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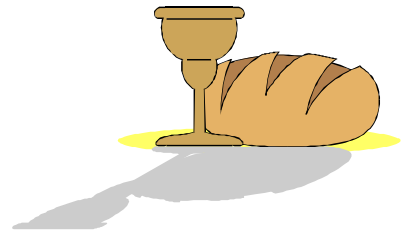


Our CPC family is returning from summer vacations (including *The Chimes* editor) and looking forward to the upcoming fall and winter seasons.

After the summer Hiatus, it will be fun to get back into the many church activities.

October Events and Activities

- October 4th Habitat for Humanity Workday (see page 6)
Saturday Morning Fellowship (see page 7)
- October 5th **World Communion Sunday**
South County Hunger Walk (see page 4)
- October 10-12th Women's Retreat (see page 8)
- October 11th Saturday Morning Fellowship
- October 18th Vacation Auction in Fellowship Hall (see page 7)
- October 19th Stewardship Kickoff Luncheon on CPC Lawn
Flu Vaccine Clinic on CPC patio (see page 7)
- October 25th Saturday Morning Fellowship
- October 26th Stewardship Sunday presentation
- October 31st **Halloween**



Session Report

Eight elders met with Designated Moderator Duncan McColl on September 3 for a Called Meeting of Session. Elders Paula Zintl and Luanna Rugh presented drafts of the *Interim Pastor Position Description* and *Interim Pastor Covenant* for CPC. Session approved both documents, which are to be sent to Los Ranchos Presbytery to get approval from the Committee on Ministry. It was announced that Pastor Morgan Murray requested that the Murray home be sold now, rather than renting it to tenants until property values rise. Session approved that the property be listed for sale at \$725,000 under an agreement running through January 31. It is understood that Pastor Murray and CPC will both lose some part of their investment in the property.

There was a Congregational Meeting on September 7, moderated by the guest minister, Rev. Linda Flatley. Elder Fran Eagan announced to the congregation that Session will list the Morgan home for sale as soon as possible. Following the Shared Equity Agreement approved by the congregation, the Morgan family will continue to meet their obligations until the property is sold. The congregation voted to elect Jane McWilliams as a deacon in the class of 2008 and to elect Rich Zodnik as an elder in the class of 2008.

Ten elders met with Designated Moderator Duncan McColl on September 19 for a Regular Meeting of Session. He reported that the Committee on Ministry approved our Interim Pastor Position Description and Covenant documents. The CE Committee is actively working on finding a replacement for Jake Gilbertson, Director of Youth Ministry, who very recently accepted a new position in San Diego. Both CE and Session consider the Youth Program to have a very high priority and hope to make an interim recommendation shortly.

Elder Marge Ball reported that pledged contributions through August 31 were \$223,791 or 62% of the amount in the budget. Unpledged contributions were \$16,753 or 64% of the amount in the budget. A Stewardship third quarter report will be made to the congregation on Sunday, October 5.

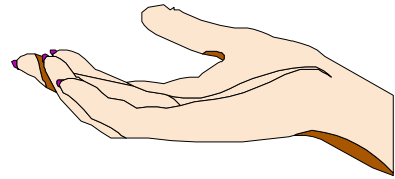
Elder Paul Larson reported that the cash position of CPC is good and total income continues to be ahead of total expenses. Session committees were asked to bring their 2009 budget requests to Session on October 21 so work on the next budget can begin early this year. The Finance & Administration Committee is planning to meet with Preschool Director Christina Smith to go over the Preschool budget. Elder Fran Eagan gave an update on the Murray house -- a listing agreement was signed and a realtor's walkthrough was held. All repairs have been completed, the Murrays packed some of their possessions, and an open house was held on Sept 13 & 14.

Session gave approval for Rev. Linda Flatley to serve communion at Pine Manor for the Women's Retreat weekend which begins on October 10. Session approved a Preschool request to purchase new wood chips to place under outside play equipment. Session approved a Presbyterian Women's *Fund Raising Dinner and Bingo Night* on November 15. A painting by Bob Schwenck will be raffled. All proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity. Session approved spending up to \$2087 of budgeted Building & Grounds landscape & repair funds to plant new shrubs and ground cover in eye-sore areas at the front of the CPC property and to trim the new pepper trees in the back. Session approved several room rentals and will review the fee schedule. Session approved administration of free flu vaccine on Sunday, October 19. Elder Terri Beck presented a list of guest preachers for next month. Session approved a sub-committee consisting on Elders Rich Zodnik, Marge Ball and Terri Beck to conduct telephone interviews with four Interim Pastor candidates and to recommend two candidates to Session for a vote.

Al Jessen, Clerk of Session

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE THROUGH CHANGING TIMES

Isaiah 42:16 - (from The Message) - But I'll take the hand of those who don't know the way, who can't see where they're going. I'll be a personal guide to them, directing them through unknown country. I'll be right there to show them what roads to take, make sure they don't fall into the ditch. These are the things I'll be doing for them - sticking with them, not leaving them for a minute.



Your Stewardship Committee has been working on plans for the 2009 Stewardship campaign. We know it is an exciting and, at times, challenging period in our church. Laurie shared a personal statement with us that we felt reflected our belief that God's steadfast love - **faithfulness, trust, patience and vision** - will lead us.

A PERSONAL STATEMENT FROM LAURIE JACOBS

Now is a time of transition for our church. I can see this as a difficult time financially for us or as a time for the congregation to bond more deeply as a community of faith.

I'm a practical person. I crunch numbers for a living. If the math doesn't compute, I keep working at the problem until it does. I have a very different approach being on the Stewardship Committee which sometimes surprises even me. I trust in God's faithfulness to our church and the contributors' faithfulness to God and His church. I believe that no matter who our staff members are, God is with us and in charge. We contribute to our church out of devotion to God and to continue His Plan for each of us and our congregation as a whole.

I have been blessed over and over again since I was a small child by God's love for me and His steadfastness even through what I considered devastating changes in my life. I have always been supported by this church no matter what else is going on. I believe our congregation comes together and uplifts in times of need and that is what we're being called to do at this time.

I trust God's steadfast love through changing times.

Come Celebrate Stewardship Sundays!

Sunday, October 19 - "Lunch on the Lawn"

Your Stewardship Committee will be serving a free lunch immediately following our service! Sign up Sundays to get your tickets for your family and 2 extra for friends & neighbors. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to church...and share a meal!

Sunday, October 26, November 2 and 9

Celebrate Stewardship in our church with personal presentations during our worship service. Pledge packets distributed on November 2. Bring your pledges on November 9 for a special Dedication of our Gifts.

Goodbye and good luck Jake Gilbertson

On Sunday, September 21st, CPC said farewell to Jake Gilbertson, director of youth ministries, with a cake and fellowship on the patio following the service. We thank Jake for all his wonderful work with our youth program. We are very sorry to see Jake go, but we wish him and Lisa well on their journey back to Point Loma and in all future endeavors.



South Orange County 2008 Hunger Walk needs you!
Sunday, October 5th at 1 p.m.
San Clemente Community Center
Proceeds support Family Assistance Ministries
Sign up on the patio after church on Sunday

Family Assistance Ministries

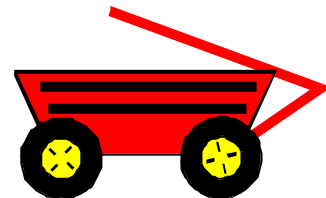
FAM (Family Assistance Ministries) is seeing about twice as many needy families as they did in 2007 which puts a huge strain on their resources. Some food banks have had to close because of insufficient donations. FAM is holding its own, but their shelves are sparse.

Below are the standard items needed; the items which are starred they are especially low on:

*Peanut Butter	*Jelly	*Spaghetti Sauce
*Pasta	Tuna	Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetables	Soup	Macaroni and Cheese
Cereal	Diapers	



Please remember to bring items on Sunday morning to fill our little red wagon and support this wonderful local agency.



Message from the Ause family



August 31, 2008

Dear CPC Family (Session and members),

We have finally settled into our new home in Ann Arbor, Michigan. After a month of travel and a couple weeks at my parents' home, we are finally settling into our new home at 2144 Greenview, Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48103. We are a couple of blocks from the high school that Emily will attend and a couple more blocks from the University of Michigan's stadium, "the Big House." We could hear the roar from our front door step last Saturday in spite of the loss to Utah.

In our time here already God has revealed many blessings. First of all we continue to thank God for the rapid, full-price sale of our house. That is a miracle these days. It also allows us to live with only one income for this year. We are also thankful for a new house that all are comfortable in. We are working at making it home. I have struggled to find a job, since April; there is a glut of teachers in the state of Michigan. (Michigan is one of the few states in the US that is a teacher exporter.) I finally found a teaching position last week at Washtenaw Christian School, where I will have five classes and five preparations. I have always loved a challenge and here is my opportunity. I will be teaching Earth Science, Physical Science, Health, Bible and German. It's going to be a busy year. Emily and Erica are nearly ready to start school on Tuesday, September 2nd. They have each met some girls that are going to be in their classes both in the neighborhood and at our new church.

We are so thankful for the celebration party at which we all bid farewell. We unpacked the quilt the other day which will be prominently displayed. It also reminded us of the many blessings we experienced at CPC for the past 12 years. We will be praying for you all in this time of transition. We are also praying for Kathy Whitley and her family. We are thankful that some of you will be in Ann Arbor in September and we look forward to opportunities to be together in the future.

We believe in the work of CPC and we pray that God will continue to give you guidance as you seek to minister in San Juan Capistrano.

Love and blessing,

The Auses

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Message from Pastor Morgan

Dear Friends at CPC,

As we make our preparations to move to Walnut Creek, I wanted to take a moment and thank you for the very generous gift of the Garmin navigation system. I have been busy inputting all the new locations I'll need when I begin work: Our new church, our new rental home, Old First Church (for my first Presbytery meeting in SF), and of course Trader Joe's! Like all new toys, Veronica and I are arm-wrestling to see who gets to use it first. It's a great gift – the kind of thing we wouldn't have gotten for ourselves – so thank you!

Blessings to you all in this exciting new season of the church's life together.

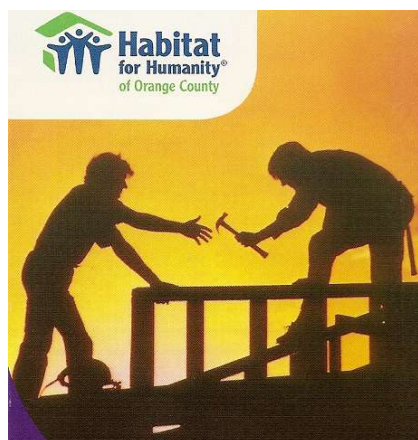
Yours in Christ,

Pastor Morgan

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County

Work is continuing on the twenty-one new homes being built by Habitat for Humanity in San Juan Capistrano. Our next workday starts at 8:00 am, Saturday October 4th.

If you wish to help on future workdays, please attend New Volunteer Orientation on **South County Habitat night** at Community Presbyterian Church at 6:30 pm. on October 28, 2008:



Did you know, both Albertsons and Ralphs have programs to support Habitat for Humanity?

Ralphs Rewards Card Shoppers

Ralphs Rewards card holders can participate in Ralphs **Community Contribution Program**. On an annual basis, all participants with a Ralphs Rewards Card are required to register. When you receive your new Ralphs Rewards card, please have your card available and register at:

www.ralphs.com, click on **community contributions** then click on **participants**

To register your card with **Habitat for Humanity of Orange County**, just follow the easy online directions. (Our NPO Number is **83621**)

Albertsons Preferred Savings Card: Another way to support Habitat!

Albertsons believes it's important to be good neighbors and give back to our communities. Did you know that Habitat is in the **Community Partner** program with Albertsons? Each year Albertsons gives back to the community through people like you using their Albertsons Preferred Savings Card. To participate in this opportunity of giving, please log on and sign up!

Log on at www.Albertsons.com

Flu Vaccine Clinic

It seems that “**The Season**” is upon us again. I mean the flu season. CPC is offering free immunizations on the patio on Sunday, October 19th.

Protect yourself this season – Get a Flu Shot!



Vacation Auction Potluck



When: **Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 6:00 pm**
Where: **CPC Fellowship Hall**

Join the CPC family in our Annual Vacation Auction Fundraiser Potluck.

Proceeds from the auction and the church-wide thank offering from the raffle of one of the beautiful quilts made by the CPC Quilters will go to Habitat for Humanity.

What to Bring ?

- Salad or entree to share
- A wrapped “vacation” gift to be auctioned off
- A hearty appetite
- Plenty of money
- and an expectation to “**have fun**”

Saturday Morning Breakfast and Study



After a summer break, Pastor Emeritus Bob Schwenck is starting the fall/winter Saturday morning breakfast and study. The study is based on the Upper Room magazine. Rich Zodnick prepares a gourmet breakfast. That alone is worth getting up early.

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. (Please let Rich know if you are coming)
Discussion: 8:30 a.m.

This month’s dates: October 4th, 11th, and 25th.

Reminder - 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**

Basket Weaving Ministry:

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Andrew Forquer
01 Heather Forquer
01 Josie Kohr
01 Dale McLeod
02 Coke Kohr
02 Alexandra Rager
03 Nancy Tompkins
04 Larson Pfeil
05 Bob Ause
06 Laurie Jacobs
07 Lelah Loree
07 Gretchen Verbeerst
08 Amanda Gilson
10 Brittney Gilson
12 Tina Minty
12 Tricia Minty
13 Matthew Tolles
16 Don Miller
16 David Peek
17 Karen Seapy

15 Connie Mills
18 Bonnie Lyon
19 Jane Heath
21 Bernie Schwenck
23 Lisa Lawrence
23 Brian Tolles
25 Debbie Tunget
27 Pat Mueller
27 Helen Pannier
28 Mark Kohr
29 Doris Rinehart
29 Ella Mae Thompson
31 Pat Homewood

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

02 Jim and Louise Behmerwohld
03 Roger and Cathie Hulett
21 Nancy and Jeff Wermers

