



# THE MISSION BELL

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## Bits of Joy as an ESL Volunteer

by Misty Dunn

Working with the young Afghan children has been very rewarding! Initially, due to traumatic experiences before coming to our country as well as their culture, the children were not comfortable being



separated from their parents. They didn't know our language or

customs. However, during our time together before the pandemic, they progressed from crying when they were dropped off to enjoying playing and interacting with their peers. It was rewarding to see  
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## Sunday Worship Experiences

### In-Person Worship 8:45 a.m. in McMillen Hall

Praise God with music and the power of spoken word. Face coverings are encouraged for all. Childcare is not available at this time.



### Live Stream Worship 10:00 a.m. on YouTube

A blend of traditional and contemporary music styles with pre-recorded videos providing an opportunity for members and friends of our faith community to participate in ways that bring new life to the Word. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/carmichaelpres/> or search for "carmichaelpres" on the YouTube app or your Smart TV. Plus, watch recordings of past worship services any time.



## ... Bits of Joy ...

many of them becoming more relaxed and having fun as time went by.

Here are a few “bits of joy” volunteers experienced when they provided childcare for Afghan children while their mothers were learning English in the classroom next door. When we wonder if what we are doing is making a difference for any of these children, we think about some of these times:

- Watching his eyes light up when he found his favorite book and brought it to me to read.
- She loved to paint. She painted every inch of the paper and quite a few inches of herself. She was bursting with pride about what she had done “all by herself.”
- Her older brother comforted her as she cried after her mother left the room. He soothed her and then took her to the kitchen play area. She made us all “plates of food.”
- Listening to them laugh and play together ~ children who did not know each other when they first came through the door.
- Feeling sad, he came over and motioned for me to hold him. I did. He cud-

dled and rested his head on my shoulder. After a few minutes, he was ready to go play.

- Watching them cautiously try new foods and saying, “I like it. I want more.”



- Watching them smile excitedly when they found pictures of themselves on the classroom bulletin board.
- Seeing their delight as they learned colors, shapes, and numbers while playing games.
- Watching older siblings take care of their younger brothers and sisters, often acting as their advocates.

When we had to stop the classroom experiences due to the pandemic, we continued the learning through videos and delivering packets of materials for the preschoolers to learn their letters and do simple crafts. It was joyful seeing them sitting in their windows waiting for our visits. They were excited to see us and looked forward to sharing their everyday life experienc-

es. For the mothers, it was an opportunity to practice their English.

This fall, World Relief will be starting new ESL classes for Afghan mothers at CPC, and we will again need volunteers to offer childcare for their preschoolers. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00–11:30 a.m. We are expecting 12 or more preschoolers and need six volunteers for child-

care each day. Volunteers do not need to be members of CPC; in fact, we have had volunteers from other churches and service-oriented organizations, neighbors, and friends! Invite someone you know to volunteer with you on Tuesday and/or Thursday morning(s)! If you have travel plans, we can work around them. You can help twice weekly, weekly, or monthly or you can be a substitute. The schedule includes time off for holidays and school vacation periods.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Kathy Lewis ([kathyblewis@att.net](mailto:kathyblewis@att.net)). We would love to have you as part of our team.

# Being Interdependent

by Misty Dunn, Stephen Minister/Leader



In Galatians 6, Paul tells us to “bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

There are over 50 verses in the New Testament using the words “one another” or “each other.” What this tells us is that God did not create us to be independent. He created us to be interdependent. We are made in his own image—to be loving, caring, forgiving, and extending grace to one another. He created us to need one another. “It is not good that man should be alone” (Genesis 2:18). It seems apparent that God never intended us to suffer alone. God created us to care for and support others in their time of need, and to allow others to care for and support us in ours.

These 50 passages do not simply say “bear *other’s* burdens” or “love *others*.” The “one another” or “each other” phrase gives them a reciprocal meaning: I will bear your burdens, and you will bear mine. In this sense, an openness to Christian caring is not just being willing to care for and help others. It is also being willing to be cared for and be helped by others.

While some people may think someone is weak if they ask for help, clearly, God does not think that! When God offers comfort, our Lord is offering us strength, hope, and encouragement—which is what Stephen Ministers extend, bringing Jesus’ love and care to those who most need it. Hebrews 10:24 advises us, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” At CPC our Stephen Ministers have been trained and organized to do just that. They provide one-to-one care, prayer, nonjudgmental listening, and support to those who are going through a difficult time.

So, which would you choose: being interdependent, which is God’s original plan, or independent, which can be a very lonely way to struggle through life’s difficulties?

Hopefully, you’ll consider that a Stephen Minister may be just what you may need—and be interdependent as God planned.

If you would like more information about Stephen Ministry, how to receive care from a Stephen Minister, or how to become a Stephen Minister, please contact any of the Stephen Leaders: **Kelly Holland, Misty Dunn, Mary Thomas, John Wallace, or Len Tozier.**

# In Our Church Family



Please lift up in prayer these members of our church family who have recently lost loved ones:

- † **Linda Hatch, Gayle Piper,** and family on the loss of their father, **Dick Piper**, on June 27
- † **Sally Willey** and family on the recent loss of her sister, **Karen Douda.**
- † **Polly Hunt** and family on the loss of her sister, **Robbie Salisbury**, on June 28.
- † **Jeffrie Lele’a** and family on the loss of his mother, **Ani Lele’a** on July 3.
- † **Ed Hills** and family on the loss of his wife, **Nadine Hills**, on July 19.
- † **Charleen Lee** and family on the loss of her husband, **Gary Lee**, on July 25.

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## Our Staff

Remembering that the members of Carmichael Presbyterian Church are the ministers and missionaries of our faith community, our Pastoral Staff and Support Team provide leadership and specialized ministries.

**The Rev. Keith L. DeVries**

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# Scuttlebutt

## News from CPC's Mariner Ships

### Clipper Ship

Skippers: Charlene Lee and Thelma Wever

The Clippers assembled at



Clipper Ship members enjoyed their June meeting at the home of Jim and Jan Hill.

the home of **Jim and Jan Hill** for their June meeting. **Thelma Wever** opened the meeting with a theme, "Leave your worries with me." She read a

Frank Graft poem as well as a Bible passage.

**Jim Hill** then discussed church issues, including the formation of a parking lot task force and updates on two areas in which he serves on task forces.

The sanctuary should be ready for use in mid to late August. The church website will be revised. There was also a discussion of worship and music ideas.

All 15 members in attendance then enjoyed fellowship with one another while partaking in the delicious fare offered by the Hills.

The meeting was adjourned until next month at the Sweeney's.

### Companionship

Skippers: Hal & Sharleen Millering

On a nice, warm, but not too hot June 5, the Companionship gathered in the beautiful backyard of

**Nancy and Dave Studer** for an afternoon of Hearts games. They have a lovely pool surrounded by lush planters and shady tables with very com-

fortable chairs. We started with deli sandwiches from Mr. Pickles: turkey, ham, pastrami, chicken salad, and tuna salad, accompanied by two delicious salads and plenty of lemonade and iced tea to drink.

After **Hal Millering** led a short business meeting, Dave S. reviewed the rules for Hearts so there would be no confusion. There were 15 of us, so we divided into three teams and started playing. There was plenty of excitement as hearts were broken and Dirty Dora was either a curse or a blessing as some people were able to shoot the moon! **Sharlene St. Clair** had never played Hearts before and was just planning to watch but gave in gracefully when her table mates offered to teach her how to play ... and she did better than many other players! Prizes were awarded for fewest hearts and most hearts collected: **Barbara Farley** won a bottle of **Dave Beeby's** favorite wine and **Terry Barto** won a bottle of red wine vinegar.

We gathered to celebrate the Fourth of July at **Barbara and Tim Farley's** house to read the Declaration of Independence, play games, have a business meeting, and eat a wonderful hotdog barbecue with fresh corn from Slough-house, and cucumber salad  
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with veggies grown in Tim's garden. All this was topped off by Cheeky Girls ice cream sandwiches.

All 16 arrived ready to compete in the first game of corn hole, but **Bud Banker** and **Pastor Keith** had obviously been practicing. Keith won the play-off and the prize, a vintage bottle of Coke from Opening Day 2000 at the River Cats. After dinner, **Sally Willey** scored 20 American history trivia points to win an extendable back massager.

Many thanks again to Barbara and Tim for a delightful evening.

And many thanks to **Priscilla Mauerman** for taking notes and to **Marti Wallace** for editing.

If you'd like to visit our ship, please contact our Look-out **Sharlene St. Clair**.

## Friendship

Skipper: Monica Dahlberg

## Holy Scow

Skipper: Paul & Lynn Shultz

## Lifeboat

Skipper: Anne Parker

## Nautilus

Skipper: Emily Moulton, Carol Misque, and Jane Swenson

## Skipjacks

Skipper: Margo Scandella

One and done! Skipjacks proved that we could have one business meeting a year and have the planning done for the remaining six months. Plans included: Loomis Flower Farm brunch and string



music (**Margo Scandella's** group) in July, a game of bocce in August at the new courts in Carmichael Park, drama in September at the Chautauqua, White Elephant Sale in October, the CSUS Planetarium in November, and our annual Christmas dinner in December.

With that out of the way, each person told a story about something that no one else knew about them. There were some very exciting stories: chasing some bank robbers (**Carolyn Biggers**), a self-taught pickup truck engine rebuild (**John Cameron**), a helicopter rescue of a lost hiker (**Bep van der Mik**), a house

fire (**Danelle Brown**), an eight-year-old leading lost adults out of the woods in Sequoia (**Phil Mishler**), a young girl catching a big fish at a swimming area (**Glenda Perrou**), a firsthand view of the arrest of a passenger with a suitcase full of money aboard a flight from South Carolina (**Jack Brown**), witnessing the heart attack of a fellow hiker and his rescue by helicopter (**Clark Smith**), slipping a private plane into a tight approach and short landing strip putting all his flying skill to work (**Bob Beckert**). We realized we could entertain ourselves just by telling stories, and we learned a lot about each other as well.

## MISSION BELL DEADLINES



**August 9**

for the September newsletter

**September 13**

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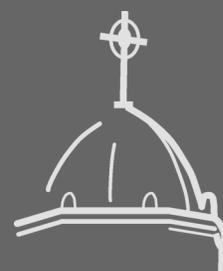
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## Our Mission

*Responding to God's love through Jesus Christ, we:*

- *Welcome all*
- *Nurture relationships*
- *Grow in faith together*
- *Connect with and serve our community and the world*



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