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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

The last couple of months have been a time of transition for our church family. The loss of Ernie, Nancy and Bill has had many of our family struggling with a profound sense of loss and there may be a sense of being overwhelmed.

We need to hold fast to the words of Paul in Romans: "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God" (8:28); "What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?" (8:31); and, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (8:37)

We know that we have not been abandoned by our Lord and we need to show each other that same assurance by our continued prayers, our presence in corporate worship and our belief in Christ's hope.

I heard a wonderful sermon at General Assembly by a young man from South Carolina entitled "Hope is on the Horizon." That is what I would challenge us all to see. Scan the horizon and see the hope that is there.

Let's face that future with boldness and the assurance that we are being led by the Spirit to go joyfully into God's good future. I am absolutely convinced that when we focus on that Spirit and give ourselves to the tasks God sets before us, we will have an abundance of resources and hands to do the work.

I told Charlene that Bill "packed the house" at his memorial service. It was wonderful to see almost every seat taken and it gave me a vision of what could be in store for Christ Presbyterian Church.

Join me in catching the fire of this vision and let's dance joyfully into that future.

Pastor Pat

Our Prayers & Praises:

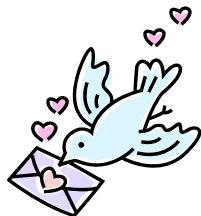


- Prayers for **Charlene Rodman** on the recent loss of her husband, **Bill**, on Aug. 9th. Bill has been such an integral part of CPC for so many years. We will all miss him!
- Prayers for **Steve Burt**, as he recuperates from gall bladder surgery after a few setbacks.
- Prayers for **Ailsa Milne**, as she battles cancer, and for her husband, Malcolm, as he runs the household and supports her. We're praying that Ailsa can soon be back with us in church again.
- Prayers for **Hazel Dunn**, as she adjusts to life without her husband, **Ernie**, who passed away July 17 after a long struggle with kidney disease.
- Prayers for **Ted Bilger** on the death of his mom and our good friend, **Nancy Pierce**, who passed away on July 31. Prayers for her daughter, Carrie, and her grandchildren, as well.
- Prayers for the family and friends of former CPC member, **Ed Johnsen**, who died on June 18.
- Prayers for **Al & Clemmie Copley**, as they face health challenges and for **Lucille Vance**, who has had a return of her cancer.
- A praise that **Al and Patty Moss** have both recovered from their recent health scares.
- A praise for the first **Outreach Committee** meeting on Aug. 30th, as we look for new ways to reach out with Christ's love to the Carson Valley.

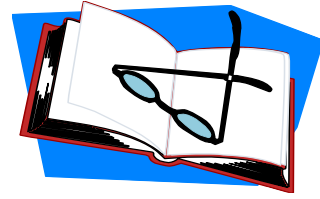
Upcoming Birthday Wishes

Here are upcoming birthdays in our church family:

- Al Moss — Sept. 14th
- Al Copley — Sept. 18th
- Earl Mussett — Sept. 22nd
- Nancy Valiquette — Oct. 10th



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 "Living Above Worry and Stress" on 2nd and 4th Mondays at the home of Carole Karp (782-3230).
- **Sundays at 10:45 a.m.**, the Adult Bible Study resumes after the 9:30 service in Fellowship Hall. Please tell Jim White if you are interested & if you have a particular topic or book of the Bible you would like to study.
- **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**, beginning Sept. 22, choir practice resumes at the church. Anyone who loves to sing to the Lord is invited to join!

Other Regular Meetings

- **Deacons Meeting** is usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month. This month's meeting is September 12, 10:45 a.m., after Church.
- **Session Meeting** is usually on the 2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month. This month's meeting is September 16 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. However, you are welcome to donate anytime!



OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW ENTRANCE

Long overdue thanks to **Howard Frazeur**, chairman of the CPC Building & Grounds Committee, and to **Bill Rodman**, **Steve Burt**, and **Al & Patty Moss**, who helped revitalize the front entrance to our church.

Howard came up with the idea of the oval glass insert with our CPC logo in the new door, had it made through Meeks Lumber, and was able to install it with help from Steve Burt and others on the committee. Bill, Patty and Al took on the task of sprucing up the area around the door with a fresh coat of paint and cheerful flowers to match the season and holiday. The inside mural was also a Howard Frazeur idea that makes our little church even more inviting.

We love our new entrance!! Thanks to everyone who donated and made this wonderful transformation possible.

A BIG Thank You

When three churches come together to support and celebrate the life of a fellow Christian, it is huge. This is what happened for *Bill Rodman's Celebration of Life* service. And how does one, that's me, say thank you for each of your unique ways that you showed us your love and Christian fellowship?

First, let me start with my own home church family, **Christ Presbyterian Church**. We are small but you showed your spirit and support in a huge way. The sanctuary was crowded, but ushers did a wonderful job finding seats for each and everyone. Thank you to Patty Moss who, through her own problems, was able to bring together a wonderful fellowship time after the service. Hazel stepped up with her wonderful musical gifts. Your prayers, cards, calls and food have been and are appreciated. Thank you to all of my home church family.



*Bill & Charlene Rodman
taken in June 2010*

Second, **First Presbyterian Church of Carson City** folks came through with their prayers, food, cards, flowers, calls and hugs. Pastor Bruce, called me on several occasions while on his sabbatical and then came back and was a part of the service. Thank You FPC Deacons, volunteers, Women's Bible study group and to others who pass through the office frequently and have become dear to me over the past 3 years.

Then the church in the hills - **Village Presbyterian Church**. I could not have done it without you. Ann lifted a large burden from me when Joannie volunteered her to complete the bulletin for the service. What a beautiful job she did! Then Ann volunteered to do the flowers for the service. Beautiful! Many of our friends from VPC provided goodies for the service after and many others have sent cards and greetings. When I asked Pastor Dick if he would be a part of the service, there was no hesitation - he said "I will be there for you in any way." His visits to the hospital were most appreciated. The nurses asked me why we had so many priests visiting us - I said because we all care for each other. Thank you Pastor Dick, VPC Deacons and many VPC friends.

Last but for sure not least, a HUGE thank you to our **Pastor Pat Hardy**. He and Sue visited Bill and I in the hospital numerous time and was there when God chose to take Bill home. His counseling and pastor skills were most appreciated. Thank you Pat, for taking the leadership in Bill's service. It was meaningful and beautiful due to the Pastors we are blessed to have in our area.

How is it that one person could be so blessed to have so many wonderful Pastors and friends? God is good if we just keep our eye on Him. Thank you all for your gifts of prayer, love, cards, food, calls, hugs and so much more. We are all blessed to be a part of God's fellowship together. — *Charlene Rodman*

Beat the Stress - Quotations

Here's a two-step formula for handling stress. Step number one: Don't sweat the small stuff. Step number two: Remember, it's all small stuff. — Anthony Robbins

Stressed spelled backwards is desserts.
— Barbara Enberg

There must be quite a few things that a hot bath won't cure, but I don't know many of them. — Sylvia Plath

The time to relax is when you don't have time for it. — Jim Goodwin

We Want You

Remember that Uncle Sam poster - 'I Want You'? We do indeed need you in the choir this fall. If you would like to sing, please call Hazel or just show up on Wednesday nights at 7:00. We have beautiful music planned through Christmas.

Come and help us out and raise your voice to the Lord. The fellowship is great, and you'll find that singing puts you in a wonderful mood! Even after a hard day, the singing will lift you up.

Rehearsals will begin September 15, and the first Sunday the choir will sing is September 26.



Summer Music Adds Sparkle to Our Worship Services



We did it! There was special music each Sunday this summer. Take time to say 'thank you' to all those who gave of their time and talent to add to worship.

They were: *Katie Jones, Kendra Wynar, Jim Valkus, Bob Ruppel, Howard Frazier, Jan White, Janet Gurr, Barbara Brophy, Jim White, Earl Mussett, Al Moss, Nancy Valiquette, Wesley Dunn, Jan Jones, and Marlysræ Mussett.*

And still to come are *Angela Jeffries and Deborah White*. I hope you can remember some of the combinations. What a variety! I thank *Pat Talamantes and Bob Ruppel* for playing for me this summer.

— Submitted by Hazel Dunn, Choir Director & Church Organist

Evangelism = Good News

That is the essence of the New Testament's word for evangelism.

For many the word evangelism is associated with ideas and images of intrusiveness, judgment, legalism or guilt. We are reminded of programs and procedures that the world around us has deemed as manipulative, irrelevant and impersonal.

We need a new paradigm, a reclaiming of what evangelism is: God's people joyfully and authentically telling and showing others that in and through Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are redeemed, we are transformed, we have purpose and meaning in life.

Thanks to Our Wonderful Volunteers

Sometimes we don't realize everything that is involved in making our church a warm and inviting place to attend. There are so many things that each and every member adds to our weekly fellowship, but here's a list of some of the people who have volunteered for special jobs in September.

Maybe it will inspire you to decide to volunteer, too, to be a Worship Assistant or a Greeter.

Worship Assistants:	Greeters:	Pulpit Supply:
Sept. 5 - Al Moss	Sept. 5 - Judy and Gale Maynor	Sept. 5 - Pat Hardy
Sept. 12 - Jan Jones	Sept. 12 - Pat Reynolds	Sept. 12 - Bedford Holmes
Sept. 19 - Jim White	Sept. 19 - John and Carole Karp	Sept. 19 - Tony Conragan
Sept. 26 - John Karp	Sept. 26 - Barbara Havens	Sept. 26 - Pat Hardy

Special thanks to the Rev. Pat Hardy, our regular minister, and for the many others who fill in for him from time to time. We are looking forward to hearing all of your messages!!

What's Needed for Our Red Barrel?

Every month, the Deacons take donations to the Carson Valley Food Closet. What do they need? How about . . .

- peanut butter
 - canned tuna or chicken
 - canned vegetables or fruit
 - canned soups and stews
 - rice
 - dried beans
 - packaged potatoes
 - powdered milk
 - juice boxes
 - toilet paper and napkins
- (or anything else non perishable)*

Ernie's Celebration Appreciated

What a congregation!! Thanks for all the care and support you gave me and our family during Ernie's hospitalization and death.

A special thanks to Pat for his being there when we needed him and making the service a true celebration filled with love and laughter. Could I add another thanks to the lovely ladies that provided the tasty reception and how all who came felt welcome. This is indeed my church family.

— Hazel Dunn

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 - New International Version

Upcoming Activities for Your Church Calendar

- **Presbytery** will be meeting in Bishop on Tuesday through Thursday, **Sept. 21-23**.
- **Choir** resumes singing at every service beginning **Sept. 26th!**
- We're planning an **Oktoberfest** or **Progressive Dinner** for Saturday, **Oct. 16th**.
- November is the **Harvest Brunch** after church on Sunday, **Nov. 21st**.

Note: The Ice Cream Social originally scheduled for August has been postponed.

A Prayer for All Seasons

Here's a prayer that Al Moss, our Clerk of Session, read at last month's meeting! Enjoy!!

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and some day will be old.

Keep me from getting talkative and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details—give me wings to get to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of other's pains. Help me to endure them with patience, but seal my lips on my own aches and pains—they are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet—I do not want to be a saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Make me thoughtful but not moody—helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

AMEN

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Lamentations 3:22-23

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord.”

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Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
*Worship Service &
Children’s Sunday School*

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