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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

"I do and I'm in!" Do you remember the questions posed in my candidating sermon on March 18th? Have you said, "Father, I do love you and have accepted the free gift of grace given to me in your Son, Jesus Christ." Have you told Him, "Lord, I'm in! Show me the ways in which you want me to serve You here at CPC?"

What have you been hearing during the time I asked you to set aside Fridays for study, for prayer concerning the members of our church, and for God to show us the path He desires us to take at Christ Presbyterian? Have you remembered to ask God to reveal the ways in which He wants to use you?

The Session and I have been sensing the Lord's leading to schedule an All Church Planning Meeting during which we can share our ideas, listen to each other, worship, and pray together. The meeting is scheduled for October 6th @

8:30 and will include time to get to know each other better, a brief worship time, and then the opportunity for you to choose two different groups in which to participate in sharing ideas.

Once both sets of groups have completed their discussion, facilitators from each group will share the ideas generated during their meeting time at a gathering of everyone in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend. You do not have to be a church member. A detailed agenda will be available before the meeting so you can plan. At noon, lunch will be provided.

Your church, your Session, and your pastor want you to know that your ideas, opinions, and thoughts are important to the future of CPC. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Many thanks for all your prayers, cards, and support during my recent shoulder surgery. The

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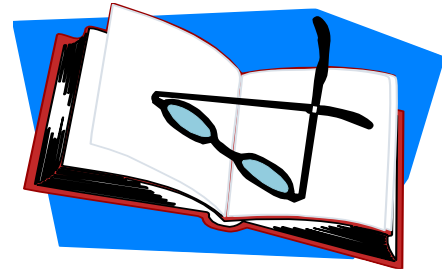
Our Prayers & Praises

- Prayers for Hazel and Ernie Dunn, as Ernie continues to recover.
- Prayers for Pastor Bill who underwent shoulder surgery recently and continues to improve every day.
- Prayers for Pann Baltz who underwent surgery recently.



Happy Birthday Wishes

- Rosemary Parker — September 6
- Phyllis Hogan — September 18
- George LaMonica — September 27



Adult Bible Study and Fellowship Opportunities

- The women's **Bible Study** group will begin again September 10th. They will continue the study of "Written in Stone - the Ten Commandments and Today's Moral Crisis." For more information please call Carole Karp - 782-3230.
- **Choir Practice** — 7pm Wednesday at the church.
- **Thursday Adult Bible Study** is on hold for now. The group finished "Experiencing God" in April. Watch for new study plans to come.

Meetings & Other

- **Deacons** — Sept. 9th After Church
- **Session** — Normally meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
- **Boy Scout Troop 411** meets on Thursdays at the church.
- **WOW Luncheon** — 11:30 a.m. Saturday, September 15th at Wild Horse Bar & Grill.

Session Highlights - August Meeting

Your Session met on Tuesday, August 21st. Three of the four Ruling Elders were present. Rev. Bill Baltz was the Moderator (first time). Pann Baltz was a guest.

Following is a summary of some of the key items discussed and decisions made during the meeting:

1. Moderator. Pastor Bill brought up several subjects for information and, in some cases, follow-on actions:

- a. How we should go about welcoming visitors (without embarrassing them).
- b. The meetings he and Pann have had with members and friends of CPC - and the valuable feedback they have received.
- c. The need for strategic planning for our church (where we believe God wants us to take our church).
- d. Development of a CPC logo.
- e. Meetings with other local Presbyterian (and non-Presbyterian) ministers.
- f. The possibility of forming a Men's Group.

2. Finances.

- a. Session approved all bills being paid.
- b. An Annual Review of CPC financial records was completed in July by our own Malcolm Milne (a Chartered Accountant). He found our records to be in good order, with some minor corrections to be made.

3. Elders and Deacons Needed. At the end of 2007, four Elders and two Deacons will need to be replaced. The Congregational Nominating Committee will soon be looking for CPC members who may be interested in serving the Lord in those capacities. Please keep your hearts and minds open to the possibility that God may want you to do His work in our church as a church officer. If you pray about it, He will give you guidance and strength. If you want further information, or you feel you may be called to be an Elder or Deacon, please contact Elder Jim White.

4. Stewardship. Initial planning for the Fall Stewardship effort will begin soon. Please ask the Lord for guidance about how you should support your church with time, talents, and pledges.

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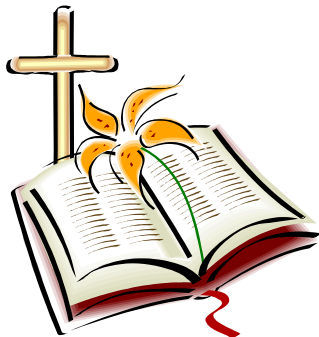
THEATER PARTY

Plan on attending the Sunday afternoon matinee of Blythe Spirit Sept. 23, at 2:00, at the Brewery Arts Center Black Box Theater. Cast members include our very own Pat Hardy.



Tickets are \$12 regular admission and \$10 for seniors and may be obtained by calling 883-1976.

We will be attending lunch together before the performance so be sure to sign up so that we may reserve a spot



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FALL PRESBYTERY

The Fall Presbytery will be September 18th and 19th in Elko, Nevada. This will be Pastor Bill's first full Presbytery meeting. At the beginning of the meetings each Pastor is asked to introduce those from his church who are there with him. It would be wonderful for Christ Presbyterian Church to be well represented in support of Bill and Pann. Jim White is our representative. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, meals or accommodations you may talk with Jim or Bill. Mark your calendars and let's get a good group to attend.

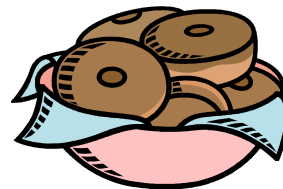


HELP!

Our congregation is known for friendliness and fellowship. Sunday morning coffee does not occur without volunteers. Please plan on



taking your turn at preparing coffee and



refreshments. See Sabrina Burt for details. There is always a sign up sheet available and

Sabrina's name appears way too often.

Meet New Members: Mary Anne Convis

I was born in Western Louisiana and my family moved to East Texas when I was two. My family lived in an oil camp in the middle of the East Texas oil field where I went to a small school that had oil wells on the school grounds. We had wonderful teachers and a lovely school. Most of my friends that I started school with were in my graduating class. My family attended the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I went on to the University of Texas where I met Chuck during my third year and we were married the summer after we met in 1949. I have a B.S. in Child Development.

We have lived in lots of places- we moved from Texas to Cambridge, Mass. for Chuck to attend Harvard Law School. After graduation we moved to California, first to Southern California then to the Bay Area. We lived in Marin County while our older children were in school, then on to northern California, and from there back to Texas for Chuck to get a PH.D.

I have always loved anything creative. I began watercolor painting while in Marin and then did Raku in northern Calif. Ask me what Raku is!

I am currently chair of the northern division of the Nevada Women's History Project. I was co-chair of the Sarah Winnemucca statue project. We raised enough money for two statues. One is in our nation's capital and one in the state capital in Carson City.

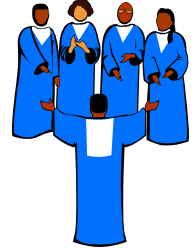
I have been both Elder and Deacon in various churches. I try to remain open to God's plan for me. I look forward to getting to know this congregation.

Mary Anne Convis

MUSIC NOTES

Opportunities Abound!

Our combination first rehearsal and choir retreat will be Saturday, Sept. 8, 10:00 A.M. at the home of Hazel and Ernie Dunn, 969 Lehigh Circle.



New members will be our



guests for lunch. All previous members may bring a dish to share. Hamburgers provided.

We will preview new music and sing through our Christmas cantata as well as prepare for Sunday worship Sept. 9. Any questions call Alan Jones or Hazel Dunn.

For (CPC) Men Only!!!

Are you are interested in a men's fellowship group? (The ladies have one... Why not us?) If meeting with your pastor and your Christian brothers appeals to you, you are



not alone. There will be an initial meeting at the church Saturday, Sept. 29th at 8:30 a.m. to talk about ideas and best times to meet. Call Pastor Bill (Home) 265-6320 or (Cell) 781-8571, or e-mail him at billy-baltz@charter.net if you're interested and can't make the meeting, or have questions.

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5. CPC Directory. Pann Baltz provided the Session with an update on her directory efforts. The picture directory is coming along very well. When it is completed, it will be provided to all CPC members and friends. A conventional directory is also being developed for those outside our church who need them.

6. Other Items to Be Pursued.

- a. Placing a bed or cot near the sanctuary for those who become ill during a worship service.
- b. Determining how we might respond to a Merrill Gardens request to provide some kind of short service for their alzheimers residents.
- c. Selling *God's Creation Calendars* again this year (\$8.00 ea).
- d. Identifying ways to support Rosemary Parker's son's unit in Iraq (e.g., notes, letters, gift packages, etc.).
- e. Relocating our new CPC signs.
- f. Exploring new advertising options for our church.
- g. Surveying interest in a Sunday fellowship Bible class (either before or after worship service).

Session meets again on Tuesday, September 11, 2007. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Submitted by: John Karp, Clerk of Session

From The Pastor's Desk

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repair was a complete success, praise God!
Keep up that prayer and study time on
Fridays. Blessings,
Pastor Bill

SUMMER MUSIC THANKS!

How about a special thank you to all those who provided music for worship this



summer. What a delight to hear all the varied talent. In order of appearance: Rosemary Parker, Earl Mussett, Alan Jones, Bobbie and Herman Zellmer, Jim


Valkus, Kendra Wynar, Janet Gurr, Jan and Jim White, Claudia Small and Charlotte Fenlon, and the Women's Chorus: Jan Jones, Janet Gurr, Marlysræ Mussett, Bobbie Zellmer, Jan White, Nancy Valiquette, Phyllis Hogan, Charlotte Fenlon and our guest, Ginny Richardson. Hopefully just reading their names will help you recall each Sunday and remind you to say 'thank you' for their participation. This is quite a goodly portion of our congregation. Choir practice is going to begin Saturday, September 8. Think about joining the group that adds to worship each Sunday.





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 2 9 a.m. — Communion Worship Service with Pastor Hardy						1
9 9 a.m. — Worship with Pastor Baltz Deacons meet after church	3 10 am. — Women's Bible Study At Carole Karps' House	4 7 p.m. — Session Meets	5 7 p.m. — Choir Practice	6 7 p.m. — Choir Practice	7 7 p.m. — Choir Practice	8 11:30 a.m. — WOW Lunch at Wild Horse Bar & Grill
16 9 a.m. — Worship with Bob Vibe	17 10 am. — Women's Bible Study At Pann Baltzs' House	18 7 p.m. — Choir Practice	19 7 p.m. — Choir Practice	20 7 p.m. — Choir Practice	21 7 p.m. — Choir Practice	22 7 p.m. — Choir Practice
23 9 a.m. — Worship with Pastor Baltz +Food Ministry Sunday	24 10 am. — Women's Bible Study At Pann Baltzs' House	25 7 p.m. — Choir Practice	26 7 p.m. — Choir Practice	27 7 p.m. — Choir Practice	28 7 p.m. — Choir Practice	29 7 p.m. — Choir Practice
30 9 a.m. — Worship with Pastor Baltz						

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*I am trusting Thee, Lord, Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.*

*I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow;
For Thy grace and tender mercy,
Trusting now.*

*I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead;
Every day and hour supplying
All my need.*

*I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall;
I am trusting Thee forever,
And for all.*

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Sundays at 9:00 a.m. —
Worship Service
& Children's Sunday School

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. —
Adult Bible Study