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Opportunity Knocks

by Sharon MacLean, Engagement Coordinator

Hello CPC members and friends! My name is **Sharon MacLean**. I've been an active and involved member at CPC since 1983. I've



Sharon MacLean is CPC's new Engagement Coordinator.

recently taken on a new role at CPC as the Engagement Coordinator. No, I won't help you plan the perfect marriage proposal. I

will, however, inform you, the members and friends of CPC, about opportunities for you to be involved and connected with programs, groups, and people in the church.

Your church leaders worked hard to align this new role with our mission statement. These op-

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Faith Comes Alive 2022 Stewardship Campaign

by Patty Peterson

Driving by the church campus on Marconi, the scene is quiet and peaceful. It looks much like it did a year ago. Some things are the same as last year - the pandemic is still with us,



mandates continue, and we are doing everything necessary to care for ourselves and each other through this historic time. However, some things are different from a year ago. We are cautiously

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Pastor Keith L. DeVries Writes:

“Taking a Moment to Say Thank You”

At their September meeting, CPC’s Worship Division regretfully accepted the resignation of **Jenny DeVries** as Contemporary Worship Leader. Jenny has been part of the contemporary music team for more than 20 years, first as a vocalist under the leadership of **Mark Studer**, and continuing through 2006 with **Chris Studer**. When Chris moved out of the area to further his musical studies, Jenny agreed to serve as the *interim* Contemporary Worship Leader until a permanent replacement could be found. It soon became apparent that no further search was necessary as Jenny’s gifts, talents, and skills were a perfect match. Now, 14 years later, it is clear what a wise decision it was to permanently hire Jenny as she has selected and arranged songs, rehearsed and supported musicians, produced lead sheets and PowerPoint slides, set up and put away equipment, and provided us all with an opportunity to worship through song. In addition, she has gracefully navigated live streaming and the “blended” service format over the past 19 months.

I recognize my bias, but Jenny is an extremely talented and versatile musician. She

studied music at Whitworth College in Spokane and Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ and grew up playing music at church.



“ Please join me in saying, ‘Thank You!’ to Jenny for her faithful service as she has blessed all of us in sharing her amazing gift of music.”

While her primary instrument is voice, she is also an accomplished guitarist and English handbell player. She served as bell choir director at Opportunity Presbyterian Church in Spokane, WA and Community Presbyterian Church in Vallejo and has even stepped in as a substitute director and ringer for our Mission Bells and Carillon on several occasions.

During her tenure as our Contemporary Worship Leader, Jenny has also led music for special worship services such as Taizé, Ash Wednesday, and Christmas Eve.

Some of her most memorable musical experiences include singing with the New York Philharmonic under the direction of Zubin Meta and singing at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. She is also a composer from time to time, writing (and singing) original songs for our wedding.

On a personal note, I have relied upon Jenny’s musical sensibilities and expertise in planning worship for the past 14 years. While we will miss seeing and hearing her during Sunday morning worship, Jenny isn’t going anywhere. As she steps away from the role of Contemporary Worship Leader, she will take time to explore other ways

to engage with this community of faith in our common ministry. Jenny’s last Sunday leading worship will be October 10. Please join me in saying, “Thank You!” to Jenny for her faithful service as she has blessed all of us in sharing her amazing gift of music.

Blessings of peace to you all,

Pastor Keith

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opportunities will offer you the opportunity to grow in faith, build relationships, and connect with and serve our community and the world.

These opportunities that I share with you could be volunteering for a one-time job or event, an ongoing commitment, or maybe connecting you with a fellowship group or Bible study. There are a plethora of possibilities! And it doesn't matter if you are new to CPC or a member. It's never too late to get connected.

I will periodically present to the congregation opportunities for involvement. Look for articles in the *Mission Bell*, information in the Parish Notes, Facebook posts, information on the church website, and an information table after worship services. Be on the lookout for "Opportunity Knocks" to see what is available and how you can get connected. For me, being connected in a variety of ways through the years at CPC has been life changing. I've met treasured friends, developed skills, discovered gifts, and my faith has grown tremendously.

If you want to get involved and connected, but don't know how or what's available, feel



Caron Treon signs up to help after Sunday morning worship. Watch for Sharon MacLean, CPC's Engagement Coordinator, at upcoming events and worship services!

free to email, call or text me (bruce.sharonmac@gmail.com or 916-213-4179). I'm happy to help you find a place to get involved and connect you with any of the leaders of specific ministries.

Some of our immediate opportunities and needs are listed below. If you're interested and want more details, please reach out to me; I will fill you in and get you connected.

Education/Youth: Sunday School Teachers, Youth Group Program and Activities Leaders and Hike Guides, Coordinators for Stepping Stones Program and Resource Room, and

Playground Maintenance Crew

Food Closet: AM, PM and Saturday shifts, food pick-up drivers, phone bank.

Mission: Weekly shower ministries, weekly homeless lunches, monthly SOS meal.

Buildings & Grounds: Discuss and prioritize campus needs, help with campus projects and up-keep.

Fellowship & Nurture: The Health Ministries Committee needs medical and mental health professionals.

Membership & Outreach: PreK ESL expert to advise our Afghan refugee children's team.

Worship: Lay Leaders and Faith Stories

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From Pastor Ivan N. Herman:

“Connectional Church; Connectional Mission”

“I am the vine, y’all are the branches.” John 15:5

How do you define church? Is it a place to worship on Sundays, or to find respite and food during the week?

A lot of folks might answer that a church is a kind of voluntary association made up of people who are generally like-minded and share in a system of spiritual beliefs. Legally, that might be a correct answer to describe the non-profit status of a volunteer organization. For many a church is synonymous with a congregation---but there’s so much more to it!

In 2005 Susan and I had a chance to visit the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba with a delegation from a couple congregations in National Capital Presbytery. We spent months in preparation and applied for permission from the US Treasury Department to legally enter Cuba (and spend US dollars under a trade embargo). We had to jump through multiple hoops and convince Treasury employees that the Presbytery (and more broadly the denomination) is a church. The idea that the church was more than just a congregation (as a voluntary association) was unfamiliar to those processing the

paperwork, and they had to run it by multiple levels of review before granting the religious visa.

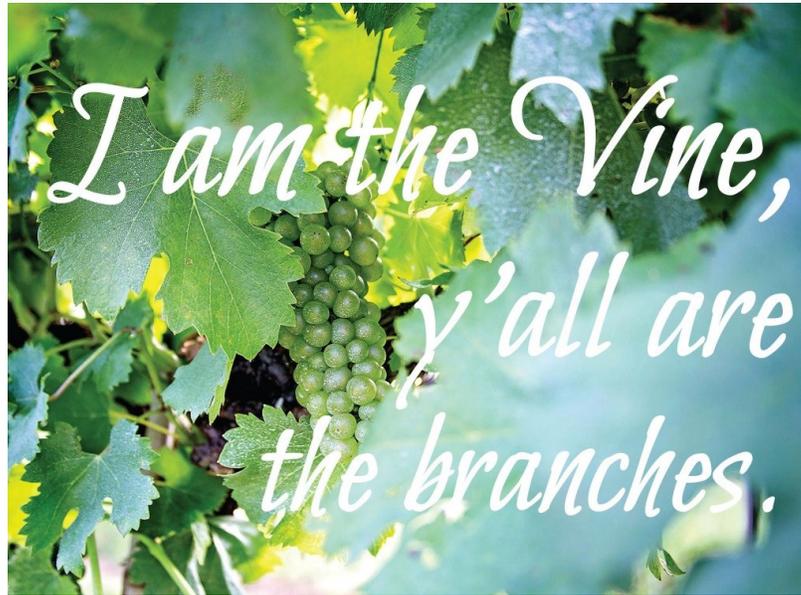
The idea that the congregation is the truest or best form of church is popular, but un-

the whole church. They would be scandalized to learn that within 50 years (and over the next 500 years) their writings would be used to justify schisms and a rising tide of congregationalism that still characterizes the Protestant

Reformation. As Reformed Presbyterians, we affirm the connectional nature of our mission and of the church. Carmichael Presbyterian Church is a local expression of the larger church, and together as individuals, congregations, mid-

-councils, and national denomination we live out the call of Christ together. While we often talk about our local mission of feeding and education programs with the food closet and Afghan refugees, we are also part of missions we talk less about (and sometimes don’t even know about!): we are planting a new bilingual worshiping community at Northminster Presbyterian Church, we are sheltering wildfire evacuees in Placerville, we are supporting small church leadership from Red Bluff to Turlock, we are

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biblical. Jesus said, “I am the vine, y’all are the branches.” (John 15:5) The apostle Paul constantly urged connection between geographically distant communities, “the body does not consist of one member but of many.” (1 Cor. 12:14-20).

Luther and Calvin were part of a theological Reformation to recover the Biblical message about the church as the body of Christ. They taught that theological education was not just for clerics, but that providing high levels of education for ruling elders and ministers would benefit

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gathering in person and some practices from the “before” times are returning to the campus. Throughout the pandemic, the heart of our church family still pulsates. These are not ordinary times and the Carmichael Presbyterian Church congregation continues to adapt and rise to the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a group, we are resilient, and faith and fellowship are alive and well at our church.

The 2022 Faith Comes Alive Stewardship Campaign will focus on the four tenets of our mission statement: “We welcome all, nurture relationships, grow in our faith together, and connect with and serve our community and the world.” Holding steadfast to these values provides the foundation for CPC to adapt and continue to thrive in our everchanging world.

Amid these challenging times the CPC congregation, the pastors, and staff have done a wonderful job of continuing to adapt how our church lives out our mission statement to keep faith alive. So, how has CPC adapted in recent months to our new COVID reality? Here are a few examples of how CPC continues to be resilient and

live its mission statement which may seem a little like “back to the future:”

- In-person worship on Sunday mornings with music



In-person worship is one way our faith comes alive at CPC.

- Sunday school for children with social distancing and lots of hand sanitizer
- Deacons outdoor coffee fellowship while the children are in class
- The Church Office is open
- Supper on Saturdays – Dine-in meals with our youth helping to serve
- Plans for a modified Trunk or Treat and Alternative Gift Market
- Return of the Shower Ministry
- Pop up vaccination clinic for our neighbors

The congregation’s patience and commitment to sharing God’s love are truly amazing. Your generosity and good stewardship through your annual pledge provide

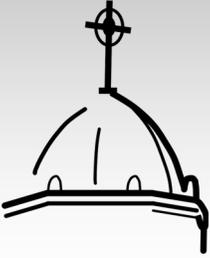
the financial resources for CPC to serve in a modified manner today and more fully in person in the future.

The Stewardship Committee will provide more information about the 2022 Stewardship Campaign in the next several weeks through the *Mission Bell*, eParish Notes, and email. So, keep an eye out for more communication on the campaign during October. And, please note that ***Commitment Sunday will be November 7.***

Faith is alive in each one of us. It is our commitment to deepening that faith, sharing God’s love, and supporting each other that serves as our foundation. All of us look forward to 2022 when we can more fully meet in-person to grow our faith and share that faith with our community. Take a moment to visualize an in-person worship service in the sanctuary complete with music and well-ventilated, cool air from the new HVAC system. Maybe followed by a time of fellowship in the Gathering Place with coffee and a snack. Children’s voices can be heard throughout the campus. That should bring a smile to your face. Know that it is only through your generous stewardship support that CPC continues to see ***Faith Come Alive*** today and in the future.

New Adobe Funds Legacy Program

by Bill Dunn



During the early months of the pandemic last year, the Gifts and Bequests Advisory Council met (by Zoom) with a consultant from the Presbyterian Foundation in order to determine how we could improve the Gifts and Bequests program at CPC. One of our objectives was to create a legacy program that would allow CPC to continue our programs for future generations. Another objective was to increase our gifts and bequest funds by encouraging members to consider including CPC in their will or estate.

In contemplation of CPC's 100th anniversary in 2023 we have created the Adobe Funds Legacy Program. The program's objective is to provide a lasting financial foundation for the mission and work of Carmichael Presbyterian Church for generations to come. Additionally, we have established the Adobe Family Circle which will recognize those individuals who include a gift to the Adobe Fund in their estate plan.

The Adobe Funds will include a number of different ways you can leave a gift as a legacy for CPC. We will be implementing the Adobe Funds Legacy Program in the coming months. Future communications will explain the different gift options and the Adobe Family Circle as we move forward in celebrating our 100th anniversary. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you may contact one of the Gifts and Bequests Advisory Council members: **Bill Dunn, Bill Pace, Glenda Perrou, Patty Peterson, Elizabeth Phillips, and Len Tozier.**

... from Pastor Ivan ...

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equipping young adult volunteers working with immigrants near Tucson, and we have about one hundred mission co-workers with unique ministries around the globe. There are so many ways our shared mission is being lived out!

As much good as we do in local mission, it is our shared mission across the nation and the world that bears witness to the very nature of what it means to be a connectional church and the body of Christ in the world.

In Our CPC Family



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

ones:

- † **Marcia Weill** and family on the loss of her husband, **Doug Weill**, on August 20.
- † **Shirley Martin** and family on the loss of her daughter, **Marti Martin Cutter**, on August 20.
- † **Ed & Barbara Sebastian** and family on the recent loss of their son, **Jeffery Sebastian**
- † **Pat Botelho** and family on the loss of her husband, **Joe Botelho**, on August 28.
- † **Terry Barto, Cheryl Chandler** and family on the loss of Terry's son-in-law and Cheryl's husband, **Wade Chandler**, on September 2.
- † **Bob & Joan Clark** and family on the loss of their daughter, **Emily Farrell**, on September 3.
- † **Barbara Hussey** and family on the loss of her cousin, **Charlotte Murdoff**, on September 21.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Carmichael Presbyterian Church

31st Annual



Give the World a Present

Saturday & Sunday

November 6 & 7

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Think about coming to the Alternative Gift Market instead of shopping at Nordstrom, Macy's or Amazon. The committee has invited 3 new vendors plus our 3 vendors from past markets to bring all new exciting gifts. They will feature hundreds of beautiful, handmade items from 20+ countries.

Think clothing, toys, jewelry, home décor, garden decorations, and stocking stuffers.

This is also a perfect opportunity to give to 12 local and international nonprofit agencies that assist communities and families with the gift of medicine, food, water, peace and hope locally and around the world

Gift cards, informational material and small stocking stuffers will be available for you to send. Alternative Gifting is an easy, thoughtful way to honor your friends and family.

If you can't shop in person you may give online at www.carmichaelpres.org

The committee NEEDS HELP on both days of the sale to greet shoppers, staff tables, collect payments, and serve refreshments. Please think about volunteering for a few hours. Call **Brenda Mock** or **Barbara Farley** if you can help.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AND VISIT

HAVE FUN SHOPPING

ENJOY YUMMY HOLIDAY REFRESHMENTS



Run to Feed the Hungry – Thanksgiving Day

On a day when we pause to give thanks for our many blessings, we also acknowledge that so many of God’s children are struggling. With so many people struggling, how we can even begin to help?

on and you came to visit me.” As a Matthew 25 congregation, we know that when we

Support **Run to Feed The Hungry**

THANKSGIVING DAY 2021



Register today @ www.runtofeedthehungry.com



2019 Team Carmichael Presbyterian Micah 6:8

respond to the needs of individuals in our community, we are responding as if the individuals

basic human needs in Sacramento County. SFBFS provides services including food, clothing, health and nutrition classes, refugee resettlement services, English as a second language classes, parenting classes, immigration legal services, and job development workshops. Additionally, the food closet at Carmichael Pres-

byterian works in partnership with SFBFS.

There are many ways to participate in the Run to Feed the Hungry this year: run or walk through East Sacramento, run or walk with CPC members and friends as we participate virtually in Carmichael,

donate, or fundraise.

Register for the Race

Visit

www.runtofeedthehungry.com

to register for the race. When you register, choose the team registration option and select Carmichael Presbyterian Church as your team. As you register, you can choose whether you want to participate in person or virtually.

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Some of CPC's 2020 Virtual Run to Feed the Hungry Team



Matthew 25:35-36 says: “For I was hungry and

you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in pris-

are Jesus himself.

For the third year in a row, we invite you to join us in support of the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services as we run and walk in this year’s Run to Feed the Hungry on Thanksgiving morning. The Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services (SFBFS) is the largest nonprofit provider of

Christmas is Coming!

This year the Deacon's Christmas Gift Ministry will provide gifts for needy families similar to how we did it last year. There will still be signups using Sign Up Genius and a list published in the *Mission Bell*. Families will receive gift cards so they



have the joy of purchasing gifts for their families. However, we have the option of purchasing a gift for children under 12 if the child requests a specific gift rather than a gift card.

Watch for information on how to sign up in the coming weeks!

Notes of Thanks



To all our Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, and words of caring for us in the loss of our dear Gary and Grandpa.

We have felt your love, and it has brought us comfort. Gary would have felt so blessed to know that so many friends expressed their condolences.

Madison and Charleen Lee

Dear Church Family,

Looking up from the depths of confusion and sadness, I have found you there to encourage and support me after Doug's sudden death. From Pastor Keith's calls, Carol bringing a prayer shawl, numerous caring cards, to just knowing your prayers were there. I am so thankful for my Church Family.

Thank you,

Marcia Weill

I deliberately and pensively count my blessings bestowed on me by those at CPC. How fortunate we all are to have such a caring family of friends,

My need for prayer and personal help has been greater than normal recently, and because you were there for me and continue to be, I live in God's grace and daily miracles.

Gratitude, love, and hope have filled my heart!

Thank you,

Polly Hunt

... Run ...

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Virtual team members are welcome to join our team in the CPC parking lot, beginning at 8:30 am, to run or walk to Effie Yeaw Nature Center and back to CPC for a distance of almost 3.1 miles (5k distance). The last day to register with a team is November 11.

Donate

Donate to our team to help us reach our fundraising goal of \$1,000. For each \$1 donation, the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services provides 5 meals to Sacramentans in need, with \$1,000 dollars we can help feed 5,000 people! To donate, visit

www.carmichaelpres.org/run.

Complete the donation section (amount of gift) and payment information

Click *Submit Order* and receive a donation confirmation

Fundraise

Encourage friends and family to donate to our team. Keep a lookout for information on our Friends of CPC Facebook page and share the information.

We would love to have you join us as we seek to care for our neighbors who seek help and support from the SFBFS. For more information and instructions on how to get involved, visit

www.runtofeedthehungry.com or contact **Anne Parker** (anne@sparkinn.com).

Our CPC Afghan Refugee Project

by Kathy Lewis

Registration for the moms' online English literacy, integration, and health classes is complete and classes will have started by the time you read this. Increasing COVID-19 rates meant World Relief had to move all their programming online at least through December. CPC will continue supporting education for their preschool-aged children, even if it's not in person.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered for ESL teaching or for childcare this fall. What a wonderful group of women you are! Hopefully, we will be back in person in January.

In the midst of all the Covid uncertainty here and the chaos in Afghanistan, there is still room for joy. On August 18 and 21, we had two graduation celebrations in the beautifully decorated CPC Courtyard for Afghan moms who had completed and met the competencies for the World Relief ESL classes.

The first celebration was for women who began in-person classes in the fall of 2019 and then converted to online in the spring of 2020

due to COVID-19. Each woman was individually acknowledged for her achievements at the celebration. What a joy to see them and many of their

family in Afghanistan. **Misty Dunn, Helen Magnuson and Kathy Lewis** hosted for CPC.

The second celebration was for two cohorts of women who had completed their classes via Zoom. For the moms enrolled in online classes, CPC volunteers provided weekly PreK lessons via YouTube and WhatsApp plus in-person delivery of lesson material and crafts to their children. These women got to meet in person for the first time,

AND the two cohorts got to meet each other! Lots of children came, and a few relatives and neighbors joined the celebration!! During the graduation, the children were busy drawing with crayons (to take home) and paper. Those children who participated in our preschool program were given a large PreK activity book as well. World Relief addressed each woman's accomplishments individually and took individual pictures, too. Tea, cupcakes, and chocolate candies were served. It was such an affirming celebration, showing that online teaching also helps build community. **Kathy Lewis and Helen Magnuson** were CPC hosts.

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children. Little Mohammad who came as a one-year-old was walking around as a

three-year-old! And little Sam-sour wasn't little anymore!! Each child in our preschool program received a big PreK activity book to take home. A photo was taken of each woman, on her personal phone, wearing a graduation cap and holding her certificate. We served tea, cupcakes, and chocolate candies. **Peggy Krong** provided a red rose with baby's breath in a vase for each woman to take home. It was a wonderful and happy celebration, even as many of the moms were worried about

How Can I Be More Welcoming in the Midst of Covid?



“I’m sorry, I don’t remember... what’s your name?”

Coming back to in-person worship can be intimidating – it has been comfortable (and convenient) participating in worship from our liv-

ing rooms. After being gone since March 2020, remembering names and re-connecting with our larger congregation can be a challenge. And, of course, there are new faces – all hidden behind masks.

To help you and each other, we are encouraging EVERY member to wear that name badge you got when you joined CPC. It will help us all, and it will especially help our visitors. If it’s hard for YOU to remember names, it’s probably just as challenging for others, especially as we are masked up.

We encourage you to find that name badge now and put it in your car so you’ll remember to put it on when you come into church. And if you can’t find it, just call the church office for a replacement. We want everyone to be able to call each other by name. We are also providing temporary name badges for everyone to use – just look for them at the registration table.

And once you are back at church, we encourage you to introduce yourself to people you do not recognize. Don’t worry that you should know someone’s name—masks and a long absence make it hard for everyone. Welcoming starts with an introduction of yourself, and your reaching out makes it easier for the other person, whether they are new or just someone you don’t know or recognize.

We look forward to seeing you (with your name badge) in church!!!

Your Membership and Outreach Division

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Thank you all for your support. If you feel called to join our planning committee, please contact **Kathy Lewis** (kathyblewis@att.net). We would welcome your help as we move forward. With God’s help, we will continue to provide loving support and welcome for our Afghan neighbors.

Robertson House Open House



You’re invited for a sneak peek inside the Robertson House on Sunday, October 31 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For the past three years, Carmichael Presbyterian Church has had a memorandum of understanding with Carmichael HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) to renovate the house CPC owns at 5660 Robertson Ave (next to the fire station) to create transitional housing for up to four men. With local contractor Pete Deterding donating much of the labor, exterior paint donated by Painters Plus, support from CPC, and many other contributions, the house has undergone quite a transformation. A bathroom addition, new windows, updated kitchen, and more await the residents who will have safe, secure housing while they work toward finding a permanent sustainable living situation.

For more information on the Robertson House, contact Barbara Farley at b_farley@sbcglobal.net.

Grace Is the Glue

by Misty Dunn, Stephen Minister/ Leader

When I read an article from Ian Morgan Cron about “kintsugi,” (summarized below), it resonated with me. I thought of Jesus’ words to Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9,

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Paul goes on to say in verse 10, *“That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”*

In Japan, when a valuable piece of pottery breaks, the owner doesn’t throw it out. Instead, they take it to a craftsman who gathers the shards of the broken vessel and mends it with lacquer dusted with 24k gold powder in an art form known as “kintsugi.” The result is an object that is imperfect but paradoxically more beautiful than it was before it broke. When mended, the owner displays the kintsugi bowl in a place of honor in their home where visitors can see and admire it. The display reminds them that imperfections are not only okay—they can even be made resplendent!

What we can learn from

kintsugi is what the Japanese call “the perfection of imperfection.”

So the next time your Inner Critic tells you that you’re be-



yond repair, incapable, or even unworthy of love and relationship, turn to it and say, “No. God has made me perfect in my imperfection.” We can overcome the many forces that conspire to keep us from fully living our lives when we believe that God can make our damaged hearts beautiful.

Novelist Eugene O’Neill sums it up wonderfully, “Man is born broken. He lives by mending. Grace is the glue.” I hope you take those words to heart and know that you are magnificent despite your flaws.

Reading these words by Cron and O’Neill, I recognized that whenever we go through hardships, chronic illness, loss, and pain, we may believe

that we’re “broken” in some way. As we see it, we can’t do what we used to be able to do, and we may feel less valuable because of that. However, remember – God’s grace is the

glue, mending all our imperfections! Christ offers us healing in remarkable ways! Through His grace, we become stronger than we ever were.

If you are having any difficulty believing that God loves you even with your doubts and imperfections, your inability to serve like you want to, or because of a challenging situation,

a Stephen Minister may be just the person you need! A Stephen Minister is a lay counselor, specially trained to listen confidentially and nonjudgmentally, offer encouragement, help you see your strengths, and to journey alongside you, one-to-one, as you find the ways you can make your damaged heart beautiful.

For more information about Stephen Ministry or about receiving care from a Stephen Minister, contact one of the Stephen Leaders:

Kelly Holland, Mary Thomas, Len Tozier, John Wallace, or Misty Dunn.

Scuttlebutt

News from CPC's Mariner Ships

Clipper Ship

Skippers: Charlene Lee and Thelma Wever

The Clippership moored at **Jim & Jan Hill's** house on September 11 for a business-planning-information-social meeting.

Having decided to eliminate the position of treasurer, empty the bank account, and spend the balance, we decided to individually pay as you go in the future.

We enjoyed the desserts baked by the crew as we

planned the next two months, an Oktoberfest and Christmas party as well as a November pizza meeting after church.

Jim Hill then brought us up to date on ongoing CPC projects such as the HVAC system, parking lot, and website renovation.

Thelma Wever finished up with one of her truly inspirational devotionals based on John 13 - the washing of the feet, she told us of a moving experience she had participating in this rite and related her

experience and the bible chapter to the meaning of true friendship. "Love one another as I love you."



Clippership members planned their activities for the rest of the year as they enjoyed dessert and fellowship in September.

Companionship

Skippers: Hal & Sharleen Millering

Friendship

Skipper: Monica Dahlberg

Holy Scow

Skippers: Paul & Lynn Shultz

Lifeboat

Skipper: Anne Parker

Nautilus

Skippers: Emily Moulton, Carol Misquez, and Jane Swenson

Nautilus finally got to play its annual (except for last year) bocce ball tournament on a warm morning in September, with a change in location this year to Carmichael Park's two new courts. What didn't change was **Wayne Reimers** in his customary spot on the winning team, along with **Brenda Mock** this year. After a prayer by **Kathy Davalos**, and a review of what may or may not have been the correct rules of

bocce ball, five teams of two faced off, with one team sidelined for each of the three rounds played over the two-hour period. As usual, it appeared in some games that the intent must have

been for everyone to stay away from the target pillion, but **Barbara Reimers** did manage to score a 5 with just four balls on her first turn. (There are credible rumors that **Bar-**

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bara and Wayne Reimers played on the new courts previously.) The two tape measures were widely used.

Those not playing this year sat in the shade and cheered. Afterward, 16 shipmates got together for lunch, more fellowship, and a quick business meeting at Nineteen Handles on the corner of Arden and Eastern, so named for the 19 beer handles at the bar.

In October, Nautilus well watch a video presentation on

the "Paper Clip Project" that led to a Holocaust Memorial in Tennessee, followed by assisting with the church's Alternative Gift Market in November.

Looking for a CPC group to join for activities and fellowship? Contact **Jane or Harvey Swenson**.

Skipjacks

Skipper: Margo Scandella



Clockwise from top: 1) One point for blue; 2) Every millimeter counts; measuring for points; 3) The Nautilus group at 19 Handles; 4) Charlotte Frink tosses the pallino (target) ball.

Help Us Keep in Touch!



If you've moved or changed your phone number or email (or even changed your preferred contact information), be sure to let the church office know! Help us keep you up to date and connected.

Just contact **Julie Ueltzen**, Church Secretary by:

- Leaving a voicemail message at 916-486-9081, ext. 200 OR
- Emailing carmichaelpres@gmail.com OR
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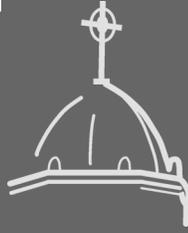
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Responding to God's love through Jesus Christ, we:

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



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Our CPC 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.

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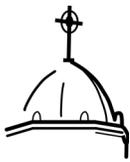
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Sunday Worship Experiences

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

Praise God with music and the power of spoken word. Masks are required. Nursery care for children age 4 and under is available from 8:30-10:30 a.m.



In-Person Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m.

Children 3 years through 5th grade learn more about God's love during Sunday School. Masks are required and each family has their own set of supplies.

All others are invited to visit and enjoy a cup of coffee during coffee fellowship in the courtyard.



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

A blend of traditional and contemporary music styles provide an opportunity to bring new life to the Word. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/c/carmichaelpres> or search for "carmichaelpres" on the YouTube app or your Smart TV. Plus, watch recordings of past worship services any time.

