



# Session Report

Al Jessen, Clerk of Session

Nine elders attended Moderator Morgan Murray's final meeting of Session on July 15. Rev. Duncan McColl, the Moderator designated by Presbytery, was present to observe. Morgan and Duncan relayed and clarified information from Presbytery about pastoral transition procedures. Concern was expressed over how to accomplish a fair and



equitable settlement of shared equity for the Murray family home. Property value appraisals are being sought. The house and pool need some repairs. The cost of preparation for sale was estimated. Special meetings of Session to examine several real estate options were scheduled.

It is planned that we will continue with Sunday 9:30 am combined worship services until an Interim Pastor is obtained, as long as seating capacity is comfortable. Feedback on these combined services has been mostly positive. Rev. Bob Schwenck and Rev. Jerry Elliott will be asked to serve home communion monthly and to stand by for other pastoral needs until an Interim Pastor is in place. Pastors Duncan McColl (Laguna Niguel PC) and Dee Hazen (San Clemente PC) may also be available for emergency pastoral needs.

Session approved Endowment Fund Committee awards totaling \$1940.24 to five CPC activities and to Habitat for Humanity. Session approved new rules for use of unrestricted legacy gifts and for disbursement of undesignated income from future endowments. Session approved expanding the *Endowment Fund Committee* name to *Legacy and Endowment Committee*. Session approved moving nine active members to inactive status, restoring two inactive members to active status, and removing six inactive members. The rolls now include **192** active and **19** inactive members following the losses of Janet Boucher, Jim Forquer and Elva McLaughlin. Session approved adding Bob Bucklin to the internal audit committee for 2007, which already includes Gary Lenahan and Bruce Smith.

In a Called Meeting on July 27, the Congregation voted to end the pastoral relationship between CPC and Morgan Murray. In a Called Meeting on August 3, Session authorized a sub-committee to discuss real estate options with Morgan Murray and scheduled an August 10 Congregational Meeting to elect Rich Zodnik to fill a Session vacancy.

Ten elders met with Designated Moderator Duncan McColl at the August 19 Regular Meeting of Session. Elder Larry Strong submitted a resignation from Session and Corporation President. Session accepted Larry's resignation with regret and expressed great appreciation for the numerous Building & Grounds projects which he completed for upgrading facility usefulness and appearance.

The July 31 Financial Report will be distributed when the bookkeeper returns from vacation. Elder Paul Larson reported there were no unusual expenses for July. Elder Marge Ball reported a shortfall of \$9,730 for regular pledges, which is relatively normal in July/August because of vacations.

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Elder Paul Larson submitted a plan for the interim pastor selection process. Several proposed steps were initiated. Elder De Trenbeath was given approval to secure leaders for the Chancel Choir and the Praise Band for up to four months. Elder Paula Zintl will hire someone to take over the sound board and video projector job when Chris Beck leaves. New Nursery staff is being selected. A policy for obtaining bids from and monitoring work by outside contractors was approved. Rev. Emily McColl will be asked to install Rich Zodnik as an elder at the August 24 worship service when she will be preaching.

Session received a report from the Audit Committee (Bob Bucklin, Gary Lenahan & Bruce Smith) stating that their reviews of all CPC funds and financial records for 2007 show that appropriate internal accounting controls are in place and no instance of an irregular transaction was found. The financial data published in the Annual Report distributed on February 10, 2008 correctly represent the position of CPC.

Pastor Bob Schwenck sent a written report that he and a Deacon served home communion to **6** persons early this month. Rev. Morgan Murray served communion to **168** persons in the July 6 worship service and Rev. Duncan McColl served communion to **117** persons in the August 3 worship service. CPC membership rolls include **192** Actives (62 men and 130 women) and **19** Inactives (7 men and 12 women).

## Pastor Search Update

August 12, 2008

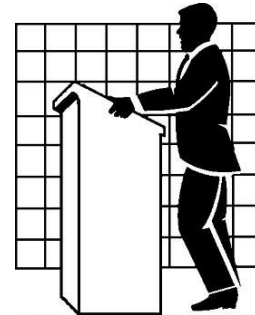
Dear Congregation and Friends of Community Presbyterian Church,

With the departure of Pastor Morgan and Family, we know you have many questions as to what happens next. Your Session has been busy on several fronts.

1. The Worship Committee, with the help of Rev. Duncan McColl from Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, has been making arrangements for Sunday morning pulpit supply until an Interim Pastor is in place.
2. An Interim Pastor will be selected in the near future, hopefully in the next couple of months. The selection process has begun with Session providing Presbytery with a list of preferred criteria. Presbytery will provide CPC with a list of recommended Interim Pastor candidates. The Session will review/interview candidates and make a selection.
3. A subcommittee has been selected by Session to research options and steps to be taken in the Shared Equity Agreement with the Murray's home. Three options are covered by the agreement: Murray's buy out the Church's interest; the Church buy out the Murray's interest; or a mutual agreement to sell the house and split any gain or loss proportional to the respective party's percentage of ownership. With the current real estate market weakness, neither party wishes to buy out the other and/or sell the house. We are currently working on a fourth option which may reduce potential losses to the Church and to the Murrays. Session will report to the Congregation as soon as we have more information.

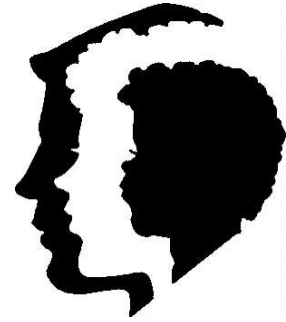
If you have any questions about the above, please contact one of the Session members.

Session appreciates the concerns and support of the congregation and requests your prayers



## STEWARDS OF OUR FUTURE ADULTS

Jesus loves the little children...and so do many volunteers from our church family! Tammy Ause, as C.E. Elder, prepared the Sunday school programs before she and her family moved to Michigan. Susan Grulkowski and Nancy Wermers followed through with all the volunteers to make sure our children had Sunday school. These people stepped up to teach Sunday school this summer: Kristen Tetherton, Marilyn Gorian, Lillian Whitney, Lauren Grulkowski, Susan Howit, Marge and Marjorie Ball, Heather Wermers, Wendy Jenkins, her Grandson Adam Megginson, Karen Seapy, and Frances Bucklin.



Kudos also go to Bob Bucklin who was a major help in assisting Jake with the Youth program. Susan White and Edith Banning were a blessing to the babies when they assisted in the Nursery.

Thank you, thank you to all for helping our babies, children and youth learn the love of God through your participation!



## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The cuddle and coo of a baby is charming.  
The discoveries they make as they grow are enchanting.  
Give yourself a treat and share a Sunday in the Nursery.

Our families with babies and small children need you. Call Susan White and let her know which Sunday you plan to help.

(Please note: As a protection for our children, all volunteers working in the Nursery must be fingerprinted.)

## Events and Activities

- September 1st Labor Day Holiday
- September 6th Prepare lunches for Habitat for Humanity
- October 4th Saturday Breakfast group
- October 10-12th Women's Retreat (for information see page 5)
- October 18th Evening Vacation Auction
- November 15th 6PM Bingo Night
- February 25th 6 PM Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
- March 15th St Patrick's lunch with speaker after church
- May 9th Saturday Annual Lunch/Fashion Show



## CPC Women's Retreat

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

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

Cost: **\$220 per person.** This will include dinner Friday night, 3 meals on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday

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, the Lord 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."

For further information, contact Barbara Lanni or Susan Howit

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## NEWS FROM JANE HOLSLOG

Jane was our PIP (Personal Interest Person) through the General Mission Program of our denomination. At that time she was teaching at Lithuania Christian College. (Page 158 in the Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study)

The past two years she has been serving in a small church in Germany and working on her thesis about a part of East Germany and Presbyterian history.

This August she will return to Klaipeda, Lithuania, to teach in the same college she served before. The students come from fifteen different countries. Jane says "The call to mission service is as strong as ever, and I look forward to being back on the front lines of the college classroom." She asks that we continue to pray for her and this interesting mission.

## Words of thanks

Dear CPC family

Thank you for all the cards, kind words and expressions of sympathy in recent days following my mother's passing. I have appreciated all the support - more than you can possibly know.  
God bless each of you,

Pat Mueller



To all my church family,

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts for Gordon and me during his short illness. God decided fifty-nine years was long enough for me to have him and it was now His turn. God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Doris Rinehart



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 David DeLo	17 Howell Teeple
04 Anthony Jiganti	21 Anne Larson
04 Adelia McCord	22 Tim Reeder
05 Fran Eagan	22 Susan White
05 Carol Leonard	23 Jim Thorpe
07 Donna Sheaffer	26 Mary Cushman
07 Susan Trant	26 Linda Flatley
10 John Hourian	26 Max Harris
11 Kay Swander	28 Bill Gardner
15 Kim Romero	28 Marjorie Williamson
16 Owen Grulkowski	30 Kelley Gallivan

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

03 Norman and Shirley Ferguson  
03 Jim and Susan Grulkowski  
04 Larry and Margaret Strong  
04 Larry and Lorna Collins  
05 Tim and Debbie Reeder  
16 Mark and Marian Kohr  
16 Daryl and Kay Swander  
23 Ken and Judy Ledermann

