

The Valley Herald

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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.

From the Pastor's Desk

It has been a fairly busy "first month" for your pastor and the joy of being with you increases every day. The strange and wonderful truth is that when I spend time with you - in worship, in committee and session meetings, visiting in your homes or at your bedside in the hospital - I come away with more energy and enthusiasm rather than less. I thank you for that gift.

It leads me to wonder how we can share that gift with each other and build our spiritual energy and strength to meet the challenge of living into God's good future. How can we stimulate sufficient spiritual energy within our wonderful church family so that our ministry starts to build? In some ways it is the same question as: "How can despair be replaced with hope?"

I think that is the key for us. With hope, God creates the energy and we become transformers of that energy. That transformation happens when we worship together, when we study together, when we pray together and when we do mission together. We have so many wonderful opportunities for each of these core activities.



Rev. Pat. Hardy

I sense a growing "aliveness" in our worship. Invite someone to come with you on a Sunday morning to share in this wonderful fellowship. Use the little pamphlets to inform others of Christ Presbyterian Church. Let me know how I might assist you in these efforts.

The women are meeting at Carole Karp's on a regular basis. Include yourself in this fine group. Men, you have an open invitation to join us on Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m. for coffee at Russell's Bakery - it is a wonderful time to pray and study together with a solid men's group.

Our prayer life is already rich and shows genuine concern for each other, those for whom we care and the world around us. Let's look for ways we can further enrich that part of our life together.

We are developing plans for an outreach ministry to Merrill Gardens residents. We are blessed by having some attend Sunday worship but there are more folks there who would like the experience of worship and fellowship. If you would like to

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Our Prayers & Praises:

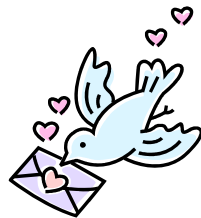


- Continued prayers for **Ailsa & Malcolm Milne**, as she battles cancer.
- Prayers for **Lucille Vance**, who is struggling with a return of her cancer.
- A praise that **Al Moss** had successful knee replacement surgery and is recovering well.
- Prayers for **Jerry & Sharon Rinauro**, long-time members who now live in Twin Falls, ID. Both are having back problems; Sharon's may require surgery and Jerry has been in physical therapy for 4 weeks. "Besides all that doom and gloom, we are strong in Christ and he will take care of us," Jerry wrote.
- Prayers for **Pat Reynolds**, who had surgery to open up her throat - she has difficulty swallowing.
- Prayers for **Lorraine Potter**, on the loss of her mom in October.
- Prayers for **Claudia Small's** son, Sean, who had a recent surgery to remove a tumor in his colon.
- Prayers for the family of the **Rev. Steve Blocher**, pastor of the South Lake Tahoe Presbyterian Church, who went to be with our Lord on Oct. 13. As John Karp wrote, he was a faithful servant, a great CPC supporter, and a wonderful man.

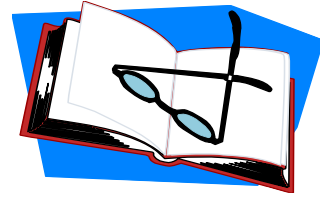
Upcoming Birthday Wishes

Here are upcoming birthdays in our church family:

- Harry Jenkins — 11/14
- Barbara Brophy — 11/17
- Janet Gurr — 11/18
- Landon Wymar — 11/22
- Charlotte Fenlon — 11/26
- Tom Hollis — 11/28
- Ann Moxley — 11/28
- Jan Jones — 11/30



If your birthday is missing, please notify Jan Jones at janjones88@gmail.com. Thanks!



Adult Bible Study and Fellowship Opportunities

- **Mondays at 10 a.m.**, the Women's Bible Study is doing a *Women of Faith* study on "Encouraging One Another" on 2nd and 4th Mondays at the home of Carole Karp (782-3230). In December, the ladies will meet only once, for their annual Christmas Brunch.
- **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**, the choir is practicing beautiful music for Advent and Christmas at the church. It's an enjoyable hour. Anyone who loves to sing to the Lord is invited to join us!

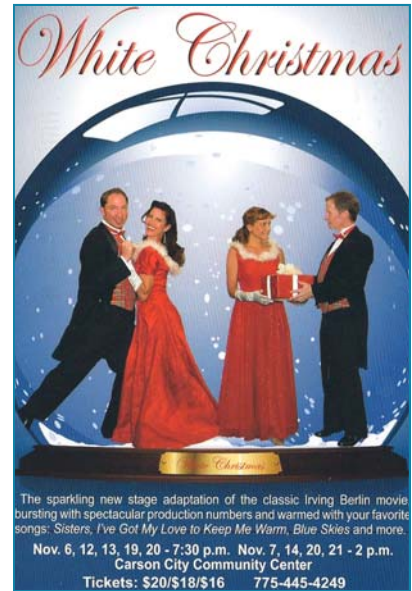
Other Regular Meetings

- **Deacons Meeting** is usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:45 a.m. after Church.
- **Session Meeting** is usually on the 2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month. They meet at 4:30 PM at the church.
- **Food Ministry Sunday** is the 4th Sunday of the month. It is when the food in the red barrel is taken to the Carson Valley Food Closet. Share your Autumn bounty with those in need in our own community!



Upcoming Activities for Your Church Calendar

- **“White Christmas”** at the Carson City Community Center (a Sunday matinee in November TBA). This sparkling new stage adaptation of the beloved Irving Berlin movie is bursting with spectacular production numbers and favorite songs, like “Sisters,” “I’ve Got My Love To Keep Me Warm,” “Blue Skies,” “Count Your Blessings,” and of course, “White Christmas.”
- Sunday, November 21st is the **Harvest Brunch** immediately after church. We’ll have lots of Thanksgiving favorites to share. This is always a favorite event at our church.
- Sunday, December 5th is **Christmas decorating** after church. Please help us make the church look festive and inviting for all who attend during this Christmas season.
- **Women’s Annual Christmas Brunch** is tentatively set for December 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Carole Karp. All women in the church are invited to attend.



Letters for Josh Gardner

Josh Gardner is just finishing his 3rd week at Marine Corp Boot Camp and has ten more weeks to go. He is really home sick and seems desperate for connecting to what is going on outside of Boot Camp.

I would really appreciate any letters that you could send to him. He may not write you back because his letter writing time is limited, but he will cherish every one he receives. He can only receive letters, no packages.

His address is:

*Recruit Gardner, Joshua D.
2nd BN, Fox Co. PLT 2130
36001 Midway Ave.
San Diego, CA 92140-2130*

Take Care & God Bless,
Barbara Gardner

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

Beautiful 2011 calendars, with meaningful NIV Bible verses, are on sale in the Social Area of the Church. Each month features a stunning photograph of “God’s Creation” with a matching NIV verse.

These calendars make great Christmas gifts, and the profits will go to benefit programs in our Church!

They are only \$8. See Carole Karp for any questions.



Christmas Poinsettias



Each year we look forward to the beauty the poinsettia plants bring to our sanctuary during the Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a plant for \$9.00 please see Charlene. We have ordered 10 poinsettias. You may take your plant home after our Christmas Eve Service.

Please make your check payable to Christ Presbyterian Church and mark in the memo section of your check that it is for a poinsettia.

Our 2011 Flower chart will be going up in December for you to choose a date to bring flowers for a celebration or memorial next year. If you have any questions about furnishing flowers, please call Charlene at 265-7875.

Help Us Elect Church Officers on November 14th

We are having a brief yet very important Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 14th immediately following our worship service. We will be taking action on the report of our Nominating Committee as they make the following nominations for church leaders:

- Session Class of 2013 Gale Maynor and Charlene Rodman, and Class of 2012 Jim White
- Deacon Class of 2013 Barbara Havens and Nancy Valiquette

Christmas Joy Offering is Dec. 19th

Joyful giving from thankful hearts has long been a Christian tradition during the Advent season. This December you have an opportunity to joyfully give to the Christmas Joy Offering, which will be received at our Sunday, December 19th service. This gift will go to our denomination to be used to assist in the funding of eight racial ethnic schools and colleges in covenant with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). These funds also provide assistance to church workers in serious financial need, particularly those with serious medical problems or very low retirement benefits.

Prayerfully consider giving to these ministry areas. If you would like to give and will be out of town on the 21st, simply note "Joy Offering" in the memo portion of your check and mail it to the Church.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

The children began "One Room Sunday School" in the fall. The themes have been "Judges and Kings," "A United Kingdom," and "Stories From the Exile."

They will begin the Winter Program in December. The themes for these lessons will be "Jesus is Born," "Stories Jesus Told" and "Teachings of Jesus." Teachers are always needed. The sign-up sheet is in the Social Hall.



The Women finished the Women of Faith study "Living Above Worry and Stress" in October. They will begin another Women of Faith study in November. The topic is "Encouraging One Another." In December, they will not have the regular meetings. They will have their annual Christmas Brunch. The tentative date is December 13th at 11:00 AM. Contact Carole Karp or call at 782-3230 if you have any questions. All women are invited to attend. The regular meeting and studies will begin in January 2011 on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at the home of Carole Karp at 10:00AM.

We hope to have an adult study beginning after the first of the year. Look for more information in the coming months.

Christmas Tea & Bazaar on Dec. 4th

You are cordially invited to the annual Village Presbyterian Church Women's Christmas Tea and Bazaar in Incline Village (Lake Tahoe). The afternoon tea is from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4th in the church's Fireside Room. This year's tea will honor Pat Beer, the woman who started the Christmas Tea and has coordinated it ever since. She and her husband are moving away.

There are always special treasures to find and purchase, plus wonderful goodies to eat, to help us get into the Christmas spirit!

See Charlene Rodman for more information, directions or carpooling!



INVITE A FRIEND AND BE A FRIEND

This is the challenge for each of us as we enter into Advent and Christmas. Our worship services during the Christmas season are wonderful times to invite friends to worship. We will be having our traditional Christmas Eve Candle Light service at 7:00 p.m. on December 24th.



People are more open to that kind of invitation during Christmas and Easter than any other time of year. Be praying for who you might ask to come with you and then ask them. Obviously this is the "Invite a Friend" part of the challenge, but the "Be a Friend" part is to treat everyone who comes through the doors of our church as a friend. Think of them and treat them as if they were that special person you invited.

THE MEANING OF ADVENT

Advent is the first season of the Christian year and begins four Sundays before Christmas. Advent comes from the Latin word, *adventus*, meaning "arrival." Advent is the season of the church year that we celebrate the first arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and prepare in anticipation for His promised "second arrival." One way we celebrate and prepare is through the lighting of the Advent Candles at each Sunday service and on Christmas Eve.

There are many different traditions about the Advent Candles and their meaning. The following are our Advent Candles themes:

- The **Praise** Candle is the first candle, November 28th.
- The **Watch** Candle is the second candle, December 5th.
- The **Wait** Candle is the third candle, December 12th.
- The fourth candle is the **Receive** Candle, December 19th.
- The **Rejoice Christ** Candle is lit on Christmas Eve, December 24th. This reminds us of the proclamation of the angel that the birth of Christ brings great joy to the entire world. We rejoice in the Good News that in Christ, God has come to be with us.

MAY YOU EXPERIENCE ALL THE BLESSINGS OF THIS ADVENT SEASON

REMEMBER:

THE ADVENT SEASON BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 28TH

A variety of Advent devotions for the children, and for adults, are available on the counter in our lobby. A wonderful way of sensing the true "reason for the season" is through daily Advent devotions. May you be blessed this Advent season in a fresh and special way.

Congratulations to Our "Citizen of the Year"!

In a recent *Record-Courier* article, our own Earl Mussett was recognized as Carson Valley's 2010 "Citizen of the Year." He was acclaimed for his many years of volunteering to teach line dancing and T'ai Chi in Gardnerville and Carson City and organized the first World T'ai Chi Day in Minden Park. The 81-year-old "is a living example of the health benefits of this practice," the article said.



Earl Mussett

He and Marlysræ will be honored at a gala dinner on Nov. 13 at Antocci's Supper Club at Genoa Lakes. The Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Authority and The Record-Courier sponsor the annual community award event. Way to go, Earl!

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be part of this mission outreach, let Jim White know of your interest.

Hope is not always that easy to maintain. Sometimes it is drained by holding on to the past. Sometimes it is sapped by focusing only on what we currently do not have. The past is rich with both failures and successes. It can teach us many things and, instead of being mired down in what we view as the failures, we can thank God for our history together and the fact that we have come through that history and we "still stand!"

With Paul, we can learn to give thanks in all things and affirm God's presence in all of our lives together. That puts us on the path of maintaining hope. The second issue (focusing only on what we don't have) also needs the same perspective as the first. We need to affirm what we do have and to give God thanks for the wonderful community of faith into which He has called us.

If we can ask for His help to see the world of Christ Presbyterian the way he sees it, we can be filled with his hope, his energy and dance the outrageous dance of faith. Join with me and see that hope is here - ready, by God's grace - to infuse Christ Presbyterian.

It is more than appropriate as we enter the season of Advent to understand that this is also our season to have God enter our world in new and powerful ways. May God's peace rest upon you, your home and all that we do together.

Pastor Pat

Note: The CPC Session announced Oct. 21 that the Rev. Pat Hardy was approved to be our Pastor effective Oct. 1, 2010.

Anyone who would like to sing Christmas music is welcome to our rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00. The time is now!

Give yourself the gift of music for this special season. — Hazel



Christmas Cards for the Soldiers



There's a basket of Christmas cards in Fellowship Hall, just waiting for your to write a few encouraging words to our troops overseas. Take a handful and bring them back in time to be mailed to our young men and women serving our country around the world. You too will be blessed!!

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— *Isaiah 9:6-7 (KJV)*

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

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Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
*Worship Service &
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