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I Can Only Imagine ...

Faith Comes Alive 2022 Stewardship Campaign

by Allison Cagley

A favorite contemporary hymn, "I Can Only Imagine" by MercyMe captures the wonder and glory of heaven.

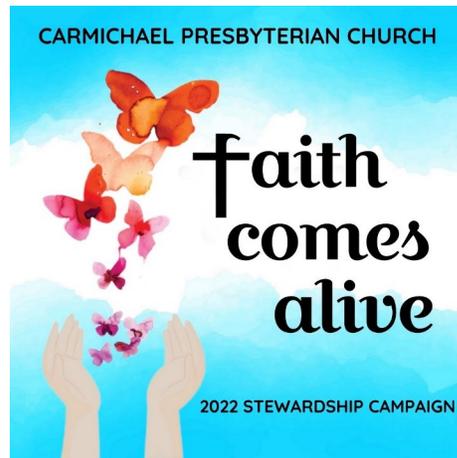
*I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes would see
When Your face is before me*

I can only imagine

While these lyrics refer to seeing and walking with Jesus the Christ, we can also think about our joy at being back together in-person as a church family later this year and in

2022.

Faith Comes Alive, our 2022 Stewardship



Campaign theme, has a whole new meaning when we think about the new year and a new opportunity to live out our mission in response

to God's love through Jesus Christ. The four elements of

our mission statement encompass how we fully live our faith. With your generous financial support, we can just imagine in 2022 -

Welcoming All:

- A busy parking lot filled with cars on a bright Sunday morning as we are greeted by friendly faces welcoming us to worship;

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Run to Feed the Hungry: It's Not Too Late!

It's not too late to register for the Run to Feed the Hungry event taking place on Thanksgiving morning!



CPC's 2019 Run to Feed the Hungry Team

Register online at www.runtofeedthehungry.com or join the Carmichael Presbyterian Church team at www.carmichaelpres.org/run. Join us on

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Sunday Worship Experiences

CHANGE IS COMING!

WATCH FOR SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES AS WE PREPARE TO RE-OPEN THE SANCTUARY FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP!

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.

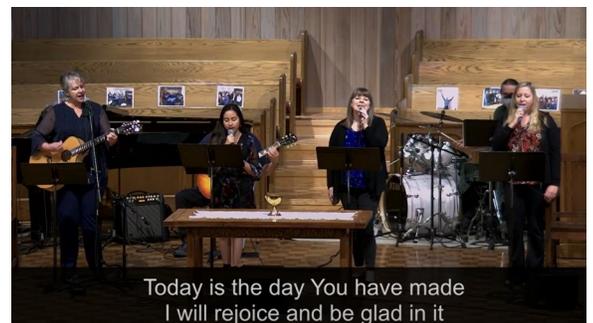
Children 3 years through 12th grade learn more about God's love during Sunday School. Masks are required and each family has their own set of supplies.

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.



... Stewardship 2022 ...

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- Youth gathering together to welcome old friends and new friends.

Nurturing Relationships:

- Children and Sunday School teachers being together to learn God's Word.
- Church members talking and laughing in McMillen Hall for a Jackson Catering meal to celebrate and share the joy of community.

Growing in Faith Together:

- Presbyterian Women, Men's Prayer Breakfast, Marinerships and other small groups praying and learning together in person;
- Retreats and other gatherings growing in faith.

Connecting with and Serving our Community and the World:

- The Afghan women and their children coming together in person to learn and connect;
- Sharing our blessings with Carmichael families through the Christmas gift program and the Alternative Gift Market;
- Youth mission trips to places near and far.

Now it's your turn to imagine -

What do you look forward to in 2022?

How will your donation to the programs and ministries of Carmichael Presbyterian Church help our faith come alive?

The tremendous impact Carmichael Presbyterian Church makes in our community and the world and the powerful sense of community and family we are blessed to

experience is possible through your dedicated financial support and generous sharing of your time and talent each and every day.

Over the past few months, the CPC Stewardship Committee has prayed for our church family and the new opportunities we face together in 2022. Each of us are being asked to commit to financially support our church.

Last month, you received the letter and pledge materials. We hope you have had time to review the materials, pray for guidance and made your commitment either through the easy-to-use website pages or by sending in your pledge card. If not, November 7 is Commitment Sunday so you still have plenty of time to join with your fellow church members in making your financial commitment.

On this page is an invitation to the November 7 celebration and we hope to see you at church that day to celebrate our shared faith and commitment to bringing Faith Alive in 2022.

A graphic for the Carmichael Presbyterian Church 2022 Stewardship Campaign. It features a blue sky background with several colorful butterflies (orange, pink, purple) flying upwards. Below the butterflies, two hands are shown in a prayerful gesture, palms up. The text is centered and reads: "CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below that is a large, stylized cross symbol. To the right of the cross, the words "faith comes alive" are written in a large, black, serif font. Underneath the cross and the main text, it says "2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the graphic, it says "COMMITMENT SUNDAY" in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by "NOVEMBER 7" in a slightly smaller, bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the date, it says "Celebrate our shared faith and commitment to the Gospel together" in a black, sans-serif font, and "and stay for the Alternative Gift Market" in a black, sans-serif font. At the very bottom, it says "No RSVP needed!" in a black, sans-serif font.

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

faith comes alive
2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

COMMITMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 7

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From Pastor Ivan N. Herman:
“Imperfectly Glorious”

I was so very ready to hear the swelling voices of choirs again. On a Wednesday night in October, I sat among the parents and family gathered in the still-new Center for Performing Arts at El Camino Fundamental High School. It was the first choir concert in almost two years. While pandemic conditions hadn't stolen away all music-making opportunities for the past 20 months, the days of hearing my eldest recording her virtual choir assignments on her iPhone in her room during distance learning were now in the past.

But the in-person concert was not the utopia I'd spent the last 20 months hoping for. For the whole concert there was a hair stuck in my mask, tickling my upper lip. I could-

n't seem to find it or get rid of it. The choirs were singing through their masks, so words

were muffled even though they had practiced precise enunciation. The little boy three rows over kept making noise during the quiet songs and singing along to the ones he thought he

knew. The grandpa in front of me had no idea how to silence his phone. The family behind me thought it was conversation time when their child wasn't on stage. The teen seated nearby couldn't sit still for more than 15 seconds without twitching, shifting, fidgeting, rolling her head around and sighing audibly the longer the concert went.



“As much as we look forward to returning to this worship space complete with new HVAC units, we also know it won't be a return to pre-COVID church.”

Was this really better than the livestream concerts? For a few brief moments I missed sitting on the living room couch in my sweatpants, sipping from a glass of wine while watching the livestream of a virtual choir concert. I thought it was a better concert experience, but not everybody was ready to return. The fall concert in 2019 was standing room only but now in 2021 it was only about 2/3rds full.

I expect this is going to be similar to our worship experience in the sanctuary, too. As much as we look forward to returning to this worship space complete with new HVAC units, we also know it won't be a return to pre-COVID church. My pastoring colleagues have noticed this as their congregations return to in-person worship. Many people have become comfortable with online worship. They don't have to get their family dressed, fed, and out the door on Sunday morning. They can sip coffee in their jammies and still be faithful worship attendees. But others crave the social interaction and are ready to return in-person experience. Still others found Carmichael Presbyterian Church online and are excited to meet fellow worshippers and enter the sanctuary for the first time.

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... Run to Feed the Hungry ...

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November 25 at the Carmichael Food Closet in the church parking lot. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. to run/walk through Carmichael in support of the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services. All are welcome to join us; we encourage you to invite friends, family, co-workers, and church volunteers.

Important Dates:

- November 11: The last day to register for the CPC team.
- November 18: The last day for early bird registration (without joining our team).
- November 20 - 24: Packet Pick Up

- November 25: Thanksgiving Day – Start at 9:00 am from church parking lot.

If you will be out of town, you can still register to run wherever you may be. If you just want to sleep in or have other commitments, please consider helping us reach our goal of raising \$1,000 to support the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services.

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

- Micah 6:8

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. You can contact **Julie Ueltzen**, Church Secretary by:

- Calling the church office at 916-486-9081 during office hours

OR

- Leaving a voicemail message at 916-486-9081, ext. 200

OR

- Emailing carmichaelpres@gmail.com

OR

- Sending a note to CPC, 5645 Marconi Avenue Carmichael, CA 95608-4423

RUN TO FEED THE HUNGRY
THANKSGIVING DAY 2021
\$1 Provides 5 MEALS PER FAMILY
Register today @ www.runtofeedthehungry.com

... From Pastor Ivan ...

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The culture of worship has changed everywhere and will continue changing. CPC is still learning what it means to be a hybrid church in 2021 (simultaneously online and in-person), but we are committed to creative worship that connects God's Word with our life in community. It might mean letting go of what was comfortable in 2019, and it might mean letting go some of what was comfortable about 2020, too.

The in-person concert experience wasn't perfect, but it was still glorious. Our in-person worship returning to the sanctuary won't be perfect in everyone's eyes either, but may it give God glory!

Opportunity Knocks

by Sharon MacLean, Engagement Coordinator

Hello CPC members and friends! We are currently in the midst of our annual stewardship campaign, where we're asked to prayerfully consider how we might support the church through an annual financial pledge. While it is certainly important to prayerfully give how we are able through tithes and offerings, that is not the only way we can give to help our church. We can give of our time and talents, which helps to serve our church and our community.

There are many opportunities, currently and at different times throughout the year, for you to give of your time or talents to help CPC and our community. Some are just one time events you can volunteer for and some are ongoing. And there are also opportunities to nurture your faith and to meet and connect with a community of people, which is vital to the growth of our faith. Below is a list of some of our current opportunities.

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 Playground Maintenance Crew
- **Food Closet:** AM, PM, and Saturday shifts; food pick-up Drivers; Phone bank.
- **Membership & Outreach:** Join CPC's Run To Feed The Hungry virtual team 11/25/21.
- **Mission:** Alternative Gift Market workers 11/5-11/8, Weekly Shower ministries, weekly Homeless lunches, monthly SOS meal
- **Building & Grounds:** Discuss and prioritize campus needs, help with campus projects and up-keep
- **Fellowship & Nurture:** Health Ministries Committee needs medical and mental health professionals, fellowship with a Mariners group, Women's Bible study groups, Men's prayer breakfast (Zoom) Prayer Shawl Ministries
- **Worship:** Lay Leaders, Coffee Fellowship Servers, and sharing your Faith Stories
- **Nominating Committee:** Lay people to serve on various divisions and committees
- **Things to look forward to in 2022:** Upcoming Stephen Ministry training classes, choir (when it starts up again), Family Promise.

I will periodically have an "Opportunity Knocks" sign-up table after worship with current opportunities for involvement. Please stop by and say hi and see where you might fit in - for serving the church and community or to nurture your faith. Feel free to send me an email at bruce.sharonmac@gmail.com or give me a call/text. I'm happy to help you find a place to get involved and connect you with any of the leaders of specific ministries.



God's Light Shines Through

by Misty Dunn, Stephen Minister/Leader

This is the month we commonly think most about all the things we're grateful for. One of these is that God promises to be with us always. And sometimes, we can see God's light most clearly when we're downcast, when troubles surround us. It is comparable to how brightly a flashlight or lantern shines in the dark; the light is not as apparent in the sunlight. Similarly, we are most likely to look for God, not when everything is bright and sunny in our lives, but when it is not. The "end of our rope" is the beginning of God's grace that provides us the strength we need to keep going. When life gets us down and we're exhausted, God's faithfulness has the chance to shine through. Consider that accepting the help of a Stephen Minister may be just the "light" that we need when we're having a challenging time. The Stephen Ministers here at CPC bring care to all in need. This confidential, Christian caregiving is a vital part of the total healing ministry of Christ's body, the Church.

Our Stephen Ministers know all about receiving God's light and care. Many of us have been on the receiving end of care at an earlier point in our lives – something that has motivated many of us to give care now. We know how difficult it can be to ask for

help and we also know the great personal and spiritual growth and healing that follows. These experiences and the Stephen Ministry training have helped us know how to respond in a loving, caring, and nonjudgmental manner.

Perhaps *you* are in a similar situation – you have experienced help and/or have gone through situations that have helped you be in a place where you can now offer care and encouragement while Christ works to bring rest to the weary heart of the person you're helping. Perhaps you are ready to consider whether becoming a Stephen Minister might be what God is calling *you* to do.

What exactly is Stephen Ministry? Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised lay persons, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties.

Who are involved?

Stephen Leaders are the ones who oversee and direct our Stephen Ministry. They recruit, select, train, organize, and supervise our Stephen Ministers, and match the people in need of care with a Ste-

phen Minister.

Stephen Ministers are the care givers. They have been through 50 hours of training including general topics such as listening, feelings, confidentiality, boundaries, and using Christian resources in caregiving. In addition,

their training covers specialized topics such as ministering to the divorced, hospitalized, bereaved, and aging. A Stephen Minister usually meets/talks with their care receiver once a week for about an hour for as long as the care receiver will benefit from the relationship.

Care Receivers are those from our congregation or community who are experiencing grief, divorce, loss of a job, chronic or terminal illness, or any of an endless number of life difficulties, who receive our care.

If God is calling you to minister to those who are experiencing life challenges or if you'd like a Stephen Minister's care, contact one of the Stephen Leaders to learn more about it: **Kelly Holland, John Wallace, Mary Thomas, or Misty Dunn.**



Founders Day at Carmichael Park

Carmichael Presbyterian Church joined with several other community organizations at the Carmichael Park District's 112th Carmichael Founders Day celebration on September 25 at Carmichael Park. CPC set up a booth where we displayed many ways we engage with the community through ministry and mission. Looking at the table below, how many ministries and missions can you identify?

(The answer key is at the end of this article.)

The Founders Day event was a wonderful opportunity to connect with individuals. One visitor to our booth is a neighbor to CPC; she asked if she could just show up on a Sunday. A gentleman with tattoos covering his neck and head asked if he was allowed to at-



Additionally, we provided an arts and crafts activity where the children could create anything they could imagine with the supplies available. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play with feathers, buttons, toilet paper rolls, rubber bands, glue dots, pipe cleaners, and more. Some children repeatedly visited our booth and one parent shared that his children visited our booth longer than any other location at

the celebration. While the children played, we chatted with the parents and were delighted to hear that many of the families had

tend church with us even with his tattoos. Another lady shared her thanks for assistance she received from the Food Closet and asked about ways that she could give back.

previously been to a CPC event like Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat, or youth group.

Our presence at the Found-
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Christmas Gift Ministry

Christmas is fast approaching. As with much of our lives, we are still affected by the Pandemic. Therefore, your Board of Deacons has decided once again to continue our Gift Ministry since needy families still must be served. However, we will continue to modify our approach to the Christmas Gift Ministry similar to last year.

Our outreach to the community will also be similar to last year and we will still select 40 candidate families. The selection will be the same as past years.

We will continue to use Sign Up Genius, mail, or phone calls to the office or Deacons. Each Family will receive a \$60 Food Gift Card, \$40 gift card for clothing, and \$40

for school supplies or other items of their choice for children 12 and above, and a \$40 gift card for each adult family member. For children under 12 they will receive a \$40 gift

card for clothing and will be offered the option of receiving a gift card for toys or request that a toy be purchased for them.

We are still

working out the details and we will communicate them to our church family as they become available.

In this second year of the pandemic the need is greater than ever, and we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help during the Christmas season.



"Church Flix" Continues Mailing Weekly DVDs



Throughout the past 20 months as we have offered live stream worship services, we have continued to send weekly DVD recordings of CPC's 10:00 a.m. Sunday service. Folks who don't have access to a computer or other streaming device can still participate in worship. A Sunday bulletin is included with each DVD.

If you or someone you know would like to receive a weekly DVD, please contact the church office at carmichaelpres@gmail.com or 916-486-9081. There is no cost for this service.

Don't have a DVD player? Give us a call, the church may be able to help!

... Founders Day ...

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ers Day celebration allowed us to connect with our community and share opportunities for engagement, growth, and relationship here at CPC. The Membership and Outreach Division invites you to continue to welcome visitors and talk with neighbors and friends to share the many ways we show God's love to each other and our community.

Ministries and mission represented on the table: Prayer Shawl Ministry, Carmichael Food Closet, Children's Sunday School, Bible studies, congregational book studies, Presbyterian Women studies, Matthew 25 Congregation, Earth Care Congregation, Family Advent Event, Christmas baskets, Trunk or Treat, Alternative Gift Market, Supper on Saturday, Men's Prayer Breakfast, Vacation Bible School, and Run to Feed the Hungry.

What My Grandmothers Taught Me

by Kathy Daigle

What are your family's history and traditions? From what countries did your family immigrate to America and why? Or are you native to this land? We all have fascinating family stories to learn about and share. Many of us have studied genealogy and traced our families' roots by creating a family tree. Perhaps we did it for our child's school class or out of our own curiosity to know more about ourselves and our families.

In this year's PW Bible Study, we are learning more about Jesus's story and his grandmothers. We are learning about family trees, about genealogies in the Bible, and about the importance of families. In the ancient world, it was vitally important to know who your family was. Life was fragile and dangerous. Family provided the social safety net and protection. The further back you could list your family, the better. You never knew if you might need them to help

you settle a dispute or win a war. And family was responsible for caring for family

members who were older, sick, widowed, or orphaned. In the book of Genesis, genealogies record the spread of humankind and remind us that the human sto-

ry is part of the cosmic story. We are related to the creation of the heavens and earth and all that dwell in them. We are part of all that God created, part of the soil of His garden.

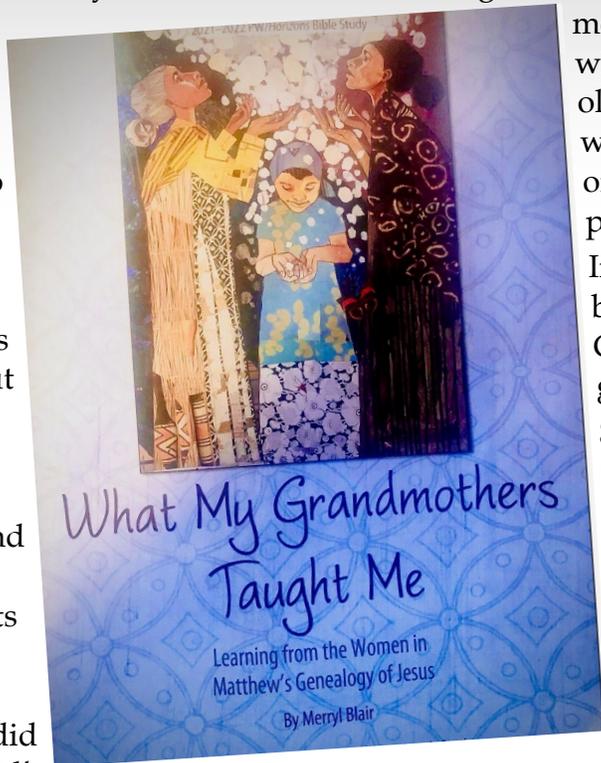
Opening Prayer: Creating God, your mind saw everything in terms of relationship. Heavens and earth, sea and dry land, animals and humans, male and female. Partnerships. All working together for good. We are human, we are complicated. Despite our best efforts, we break down relationships, compete where we should cooperate. Name foreign those we should welcome as family. Give us your desire for all things to work together for good. Help us, alongside you, to culti-

vate the garden of the earth family. Amen.

In Lesson One (*Scripture: Matthew 1*), we learn about family trees. Genealogies are found throughout the Bible. They tell the story of Abraham's family, tracing the different branches and tribes as they traveled and began other tribal groupings. They also give us clues to tensions and conflicts. And genealogies in the books of Chronicles arose after the period of exile when the Israelite people needed to remember who they were. Stories of their ancestors and of the heroes of Israel gave the people back pride in their identity and a renewed purpose for being different for everyone else.

In Jesus' genealogy in the book of Mathew, the women are listed as "outsiders" who would have been seen as detracting from the family line, rather than adding to it. Many were foreigners and of dubious character. Who are they and what can we learn from their stories? Genealogies were a common way of telling a certain kind of story in the ancient Near East. Matthew's original audience would have known exactly what they were hearing and would have recognized echoes of ancient stories with each name.

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Artist Cody F. Miller's interpretation of Tamar.

In Lesson Two (Scripture: Genesis 38), we learned about Tamar. Her story takes us into the world of a powerless but re-

sourceful outsider. Tamar's actions are a lesson for her father-in-law Judah. He was the patriarch of the family line that leads to David and, ultimately, to Jesus. She was married to Judah's first son, but soon widowed. Then she was scorned by his second son, and later promised to his youngest son. But Judah had no intention of honoring that promise.

When that promise went unfulfilled, she resorted to trickery to begat her sons through Judah. Surprisingly, when all is known, Judah declares, "She is more in the right than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah." The story ends with Tamar being taken into Judah's household honorably and giving birth to twin boys. Reading Tamar's story, we are reminded that God's promises can be fulfilled through the most unexpected people, in surprising ways. They can show us grace, if we only have eyes to see it.



Artist Cody F. Miller's interpretation of Rahab.

In Lesson Three (Scripture: Joshua 2: 6-22-25), we learn about Rahab, a socially unacceptable outsider who is intelligent and

strong. A marginalized woman, she recognizes the power of the God of Israel. When God's own people are melting with fear, her wit and presence of mind allow God's plans to come to fruition.

Rahab is an outsider in every sense. She is a foreigner living in Jericho. Her home was built into the city walls, so she was vulnerable to attack by enemy armies and others. And she was a prostitute, a woman without male protection for her and her family. Rahab is the quintessential 'loosed' woman, not bound to the head of her household. But where she lived and what she did put her in a position to gather intelligence, hear all the gossip, and pass on what she heard for payment. As part of her story, Rahab dares to lie to the king and hide enemy spies. Rehab goes on to proclaim God's sovereignty over heaven and earth. And she negotiates with the spies for the safety of her family. God is at

work here. Rahab uses her intelligence and courage to protect not only her family but even Jesus' genealogical family line. Rahab is seen as a hero, a savior of God's people. She reminds us of the stranger who is the presence of God amongst us. She calls us to look more carefully for God's presence around us and with-in us.

More PW Information:

Please join us as we learn more about the grandmothers of Jesus and their fascinating stories. PW Bible Study books are available for \$12 in the CPC Office. **Pastor Keith** will lead us for our next PW Pastor Bible study on Wednesday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. Or come to PW Circle meeting on the third Thursdays of most months. We have a morning and an afternoon PW Circle. Please contact **Olene Chard** for more information.



**Find out more about
CPC's mission, ministry,
and events at
carmichaelpres.org**

Scuttlebutt

News from CPC's Mariner Ships

Clipper Ship

Skippers: Charleen Lee and Thelma Wever

The gales of November were less than a month away. It was October 20. It was not a dark or stormy night. In fact, it was noon and the skies were clear as a bell. The Clippers were



Clipper Ship celebrated Oktoberfest at Jackson Catering.

moored at Jacksons Catering and Events and the crew was celebrating Oktoberfest with German music and schnitzel, spaetzle, and red kraut, followed by apple strudel. It was truly a dinner that was savored, but more than that, it was an occasion for fellowship in its best form.

Companionship

Skippers: Hal & Sharleen Millering

The Companionship met at CPC on October 2 for an exciting event: a white elephant auction to raise money for an organization called World Relief. Here in Sacramento,

World Relief supports incoming families from Afghanistan. The program helps new refu-

gees who want to learn English, go to school,

get jobs, and settle here.

We were excited to have a real auctioneer for our event: our own **Keith DeVries!** Just like the CPC Auction, Keith was in rare form, raising the bids as people smiled, touched a chin or ear lobe, sneezed, or any other visible action Keith could identify. The auction items covered a wide range of interests: wine, books, a pair of Crocs, a traveling wine cooler, homemade limoncello, an electric automatic jar opener, a chocolate chip bowl, and many more amazing items.

Following the auction, we moved to round tables deco-

rated in autumn colors by **Barbara and Tim Farley** and **Marti Wallace**. We were then treated to a yummy dinner of lasagna, salad, and rolls, all provided by **Sharleen and Hal Millering**. Once we finished eating (and talking), we had our business meeting followed by dessert: not one or two but **THREE** varieties of delicious

cookies provided by **Priscilla Maurer**, **Sally Willey**, and **Terry Barto**. It was a delightful evening, and we raised \$617 for World Relief!

Friendship

Skipper: Monica Dahlberg

Holy Scow

Skippers: Paul & Lynn Shultz

Lifeboat

Skipper: Anne Parker

Nautilus

Skippers: Emily Moulton, Carol Misquez, and Jane Swenson

In October, Nautilus gathered at the home of **Dick and Charlotte Frink** for a movie and discussion that was both serious and uplifting. The

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call.

We were pleased to welcome two guests: **Louissette Asmar**, who is new to CPC, and **Linda Hatch**. Linda knows Whitworth, having lived there for a time with her parents, CPC's beloved **Dick and Carol Piper**. Dick was the minister at the Methodist Church featured in the film.



Nautilus will use our November meeting time to staff tables and exhibits



Nautilus Ship members enjoyed a movie and discussion in October.

movie was the 2004 award-winning "Paper Clips Project" documentary about a holocaust-related project of middle school students in the small Tennessee town of Whitworth that began as an effort to study other cultures in 1998. The original goal was to obtain six million paper clips that would represent the number of Jews murdered during the holocaust, but five times that number were received, and a Children's Holocaust Memorial was built that has received visitors from all over the world. If you are interested in viewing the movie, give the Frinks a

at CPC's restructured Alternative Gift Market, November 6 and 7.

Skipjacks

Skipper: Margo Scandella

September was showtime for Skipjacks and Chautauqua Playhouse was the place. Not all shipmates were able to attend on the same evening, so theatergoing was spread out

through the month. The play was a comedy titled "The Perfect Murder," but was it really perfect? Each of the five actors did a fine job with their role. If you enjoy little theater, nearby Chautauqua on Engle has just begun its season.

October found Skipjacks in the Gathering Place where they held the annual White Elephant Sale. The Elephant has proven to be one of the year's most raucous evenings, with much bidding on whatever may be in that box wrapped in pretty paper and bow. Funds raised from the auction go toward the ship's cargo.



We welcome home our travelers **Glenda**



Clockwise from top: 1. **Carolyn Biggers** was auctioneer. 2. **John Cameron** was high bidder. 3,4,5. **Bep van der Mik, Judi Flint, and Jimmi Mishler** show off their winning items.

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Don't Throw Away Your Shot

by Bill Dunn, Nominating Committee Chair



Recently, my wife and I attended a performance of "Hamilton" at the remodeled Sacramento Performing Arts Center. Such a marvelous musical written by Lin-Manuel Miranda centered around the birth of our nation's fight for freedom. There were many themes throughout the play that show the many facets of human emotion. I was struck by one of the songs called "My Shot."

To quote some of the lyrics sung by Alexander Hamilton, "I am not throwing away my shot! Hey yo, I'm just like my country, I'm young, scrappy, and hungry, and I'm not throwing away my shot!" And then, "Don't be shocked when your history book mentions me, I will lay down my life if it sets us free." And later in the song, "We're going to rise up! Time to take a shot!"

As I reflected on this song, my interpretation was that in life "don't miss your opportunity." Similarly, I encourage you to not miss your opportunity to serve CPC as an Elder or Deacon when that "shot" comes. There is much satisfaction in serving our Lord in this way. Currently, the Nominating Committee is looking for persons to serve CPC as Elders or Deacons beginning in June of 2022. As a community of faith, we all need to be involved, with God's help, as we search for more excellent leaders who will replace those ending their terms. So, we encourage you to join us in this effort and share your recommendations with us, or volunteer yourself. If you have questions about these offices or about the qualities of a prospective church leader or have a recommendation please contact (email or phone works) one of our pastors or any member of the Nominating Committee (Current Members: **Bill Dunn, Ernie Chard, ElizaBeth Phillips, Tim Farley, and Marti Wallace**).

Just remember, "Don't throw away your shot!"

MISSION BELL DEADLINES



November 8

for the December-January newsletter

Please note: there is not a separate January Mission Bell

January 10

for the February 2022

Submit articles to: Amy Lerseth, *Mission Bell* Editor at amylerseth@buzzoates.com

In Our CPC Family



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

† **Debbie Berke** and family on the loss of her mother, **Lois Griffin**, on September 29.

† **Peggy Krong** and family on the loss of her niece, **Adrienne Adams** on September 24.

† the family of **Ruth Duncan** who passed away on October 2.

† **Bud & Karen Banker** and family on the loss of Bud's sister, **Bonnie Carpenter**, on October 12.

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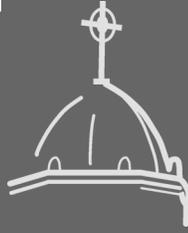
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and Tony Perrou and look forward to hearing tales of their 6-week journey across our country. We are thankful to have **Bob Beckert** on the mend from knee replacement surgery. Thank you, **Dr. Holly Haight**, for another great job. Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Shirley Martin** on the loss of her daughter **Marti Martin Cutter**.

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*



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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The Rev. Ivan N. Herman

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Director of Music

Trina Spivack,
Accompanist

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Interim Bell Choir Director

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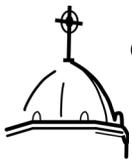
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