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Monthly Newsletter of Community Presbyterian Church

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Summer Service 9:30 a.m. Schedule Begins:



The focus of our summer worship is

“Living God’s Way: Fruits of the Spirit”

Based upon Galatians 5:22-23

*“But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace,
long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
meekness, temperance.”*

Now through August 15, Community Presbyterian Church will have a single Sunday morning service beginning at 9:30 a.m. The service combines elements from both the contemporary and traditional services and allows our entire congregation to worship together.

Church decorations for “Fruits of the Spirit”

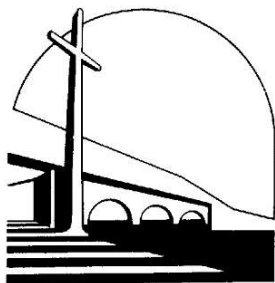
Events and Activities

- Wednesday, July 2 – Habitat for Humanity Framing Day –
Volunteers Wanted (see page 4)
- Friday, July 4 – **Independence Day**
- Wednesday, July 9 – Farewell potluck for the Ause Family (see page 4)
- July 22 and August 26 – South County Habitat Night at CPC
New Volunteer Orientation 6:30 p.m.



For PW, monthly fellowship groups, and other meeting schedules see page 5.

An Important Message from Pastor Morgan



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monday, June 23, 2008

Dear Members and Friends of CPC,

It is with an overwhelming sea of emotions that I am writing to let you know that my family and I are being called to a new ministry. Yesterday morning I was called by the congregation of Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church in Walnut Creek, CA to be their new Senior Pastor. After much prayerful consideration with Veronica and trusted wise colleagues, I have accepted this significant responsibility and rely on God's grace to succeed in it.

I feel privileged to have served you during a time when God has done good work in the CPC church family. We have grown in unity as we have clarified our missional purpose, articulated a clear vision for the future, rediscovered our values around worship, increased our community involvement, and improved communication between staff, Session and the congregation.

Veronica and I feel God's strong and clear call to this new ministry and look forward with excitement to the new challenges and opportunities this move will provide for our family. Nevertheless, we feel also great sorrow in knowing that this transition requires us to say goodbye to loving friends and a wonderful community.

I will be with you next Sunday, June 29th and will remain with you through the end of July. Our family will take the month of August to prepare for the transition, and I will begin my duties in Walnut Creek on September first. Understanding that our decision will generate questions about what happens next.

Please know that it would have been impossible for us to accept this call without the support, encouragement and experience that Community Presbyterian has provided for us these past four years. During this time, you have helped me become even more of the pastor that God has called me to be. As such, I am forever in your debt and give thanks to God for the time we have had together.

Yours, with affection and gratitude,

Morgan Murray
Pastor

June Session Report

Eight elders met with Pastor Morgan Murray for a Regular Meeting of Session on June 17. Three elders were excused. Also present were three guests: Veronica Murray, Rev. Steve Yamaguchi (Executive Presbyter at Los Ranchos Presbytery) and Rev. Duncan McColl (Associate Pastor at Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church).

Pastor Morgan made an announcement to Session that he is giving a candidate sermon at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 22, and its congregation will vote to accept or reject their Pastor Nominating Committee's recommendation to call Morgan Murray as Senior Pastor of their church, starting in September. When he receives a call, Pastor Morgan will notify the CPC congregation with a formal letter of explanation and will leave CPC no later than July 31, following a vote of CPC congregation to sever its relationship with Pastor Murray and a vote of Los Ranchos Presbytery to approve it. Rev. Yamaguchi explained the process which CPC session and congregation must go through to elect an Interim Pastor and then call an installed Pastor. This process can take from 12 to 36 months. Session will hold a special meeting on July 1 at 7 pm to begin plans for the transition. Rev. Duncan McColl was introduced as the person appointed by the Los Ranchos Presbytery Committee on Ministry to moderate CPC meetings when Pastor Morgan steps down as moderator and until election of an Interim Pastor by the congregation.

Reports were received from Stewardship and Finance & Administration Committees stating that year-to-date contributions, other income, and expenses are in line with the budget at the end of May. Complete reports and comments will be presented when the mid-year numbers are available. The Stewardship Committee announced that the 2009 Stewardship Campaign will begin on October 19 and will finish on Pledge Sunday, November 9. The Finance & Admin. Committee recommended and session approved reducing insurance coverage on the Youth Center, saving a considerable amount of money in premiums. The Stewardship Committee delivered a statement about the amount and kind of support volunteers need from church staff and requested a special meeting of session to study the situation with the goal of defining what staff qualifications to seek when advertising for and interviewing candidates.

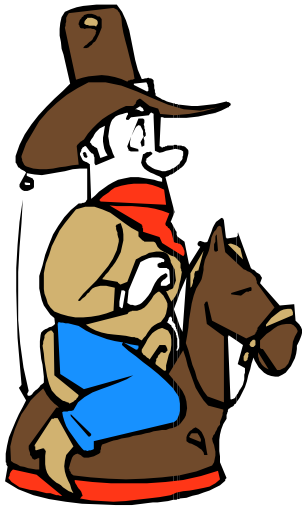
Personnel Committee scheduled a meeting with an experienced candidate for the open Family Ministry position on July 7 at 6 pm to explore what sort of program would be appropriate for CPC. Fellowship was given approval to hold Bingo or Bunco games at a future fund raiser as long as there are no cash prizes and no alcohol is served. Session approved a revised set of CPC Bylaws which follow recommendations submitted by the Los Ranchos Presbytery. The congregation must vote approval before they are official. The Endowment Fund Committee submitted changes they would like session to approve next month. These include changing the name of the committee and adopting new rules for undesignated and unrestricted endowment giving. The hope is that a greater number of members will contribute to endowments and for them to make fewer restrictions on endowment spending.

Communion was served to 134 persons in worship services on Sunday, June 1. Home communion was served to ten persons on May 7 by the Pastor with Toni Hannum and Deacon Barbara Ferguson. Active Member Janet Boucher died on June 2, 2008 and her memorial service was held at the church on June 14. Non-Member Gordon Rinehart, husband of Doris Rinehart, died on June 6 and his memorial service will be held at the church on June 28. CPC rolls now include **200** Active and **29** Inactive members.

Al Jessen, Clerk of Session

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

This month we are holding our final set of Six-Plus-Two dinners and then the participants will get together and evaluate. If you did not get a chance to participate and want to if we continue in the fall, please let the Fellowship Committee know. The committee needs two more homes and we can then add another group



The Youth Fund Raiser Dinner "Western BBQ" was held at the Stites' home in San Juan Capistrano. A dinner of ribs, BBQ chicken, beans, coleslaw and corn-on-the-cob was served by the youth. A rousing auction conducted by Tom Lanni followed the (Ohio rules) Bingo game. Thanks to the youth and the committee for their hard work, The Stites family for letting the youth invade their house, and to all of who attended for making this fund raiser such a success.

The Fellowship Committee is considering a progressive BBQ this summer like we did a couple of years ago combined with a Mission collection of used clothing. Do you have any ideas or suggestions for this activity? If so let the committee know.

Fellowship Committee:

Fran Eagan, Barbara Lanni, Barbara Ward and Anne Larson

Farwell Party for the Ause Family

Date: Wednesday, July 9th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall

We will be having a pot luck party to send the Ause family off to their new home in Michigan.

Pease bring a salad or main entree. We'll provide the dessert.

Signups will be taken on the patio the preceding two Sundays or call Fran Eagan at 240-6114.



Wednesday, July 2 is Framing Day for the Habitat for Humanity "Homes for Heroes" project in San Juan Capistrano. Volunteer builders will report to Habitat site at 7:30 a.m. All CPC congregation is invited to the public ceremony at the site at 11:15a.m.

If you can volunteer to help with wall raising or child care on July 2nd please contact David Ludwig



CPC ADULT AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

WOMEN'S GROUPS

Presbyterian Women Gatherings

Contact: Fran Eagan/Muriel Hamme
206-0588

PW Circles

PW Lydia Circle

Second Wednesday of month-10 a.m.
Contact: Colleen Emery-496-7521

PW Martha Circle

Second Thursday of month-9:30 a.m.
Contact: Val Jessen-495-0350

PW Mary-Deborah Circle

Second Tuesday of month-7:30 p.m.
Contact: Anne Larson/Bernie Schwenck
493-4971

PW Quiltmakers

First & Third Thursday of month-9-11:30
a.m.

Contact: Marilyn Johnson-498-2231

PW Book Club

Fourth Tuesday of month-7 p.m.
Contact: Terri Treemarcki-Beck
365-0873

Women's Grief Support

Second Wednesday of month-5 p.m.
Contact: Frances Bucklin-496-9553

Women's Breakfast

First Thursday of month-7:30 a.m.
Jolly Roger's, Dana Point
Contact: Marge Ball-830-7791

MEN'S GROUPS

Men's Breakfast

First & Third Thursday of month
Denny's on Ortega Hwy & Fwy
Contact: Dale McLeod-492-5382

YOUTHGROUPS

Mid-high Group/Sr high Group

Wednesday evenings at Youth Center
Contact: Jake Gilbertson-493-1502
ext 25

Mid-high Group/Sr. High Group Bible Study

Sundays-8:45 a.m. at Youth Center
Contact: Jake Gilbertson-493-1502
ext 25

CHURCHWIDE GROUPS

Habitat for Humanity

Second Wednesday of month-6:30 p.m.
Meets in downstairs Fellowship Hall
Contact: De Trenbeath-496-8615

Saturday Morning Fellowship

Selected Saturdays-8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Contact: Rich Zodnik-496-4513

Friday Night Group

Third Friday of month-6 p.m.
Contact: Max Harris-581-2725

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, and Thursday evenings
Music room
Contact: Office-493-1502

Save the Date
CPC Women's Retreat

Date: **October 10, 11 and 12**

Location: **Pine Manor** - Gail Warner's retreat center off Ortega highway toward Lake Elsinore

Facilitator: **Jacque Nunez**



Jacque Tahuka-Nunez is a descendant of Leather Jacket soldier, Felicious Rios, who guarded Father Serra on his journey to San Juan Capistrano. For generations, the Rios family intermarried with the indigenous people of the Acjachemen Nation. The oldest street in Orange County, Los Rios Street, is named after her family.

Throughout her career, she has received several esteemed awards including the Five Jewel Award for Outstanding Achievement, Outstanding Tribal Community Contribution Award and Most Outstanding Teacher Award.

Through Jacque's Native storytelling, she has led her to a unique basket weaving ministry which we are excited to experience.

"Weave a basket and know that what you make with your hands, that comes from your heart, is the greatest gift to give."

More details, such as cost, will be available as we get closer to date.

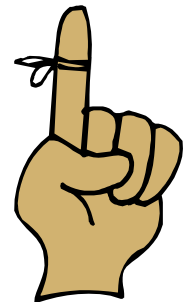
For specific questions:

Please contact Barbara Lanni 495-6686 or Susan Howit 661-8295

LOST!!!!!!! AND NOT FOUND

Your Kitchen crew needs your help. We are missing a couple of items.

1. Three white damask long rectangular tablecloths. Did anyone by any chance take them home to wash for us and forget about them? Please take a look.
2. Our white step stool that hangs on the pantry door. Those of us that work in the kitchen, except for Rich, cannot function in there without the stool. The shelves in some of the cupboards and refrigerator are too high for us. Do you have any idea where it might be? Perhaps it got borrowed and then tucked away else where in the Church? Any help in locating it would be appreciated



Thanks, Fran Eagan

ENDOWMENT AND LEGACY GIVING

This year our committee was honored to present college scholarships to our two graduating seniors, Cristina Maxey and Matthew Tolles.

These scholarships are available because of the legacy giving of Church members. Do you remember Dick and Vi Minasian, Harold and Louise Dunn, Tom Catlett, Carole Johnston? Many of us do and each year our committee has the pleasure of distributing the income from their legacy to our graduating seniors.

Did you know that you can give an endowment or leave a legacy to this Church for a specific purpose? Did you know that if you make an endowment for a specific purpose, we use the income we receive each year for the purpose you specified? This does not mean you cannot leave an endowment or legacy that is undesignated, to be used as needed, it just means you can request how it will be used if you so desire.

If you have any questions or want any information about our various endowments and legacy accounts, feel free to ask any member of our committee.

Barbara Ward, Fran Eagan, Paula Zintl, and Ruth McLeod



New Office Administrator

The Personnel Committee is very pleased to announce that we hired an Administrative Assistant to work in the church office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Her name is Julie Bagg, and her first day in the office will be next Monday, June 30. Julie and her family live in SJC, and she has previous experience as an office manager as well as having strong computer skills. She has a B.S. in Communication Major/Business Administration Minor so we're hoping she can make us more efficient and improve our communications with you. Please stop by the office and welcome her when you're in the area!

Paula Zintl



Birthdays

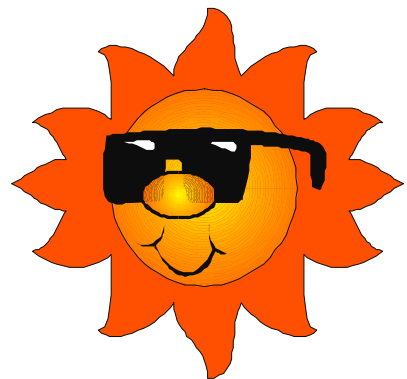
JULY

01 Krista Gilson
01 Anna Crihfield
02 Alanna Lenahan
03 John Muller
05 Jeanne Christiansen
05 Laura Crihfield
06 Billy Bell
13 Nelloise Blue
14 Beryl Hourian
15 Ken Ledermann
15 Jeff Stone
16 Erin Frey
16 Cristina Maxey
18 Jeannie Grimshaw
21 Jim Verbeerst
22 Muriel Beery
22 Norman Ferguson
24 Lynda Reid
27 David Beck
31 Jane Teeple

AUGUST

01 Lynne Beverly
01 Jay Dalton
01 Aidan Murray
04 Jackie Brubaker
04 Honey Cassady
05 Joshua Crihfield
05 Debbie Reeder
06 Jerry Elliott
08 Ron Dull
08 Liz Stokes
09 Jim Young
10 Melody Gilson
10 Leonard Rugh
11 Ave Claire Cannon
11 Matthew Maxey
11 Dana Stebbins
13 Shirley Ferguson
13 Joanne Frazee
15 Robert Taylor
16 Patty Roess

21 Jeff Wermers
22 Bruce Smith
24 Lorna Collins
27 Cristy Maxey
29 Mary West



July Anniversaries

03 Paul and Anne Larson
06 Bob and Tammy Ause
11 Jim and Sue Stebbins
27 Tina and Robert Minty
29 Gregory and Lynda Reid

August Anniversaries

05 Ron and Dorinda Ross
14 Al and Marilyn Johnson
19 Bernie and Bob Schwenck
27 Jerry and Mary Elliott
29 Bob and Jeanne Harrison
30 Dale and Ruth McLeod
30 Nancy and Timothy Powers
31 Dave and Ruth Willett