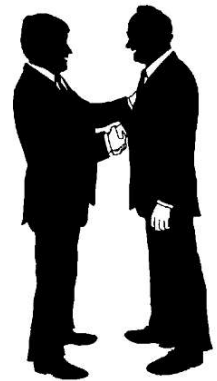
Stewardship Committee

Inquirer's Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of Community Presbyterian Church? If you are, here's your chance to learn all about it.

There will be an "Inquirers Class" on Sunday, January 6th from 11:30 am. To 3:00 pm. in Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided.

If you would like to reserve a spot or if you have any questions, please contact the church office (493-1502) or Larry Strong (496-2991).



Saturday Morning Breakfast and Study



Join Pastor Emeritus Bob Schwenck on Saturday mornings (re-starting January 12th) for a study based upon the Upper Room Magazine. Rich Zodnick prepares a gourmet breakfast. That alone is worth getting up early.

Breakfast: 8:00 am. (please let Rich know if you are coming)
Discussion: 8:30 am.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Letter from partners in Pakistan

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is holding our colleagues, partners and the people of Pakistan in prayer as they struggle with the death of Benazir Bhutto.

Following is a letter received from Marvin Parvez, Director of the Church World Service (CWS) Pakistan/Afghanistan office. PDA has provided support for response to flooding that struck the country this past summer and the earthquake that ravaged North West Frontier Province last fall. We ask that you also pray for the people of Pakistan and our CWS partners in the sad and chaotic times there.

December 27, 2008

Dear Friends:

As I write these lines to you from Islamabad, the government moves the body of Ms. Bhutto from the hospital to the ancestral village in Sindh Province (down south and five hours drive from Karachi) in the middle of the night and against the wishes of Ms. Bhutto's husband (a very typical move by government to control the violent reaction across the country by PPP workers, supporters and other groups against the current setup).

Many of you have supported us in the last decade during some very difficult times that we have faced in this country/region, but this is the biggest tragedy and one that we might not recover from as a country and nation.

We all are truly grateful for your prayers and support during these very difficult times — now is the time we need your prayers and support the most.

In the last few hours, hundreds of police stations, government buildings, vehicles and trains have been attacked and burnt down and it will take time to get the actual number of dead.

Most of the opposition parties have called for a national government and cancellation of Elections and the U.N. Security Council will meet in the next few hours to discuss what next for this nuclear armed country threatened by Islamic militants.

All our team members are safe and we have closed offices and suspended operations for the time being.

We will keep you updated and once again from the team here thanks for your concern and support.

Peace,
Marvin Parvez

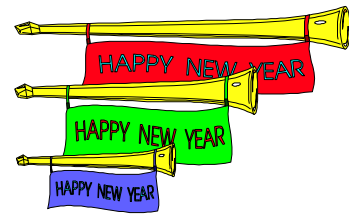
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Kendall Jones
06 Erika Hourian
09 Jennifer Powers
10 Sam Pfeil
10 Carol Rodriguez
11 Al Jessen
11 Mae Round
15 Cairistiona Flatley
16 Brenton Lowery
17 Joe Hunt
17 Ginny Stephanian
17 Josephine Morrow

18 Cathie Hulett
18 Robin McColley
18 Jordan Wermers
19 Laura Whitney
28 Bonnie Ferber
29 Wendy Jenkins
30 Liam Murray
30 Jason Ross
30 Larry Strong
31 Katie Lanni
31 Will Reeder

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

01 Don and Virginia Miller
03 Eric and Lynn Frey
09 Michael and Joanne Frazee
17 Billy and Mae Bell
19 Paul and Honey Cassady
24 Larry and Michele Anderson
25 Kurt and Diane Pederson
30 Jim and Bobbie Babbage



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