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Commencement

June is the time when we celebrate graduations. We usually think of graduation as the end of years of study. The term used for these celebrations, however, is "commencement." That means "beginning."

For our graduates, this month marks the beginning of their next phase of life. And for our church, it also marks the beginning of the process to find our next pastor. On June 6, the congregation will meet for a Vision Day, during which we will start to chart the course leading to bringing the pastor God has already selected here to CPC.

Just as God has been faithful to this congregation through the last ninety years, so will He remain as we move ahead.

"Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

James 1:17, RSV



June Activities

Saturday, June 6	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Vision Day at CPC (see page 2)
Sunday, June 14		Youth Sunday
Sunday, June 21		Father's Day

Presbyterian Women Calendar – See Page 7



From your Interim Pastor

One of the primary responsibilities of an Interim Pastor is to help a congregation get ready for their new pastor. YOU, the congregation, play an essential part in this process. And your part begins the first Saturday of June.



Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., ALL THE CONGREGATION is seriously requested to participate in the VISION DAY. During this concentrated time you will think about who Community Presbyterian Church is, what your vision is for future ministry, and what you want in your new Pastor. These are very important decisions – and I cannot make them for you. No one else can either. So you need to come and be part of the answer.

The day will be led by Elder Barbara Murphy, Associate Executive Presbyter for Los Ranchos Presbytery. You will work both in small groups and in a large group. You will be asked questions and given the opportunity to consult together about the answers. You will be affirmed as a congregation, focused on where you want to go in the future, and invigorated as a community of faith. Out of the information gathered, the “Church Information Form” will be drafted which will represent YOU to the CANDIDATES.

The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. And there is no cost. THE ONLY EXPECTATION IS THAT YOU BE THERE AND PARTICIPATE.

To encourage your commitment to come, there will be signups in the Patio after worship the next two Sundays. As *voting* is to good citizenship, so *participation* is to good congregation membership. When a new excellent Pastor comes, you can give thanks to God for the fact that you had an essential role in the calling process.



**Vision Day
Saturday, June 6
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Be there

Session Report

Six of the ten elders met with Interim Pastor Dianna Bell for a Regular Meeting of Session on the evening of May 19. Two new elders were elected during the Congregational Meeting on May 17, and were invited to this Meeting of Session but neither one was able to attend. The new elders are scheduled for ordination and installation during the worship service on May 24.

Church records show **183** active members and **26** inactive members of CPC after Bob and Tammy Ause and Erna McCollum transferred memberships to their new churches in Ann Arbor, MI and Bryan, TX. Communion was served to **132** persons in the May 3 worship service. Home communion was served by Interim Pastor Bell and a deacon to **6** persons on April 8 and to **8** persons on May 6.

Elder Paul Larson distributed a Financial Statements for April 30 which indicate that year-to-date CPC General Fund income continues to exceed expenses and shows the cash position continues to grow. Session Committees have been successful in keeping expenditures within budget. Expenses for plumbing maintenance have been high. Corrective work on the sewer line is advised. The Preschool Fund shows year-to-date income continues to be greater than expenses. The Pastor's Housing Fund indicates higher than normal expenses for water and repairs because of a recent swimming pool leak which has been fixed.

Elder Marge Ball distributed a Stewardship report which shows that pledged contributions are falling behind the budget, but unpledged contributions are stronger.

Session learned that Christine Smith, Director of Community Presbyterian Preschool, has been hired by Capistrano Valley Community College for a full-time teaching position starting in August. Christine has been working part-time for CVCC while fulfilling her full-time position at the Preschool. Her resignation requested a release date of June 15. We will miss Christine very much and it will be a challenge to find someone to replace her. Preschool afternoon enrollment has been shrinking for several years. Session voted to form a task force to explore Preschool options in preparation for a search for a new Director. Sally Young will oversee Preschool operations in July.

Session approved a motion by Building & Grounds to let a contract to install 920 square feet of synthetic ProTurf on a bare portion of the Preschool playground near the fence on the north side. This requires installation of a crushed rock base to provide proper drainage. The project cost of about \$7,000 will be paid jointly by the Preschool, the Church and a donation from a member. Building & Grounds provided Session with a list of future maintenance and facility improvement projects.

Session received a request from the Youth Group to sell customized T-Shirts for \$10 each as a fund raiser. Proceeds will be used to fund Youth Group activities such as summer camp. The congregation will be invited to wear these T-Shirts on Youth Sunday, June 14. Ten scholarship awards will be distributed to graduating seniors on June 14.

Session approved a motion from Finance & Administration to form a task force to review costs and prioritize both short- and long-term facility upgrades. Finance & Administration reported that a 5-year extension of the Head Start lease using existing rates and conditions has been finalized and signed.

Session approved a motion from the Legacy & Endowment Committee to distribute the first half of the legacy gift from the Eileen Lewis estate.

Session received a report from Elder Marge Ball on a new plan of organization for Los Ranchos Presbytery. The plan includes changes in staffing, the form of future Presbytery meetings and a new declaration of the mission of Presbytery and all of its member churches. The new emphasis will be on helping each other to preach and follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ rather than regulation and enforcement of rules.

Session moved Debbie & Tim Reeder to active membership from inactive status. Session received Myoung Park as a new member by reaffirmation of faith. Session received Laura Bremer as a new member by confession of faith. The new members will be introduced to the congregation during the Sunday worship service on May 31. The new roll count is **187** active members and **24** inactive members.

Al Jessen, Clerk of Session

Turning 90 - Spotlight

LEONA SIMS

Leona Deer was a thirteen-year-old girl when her parents moved to California from Kansas in 1931, as the depression grew deeper. They lived for a while with an uncle on Del Obispo, and later in Capistrano Beach, where another uncle and his family joined them. She and her cousin Amy would walk to a restaurant in Dana Point where they worked in the kitchen. Leona attended high school in San Juan Capistrano. She married her first husband, Dick Fitzpatrick, soon after graduation.



They settled in Dana Point, then later they bought a lot in Capistrano Beach and five acres north of town, where they gardened and raised rabbits and chickens.

Leona and Dick were married over 50 years. They had three children: Mike, Jimmy, and Peggy. Jimmy served in the Army, was badly wounded in Vietnam, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Mike served in the Air Force and was stationed in England.

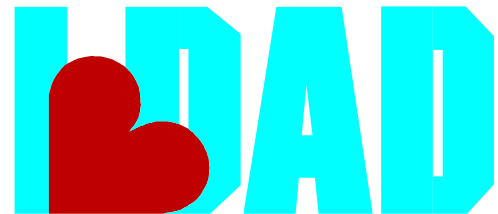
Leona has always been a hard worker and very active. At one point she butchered chickens and sold them to local restaurants and markets. Later on, in 1963, she ventured into selling real estate, gradually expanding the office and establishing an excellent reputation locally in the business. She was active in the Chamber of Commerce, served as president of the Woman's Club, and frequently attended city council meetings.

Dick and Leona bought a motor home and loved traveling. She has been to all 50 states (three times to Alaska!) and has driven clear across Canada. When asked what her favorite place to visit again might be, she replied, "The beauty of Canada!"

Leona remembers attending Community Presbyterian Church as a young girl and later until the congregation moved to Del Obispo. She was single for seven years after Dick died until she married Merle Sims. It was not long after they married that they became members of CPC. After Merle's death, Leona's health prevented her from being as active as she would have liked. However, in spite of having seen some tough times in her life, she says she has been very fortunate with her family, which has been very loving and supportive. Leona celebrated her 91st birthday on April 27, 2009!

Father's Day

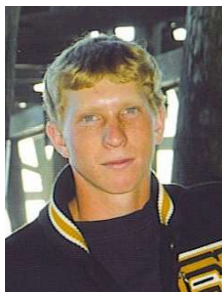
The first observance of Father's Day is believed to have been held on July 5 1908 in a church located in Fairmont, West Virginia, by Dr. Robert Webb of West Virginia at the Central United Methodist Church of Fairmont.



National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City in the 1930's, renamed in 1938 to National Council for the Promotion of Father's Day.

Americans are expected to spend at least \$11 billion on gifts for Father's Day. This is about \$7 billion less than the amount spent on Moms for Mother's Day

Congratulations to Our Graduates!
High School



Chris Beck

Chris graduates from **Capistrano Valley High School** where he lettered in Cross Country & Track. He will join the United States Marine Corps, leaving for boot camp on July 6. Chris plans on making the Marine Corps his career.

Amy Frazee

Amy Frazee graduates from **Dana Hills High School** as Valedictorian. She will celebrate with a European adventure with her classmates. (EF Tours) She will attend college at Cal Berkeley majoring in Physics.



Marley Howit

Marley graduates from **Dana Hills High School**. As those of you who know her might guess, horseback riding is her favorite interest. She'll attend Saddleback College in the fall with intention to transfer to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She sees herself having a career working with horses.



Alanna Lenahan

Alanna graduates from **J Serra High School** where her interests included music and Lacrosse. She hasn't made a decision yet about what comes next.



McKenzie Pfund

McKenzie graduates from **Santa Margarita Catholic High School**. Her favorite activities in high school have been hanging out with her friends, shopping, youth group and going to the beach. She will be moving away next year to attend Arizona State University where she will major in Business.



Will Reeder

Will graduates from **San Clemente High School** where he received an achievement award in vocal arts. He plans to attend Cal State Fullerton where he will major in Music, hoping for a career in arranging and conducting.



Jay Rodriguez

Dana Hills High School will be Jay's alma mater. While there, he participated in Varsity Soccer and was a Boy Scout of the Star Rank. After graduation he plans to stay locally at Saddleback Community College majoring in Business and continue to support and be a part of the Youth Program at CPC. In ten years, he hopes to be married and starting a family, graduated from UCI with a Business Management Degree, and continuing to live in and support the CPC community.



Heather Wermers



Capistrano Valley High School will be Heather's alma mater. While there, she participated in the Varsity Lacrosse Team her junior and senior years and was the captain her senior year. Outside of school she belonged to Assisteens of Saddleback Valley, volunteer organization. She will study at Whitworth University with a major in Elementary Education and minor in Psychology, hoping for a career in Southern California teaching second grade.

Also Shelby Wink and Kelsey Atkinson

(Picture and Additional information unavailable)

College

Megan Beck

Megan will earn her Bachelor of Arts Degree from **California State University, Chico** in Liberal Studies with a multi-subject credential. Megan has already begun her teaching career and is looking forward to continuing in the classroom.



Sr. High News



Hope everyone had a good time at the Hawaiian Dinner Youth Fundraiser at the Lannis on May 23 featuring great food and drinks, good company, and BINGO. The new Director of Youth, Brandon Tatum, auctioned off items donated by church members and friends. If you didn't attend or make a donation, you can still help our youth by making a one-time donation to the youth ministry. Thank you very much for all your needed prayers and support.

On a separate note, there's a fifteen-year-old student in the Youth Ministry who needs to raise money for the summer camp and is making himself available to do any kind of work to raise it. So if you are in need of some labor (yard work, cleaning windows, walking pets, etc) please let Brandon know because we want to make sure that every student who wants to go to summer camp is able to go regardless of their financial situation.

Brandon Tatum – Director of Youth Ministries



Presbyterian Women

- Ø **Bible Study – Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor.** Rev. Dianna Bell, Pastor, will lead the Bible Study Review on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 from 10:00 – 11:00 in the CE Room.

Lydia Circle meets Wednesday, June 10, **11:00** am at the church and will be studying Chapter 9. Bring a salad to share for lunch. Contact Colleen Emery for details 496.7521 – cemery@cox.net. **Note change in starting time!**

Martha Circle meets Thursday, **June 18**, 9:30 am at the church – CE Room. **Note change in date!** Bring a dish for a potluck lunch. Contact Val Jessen for details 495.0350 – jessen23@cox.net

Mary-Deborah Circle meets Tuesday, June 9, **6:30** PM at the home of **Barbara Lanni**. Contact Anne Larson 493.7098 (pnalarson@yahoo.com) or Bernie Schwenck 493.4971 (robertschwenck@cox.net) for further information. **Note change in time.**

- Ø **The PW Quiltmakers** will meet on Thursday, June 4 at 9:30 after breakfast, and June 11 at 9:00 am at the home of Marilyn Johnson. Contact for details 498.2231 – mj1626@aol.com
- Ø **The PW Book Club** will meet Tuesday, June 23, at 7:00 PM at the home of Terri Treemarcki-Beck - 365.0873. Call or email (terri@scpres.org) for directions. The selection for discussion is **Pope Joan**, by Donna Woolfork Cross.
- Ø **Coordinating Team Planning Meeting – Sat. June 27, 9:30 am at the church in the CE Room.**

June Birthdays

02 Timothy Powers	18 Rich Maxey
04 Devin Jones	20 Nick Pfeil
06 Darlene Elliott	20 Michael Trant
06 Jay Rodriguez	22 Al Johnson
09 Weldon Dorris	22 Dave Willett
09 Bill McGuire	23 Laura Stites
11 Marge J Ball	24 Nathan Whity
11 Jeffrey Brubaker	29 Betty Dorris
11 Dorothy Melville	30 Terri Treemarcki-Beck
14 Barbara Ward	
15 Luanna Rugh	
17 Adam Loree	

Anniversaries

03 Bill & Joan McGuire
09 Robert & Margie Taylor
17 Jay & Donna Kirk
19 Al & Val Jessen
20 Larry & Jackie Brubaker
24 Bob & Frances Bucklin
24 Weldon & Betty Dorris
29 Steven & Su-Kyung Newton
29 Jim & Sally Young



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