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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.

Ask for Help to Keep Your Boat from Sinking

Years ago a great ship was built. They named it the Titanic. They said, "Even God can't sink it."

What a boisterous claim ... don't you think? What a demonstration of confidence! What a show of faith!

Why did it sink? "It hit an iceberg you say." True. "They didn't heed the messages sent to the ship, 'Watch out for the icebergs!'" you add. But I don't believe they're the ultimate reasons.

People died. Why? You say, "There weren't enough life boats!" Why? Because the captain and the builder of the ship (who was on board, by the way) didn't see the great need. They certainly had faith in themselves, but they seemed to lack humility.

It's believed that the name, "Titanic" followed the belief in Greek mythology that "Titans" were powerful gods called the "elder gods" that ruled the earth. A Titan was a symbol of mightiness and power. The White Star Line chose the name Titanic because it was the largest ship in the world at the time of its launching. Would it rule the seas?

On that ship was "The Unsinkable Molly Brown." The Titanic sank ... she didn't. Why?

Could it be that she had a different character and faith? How's your ship sailing? Staying well afloat? Finances well under control? Health stable? Too many friends to be lonely?

Are the waves of life tossing you to and fro? Do you let them? Do you depend just on yourself?

Maybe a character change could help. I get tired of running the ship. I'm not as confident in myself as the builder of the Titanic was. I'm not a Titan or a Titanic. I ask for help ... when there isn't a crisis ... admittedly, more often when there is. But I do ask.

Would you like to know how to keep from sinking? Ask for help.

And, when you ask, be sure that you really expect God to answer, "...because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind" (James 1:6). There's plenty of lifeboats where I hang out. We always have extras that aren't occupied or full. God knew there would be a need to rescue us. So He planned well ahead.

Stop by one of our "boat stands" ... and get an unsinkable one.

— *Pastor Bill*

Our Prayers & Praises:

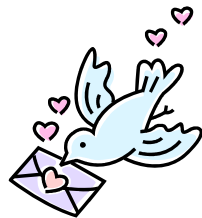


- Prayers for Herman Zellmer, his children and the rest of the Zellmer family on the death of our dear friend, Bobbie Zellmer. She passed away on Saturday, Nov. 28. Bobbie's service is at 1:30 p.m. on Sat., Dec 5th, at CPC. We are thankful for the many years she was with us in the choir and at church.
- A praise that Gale and Judy Maynor were able to travel to visit their son, Jeff, in Baton Rouge for Thanksgiving. Gale was well enough to fly, but Jeff is having some medical tests done and we pray for a good outcome for those tests.
- A praise that Nancy Pierce recovered from her bout with pneumonia and was able to visit family for Thanksgiving.
- A prayer request for Lucille Vance, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. She is to have surgery Dec. 1, when they will check her lymph nodes. Prayers for Lucille and her family.
- Happy birthday — a little late — to Vernon Howell, who turned 95 on Nov. 8th. He recently moved to Carson Valley Residential Care Center. His mailing address is now 1189 Kimmerling Road, Gardnerville.

Happy Birthday Wishes

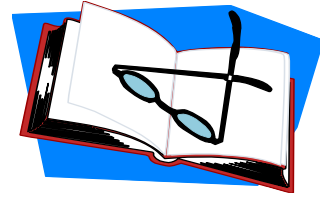
Upcoming birthdays in our church family:

- Kaye Vibe — Dec. 1st
- Nancy Pierce — Dec. 2nd
- Jan White — Dec. 4th
- Lucille Vance — Dec. 12th
- Holly Ceideburg — Dec. 18th
- Mark Wynar — Jan 1st
- Herman Zellmer — Jan. 29th



Thank You

Nancy Pierce would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls and the food that was brought to her after her stay in the hospital.



Adult Bible Study and Fellowship Opportunities

- **Mondays at 10 a.m.**, the Women's Bible Study will not have its regular meetings in December, but will enjoy their annual Christmas brunch on Dec. 14th at the home of Carole Karp, and resume their "Sermon on the Mount" study in January.
- **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.

Meetings & Other

- **Deacons** — Deacons meet on the 2nd Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
- **Session** — Elders meet on the 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 community. Please bring non-perishable donations anytime and put them in the red barrel outside the sanctuary. Thanks for your faithful giving!

A Weekend with the Lindvalls of Mission Aviation Fellowship



Learning More About MAF — At top right, a group enjoyed dinner at Charlene & Bill Rodman's home on Friday, Nov. 20, while learning more about MAF. From left are Pastor Bill, Jan Jones, Alan & Renee Lindvall of MAF, Bill Rodman, Catherine Cavanaugh, and Pann Baltz.

— All Photos by Charlene Rodman



Information Table — Alan & Renee Lindvall of MAF brought lots of brochures and other information about their ministry, which is headquartered in Nampa, Idaho, but provides services to isolated areas all over the world.



Harvest Brunch Sunday — Alan & Renee shared more about their ministry from the pulpit on Sunday, Nov. 22. Afterwards, we all enjoyed a special harvest brunch and video about MAF pilots flying medical help and other vital goods and services into remote areas throughout the world.



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.

Each Sunday we will have special Advent readings with the lighting of our Advent candles. And, of course, we will be having our traditional Christmas Eve Candle Light service at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24th.

People are more open to an invitation to church 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.



UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd

Following worship on Sunday, January 3, 2010, we will be un-decorating the church from Christmas. All are invited to assist in taking down and packing up our various Christmas decorations.

"Many hands make light work," as my mother always said, so plan on staying a little while and help us get set for a new year!

Youth Ideas Needed!

To all creative and enthusiastic CPC members, who would like to find new ways to involve more youth in our church.

We were thrilled with the attendance and the many ideas expressed at our last meeting on Oct. 18th. We are scheduling the next meeting for **Sunday, December 13th**, right after church. Before then, take a piece of paper and write down your ideas for activities that could draw young people to our church. No idea is too small or too silly.

Pray about our church's direction and ask Him for His guidance. Pray that God will lead us to someone to act as a Youth Director.

We would like to meet twice each month as we work to get our program going. Pray about that as well. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, the 6th.

Blessings! Pastor Billy and Mrs. Pastor

Clerk's Report

1. A special Congregational meeting is scheduled for the first part of December, to elect a new slate of officers to fill Elder, Deacon and Nominating Committee positions. Stay tuned for the official date.
2. We will be assembling year-end data from Session and Deacons to format our Annual Report. The Report will be presented to The Congregation for approval during our annual meeting, scheduled for February 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

— Al Moss, Clerk of Session

Advent Readings

Here's our lineup of wonderful people to do our Advent Candle readings.

- November 29* *Claudia and the WOW Group*
- December 6th* *Jan & Katie Jones with the Larsen family*
- December 13th* *Phil and Lorraine Potter*
- December 20th* *Al and Patty Moss*
- Christmas Eve* *The Hollis Family*

There are 3 purple candles, which will be lit on each Sunday. The pink joy candle will be lit on the 3rd Sunday and the white center candle will be lit on Thursday evening, December 24th, Christmas Eve.

Thank you all for blessing us with your service.

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 is our approach to the Advent Candles:

The Hope Candle is the first candle, November 29th. It reminds us of the universal hope of humanity for a savior, and how in the baby born in Bethlehem, God answered our hopes. **The Love Candle** is the second candle, December 6th. This candle reminds us of the love Mary and Joseph had for their new-born son, and the love God has for each of us. **The Joy Candle** is the third candle, December 13th. As we light this candle, we remember the faithfulness and joy of Joseph and Mary, who trusted God's plan for them. Let us live joyful lives for our Lord. The fourth candle is the **Peace Candle**, December 20th. As we light this candle we ask God to help us to love others as he first loved us. **The Radiant 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 all the world. We also rejoice in the Good News that in Christ, God has come to be with us.

Project Santa Claus

Our angels were 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.



If you haven't already chosen an angel, there are still a few left. These are very deserving children in our own Carson Valley who are hoping to receive these gifts that their parents often cannot afford.

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

Thank you and God bless you tenfold for your open hearts and hands! — Judy Maynor

MAY YOU EXPERIENCE
ALL THE BLESSINGS OF
THIS ADVENT SEASON

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 Barbara Brophy. Others of you may want to bring your own poinsettias. You may take your plant home after our Christmas Eve Service.

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

2010 Worship Flowers — A Way to Remember

Our 2010 Flower Chart has been posted in the lobby. Please choose the dates that are special for you and your family. These might be for birthday or anniversary celebrations or for the remembrance of a loved one.

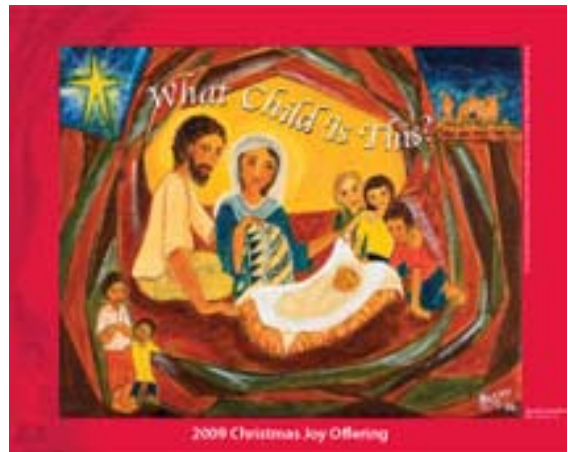
Christmas Joy Offering: "What Child is This?" on Dec. 20th

Joyful giving from thankful hearts has long been a Christian tradition during the Advent season. This December you have an opportunity to joyfully give during the Christmas Joy Offering, which will be received on Sunday, Dec. 20th.

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 who have 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 20th, simply note "Joy Offering" in the memo portion of your check and mail it to the Church. Please keep our missionaries and colleges in your prayers.



THE ADVENT SEASON Nov. 29th — Dec. 24th

A variety of Advent devotions for children and adults are available on the counter in our lobby. They provide daily Advent readings — a wonderful way of sensing the true "reason for the season."

May you be richly blessed this Advent season in a fresh and special way.

Bobbie Zellmer 1937-2009

A graveside service is 10 a.m. Saturday at Fredericksburg Cemetery for Markleeville resident, Barbara (Bobbie) Hensleigh Zellmer, 72, who died in Reno on Nov. 28, 2009, after fighting a long battle with metastatic breast cancer. A memorial service will follow the funeral at 1:30 p.m. at Christ Presbyterian Church in Gardnerville.

Born Nov. 12, 1937, in Alamosa, Colo., to John Clyde and Fernola Bonnie Hensleigh, she grew up in Southern California and attended Los Angeles Pacific College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1962. On Aug. 31, 1957, she married Herman Franklin Zellmer. Her passion was for teaching young children. She worked as an elementary school teacher for 32 years in the Los Angeles City and Hacienda LaPuente unified school districts, teaching in the middle elementary grades.

She retired with her husband to Markleeville. She was a member of the Free Methodist Church. She expressed her faith by sharing her musical talents both as a vocalist and accompanist in the churches she attended. Mrs. Zellmer is survived by her husband; sisters, Linda (Don) Lewis and Judy Hensleigh; sons Craig (Nadine), Scott (Robyn) and Mark (Natalie); and grandchildren Christopher, Breanne, Courtney, Jenna, Aaron, Arielle, Lauren, and Ashleigh.

— Submitted by Scott Zellmer



Thank You from Our Soldiers

On Christmas morning, you will hear the voices of thanks from many soldiers serving in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan as they receive your Christmas cards of encouragement, support and Christmas greetings.



A special thank you to Stella and the Sunday school class, who took the time to draw pictures and write notes to our soldiers. Also our thanks goes to the scout troop that added to our over 100 Christmas card greetings. You are all awesome!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



The children will begin the Winter Live B.I.G curriculum in December. The themes for this and upcoming months:

- For December, "The Messiah is Born."
- In January, "Jesus is God's Son."
- "God Loves Us" for February.

The children seem to be enjoying the "One Big Room" studies. Volunteer are always needed. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

The men continue to study the New Testament on Tuesday Mornings at the home of Pastor Bill.

The Women will stop regular meetings in December and resume the regular schedule again in January. They will be having their annual Christmas brunch at the home of Carole Karp on December 14th.

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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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