

# 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

### *Do You Really Want A Pastor?*

*By Jim White,  
Elder, Mission and Outreach*

I know that all of us feel that we want and need a full time pastor. God has blessed us with a caring, committed congregation, and enabled us to have excellent pulpit supply preaching and teaching from Chaplain Quinn and his predecessor, Chaplain Sholtes.

But, if we expect to be able to afford a permanent pastor, we need to become more effective in outreach as Christians! In other words, we need to learn how to become contagious and infect those around us with the joy and peace of knowing Jesus the Messiah!

In our mission statement, we say our church *shares the Christian faith in the community, and strives to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives.*"

I know that we all try to live our lives in a way that honors God, but are we being effective in sharing our Christian faith? Are we really willing to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives? Are we willing to be "contagious" in our spiritual life? Do we really care about the "lost sheep"?

Well, I think that God is challenging us to put our faith (and our commitment) where our mouth is! We, as saints, are called by Jesus to the great commission (Matt. 28:19-20), to "go and make disciples of all nations ..." but the fact is that few of us know how to do that.

We are embarking on a new program to train every one of you in how to share your faith without stress, pain, or embarrassment!

"Becoming a Contagious Christian" training consists of four 2-hour sessions. It starts with an all-day Saturday class at 8:00 a.m. on April 2, 2005, and a second identical class on four Monday evenings 7:00-9:00 p.m.

You can sign up for either class on registration sheets starting Sunday, March 21. It is a proven approach to equip you to be an integral part of "Team Evangelism" in becoming contagious Christians. It will help you to become contagious by:

- *Deepening your faith and commitment to Christ and preparing you to share his good news!*
- *Learning to build relationships with the unchurched, people that you already know and those you meet every day.*
- *Determining what your natural style is for discussing your faith with non-Christians.*
- *Learning how to start conversations about spiritual issues in a natural and appropriate way.*
- *Learning how to evaluate where a person is in their spiritual journey.*
- *Practicing the story of your faith journey (in a natural way, at the appropriate time)*
- *Learning how to invite friends to outreach events.*

More information will be available during this Easter season, so please mark your calendars for either the Sat., April 2 or the Monday evenings starting April 4 though April 25 for the most exciting training of the year!

Yours in Christ,  
Jim

### Our Prayers & Praises:

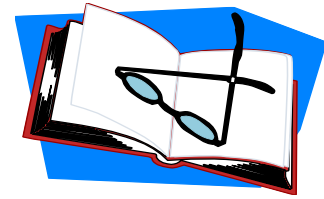
- A praise that Linda Johnsen was able to return home after 2 months in the hospital!
- A praise that Charlotte Braddy's nephew, Bobby, had successful neck and spinal cord surgery. He was not paralyzed, as feared.
- Prayers for Jerry Spivey's brother, Jim, who has been diagnosed with blood cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy. Jerry may be a bone marrow transplant donor for his brother at some point.
- Prayers for Drew and Linka Parlee, the couple preparing to become missionaries in the Balkans, who are going through a very stressful time.
- A praise that Clemmie Copley's shoulder surgery went well and she is recuperating nicely.
- A praise that Dawn Waite's thyroid operation went well and she is recovering well. Dawn is Byron Waite's daughter-in-law.
- Prayers for Charlene Rodman, who is also suffering from thyroid-related problems.
- A praise that Carole Karp's scare about her heart revealed only minor problems with cholesterol and a potassium deficiency that can be treated by prescriptions.
- Prayers for Bobbie Zellmer, who has been experiencing hip pain.

### Happy Birthday Wishes:

- Jim White — March 7
- Melissa Voss — March 12
- Ralph Parker — March 17
- Sabrina Burt — March 25



*Please call Jan Jones at 267-5069 or email her at [jan@engineeredarts.com](mailto: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 on what the Bible can tell us about the problem of evil in our world. Join him for a fascinating study.

### Check Out CPC's Redesigned Website!

A big THANK YOU to Chris Held, who has just redesigned our CPC website, according to some ideas forwarded to him from the congregation. It looks great!!

Click on this link <http://www.cvcpc.org/> to check it out. The Adobe Acrobat version of the newsletter is also posted there.

### Thank You

Linda is finally home after 2 leg surgeries and a little more than 2 months in the hospital. Praise God!

She cannot bear weight in her right leg for another couple of weeks. Physical therapists visit 5 days a week to help her build strength and endurance.

Thanks to everyone for their prayers and concern.

- Edd Johnsen

## Church Gives Email Newsletter a Thumbs Up!

Jan received an astounding 23 replies to her email questionnaire, asking people how they felt about the church newsletter being emailed.

Everyone was in favor of it! Here are a few quotes:

- "I haven't had any problems trying to receive the newsletter through e-mail. Since so many people have computers and use e-mail, it probably is more inexpensive and less labor intensive than printing and sending out the newsletter." - Steve & Sabrina Burt
- "Yes, I like receiving the electronic newsletter and print it out to read. You are doing a great job! Thanks." - Charlotte Braddy
- "Thanks for still including me and I like getting the newsletter on email very much. It works great for me as we are home in Idaho five or six months and down here in Yuma, AZ five or six months and we have a computer both places so it's cool." - Doris Campbell
- "It's great. Saves CPC money, saves trees, and reduces landfills." - Gale & Judy Maynor
- "I like receiving it by e-mail. I think it is a good way to cut costs, too. I have been able to open the file, and I read the whole thing on the computer. Sometimes, I print it out, but not always. Having some hard copies at church is good for the people who are not on-line. Thanks for all your hard work and creativity!" - Nancy Valiquette
- "I can open the file and I read it on the computer. I don't usually print it. It is nice to have it on the computer to reference, instead of finding a printed copy to see when events are happening." - Kathy Lewis
- "I think it is just fine. I had trouble opening it at home because I have a slow dial-up ISP, but I was able to open it at work." - Kara Levario
- "Fine with me, because computing is what I do for a living and I am used to email." - Ed Ament
- "Saves money, let's do it!" - Andrew Sholtes
- "We like getting the Valley Herald by e-mail. We print it out so we can read it at our leisure." - Ralph & Rosemary Parker
- "Good, when I can open it." - Earl Mussett
- "I think having the newsletter on line is fine. My only fear is that we are missing getting it to some of our older folks that may not be online. For that reason, Nancy prints some for the lobby and it is announced.

Also copies should be handed to or mailed to our visitors. Nancy is also sending it to the NV Presbytery churches. I have not heard any negative comments." - Charlene Rodman

- "I love it. I am trying to eliminate paper - HA!" - Carrolyn Nicholas
- "We do read the letter on the email and feel anything the church can do to save money is a plus, so yes, we like the internet newsletter." - Mel and Phyllis Hogan
- "Well, I for one love having it on the computer!!! I print it out and yes I read the entire thing. God Bless" - Nancy Pierce



### **PURDUE University Chapter**

#### **Givin' Cancer the Boot!**

**April 9-10, 2005, 7:00 PM-7:00 AM**

Michelle Maynor is a team captain for the Purdue University Relay for Life event in April. She joined the all-night relay race to honor her father, Gale, a cancer patient/survivor.

Help give cancer the boot by contributing to this event. Donation checks can be made to "American Cancer Society Colleges Against Cancer" or "ACSCAC"

For \$5, you can also purchase a luminaria to be lighted in honor of or in memory of someone special. Judy Maynor will have the luminaria forms available at church.

## Everything ... AND the Kitchen Sink

Have you noticed? The bathroom/kitchen project is nearing completion. Not only will we have a second bathroom, but we'll also have a custodial/storage closet, a coffee service area, a kitchen sink with running water (imagine that!) and accompanying cabinetry. A big thanks to all who provided time and money to this project.

Originally, the project was going to include only the bathroom and the installation of a recycled kitchen sink but was expanded to include the coffee service area, the closet, and a more complete kitchen service area. The original project, costing approximately \$2,000 was funded by previously obtained designated funds, but the added improvements have not yet been entirely financed.

We received a substantial sum of the money needed to cover the added improvements from a benefactor in Incline, but still need to raise approximately \$1,200 to cover the remainder of the renovations.

If you want to contribute to this worthwhile project, please see Gale Maynor or place a donation in the offering plate marked "the Kitchen Sink," and we'll know where to credit your gift. See you during coffee hour! —Submitted by Barb Sikora



*Judy Maynor admires the new coffee serving area that was added during the bathroom/kitchen remodel. Everything should be functional within the next few weeks! (Gale Mayor, her husband, helped with much of the work.)*

### Home Communion

The Deacons are now coordinating home communion. So, if you or someone you know would like to partake of the Lord's Supper at home, please contact your Deacon or Barb Sikora at 265-1452.

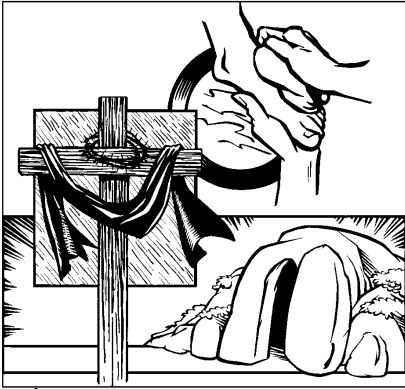


### Church Finances

The complete Treasurer's Report to Session is available to anyone who asks. Please call Malcolm Milne, Treasurer, 265-2555, with any questions.

<b>January Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$16,273</b>
January Receipts:	
Operating Fund	\$7,919
Designated Funds	\$1,483
January Expenditures:	(\$6,088)
Synod Loan	(\$600)
Designated Funds	(\$0)
Other	(\$5,488)
<b>January Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$19,587</b>
Synod Investment Account	\$13,436
Less Designated Funds	(16,576)
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$12,070</b>

Thank you for continuing to support our church with your tithes and offerings.



**Join our Church  
Family  
For All of Our  
*Easter*  
*Celebrations***

- ◆ **March 20, 9:00 a.m. PALM SUNDAY**  
*Children & Choir Parade in with  
Palm Branches*
- ◆ **March 24, 5:30 p.m. MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
*Soup Dinner followed by a  
Special Communion Service*
- ◆ **March 27, 9:00 a.m. EASTER SERVICES**  
*Followed by Easter Brunch*

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**BE SURE AND INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS AND  
FRIENDS TO JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR  
ALL OF OUR  
EASTER CELEBRATIONS**

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**Praise the Lord with Lilies!**

*Help us decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday  
by paying \$7.50 for an  
already ordered Lily or  
bringing an Easter Lily.  
Please bring on Maundy  
Thursday or the Sunday  
before.*



*New Widow/Widower Group  
Has Fun, Makes Plans*

The new widow and widower group (actually widows) met on Feb. 19 for lunch at the Wild Horse and then continued on to Lucy Vance's house for a wild game of Tripoli which later developed into a cut-throat poker game !!!!!!!!

We have been invited to Merrill Gardens by Thelma Gomes for lunch on 3/19 for lunch and some continued competitive gaming!!!!!!!

If you would like to find out more about the group, contact Nancy McCauley at 265-9255. Let her know you are interested and willing to participate in this much needed ministry.

**Upcoming Fellowship  
Opportunities**

Join us for a simple soup supper at 5:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday. We need about four crock pots of a variety of soups, several types of bread, and finger desserts.

Easter Sunday morning, there will be a continental breakfast after worship. We would like people to bring breakfast breads, fruit, juice, and we will provide coffee and tea.

If you would like to help with either of these events please sign up at the Fellowship table.

Happy Easter!!

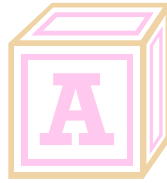
## With Sincere Appreciation



Thank you for your enthusiastic support of our cookie sale!

Abby,  
Kendra,  
Annika,  
Kira,  
Kathy,  
and Barb

## We're growing!



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When was the last time you got to hold a baby or "play house" with a toddler? Well, here's your chance! We are in need of Sunday morning nursery help for the smallest members of our church family.

If you are willing to offer at least one hour of your time as a gift to the Lord to help care for his precious little ones through this ministry, please contact Barb Sikora ([bsikora@charter.net](mailto:bsikora@charter.net) or 265-1452).

*"Train up a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old, he will not depart from it"*

*--Proverbs 22:15*



Your support of One Great Hour of Sharing will rebuild homes, communities and lives.

The village of Rabat-Qarabaghi in Afghanistan's Shomali Valley stands just yards away from what was once a military frontline. Intense crossfire between the Taliban and the Northern Alliance eventually ruined the village, reducing it to rubble.

With the support, in part, of One Great Hour of Sharing, 22-year-old Rahmuddin Huzrudin, along with 40 other villagers, was able to return and reconstruct his family's home. But much work must still be done before Rabat-Qarabaghi is fully restored.

Stories like Rahmuddin's abound not only in Afghanistan, but also in Cambodia, Bosnia, Honduras and other places where war, poverty and natural disaster have destroyed entire towns and villages.

When homes are shattered, crops and livestock are destroyed. Basic needs often must go unmet. And families are left feeling forsaken and abandoned, not knowing where to turn for help.

Rebuilding homes, schools and hospitals in

devastated regions like Rahmuddin restores not only a community's livelihood, but also its spirit, integrity and hope.

Jesus calls us to love one another as God loves us. Your contribution today will help restore communities, which will in turn heal hearts and families.

We are starting our One Great Hour of Sharing next Sunday, and will have the dedication of the offering on **Palm Sunday, March 20.**

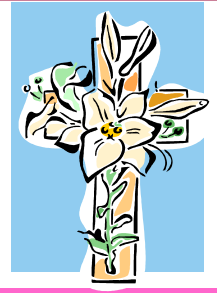
Please give lovingly.

One  
great hour  
of sharing.

IT'S REMARKABLE WHAT  
YOUR GIFT WILL DO.



# March 2005



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study at Church	7 PM — Choir Practice at Church	Alt. Thurs @ 3:30 PM — Brownie Troops 46 & 591		
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
	4 PM—Daisy Girl Scouts  6:45 PM — Boy Scouts	7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study	7 PM — Choir			
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
	10 AM — Women's Bible Study at Karps	7 PM—Session  7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study	7 PM — Choir			12 PM—Widow/ Widower Group meets for lunch at Merrill Gardens
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<i>Palm Sunday</i>  One Great Hour Offering		7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study	7 PM — Choir	5:30 PM — Soup Supper & Maundy Thursday Service		
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>					
<i>Easter Sunday</i> 	10 AM — Women's Bible Study at Karps					

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*"On the first day of the week,  
very early in the morning,  
the women took the spices they had  
prepared and went to the tomb.*

*They found the stone rolled away  
from the tomb,  
but when they entered, they did not  
find the body of the Lord Jesus.  
While they were wondering about  
this, suddenly two men  
in clothes that gleamed like lightning  
stood beside them."*

*Luke 24:1-5*

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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