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Christ Presbyterian Church

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Our Mission Statement

Christ
Presbyterian
Church
focuses on a
Bible-centered
personal faith
in Jesus Christ;
shares the
Christian faith
in the
community
through
participation in
community and
church-based
programs; and
strives to allow
the Holy Spirit
to guide our lives.

The Better Way

*"I am the way, the truth and the life ... and I have come
that you might have life, and have it more abundantly."*

Words of wisdom and promise from our Savior, Friend, and Master.

As the days go by and I recall seasons of time that have passed and faded, I recall a question that Jack Nicholson posed during the movie, "As Good As It Gets." He said, "What if this is as good as it gets?"

Fortunately we are blessed. We don't have to wonder. In the midst of a world of tangibles, sights and smells, we can answer Jack's question with a "NO!" Still, life sometimes challenges us to say that with a lot of confidence, defiantly, and with a measure of volume.

What is it that gives a life real quality? A woman can look around and see all sorts of things that claim to mean "quality:" expensive clothes, shoes, jewelry, a dress size somewhere between a 2 and 4, flawless skin, perfect hair and pearly white teeth.

And us men? Well, we boys must have our toys. For men "quality" may seem to mean things along the lines of the latest, fanciest car or SUV, perfect washboard abs, a winning team and an abundance of tech toys.

Then there are things that everyone wants: a nicely padded bank account, a

healthy body, an active lifestyle that embraces a balance between service to others, church attendance, family and leisure. These can be good things to have. We all want some of these things.

Sometimes the answer to Jack's question is a "No" but for other reasons. What about the person who is paralyzed or physically restricted and would like a strong, healthy body? Or someone who is financially paralyzed? For some, it's almost like wanting the impossible. The single parent or lonely widow, or widower, may answer the question with a "No" because the wanting seems unbearable.

Are these people barred from experiencing a quality life? Jesus says, we're not barred from a quality life and we can avoid chasing the wrong life. Genuine quality of life is an issue of the heart ... given over ... surrendered to our Lord, Friend, Savior, and Comforter.

Our lives on planet earth are but a speck of dust in the face of eternity. Our bodies grow old and feeble. Our fortunes rise and fall. Yet, Paul says, "... though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by

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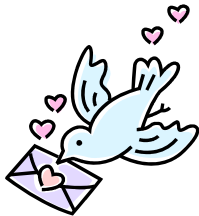
Our Prayers & Praises:



- Prayers for David Fenlon, whose brother, Gerry, passed away recently. Also prayers for his wife Linda and the rest of the family.
- A praise for the wonderful response to our Angel Tree project, to give Christmas presents to local children, and for Judy Maynor and Claudia Small, who got us organized!
- A praise for our beautiful candlelight Christmas Eve service, which showcased the wonder and delight of children!
- A praise for your generosity in giving to the Christmas Joy Offering!
- A prayer for our new President Barack Obama, as he is inaugurated on Jan. 20th.
- Prayers for those still struggling with health issues, especially Gale, Bobbie, and Ernie.

Birthday Wishes

Here are upcoming birthdays in our church family:

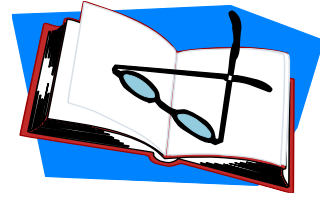


- Mark Wynar — January 1st
- Nancy McCauley — January 10th
- Herman Zellmer — January 29th
- Sherry Howie — January 29th
- David Fenlon — February 3rd
- Deborah Wynar — February 27th
- Bob Vibe — February 27th

If your birthday is missing from this list, notify Jan Jones at jan@engineeredarts.com. Thanks!

Thank You!!!

Nancy Pierce thanks all those who graciously served as greeters, ushers and worship assistants during the past year. Thank you for sharing your gifts of time and talent.



Adult Bible Study and Fellowship Opportunities

- **Mondays at 10 a.m.**, a Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group meets at the home of Carole Karp. On 1st & 3rd Mondays, they hold a "Needle Network" — a time to get together, chat, knit, crochet, and help each other with new projects. Bible study is on the 2nd & 4th Mondays, using "The Lord is My Shepherd," a study of the 23rd Psalm.
- **Tuesdays at 8 a.m.**, the men of CPC meet for Bible Study at Pastor Bill and Pann's home. They are studying the Gospel of John.
- **Thursdays at 7 p.m.**, Steve Gardner's study "Is the Bible Really True?" meets at the Church.
- **Saturday, Jan. 17, 11:30 a.m.**, the WOW Seniors Group meets for lunch at Woodett's in Gardnerville — All are welcome to attend.

Meetings & Other

- **Deacons** — 2nd Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
- **Session** — 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- **Food Ministry Sunday** — On the 4th Sunday of the month, we take food donations to the Carson Valley Food Closet to help those in need in our own community. But you can put a food donation in the red barrel any time.

Elders and Deacons to be Ordained and Installed

On Sunday, January 11, 2009, our newly elected Elders and Deacons will be ordained/installed during our worship service. Those being installed as Elders are **Carole Karp** and **Patty Moss. Pann Baltz, John Karp,** and **Judy Maynor** will be installed as Deacons. Please keep our church leaders in your prayers as they seek God's plans for our church family.

Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, January 25

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be immediately following our worship service on January 25th. This meeting is called to hand out our Annual Report of 2008 activities. We will review the 2009 budget. The Session has made several changes to our By-Laws so these will be presented and voted on at this meeting. We want to thank the By-Law Committee comprised of **Charlotte Fenlon, Chuck Convis** and **Jim White** for getting this process going and presenting it to your Session.

We hope that all members will attend that Sunday and vote on these most important matters of our church. All friends and guests are also invited to attend this annual meeting.

The Better Way

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day." (2 Corinthians 4:16) True life lies not in what we can see or smell, hear or taste, touch or purchase.

Genuine quality of life is measured by who we know which, in turn, dictates how we spend our lives. Knowing someone intimately is a heart issue - of loving someone deeply. As the New Year comes upon us, and we consider resolutions, let's ask our Lord to re-prioritize our focus, so that we may seek to spend more time with Him and thus know Him more deeply in 2009?

"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen." (Romans 11:36)

— *Pastor Bill*

Home Communion Available

Are you not able to attend our service? We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. If you are homebound or in the hospital and cannot be at church for communion, we can bring the sacrament to you.



Please call Pastor Bill at his home at 265-6320 to make arrangements for a time to share in communion with him and an Elder or Deacon.



2009 Flower Chart

The 2009 Flower Chart has been delayed in being ordered but it is on its way. Please check your calendars and note when you might like to help by providing worship flowers for our services.

You may be celebrating a birthday or anniversary or would like to remember a special date as a memorial for a loved one. The chart should be up by mid-January and you may note your special dates at that time. **THANK YOU** for helping by providing flowers or plants for our worship services.

Missions — Reaching Out in 2009!

Do you have a heart for Missions or want to learn more about missions? Do you have ideas of how we might reach out to our community and let them know that Christ Presbyterian Church could be a part of their lives? Then we want you to be on our 2009 Mission and Outreach Committee.

In 2008, our committee met and talked about where we wanted our Mission dollars to go to help support those on the mission field and many other causes. Nancy Pierce sent cards to our missionaries and generally communicated with them on behalf of our church.

What ideas do you have? We will be meeting in late January or the first of February to set our Mission budget and to discuss ideas for 2009. Please call Charlene Rodman if you are interested in joining this committee or email her at char1428@aol.com.



“Per Capita” Means Everyone Counts

The Per Capita Apportionment is paid by all Presbyterian congregations, based on the number of Active Members in their congregation. This year, the 2009 Per Capita Apportionment is \$32 per member.

The funds are used by the General Assembly, Synod of the Pacific and Nevada Presbytery for the expenses of operating the Church, including record keeping, governing body meetings, and essential ecclesiastical expenses. If each of us pays our Per Capita Apportionment, we keep CPC's administrative expenses to a minimum and are able to deliver more to the various projects planned this year, including our important outreach and mission giving.

Per Capita is the first major expenditure for Christ Presbyterian Church each year, this year amounting to \$1,411.20 which includes a 10% discount if we pay our total Per Capita before February 15th. Every member is encouraged to contribute their personal Per Capita Apportionment. Please mark on your check in the memo area “Per Capita.”

Thank you for your help in meeting our
2009 Per Capita Expense

We are Joyful About Christmas Joy Offering!

A huge thank you for your generosity in giving to the annual Christmas Joy Offering. This year, you gave \$580, which is about \$200 more than usual!

We are overwhelmed and delighted to be giving this money to help retired Presbyterian pastors and missionaries and to support Presbyterian-related racial-ethnic college education.



Photos from the Holidays!



CPC ladies attending the Incline Tea and Bazaar on Dec. 6th included, from left, Pat Beer, Sabrina Burt, Hazel Dunn, and Jan White. Others were Pann Baltz and Charlene Rodman. All had fun shopping for "treasures," which helps support the Presbyterian Women's Thrift Shop, and then enjoyed tea and crumpets. It was a great way to start the Christmas Season!



Turkey Day at the Pastor's House, 2008



Photos by Charlene Rodman — Thanks Charlene!!



Elder and Deacon Training *Saturday, February 28*

Our Elders and Deacons and anyone else who interested in a day-long Retreat with our leaders may join us for our annual Elder/Deacon Retreat on Saturday, February 28th.

We will be gathering at the South Lake Tahoe Presbyterian Church at 8:45 a.m. for a continental breakfast (provided by CPC) and a time to visit with leaders from four other churches in our area.

Our speaker this year is The Rev. Dr. Stan Wood. Stan comes from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

This is always a full day with CPC having time to meet twice during the day for some planning and then time together with the other leaders to hear our special speaker.

We will have lunch and then finish by sharing in Communion together.

Opportunities To Grow!

Would you like to grow in your faith? Would you like to get to know a few other people better? Consider assisting in the ministry of Christ Presbyterian Church. New Session Committees will be forming for the New Year. This is an excellent time to join in on the committee of your choice. Watch the back of the bulletin for the Session Committee list and Elder chairperson. Make your choice and give the Elder a call and volunteer. See how excited they will be!

How about helping with the duties of the Deacons? They make meals, send cards out, make phone calls and many other duties. Contact a Deacon and volunteer.

Get involved in 2009

Dates to Remember

11/5/09 — The women resume meeting every Monday at 10a.m. The 1st and 3rd are for social time and the 2nd and 4th Mondays are for Bible study.



1/6/09 - Men's Bible Study resumes at Pastor Bill's home to study of the Book of John.

1/8/09 - Steve Gardner's Adult Bible study resumes, using Focus on the Family's "The Truth Project," providing an in-depth Christian world view by exploring philosophy and ethics, anthropology, theology, science, history, law, community involvement and more. Steve will facilitate this video-based discussion of 12 lessons in a 13-week series. It meets on Thursdays at 7:00 (except Session Thursdays).

1/11/09 - New Elders and Deacons and those returning for another 3-year term will be ordained and/or installed.

1/11/09 - Deadline to get Annual Reports to Clerk of Session John Karp

1/25/09 - Annual Congregational Meeting after worship to receive Annual Reports, review the 2009 budget, and review and approve changes to our By-Laws.

2/28/09 - Leadership Retreat gathers at South Lake Tahoe Presbyterian Church from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Christian Ed News!

Sunday School: The Sunday School has had a minimum of two to three children each Sunday. The children began the study from the winter series of the "One Room Sunday School" curriculum.

In December they studied "Advent/Christmas." In January, they will begin "The Life of Jesus" and continue with "Jesus Begins His Ministry." Volunteer teachers are still needed.

Women's Bible Study: The Women's Bible Study group will begin meeting on January 5th with Bible study beginning on January 12th when they will resume study of the 23rd Psalm. Bible Study attendance is 8 to 12 women and the social time averages 6 to 8 women.

Men's Bible Study: Pastor Bill's men's study group continues to meet on Tuesday mornings. At present they are studying the book of John.

Adult Bible Study: Steve Gardner is leading a class, "Is the Bible Really True?" on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. The class has been attended by 16 to 20 people. Due to the holidays and travels of many the group did not meet in December. The study will begin again on January 8th. It is really an interesting class. Everyone is welcome!! — Report submitted with Blessings, Carole Karp, Elder for Christian Education

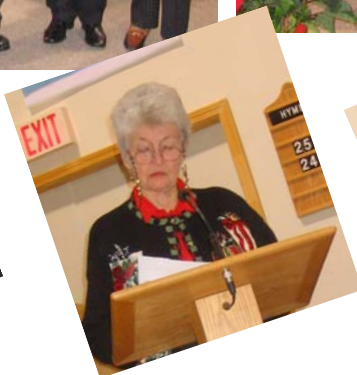


Christmas Around the World



A special treat this holiday season was the "Christmas Around the World" musical service on Sunday, Dec. 14.

The choir sang carols from many places and times and readers told meaningful stories about their origins and creators. Thanks to all who participated!



Session Meeting Minutes from December 18

Your Session met on December 18th for its regular monthly meeting. Present were Pastor Bill Baltz, four of six Elders, the Treasurer and the Clerk. Visitors included Patty Moss (Elder elected for service beginning in January 2009) and Al Moss (Clerk of Session beginning on January 1st).

Key items addressed are summarized below:

1. Session approved placing five CPC members on Inactive status due to nonparticipation in CPC activities. All five concurred in that action.
2. A new version of the CPC By-Laws has been prepared. It will be presented to the congregation for approval at a Congregational Meeting on January 25, 2009. Documentation will be provided to the congregation at least two weeks prior to the meeting to permit sufficient time for review.
3. CPC has received the Per Capita Apportionment for 2009 and the requirements for the Session Annual Statistical Report from the Nevada Presbytery. A check for the Per Capita payment and the statistical report must be furnished to the Presbytery by February 15, 2009.
4. The ordination and installation of new CPC officers (Elders and Deacons) will take place during the January 11, 2009 worship service .
5. **Financial Status.** Session accepted the Treasurer's report and approved the payment of all bills. The available funds in operating and investment accounts total \$15,599.

6. Administration:

- The 2009 Stewardship Drive has been completed. Twenty pledges were received totaling \$66,678.
- The 2009 CPC budget was approved with some adjustments.

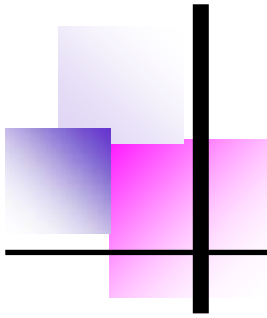
4. **Buildings and Grounds.** Session approved a preliminary plan for changing the front entrance to the sanctuary. Construction bids/estimates will be obtained to determine the feasibility of proceeding with the project.

5. **Congregational Meeting** (January 25, 2009). This annual meeting will have two agenda items:

- Receiving the 2008 Annual CPC Report from the Session
- Approving the new version of the CPC By-Laws.

— Submitted by: John Karp, Clerk of Session

Christ Presbyterian Church		
2008 Preliminary Financial Report		
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Beginning Balance-Operating Account-1/1/08		13,208.14
Receipts		
Operating Fund		83,736.52
Designated Funds		10,443.22
Misc.		499.00
Transfer from Custodial Account		10,000.00
Prepaid 2009 pledges		5,000.00
Expenditures		
Petty Cash Fund		(100.00)
Synod Loan #JM250-140509		(7,200.00)
Designated Funds		(8,136.37)
Other Budgeted Expenses		(93,878.31)
Ending Balance-Operating Account-12/31/08		<u>13,572.20</u>



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3
4	5 10 a.m. — Needle Network at Karps	6 8 a.m.—Men's Bible Study at Baltz Home	7 7 p.m.— Choir	8 7 p.m.— Adult Bible Study	9	10
11 9:30 a.m. — <i>Leader Installation Service</i> 10:45 a.m. — Deacons Meeting	12 10 a.m. — Women's Bible Study	13 8 a.m.— Men's Bible Study	14 7 p.m.— Choir	15 7 p.m. Session	16	17 11:30— WOW Lunch @ Woodetts
18	19 10 a.m. — Needle Network	20 8 a.m.— Men's Bible Study	21 7 p.m.— Choir	22 7 p.m.— Adult Bible Study	23	24
25 <i>Congregational Meeting</i> Food Ministry Sunday	26 10 a.m. — Women's Bible Study	27 8 a.m.— Men's Bible Study	28 7 p.m.— Choir	29 7 p.m.— Adult Bible Study	30	31
Feb. 1	2 10 a.m. — Needle Network	3 8 a.m.— Men's Bible Study	4 7 p.m.— Choir	5 7 p.m.— Adult Bible Study	6	7
8 10:45 a.m. — Deacons Meeting	9 10 a.m. — Women's Bible Study	10 8 a.m.— Men's Bible Study	11 7 p.m.— Choir	12 7 p.m.— Adult Bible Study	13	14
15	16 10 a.m. — Needle Network	17 8 a.m.— Men's Bible Study	18 7 p.m.— Choir	19 7 p.m. Session	20	21
22 Food Ministry Sunday	23 10 a.m. — Women's Bible Study	24 8 a.m.— Men's Bible Study	25 7 p.m.— Choir	26 7 p.m.— Adult Bible Study	27	28 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Leadership Retreat @ SLT

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2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Lamentations 3:22-24

*"The unfailing love of the LORD never ends!
By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction.*

"Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day.

"I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"

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