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Welcome Pastor Mike

Sunday, March 7 – 2:00 p.m.

The Presbytery of Los Ranchos will formally establish and celebrate the relationship of Pastor and People. Rev. Michael Vaughn will be installed as the pastor of CPC. This promises to be a moving and significant time in the life of our church.



Please invite your neighbors, former members, and friends. An ecumenical worship service will be followed by a High Tea Reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Everyone is invited. No signups required.

Come join us in this celebration of the beginning of a new chapter in the life of CPC



*Looking Toward the Future
Building on the Past*

*San Juan Capistrano
Community Presbyterian Church*

Events and Activities

- Sunday, March 7, 2010 - Installation and High Tea Reception
- Sunday, March 14, 2010 - Daylight Savings Begins (Don't be late for church)
- Wednesday, March 17, 2010 - *St. Patrick's Day*
- Saturday, March 20, 2010 - Swallows Day Parade (Come march with us, see page 3)
- Friday, March 26, 2010 - Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show (See page 4)
- Sunday, March 28, 2010 - Palm Sunday Brunch (See page 7)

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Session Report

Nine elders met with Pastor Mike Vaughn on Tuesday evening, Feb 16, 2010, for his first time as Moderator of Session. There was a brief devotional reading. The Clerk reported that CPC has 170 active members and 41 inactive members. Communion was served to 126 persons at worship on Feb 7. Home communion was delivered by Pastor Mike and Deacons Toni Hannum and Bonnie Lyon to 9 persons on Feb 10. A beautiful card was received from Interim Pastor Paul Reeves to express his thanks to Session and members for the words of appreciation, notes and gifts on his last day at CPC.

The Pastor's Call, approved by a vote of the Congregation on Jan 3, was formally received by Session and signed by Pastor Mike after it was approved by the Committee on Ministry and signed by officers of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos. Pastor Mike announced his Installation, to be conducted by the Presbytery, will take place in the CPC sanctuary on Mar 7 at 2:00 pm. There will be special music by the Choir and Praise Band. The Congregation and many expected guests are invited. Following the service, there will be an informal high tea downstairs.

Treasurer Paul Larson distributed and discussed the Jan 31 CPC Financial Statement. It shows the cash position for both the Church and the Preschool increased in January. In January, Church income exceeded expenses by about \$9,000 and Preschool income exceeded expenses by about \$4,100. Part of the rise was due to January having five Sundays. The market value for CPC Endowment Fund investments went up sharply after year-end reports for two accounts were received late in January. The CPC Internal Audit Committee reported completion of an examination of CPC financial records and practices for 2008 and 2009 and found them in compliance with good accounting standards and that Session's oversight of recording, banking and disbursement of funds was appropriate and effective.

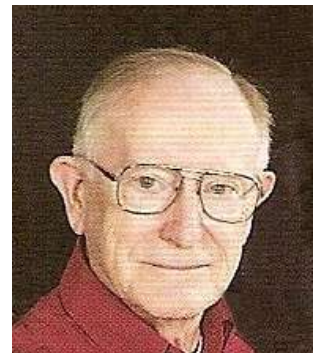
The Preschool Planning Team and Fellowship Committee announced a Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show on Mar 26 for Church and Preschool families to celebrate together. Preschool children are receiving mid-week choral and Orff instrument training and will join the Sunday school children to participate in worship services on Mar 7, Mar 28 (Palm Sunday), Apr 4 (Easter Sunday), May 9 (Mothers Day) and June 20 (Fathers Day). Fellowship announced the Annual Palm Sunday Brunch will be held on Mar 28. It will begin at the end of the first service and continue through and after the second service. An Ice Cream and Movie Night will be held on the lawn on June 4 for Church and Preschool families.

Session voted to approve the purchase and installation of a new server and required new software for the church office to replace the original one which is badly overloaded and well past its expected useful life. Problems with the old server and data backup system have seriously handicapped the office staff's ability to function in recent weeks.

If you would like to purchase (at cost) a set of two DVDs which contain a video record of CPC's 90th Anniversary preparations and celebration, please order from Marge Ball at 830-7791.

Lenten Home Communion services are scheduled for:
Feb 23 at 2:30 pm in the Seapy home,
Mar 10 at 7:30 pm in the CPC Narthex/Chapel,
Mar 19 at 7:00 pm in the Larson home.

Al Jessen, Clerk of Session



From the Pastor



There is something imperative about March. It sounds more like an order (March!) than a month.

The imperative is that all the things we said we'd do in 2010 are starting to catch up with us. January (we can slide). February (well, we got busy). March? Our excuses are getting flimsy.

Our family of faith is an imperative—for us. There are others who would like to join with us. I've talked to some of our visitors. They are impressed and attracted by our style, substance, and friendliness. I know you will continue all that.

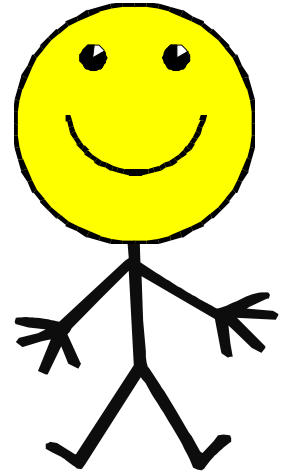
Allow me to also plant the seed of an opportunity. Start thinking of folks you know who would value our community if they knew more about us. Be bold. Invite them to join you for one of our worship celebrations and/or one of our many activities. As we move towards Easter, many of our friends and neighbors are more open to such invitations. Who are you going to invite?

The imperative of the Gospel is it was never meant to be a hidden or timid thing (and also never to be a manipulative thing). Between timid and manipulative there is a wide spectrum to find your style. The month of March is a very good time to let your style shine.

We have such a great community here. Share it. Ready—march!

Mike

*Editor's note:
Mike requested
that we use this
self-portrait until a
better picture could
be taken.*



Swallows Day Parade

On March 20, we will take part in the Swallows Day Parade in downtown San Juan Capistrano. This will be our 3rd, and probably final, year walking on behalf of Habitat since the project is to be completed later this fall. All CPC'ers, including the youth and preschool, are encouraged to take part. The parade has been a lot of fun as we spread the word about our church and the local Habitat project. The positive community response has been inspiring and encouraging. We've averaged 20-25 people the last two years. The maximum number allowed is 50. Let's see if we can max out this year!!

Look and listen for more details as the date approaches.

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Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show

On Friday, March 26, at 6:00 pm, you are invited to a Spaghetti Dinner / Talent Show hosted by the Fellowship Committee and the Preschool & Kindergarten.

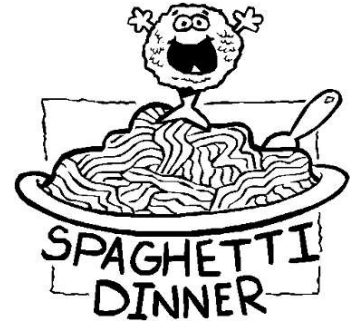
Dinner will be prepared by the Fellowship Committee, and the Talent Show will be coordinated by Debbie Reeder. The talent will be provided by YOU!

If any youth, church children, school children, and/or any members of their families would like to provide an act for the talent show, please contact Debbie Reeder at dreeder@kentecmedical.com.

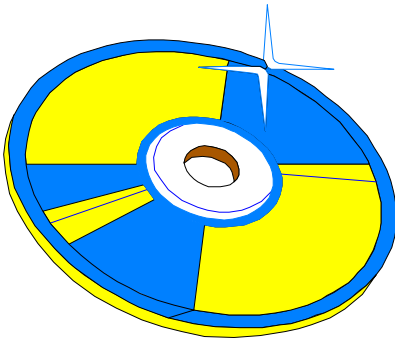
Cost \$3.00 per person or \$12 per family. Presale tickets will be available on the patio between services and in school office.

If you have any questions, please contact Terri Beck at 493-9141 or terribeck@sjcpres.org.

Hope to see you there!



90th Anniversary DVDs Available



DVDs from our 90th anniversary celebration are now available for purchase. The DVDs highlight the activities on October 17 and 18, 2009 starting with the historic town tour and ending at the carnival after church on Sunday. The DVDs are unedited, which means they include comments and actions as they were taped. Fortunately, the taping was well done.

You'll experience the downtown historic walk, hear the church history at "Swapping Stories," enjoy the beautiful children's pre-dinner presentation, see our delightful dinner with lighted cupcakes, share the powerful worship service on Sunday and see tidbits of the carnival. The two-DVD set is available for the price of \$25 for both. You may place your order from now until March 15th.

Please email Marge Ball at mjball@cox.net or call her at (949) 830-7791 to order yours. Mail your check (payable to **Marge J. Ball**) to Marge Ball at 26686 Saddleback Dr., Mission Viejo CA 92691. She will call you when the DVD set is ready.

This will be the source of many great memories for those of you who attended, and a treasured keepsake for those who were unable to join us.

Preschool & Kindergarten

February was a fun-filled month. It started with Pastor Mike visiting each class to meet the teachers and students. If you want a chuckle, ask him about the conversation he had in Miss Karen's Busy Bee Class about what the children want to be when they grow up.



We celebrated our annual Pancake & Pajama days, and Pastor Mike joined Miss Susan's Butterfly Class for yummy syrup-drenched pancakes topped with fruit and whipped cream.

On February 9th twenty-one lunch bunchers took a field trip next door to hand out valentines and cookies to the residents. Fran Eagan and the Fellowship Committee baked heart-shaped cookies and individually wrapped them so that our school children could give them out. THANK YOU. Hugs and kisses from our kids to your team, Fran.

Parents and teachers were very excited about our doing this. Some children who don't normally stay for lunch bunch were signed up just so they could participate in this event. It was a GREAT success. The residents loved it so much that we stayed and sang six or seven songs instead of simply "Jesus Loves Me" as we planned!

Chuck E. Cheese hosted a family fun night for our school on February 10. We sold discounted tokens to our families.

Love was in the air during our Valentine Day parties, and everyone enjoyed a 4-day weekend in honor of Presidents' Day.

Teachers conferred with parents on the 18th & 19th in preparation for fall registration, which took place on February 23rd.

Accent Photos by Diana was on campus February 25th & 26th for a photo fundraiser. Our students and their siblings posed with live bunnies (or not!) while dressed in their Easter finery.

Our newly-formed School Planning Team met on February 1st, and it was wonderful and exciting! Our goal is to offer social, educational, and missional opportunities to our school and church members.

We discussed the possibility of offering a mid-week music program (choir and off instruments) to the children in our school, church, and wider community. We also discussed dates that our school children will be invited to participate in worship.

A few social events were scheduled. So please save the following dates because you are all cordially invited to the following:

- Friday, March 26 - Dinner & Talent Show. Tickets will be sold between services in March. Cost: \$3/person. Maximum of \$12/family. We are looking for a few acts (hint, hint).
- Friday, June 4 - Ice cream & Movie night. 7 p.m.
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Date to be announced – One of our school moms, who is certified in L.E.A.N. Essentials, will give a presentation on how to lead a healthier lifestyle.

News from Fellowship

GET ORGANIZED! CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS AND CUPBOARDS!

Start saving your useable household items and clothing for CPC. We will be holding a RUMMAGE SALE at the Church on Saturday, April 10th. We need your help, so please start saving now. More details will follow next month. Questions, call Fran Eagan, 240-6114.



RUMMAGE SALE

FELLOWSHIP DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR.

Sunday, March 7, 2010 - Ordination and High Tea Reception
Friday, March 26, 2010 - Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show
Sunday, March 28, 2010 - Palm Sunday Brunch
Saturday, April 10, 2010 - Rummage Sale
Friday, June 4, 2010 - Family movie on the grass and Ice Cream Social
Saturday, December 11, 2010 - All Church Christmas Progressive Dinner

Audit thank-you from CPC

The Finance and Administration Committee sends a big thank you to the Audit Committee (Gary Lenahan and Kristen Tetheron) for their efforts to complete the 2008 and the 2009 audits!

Job well done!



Reminder



On March 14th at 1:00 am, we spring into Daylight Savings Time again. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead before bedtime on Saturday night, March 13th.

Presbyterian Women

The next Coordinating Team Meeting will be held
Wednesday, March 24 at 12.30 in the narthex.

- Ø **Bible Study – Joshua – A Journey of Faith**. Rev. Mike Vaughn will lead the Bible Study Preview – Lesson 6 - on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 10:00 – 11:00 in the PASTOR'S STUDY.

Lydia Circle will meet Wednesday, March 10, 10:00 am at San Juan Mobile Estates Clubhouse (32302 Alipaz St; San Juan Cap 92675) and will be studying Lesson 6. Contact Colleen Emery for details 496.7521 – cemery@cox.net

Martha Circle will meet Thursday, March 11, 9:30 am in the Youth Center at the church and will be studying Lesson 6. Contact Val Jessen for details 495.0350 – jessen23@cox.net

Mary-Deborah Circle will meet Tuesday, March 9, 7:00 PM at the home of Jackie Brubaker and will be studying Lesson 6. Contact Anne Larson 493.7098 (pnalarson@yahoo.com) for further information

- Ø **The PW Book Club** will meet Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 PM at the home of Terri Treemarcki-Beck - 365.0873. Call or email (tbeck@sjcpres.org) for directions. The selection for discussion is **Predictably Irrational**, by Dan Ariely.
- Ø **The PW Quilmakers** will meet on Thursday, March 4 at 9:30 (after breakfast). On March 18 we will meet from 9:30 to 1:00 or so. Lunch included. Contact Marilyn Johnson for details 498.2231 – mj1626@aol.com

Our thanks to Pat Mueller for the gift of lovely fabric. It's greatly appreciated!



Palm
Sunday

Annual Palm Sunday Brunch

Join us for Palm Sunday Services on March 28th. followed by our annual Palm Sunday Brunch in Fellowship Hall.

Brunch will begin following the first service and continue to after the second service.

For additional information contact the church office or Fran Eagan, 240-6114.

Take the H₂O Challenge and Help Our Youth at the Same Time*

Do you feel like you drink too much...soda, coffee, tea, or “grown-up” beverages? Lent is a time when we prepare for the remembrance of one of the greatest moments in history: the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus. We prepare through sacrifice, by giving up something for the forty days leading up to Easter Sunday. The CPC youth ministry will be taking part in the Lent Challenge through the H₂O Project. This is how it works:



For the 40 days leading up to Easter we drink only water, (eat however you normally do) calculate how much **you would have spent** in a 40-day period on beverages other than water, and donate that money to the youth ministry to help the students go on their mission trip. It's simple. And the best part? You won't be spending any more money during that period than you normally would. I invite and encourage us all, as a congregation, to take part in this challenge. I also encourage you to tell your friends, family, co-workers, and housecleaners about it and talk them into doing it as well!

If you have any questions about it, contact:

Brandon Tatum at his office 493-1502 ext. 29 or on his cell (949) 310-1598.

March Birthdays

01 Grace Banning
01 Earl Porter
03 Frances Bucklin
03 Vernon Johnson
05 Larry Brubaker
05 Sue Ellen Bunch
07 Paula Zintl
08 Robert Benedict
08 Tom Mason
10 Muriel Hamme
10 Richard Stites
11 Erin Castelli
12 Angela Reid

12 John Stephens
13 Gary Lenahan
16 Heather Taylor
17 Patricia Bathgate
19 Erica Ause
19 Marley Howit
21 Ann Ludwig
22 Gwen Forquer
28 Joe Eagan
29 Roger Hulett
29 Ron Hannum
31 Julianna Rose Gilson
31 Valerie Jessen
31 Jackson Rager

March Anniversaries

04 Dan and Amy Gilson
04 John and Beryl Hourian
23 Wally and Muriel Hamme

