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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.

Anybody Out There Got Their Ears On?

Crazy ... the things that stick in your mind. I remember when I was first exposed to CB (Citizen Band) radios and CB talk. "Anybody out there got their ears on?" was one of the first expressions I picked up. Of course, it meant, "Is anybody out there listening ... hearing my voice ... maybe willing to chat a bit?"

Today, I thought of people who know God and those who don't know God. Oh sure, there are those who say they "believe that there's a God." But, do they know for sure? Do they have a personal relationship with God?

For those who say they are believers, there's a wonderful passage I just finished studying with our church about people making time to listen as well as making themselves available to hear. It's found in Matthew 13:1-23. In the passage, it talks about people who have ears, taking time and using them to listen ... making themselves available for God. In the middle, Jesus reminds listeners that hundreds of years before it had been revealed that there would be people who wouldn't use their ears to listen. It speaks to people who are caught up in the rut of earthly living, overwhelmed by the challenges and fears of life, and being tangled up in other priorities that keep us from the most important priority — connecting with God.

Of course, there's not enough space in this column to fully study it together. But, I suggest you take time to read it (that's a form of listening).

If we take time to pray is it a two-way conversation? Is there equal air time ... talking and listening? Or, does one of us do more of the talking? I know that people on CB radios always seemed to talk and listen in equal proportions. If I am in a conversation with another person, and don't take the time to listen as much as I talk (I confess to this one), I walk away knowing that I have not gained as much as I could have from the other as well as not having connected myself with them as much as possible. Don't we all love a good listener, who gives us eye contact, and focuses their attention on us? The Bible often talks about God turning towards us ... having His eye upon us.

For those who may not be believers, or count themselves as believers but don't invest the time, what if there is someone out there who's got "their ears on?" And maybe they are wondering if we have our "ears on?" My answer is why not take a moment or two, and just listen. A proper pastor might recommend saying something like, "God ... if you're out there ... I'd like to connect with you ... have a conversation with you."

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Our Prayers & Praises:

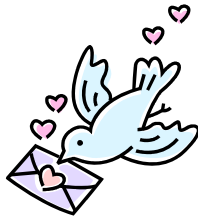
- Prayers Erick Willrich - Charlene's son serving in Kuwait and Iraq
- Prayers for Rosemary Parker as she relocates to San Antonio, Texas
- Prayers for ongoing health concern in the Maynor, Zellmer, and Dunn families.
- A praise for the recent marriage of the Maynor's daughter, Michelle, who married James Mynderse at Zephyr Cove on August 2nd. Congratulations to the happy couple!
- Prayers for the Karps as they travel to help family members.



Birthday & Anniversary Wishes

Here are some upcoming birthdays and anniversaries in our church family:

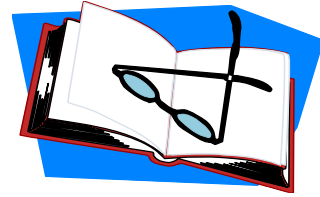
- Rosemary Parker — Sept. 6th
- Al Moss — Sept. 14th
- Al Copley — Sept. 18th
- Phyllis Hogan — Sept. 18th
- Earl Mussett — Sept. 22nd
- Nancy Valiquette — Oct. 10th
- Brian and Barbara Brophy — Oct. 16th
- Bill Rodman — Oct. 17th



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

Thank You

Nancy Pierce would like to thank the greeter and worship assistants for all of their help. If you are interested in serving in one of these roles occasionally, she is always looking for new helpers. Call her at 265-3911.



Adult Bible Study and Fellowship Opportunities

- **Mondays at 10 a.m.**, the Women's Bible Study resumes Sept. 28 and Oct. 26 and then 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. P.S. You can put a food donation in the barrel at any time.

CPC Women Enjoy Lunch Outings

The ladies in the church celebrated the musical talents and service of CPC Choir Director and pianist, Rosemary Parker, at a special luncheon at the Indigo restaurant in Minden on Monday, Aug. 24th. Rosemary is moving to San Antonio, TX. We will all miss her!

Earlier this year, the Women's Bible Study group had a potluck luncheon at the home of Carole Karp. As you can see, by the photos from both events, a good time was had by all!



At Indigo restaurant on Monday, Aug. 24th, the ladies enjoyed a farewell lunch with departing choir director and pianist, Rosemary Parker. A good crowd of about 18 women attended the event. — All photos by Jan White



***Summer Fun** — Enjoying fun, food, and fellowship at the Women's Bible Study Summer Luncheon are (from left) Marlysræe Mussett, Carole Karp, Patty Moss, and Ailsa Milne. At right around the table are Pann Baltz, Arlene Jordan-Levy, Hazel Dunn, Nancy Pierce, Nancy McCauley, Bobbie Zellmer, and Janet Gurr.*



Pastor Bill reads a tribute to departing Choir Director and pianist Rosemary Parker at the CPC Ice Cream Social.

Lake Tahoe Christian Women's Retreat

September 25-27

Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center

Looking for refreshing encouragement? The speaker this year will be Linda Evans Shepherd.

Linda is a national Christian speaker who uses the power of story and humor to draw her audience closer to God. She says, "There's a point in my presentations where the women in my audiences appear to have each had a face lift and to have lost twenty pounds. It's like we've spent the day in a spa of refreshing encouragement."

For more information on this retreat or to talk about carpooling, please see Charlene Rodman who will be going to the retreat.



Linda Evans Shepherd

Congregational Life Holds Ice Cream Social, Plans Upcoming Events

The Congregational Life Committee had a very successful ice cream social and farewell party for Rosemary Parker at the Moss' home on Saturday, Aug. 22. Approximately 50 adults and children attended this great event. It was a beautiful cloudy summer evening. Fun was had by all.

Progressive Dinner — Plans are in the works for a progressive dinner on October 17th. Sign up sheet will be available starting 9/6.

Harvest Brunch — To celebrate Thanksgiving, CPC will hold a Harvest Brunch after church on November 22nd.

— *Patty Moss, Elder for Congregational Life*

Clerk's Report

The CPC Session Meeting for July was postponed and replaced with a BBQ for the Elders and Deacons, of Christ Presbyterian Church. The BBQ was held at the Moss' home. Great food, great company and, above all, a great time was had by all. Session was back in with its scheduled meeting on August 20.

— *Al Moss, Clerk of Session*

Thought for the Day

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

5th Annual Walk to the Water

"Sisters in Service" Mission Activities

There is an event coming up in September for Sisters In Service.

It is the fifth annual Walk to the Water at Lake Tahoe being held on Saturday, September 19th from 9:00 a.m. to noon beginning at Incline Beach.

This is a fundraiser for Sisters In Service and as you can see from the picture below of Jan Jones and Charlene Rodman, taken a few years ago, it can be a fun event. See Charlene Rodman if you have any questions about this event or if you would like to sponsor those who will be walking. Sponsorships of any amount are welcomed.



There is material on the Fellowship Hall table if you would like to read more about this organization that helps women and girls around the world who are forgotten. Or read more about them at <http://www.sistersinservice.org/>.

Your gift is like a ripple effect that goes out and touches the lives of young girls and women who are being rescued from situations of abuse, kidnapped, in slavery, who have no health care, caught in trafficking, and are subject to servitude.

Thank you for your support.

— Charlene Rodman

Presbyterians Gather and You Are Invited

September 15-16

Lake Tahoe Community Presbyterian Church

Our Nevada Presbytery meets at Lake Tahoe Community Presbyterian Church on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 15th and 16th. Charlene Rodman is our Elder Commissioner.



Have you ever wondered what goes on at a Presbytery meeting? Well this is your opportunity to find out. The trip up the mountain is only about 20-25 minutes. All are welcome to attend these meetings and observe the business of the Nevada Presbytery.

There will be a special meeting on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to address Nevada Presbytery's relationship with the Sierra Mission Partnership. You will have the opportunity to hear what progress has been made in the two commissioned task forces who have been evaluating this relationship.

On Tuesday evening there is a worship service that is always spirit filled. This year they are inviting choir members from all choirs in the area to participate. Possibly you will see some familiar faces in the choir that evening. Dinner follows but reservations are required. Please see Pastor Bill for details.

Please be in prayer for this Presbytery meeting, its officers, Pastors and Elder Commissioners.



Christian Education News

Sunday School — The children had a good summer with many Bible activities. There were puzzles and games, as well as regular lessons.

The Fall curriculum will be LIVE B.I.G. "Believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14:1). This is a new curriculum for CPC. It is in the one-room schoolhouse format that has activities and music for ages 3 through 12. It is children coming to know the love of God through Jesus.

They will learn about the Three Big Truths:

1. God is a great big God.
2. God loves us with a great big love.
3. We are part of God's great big world.

Volunteers are still needed to be Sunday School leaders.

Men's Group — Pastor Bill's men's study group continues to meet on Tuesday mornings at the home of Pastor Bill. They are studying the books of the New Testament. They are still meeting on Tuesday mornings All men are welcome.

Women's Group — The Women's Bible Study group is now studying "The Sermon on the Mount." They began this in the spring, but took a break during the summer. They enjoyed their annual summer brunch and an outing with women of the church in August. Studies will begin again on September 28th with chapter 5. All women are invited to join this friendly group.

— *With Blessings,*

Carole Karp, Elder for Christian Education

Summer Music Thank You; Choir Resumes Sept. 9

Thanks to all who shared their talent during summer worship: Earl Mussett, Alan Jones, Barbara Brophy, Janet Gutt, Kendra Wymar, Jim Valkus, Marlysræ Mussett, Valerie Dunn, Katie and Alix Jones duet, and Rosemary Parker. Take time to say 'Thanks You.'

The first choir rehearsal will be Sept. 9, 7:00, at the church. Openings are available in each parts. All volunteers are welcome. Come add your voice to worship.

— *Hazel Dunn, Choir Director*

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Me, I'm not so proper. First of all, I'd suggest saying whatever comes to your mind. We have a wonderful God who will respond to us where we are. We can even ask, "Is there anybody out there who's got their ears on?" However, I might have to suggest that we be prepared for an answer, or question in return something like, "Let the person who has ears to hear, use them."

— *Pastor Bill*

PC(USA) Mission Gifts in 2009

So far this year we have given to the following Mission Programs:

- \$1,200 - Synod General Missions
- \$400 - General Assembly General Missions
- \$720 - Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries, Inc. (FIRM)
- \$1,000 - Mission Aviation Fellowship—Alan & Renee Lindvall
- \$1,000 - Greater Europe Missions—Drew & Linka Parlee
- \$441 - One Great Hour of Sharing
- \$100 - Douglas High School Safe Nite (Graduates)
- \$100 - Lake Tahoe Community Presbyterian Church (annual retreat)

Thank you for your faithful gifts to Christ Presbyterian Church. Your Session is making sure that we are good stewards of your gifts so that 10% goes to help fund these missions causes. Thank You.

News from the Church Family

Gale and Judy Maynor report that their daughter, Michelle Maynor, married James Mynderse at Zephyr Cove on August 2. It was an evening wedding. They are both PhD candidates at Purdue University. Michelle is working on a degree in medicinal chemistry, while James is working toward a degree in mechanical engineering.

The couple dated for three years. James grew up in Indianapolis. Gale and Judy drove back to Indiana to deliver wedding gifts, gown, and also to attend a reception that James' parents hosted at a winery in downtown Indianapolis. "The long drive was worth it. However, we are very glad to be home and in one time zone!" — *Judy Maynor*

**October 4th is
WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**



Worship Flowers Needed

Do you have a special event that you would like to acknowledge by providing flowers for the worship service? This could be a celebration for a birthday or anniversary or it could be in memory of a loved one.

See the Flower Chart in the lobby and sign up for your special date.

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— *Romans 8:26 (NIV)*

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.”

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