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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 Preacher with a Handout

Yep. It's autumn and it's that time of year again. Football season? you ask. Well, yes. But, veteran church-goers know what other time it is — stewardship ... or fund-raising time.

Over the years, I've heard people lament that "The church is always asking for money." Or "The preacher always has his hand out." I understand where most people are coming from. But, I have to say, "It's not between me and you ... and, not between the church and you. You guessed it. "It's between you and God ... your true Creator and Father of all."

And, you know what? He doesn't need your money. Can you imagine the one who "owns the cattle on a thousand hills" needing more working capital? Do you think the one that spoke the stars into being could ever face a money crisis? No. but He does need us to give. In fact, He requires it.

Hear God's words spoken through the great prophet Micah in 750-686 B. C. "With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has

showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:6-8 NIV).

Israel's condition was like a seesaw — teetering between good times and bad ... having to trust the hand of God. Nothing like the economic times and high unemployment of today, eh?

Some people of certain religious persuasion would suggest (seemingly promise) that if you send in your money ... prosperity will surely follow in the days ahead. I don't offer that ... not the financial kind.

"So, what do you want from me?" you ask. Nothing ... like I said before. It's between you and God. But I will offer you a hand (like a handout?). God wants you. Some may remember an old story about the time when a church was taking up a big collection and one person of meager means walked up and stepped into the offering basket.

If you give of yourself to God, you will receive the promises that He offered before you make your decision. (Paraphrased from Matt. 6:25-30) "I tell you, don't worry about everyday life -- whether you have enough food, drink, and clothes. Doesn't life consist of more than food and clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest

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Our Prayers & Praises:

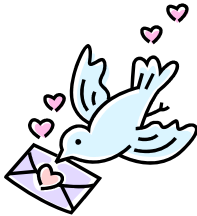
- Prayers for family and friends of Connie Russell, who passed away recently. Services were held Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. at Merrill Gardens with Pastor Bill officiating.
- A praise that Claudia Small's cousin, Mike, came through surgery to remove a tumor with flying colors. Also prayers for her brother-in-law, Al, who is having some bleeding problems.
- A prayer request from Pat Talamantes for single mom, Kristy, and her 2-year-old daughter, Talia, who was sexually abused by a family "friend."
- Prayers for the Karps on the death of Carole's sister, Jeanne, and for ongoing health concerns in the Dunn, Zellmer, and Maynor families.



Happy Birthday Wishes

Here are some upcoming birthdays in our church family:

- Bobbie Zellmer — Nov. 12th
- Ernie Dunn — Nov. 15th
- Bill Baltz — Nov. 16th
- Janet Gurr — Nov. 19th
- Landon Wynar (turns 18!) — Nov. 22nd
- Charlotte Fenlon — Nov. 26th
- Tom Hollis — Nov. 28th
- Jan Jones — Nov. 30th

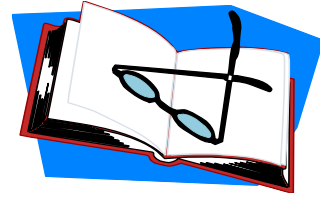


If your birthday is missing from this list, please notify Jan Jones at jan@engineeredarts.com. Thanks!

Please Note: CJ Wynar has a new off-campus address: 1919 Buchanan Ave., Corvallis, OR 97331 if you would like to send him a note of encouragement or care package!

Thank You

"John and Carole Karp would like to thank everyone for their prayers on the passing of Carole's sister Jeanne. They feel blessed to have such a loving and caring Church family."



Adult Bible Study and Fellowship Opportunities

- **Mondays at 10 a.m.**, the Women's Bible Study returns to its regular schedule in November: on 1st & 3rd Mondays, the women meet for fellowship and to work on crafts and knitting projects. The Bible study is on the 2nd & 4th Mondays, using the "Sermon on the Mount" study guide.
- **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 Mark.
- **Thursdays at 7 p.m.**, no study is currently scheduled, but we are looking at possibilities for the future. We will keep you informed.

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 each month, we take food donations to the Carson Valley Food Closet to help those in need in our own community. So please look for our red barrel in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

(P.S. You can put a food donation in the barrel at any time!!)

Progressive Dinner Hits Foothill Rd. and is Enjoyed by All

What a delightful evening! We started out on Saturday night, Oct. 17, at the Potter home for appetizers and an amazing view of the valley before the sunset. Thanks Lorraine and Phil for sharing your home and hospitality!

We then moved on to the White's home for the main meal of lasagna, salad, and garlic bread. Mmmm — yummy! Then, instead of going to the Baltz home for dessert as originally planned, since Pann was not feeling well, we went onto the final course at the White's house, as well. We all had birthday cake (for Bill Rodman's 81st) and ice cream to top off the wonderful meal.

Thank you to Jim and Jan White for hosting and to everyone who attended for great food and fellowship!



Progressively More Delicious and Fun! —
Enjoying fun, food, and fellowship at the CPC Progressive Dinner on Oct. 17 are (above from left) Patty Moss, Charlene Rodman, Jan White, Lorraine Potter, and Earl Mussett. At top right are Steve and Sabrina Burt; next on right, Charlene and Bill Rodman; third on right, Charlene Rodman and Judy Maynor serve up dessert; and below right are Bill Rodman, Al Moss, Hazel Dunn, and Earl Mussett. Others not pictured who attended include Barbara Brophy, Jan Jones, Gale Maynor, Pat Reynolds, and Jim White. — Photos by Jan Jones

News from Our Extended Church Family

We recently heard some incredible news from Chris, Heather and Annabelle Held, who now live in Georgia.



Annabelle, who is 10 years old and in 5th grade now, has been making and selling dog treats and donating 100% of the profits to a local no-kill animal shelter, Our Pal's Place. On Thursday, Oct. 22, Annabelle was a guest on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and received a \$2500 gift for the animals.

"We are truly blessed that she has grown into such a remarkable young woman with such a generous heart and we know that part of that generosity stems from the love she received in Nevada," wrote Heather.

To watch the video, go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xR2PLvYBxkA&feature=related>.

Update on Chaplain Sholtes and his family

Our former pastor has come back from 3 years in Guam where he was the Command Chaplain of the USS FRANK CABLE. He visited Malaysia, China, Singapore, the Philippines, Russia, and Japan during that tour. He just graduated on Sept. 4 from the Clinical Pastoral Education Level II at the Naval Medical Center San Diego.

In October, he reported to his new duty station in Qandahar, Afghanistan as Head of Religious Services in an International Hospital, the first of its kind.

Candace and family will stay in Encinitas, CA waiting for his return. As you know, Pastor Andrew's daughter, Andrea got married in January. She graduated Sept. 25 from Nuclear Power School in Charleston, NC, and will spend 6 months on a prototype before being assigned to a Navy nuclear carrier. She is hoping to be stationed near her husband, Donovan, who is taking command of his first ship in this coming December.

Taylor, the younger daughter, is 16 and just got her driver's license. She's a junior in La Costa High School and misses Guam a lot.

Upcoming Harvest Brunch & Christmas Decorating

1. We had a very successful **Progressive Dinner on October 17**. Thanks to the Potters and Whites for hosting and all those who attended for great food and fellowship.
2. The **Harvest Brunch** will be held on **Sunday, Nov. 22**, after church services. We are also looking forward to having Alan and Renee Lindvall of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) as our guest speakers.
3. We will be decorating the church for the **Christmas season on Sunday, Dec. 6**. Please plan to stay and help after church. We will have some goodies to nibble on. This is always a great time.

— Patty Moss, Elder for Congregational Life

Clerk's Report

Session met October 15, 2009. The following items were approved by session:

1. It was moved and approved to accept Eleanor Hollis' resignation as a Deacon. Eleanor has relocated to Idaho.
2. It was moved and approved to increase the Building and Grounds maintenance budget, for 2010 from \$400 to \$1000.
3. It was moved and approved to increase the Mission and Outreach advertising budget by \$300 to cover additional year-end advertising expenses. It was done by moving an unused line item to advertising.
4. It was moved and approved to accept landlord Joe Valentine's offer of extending CPC "first right of refusal" should he ever elect to sell the building.

Respectfully submitted,

— Al Moss, Clerk of Session

Deacons Plan for the Holidays

The Heifer International Project

Your Deacons decided to use your gifts to supplement the \$40 already in Deacons' "pig" bank to buy a pig from *Heifer International*.



A single pig can quickly alter a community. Sows may have 16 piglets a year. Heifer field teams teach the project partners to apply their animals' manure to their field to boost crop yields. The pigs need very little land and thrive on scraps and garden by-products. The pig recipient passes on some of the offspring to other community members. This is a gift that truly keeps on giving!

Christmas is A-coming...

Project Santa Claus is a multi-faceted entity. It serves and supports children and families from the Community Food Closet, the CASA program, Family Support Council, and those housed at China Springs and Aurora Pines Camps, as well as Abbey Crossing, the Family Support Council house and Austin's House, the CASA House. CASA is the Court Appointed Special Advocate program of the Ninth Judicial District Court of Douglas County.



Project Santa Claus is an IRS 501 (c) (3) organization I.D. #88-0258742, which means your contributions are tax-deductible.

Each parent makes two wishes for their children. Christ Presbyterian families have traditionally and generously supported 12 children. The children's names and wishes are placed on angels on the Angel Tree. Our angels will be up and "flying" on Sunday, Nov. 15. Presents are due on or before Dec. 13. Please put them under the church tree, gift wrapped and tagged with family ID# and the child's name.

You may choose to support Project Santa Claus outside of our CPC pledge to our Angel Tree. Please see the Deacon bulletin board for details.

News from the Church Mouse



Word has it that the grand opening of the CPC Library was a success on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009. We hope you took saw the books available and found out how the check-in and -out procedures work. Used hymnals are still free for the taking — a wonderful supplement to your daily devotions.

Raley's Quality of Life cards, which return a portion of each purchase to our church, are still available. See Pann if you no longer have one. If you have a Scolari's card, it will need to be updated.

Have you heard about the "Lunch Bunch?" Once a month our Merrill Gardens residents gather for lunch with Pastor Bill and Mrs. Pastor. We have a great time and you are welcome to join us.

Buildings and Grounds are discussing some creative ideas. Led by Howard Frazier, they are thinking of ways to improve the look of our sanctuary and raise money. (See related story on page 8.)



WANT TO TAKE A TRIP TO SIAM? JOIN US FOR "THE KING AND I"

Our own Katie Jones has a part in the classic Broadway musical, "The King and I," at the Carson City Community Center during the first 3 weekends in November.

We are trying to put together a CPC group to go to the Sunday, Nov. 15 matinee at 2 p.m. If you are interested in going, please let us know on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. We usually go out to lunch before at the Bejing Palace (next to The Manger) in Carson City.

Katie will be selling tickets to all November performances if you would like to buy a ticket from her. For more information, go to <http://www.wnc.edu/arts/wnmtc/>

Christmas Tea & Bazaar on Dec. 5th



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. 5th in the church's Fireside Room.

This has become an annual event for the ladies of CPC. It is always fun driving up the hill and sharing with the ladies of The Village Church - oh and the shopping and the tea and goodies are the best, too. See Charlene for carpooling!

Grand Opening of Church Library on Nov. 1st

CPC celebrated the grand opening of our new church library after the worship service on Sunday, November 1st. Special thanks go out to **Charlotte Braddy**, our head librarian, and her support team (**Lucille Vance, Pastor Bill, and Pann Baltz**). Most of this crew was on hand that day to explain check-out and check-in procedures. Special refreshments were served, including a book-shaped cake! A large selection of free-for-the-taking hymnals and Bible study guides, which will continue to be available for awhile. — *Pann Baltz*



The Preacher With A Handout

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or put food in barns because your Heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to Him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? Of course not. "And why worry about your clothes? Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are."

If God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't He more surely care for you?

However, I suggest that we be prepared for an answer, something like, "Let the person who has ears to hear, use them."

— *Pastor Bill*

A Sisters-in-Service Thank You

Jan Jones and Charlene Rodman want to thank you for your support for our Sisters-In-Service Walk to the Water in September. We were not able to get up to Incline Village for the Walk so we chose to walk in Minden Park. We met a very nice lady along the way who agreed to take this picture for us and Rosie, Jan and Katie's dog.

Your gifts will go to the Sudan this year to help improve the lives of women and children in that country. In September, the Sudan experienced a flood that left 200,000 in Khartoum without homes. The children are among the neediest, along with mothers and the elderly: those particularly vulnerable to lack of food and waterborne diseases. Their immediate needs are for food, shelter and clothing and medicine. You are helping in this mission.

Thank you!



Other Deacon News

When the Deacons met in October, we agreed to give \$150 to each of our local projects: City of Refuge, Family Support Council, and the partnership of Community Resources. We decided to give \$50 to the Incline Village representative of Sisters in Service to support Charlene Rodman and Jan Jones who participated in "Walk to the Water" at Tahoe on September 19, 2009.

We will also give \$80 toward buying a pig through the Heifer International Project (detailed in another article on page 5). Looking to future, the Deacons will reserve a portion of their monies for monetary demands during the holiday season; the Angel Tree and Food Closet. As always, \$50 will be kept in reserve for emergencies.

Our local Food Closet received 15 pounds of food from our congregation during the month of September. Each Deacon, Shepherd, has a responsibility to watch over their "flock." If you do not know who your Shepherd is, see the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES:

Alan & Renee Lindvall

November 22nd

On Nov. 22, come prepared to be informed, inspired and stay an extended few hours at Christ Presbyterian Church. This is **Stewardship Dedication Sunday** but also a time to meet **Alan and Renee Lindvall** who are with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). CPC helps to support the Lindvalls as they serve as hosts at the main MAF headquarters in Nampa, Idaho.

They will be bringing us a Moment for Mission, sharing stories, and playing a flute with our children in Sunday School. Following our worship service, they will join us for our **Harvest Brunch** and be sharing with us a short DVD on their new project the Kodiak 100, a new fuel-efficient aircraft that helps them reduce costs while ministering in remote, isolated areas around the world.



While Alan and Renee are with us I would like to plan an evening in a home so that you might have a little more time to ask questions about MAF and the Lindvall's service with MAF. If you would be interested in attending please contact Charlene at 265.7875.

This is a time when we will be celebrating the pledges you have turned in or will turn in on that day for the Lords work to continue at CPC in 2010. This is a big Sunday so do not miss it. Bring a friend.

Christmas Cards for Our Country's Soldiers

Would you like to send a Christmas greeting to a soldier? It sure would make their Christmas



Day to hear that they are loved and being supported from home. In our Fellowship Hall is a basket of blank cards.

You may pick a few up and take them home to write your greeting or you may write one on the spot. Our cards will be sent to the Commanders and Chaplains and they will be asked to give them out on Christmas morning.

Please sign your name or the name of your family and add the town you reside in.

Thank you for your support with this project. See Charlene Rodman if you have any questions.

News from Our Missionaries in Serbia

Greetings from Serbia!

Thanksgiving to the Lord! In spite of our fatigue, one thing has not been a source of stress. The Lord and you have kept us up to budget in these hard economic times. Thank you for your faith and sacrifice! Planning ahead though, we will need \$1000 a month in new support by December 2010.

Prayers for Linka (l_parlee@prodigy.net)

- Energy from the Lord. She has a ministry of lifestyle evangelism at a horse show-jumping club. She trains and disciplines many non-Christian teenage girls. Enough said! She is model of lifestyle evangelism for Christians in the local Serbian church we attend, but life among the lost is hard.
- Pray for four women in the local Serbia church to complete their self-counseling projects. They asked Linka to train them how to do biblical counseling. For starters they have to get the log out of their own eyes (Matt 7:1-5), but they are not following through on their self-counseling projects.

Prayers for Drew (dparlee@prodigy.net):

- Energy from the Lord. It's exhausting to think and to write lectures partly in English and Serbian for the fall semester 2009. I will teach students about the authority of Scripture and how to escape captivity philosophy in their thoughts and their churches as they interpret and apply the Bible.
- NAS Colossians 2:8 "See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ."
- Ask God to restore the church in Serbia with the joy of the Gospel so all believers rejoice to share Christ as a lifestyle where they live, work and relax. I am worried about the way some leaders here motivate people to share the gospel. Last Sunday in church, a denominational leader preached how the Lord is looking for "real experts" to preach the Gospel and plant churches, but no one is responding. If they don't, God will pour out his "wrath" on the church (Ezek 22:30-31) and remove its "lamp stand out of its place" (Rev 3:5). While there is obviously a biblical context for such preaching, I wonder if it fits Serbia at the present time.

For both of us:

- Energy and God-ordained meetings as we plan a return to the US from Dec. 15 to April 1. We will spend the majority of our time on the East Coast since we were on the West Coast last time.
- Because of this trip, Drew must cram the 3.5 month fall semester of lectures into 2 months.

Thank you! Drew and Linka

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Young Life is Coming!

AnneMarie McCann has begun the process of bringing the Young Life organization to the Carson Valley. They have had several meetings seeking God's direction for leadership and students in our valley and Carson City.



Pastor Bill and Pann have invited this group to meet in their home for prayer and those prayers are being answered. Seven potential leaders have stepped forward for Douglas High School. Training for these leaders will begin soon.

Please keep this group in your prayers as they organize and seek God's leading for the youth of our community.

Buildings & Grounds Wish/Prayer List — Let Us Know Your Thoughts!

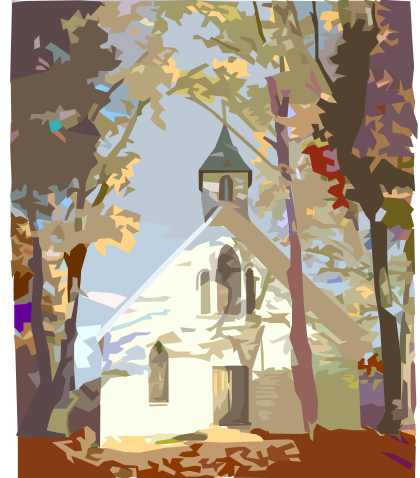
We have made a list of things we would like to do to improve the look of our church. Please be praying about these ideas and give us your feedback. You can contact any member of the committee with your comments. The committee consists of Howard Frazeur, chair, Pastor Bill, Al Moss, Bill Rodman, Martha Hollis, and Jan Jones.

Here are our wishes/prayers for the building in priority order:

1. **CHAIRS** — Replace some of the worn-out pews with chairs like those up front. If people want to buy a chair, they can! In fact, you could donate in memory of a loved one. Chairs are \$80 each and we hope to order in 30-chair increments to start replacing the first 5 to 7 rows of pews. We realize that some people prefer pews and others like the idea of chairs, so we want to respect and honor people's feelings and keep the congregation "in the loop" on all decisions.
2. **FRONT ENTRANCE** — We have various ideas of how to improve the entrance to the church — from cosmetic painting and planting, to buying a new single door, to building a whole new entrance with double doors that would involve cutting into the wall. Of course, the price goes up with each option. Would you be in favor of a Building Improvement Fund-Raising Campaign to pay for a more elaborate new entrance?
3. **KITCHEN STOVE** — If someone wants to donate a stove, it would cost about \$400 to install (with free labor) for many possible events we want to hold. We're thinking of having a once-a-month or once-a-quarter free movie night and dinner (spaghetti? pizza?) to attract young families to our church. This probably will require an exhaust fan and smoke detectors. Do you think a stove is a good idea?
4. **CEILING** — We're looking at ideas for painting beams, hiding wires, and hanging baffles to improve the look of the ceiling. Baffles are like hanging banners that disguise the "warehouse" look and improve acoustics. Do you have other suggestions for the ceiling?
5. **FELLOWSHIP HALL** — Possibly install indoor/outdoor carpeting to improve the comfort and look of the floor in Fellowship Hall.
6. **BACK PARKING LOT** — Make this area more "kid friendly" with basketball hoops, play equipment, etc.

SPEAKER IN NURSERY — This is something we can easily accomplish, so that moms who need to be in the nursery can listen to the service. This and other "maintenance" issues are being planned now, such as regluing the linoleum in the front bathroom.

We hope, and believe, that the pest control problem is now solved, thanks to Howard Frazeur and Jim White, who added weather stripping to the back doors. Thanks to both of you! Howard also fastened a shelf in the church office that was carrying a lot of weight — thanks for all you do — especially chairing this committee!



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— *Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)*

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This is what the ancients were
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