

The Valley Herald

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Christ Presbyterian Church

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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 Pastor's Corner

The Season of Epiphany

January 6 is known in Western Christian tradition as Epiphany. Epiphany is the climax of the Christmas season and the "Twelve Days of Christmas," from Dec. 25th until Jan. 5th. The day *before* Epiphany is the 12th day of Christmas, sometimes called Twelfth Night, an occasion for feasting in some cultures.

In traditional Christian churches, the Season of Christmas begins with the First Sunday of Advent, marked by expectation and anticipation, and concludes with Epiphany, which looks ahead to the mission of the church to the world in light of the Nativity.

The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the Wise Men bringing gifts to visit the Christ Child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the infant Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this



child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

— Excerpts from an essay by Dennis Bratcher on *The Voice* website:

<http://www.cresourcei.org/cyepiph.html>

Our Prayers & Praises:

- A praise for the birth of Rhianna Morgan Quinn, born Dec. 23, to Jeff & Laura. She is a black-haired beauty, 5 lbs., 8 oz., and very healthy!
- A praise for the new and returning Elders and Deacons, who were installed on Jan. 23.
- Prayers for Linda Johnsen, who has had a number of surgeries and is now recuperating in Reno.
- Prayers for Clemmie Copley, as she recovers from shoulder surgery.
- A praise that Beverly Ament's hip replacement surgery went well and she is able to recover at home.
- Prayers for Kathy Lewis's young nephew, Neil, who is being tested for eye and ear problems.
- A praise that Delma Howell is recovering well from a fall that broke her foot in three places.
- Prayers for Jim Valkus and Thelma Gomes, on the death of their spouses, and for Thelma's daughter, Nancy, who had diabetes-related surgery.

Birthday Wishes:

- Mark Wynar — Jan. 1
- Kara Levario — Jan. 13
- Chelsea Voss — Jan. 17
- Herman Zellmer — Jan 29
- Marj Loreno — Feb. 9
- Heather Held — Feb. 21
- Deborah Wynar — Feb. 27

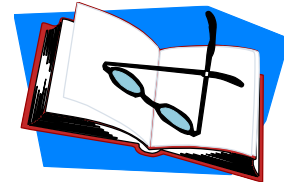


Happy Anniversary:

- Al & Clemmie Copley — Jan. 20
- Mel & Phyllis Hogan — Feb. 11



Please call Jan Jones at 267-5069 or email her at jan@engineeredarts.com for a prayer request or to add your name to the list of birthdays and anniversaries.

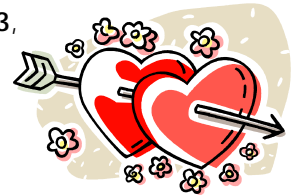


Adult Bible Study and Prayer Opportunities

- **2nd & 4th Mondays at 10 a.m.**, a Women's Bible Study meets at Carole Karp's home, 1117 Wisteria, Minden (782-3230). They are reading a book on Sarah. All women are invited.
- **Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.**, Pastor Jeff leads a study of the life of David. Join him for fascinating insights into the life of one of the Bible's best known people.

Valentine's Day Brunch

On Sunday, Feb. 13, put on your festive duds and prepare your most festive dish to attend our Valentine's Day Brunch.



Bring your sweetie or a guest.

Red and white are the theme colors, but that does not apply to food. (We can only eat so many beet and cauliflower dishes!) Sign up to bring a dish on the Fellowship Table. We need to know how many tables to set up. Some suggestions: main-dish casseroles, salads (jello or green), vegetables, and, of course, desserts. Choose a favorite or try a new

recipe. We plan to eat soon after worship.



Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Congregational Meeting and Presbytery Coming in February

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held immediately after the 9 a.m. worship service on **February 6th**. This meeting will focus on the exciting activities of Christ Presbyterian Church during 2004. The budget will be reviewed for action. This information is contained in our Annual Report, copies of which will be available at the meeting. All members and guests are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Our **Presbytery of Nevada** is gathering at Community Presbyterian Church in Hawthorne starting Sunday evening, **February 27th** with committee meetings and continuing through March 2nd. Our Presbytery Commissioner is Elder Hazel Dunn. Charlene Rodman will also attend as a member of the Committee on Representation. Please be in prayer for our Presbytery as they meet to continue to

discern our Lord's will for His greater church called the Presbytery of Nevada.

Results of Our Christmas Joy Offering



Once again, you have given generously to our Christmas Joy Offering received in December. We were able to send around \$350 to the Presbyterian Board of Pensions to assist with needs of low-salaried mission workers and the Minority Presbyterian School fund. Thank you.

A Day to Remember? Share It with Us

Do you have a special day you wish to remember — a birthday, an anniversary, a loved one? Consider providing flowers for our Sunday morning worship service.

If this is something you would like to do, simply provide the requested information on the Flower Calendar for 2005 posted in the Lobby. If you have questions about providing flowers, please contact Charlene Rodman.



Christ Presbyterian Church Music & Worship Series

Danielle Talamantes



**Art Songs • Opera
& Popular Music**

Domestic, Operatic, Madrigals, Kumpel • Accompanist Tally Hall

Special Appearance by Guest

Pablo Talamante
Performing Selected Chorus

Area Premiere Performance:

Art Songs by Richard Lohk

Lyrics by Emily Dickinson
Arrangement: Tom Lohk, composed & arr.

**Friday,
January 28
8:00 p.m.**

Christ Presbyterian Church Sanctuary
121 Park St., Reno, NV 89518-0001

Parking & Directions: www.christpres.org

Children only by all ages advance
reservation • 775-788-4058 ext. 131

Danielle Talamantes, Pat & Al's daughter, will be performing an abbreviated version of her 1/28 recital for the Carson City Music Club at The Brewery Arts Center on **Monday, February 14** at 7:00 pm. Jane Theiss will accompany her.

Mission and Outreach Committee Annual Report – 2004

The Mission and Outreach Committee was chaired by Charlene Rodman until April 2004, when Session adjusted responsibilities for Worship, Administration and Mission.

Last year, this committee supported the following mission organizations and individuals:

- **PCUSA Synod and General Assembly Missions** - Provides funds for overall mission activities for the entire Presbyterian Church, including missionary salaries, funding for ecumenical agencies, overseas churches, hospital and schools, as well as service to congregations and mission administration.
- **FIRM** - Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries
- **Greater European Mission** - (Parlees preparing for mission to Serbia)

- **Luis Palau Reno Festival** (major evangelism event)
- **Seminary support** - Steve Gardner

With the exception of the Reno Festival, we continue our support of those mission activities.

Other missions that we are adding to our support list in the coming year are:

- **Mission Aviation Fellowship** - (Lindvalls mission training and education)
- **Pilgrim Radio (KNIS)**
- **Calvary Satellite Network** (FM 89.3/99.3)

Advertising: We advertised our programs and worship service in the local papers and stores. Most was in the local *Record-Courier*.

We also subscribed to a new move-in mailing list service to publicize our outreach events and programs,

such as Vacation Bible School, Rev. Sholtes' Islam lecture, and special events such as our Christmas Eve services, and our Annual Rummage Sale.

Special Offerings: Our members responded well to special mission offerings: the Christmas Joy offering and the One Great Hour of Sharing at Easter.

Evangelism: Several new programs for evangelism have been evaluated for the coming year. We had members trained in evangelism who have participated in the Reno Festival. We have analyzed a member survey to help us plan our evangelism and outreach efforts for the coming year and look forward to expanding our outreach to the unchurched in our community.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim White,
Elder, Mission and Outreach*

CPC 2005 MISSION GIVING

	SYNOD	FIRM	S. Gardner	KNIS	CSN	GT EUR M	MAF	MISCELL	TOTAL
JAN	300	100				50	50		500
FEB			400			50	50		500
MAR	300	100				50	50		500
APRIL	400	100				50	50		600
MAY	400	100				50	50		600
JUNE	300	100			100	50	50		600
JULY	400			100		50	50		600
AUG		100	400			50	50		600
SEPT	400					50	50		500
OCT	300	100			100	50	50		600
NOV	300					50	50		400
DEC	400	100				50	50		600
TOTAL	3500	800	800	100	200	600	600	0	6600

Report from Session - Jan 23, 2005

The Church Officers' Retreat was held Saturday, Jan. 22, at the South Lake Tahoe Presbyterian Church, in conjunction with the churches in S. Lake Tahoe and Incline Village.

Dr. Eddie Gibbs from Fuller Seminary was the speaker. It was a very informative presentation. He discussed "Leading the Missional Church in Cultural Change and Challenge." There were two sessions - "Rethinking the Church" and "Rethinking Leadership." Both were excellent; notes from these sessions will be provided later by Carole Karp.

The Session meeting was brief and to the point:

1. Elections were held. Malcolm

Milne was reelected as Church Treasurer, Carole Karp as Clerk of Session, and Hazel Dunn as our Commissioner to Presbytery.

2. The usual reports were approved.
3. Session voted to place \$10,000 from the checking account into the Synod Investment Account.

A discussion was held about how to increase the congregation's participation in the Worship Service.

A special Session meeting has been called for Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Chaplain Jeffrey Quinn's

changing relationship with CPC due to the constraints of the military. Beginning in May, Chaplain Jeff will be reducing his involvement with the church. However, he will continue to work closely with us at this reduced level and will help us in our planning for the future. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to attend this meeting.

- Submitted by Carole Karp,
Clerk of Session

It's a Great Day for Singing!

A new year, a new you, a new voice in the choir — it could happen.



We would like YOU to be the new voice in the choir for this new year. You don't need to read music or be an experienced singer. So dust off the rusty pipes and join an enthusiastic group of singers that add so much to the worship service.

Rehearsals are **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**, right here in the church. Any questions? Ask Alan Jones, Hazel Dunn or Rosemary Parker. Can we count on you next Wednesday???

New Widow/Widower Group Forming

The loss of a spouse is often very difficult and emotionally complex, and many members of our congregation have lost spouses in the last few years. As a result, we are forming a new Widow/Widower Group for mutual support, friendship, and occasional get-togethers (e.g., lunch, Bible study, etc.) for widows/widowers in our congregation. There have been no meetings yet, but Nancy McCauley has volunteered to organize this new effort.

To make this endeavor beneficial to all, please step out of your comfort zone and contact Nancy at 265-9255 to let her know you are inter-

ested and willing to participate in this much needed ministry.

Thank You

I want to thank all of you for the prayers and support you have given me during this time of Ed's death. Ed loved the church and the church family. I knew the church family was very strong and loving, just didn't know how loving. Thank each and everyone of you. If I can ever do anything to help you, please don't hesitate to let me know!

— Claudia Small

The Ten Commandments — Alive and Well in Washington D.C.?

DID YOU KNOW?

As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court, near the top of the building you can see a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing the one in the middle, who is facing forward with a full frontal view. It is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW?

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on the lower portion of each door.

DID YOU KNOW?

As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see on the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW?

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the federal buildings and monuments in Washington, D.C.

DID YOU KNOW?

James Madison, the fourth presi-

dent and known as "The Father of Our Constitution" made the following statement: *"We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."*

DID YOU KNOW?

Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said: *"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

DID YOU KNOW?

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayers since 1777.



DID YOU KNOW?

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law. An oligarchy — The rule of few over many.

DID YOU KNOW?

The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said: *"Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."*

How, then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 220 years in this country is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional?





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 PM — Special Session meeting 7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study at Church	2 7 PM — Choir Practice at Church	3 Alt. Thurs @ 3:30 PM — Brownie Troops 46 & 591	4	5
6 <i>Annual Congregational Meeting</i>	7 Alt. Mon @ 4 PM—Daisy Girl Scouts Mondays @ 6:45 PM — Boy Scouts	8 7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study at Church	9 7 PM — Choir	10	11	12
13 <i>Valentine's Day Brunch after Church</i>	14  7 PM —Danielle Talamantes Concert at BAC	15 7 PM—Session 7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study at Church	16 7 PM — Choir	17	18	19
20	21 	22 7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study at Church	23 7 PM — Choir	24	25	26
27 <i>Presbytery of Nevada meets in Hawthorne thru March 2</i>	28 Feb. 14 & 28: 10 AM — Women's Bible Study at Karps					

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"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?"

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

— Matthew 6: 25-27

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

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. —
Adult Bible Study
Adult Bible Study