



Christ Church Newsletter January 2019

BEING THE CHURCH THAT REACHES ACROSS BOTH SIDES OF THE 10!



Coming in January we have an exciting new sermon series called, **“Love Your Neighbor.”** In this series we will explore the two questions Jesus raised in the Parable of the Good Samaritan: Who is my neighbor? and, what does it mean to be a good neighbor? We will look at these questions together so our church family can explore how to be a good neighbor to those near us, young and old alike.

In this sermon series I will share with you the vision that the Lord has laid upon my heart for our church: God is calling us to **“Be the church that reaches across both sides of the 10!”** If you have lived in the West Valley, for any length of time, it

becomes apparent there are a large number of senior adult communities on the north side of the 10, and there are a large number of young families who live on the south side.

One way our church can reach across the 10 is to take a fresh look at how we are making first impressions with our neighbors living on both sides. Another way is to go deeper to embrace a church culture which is ‘guest-oriented’, particularly on Sunday mornings. In time, with God’s favor, we will plant new church sites further across the West Valley. I believe we can have success with this because our church family can offer our neighbors the one thing that we have that is completely unique. We can give them an opportunity to meaningfully worship God through Jesus Christ in worship services which meet every generation where they are. We have an excellent Traditional Worship Service that I desire to grow into two services. Some of the media changes we have made will allow us to show guests what a gift our Traditional Worship Service is. We also have an excellent team leading our Contemporary Worship Service, but the are presently worshipping in a more traditional worship space. I will share more about this in our upcoming series.

If you have recently visited churches, you may have discovered that many churches are only effective at reaching one demographic. They are filled with either senior adults or young families. Few churches effectively reach across age barriers. But Christ calls us to be a good neighbor to everyone. A number of recent studies from the Barna Group, the Youth Leadership Network, and Baylor University indicate the

healthiest way a person can grow in their faith is through experiencing meaningful 'intergenerational' relationships in their place of worship. Christ Church has an incredible opportunity to *be that church over the next 10 to 20 years as we reach across the 10!* CPC, God is just getting started with our story!

DID YOU KNOW?



“Did you know?” is a new monthly column focused on updates Pastor Tony will share on changes in the life of our church.

In this month's, “Did you know?” we will look at how churches practice web and marketing updates.

Did you know churches do small updates to their website yearly, and large template updates every 3-5 years? One of the primary reasons churches update their websites is because technology changes at such a fast rate. Therefore, website layout, features, and accessibility require regular updates. Today more people access websites through their cell phones than from their computers. About 56-63% of all **website traffic occurs through our phones.** You may have heard someone ask “**is your church website mobile-friendly?**” In the early 2000's, churches created separate applications (Apps) for their church congregations. Now because websites can be made ‘mobile-friendly’, church Apps are becoming a thing of the past. Our church recently moved through a website template update so that our website could be *mobile-friendly*. In that update we focused on decluttering the content and making it more *guest-oriented*. Throughout the next few months, you will see small updates to our church website.

Did you know churches, like many small businesses, update their logo about every 5-10 years? One of the primary reasons churches do this is because the look and feel of their current logo is out of date. Our current logo was part of a building campaign which represented a physical feature on the church property that had changed: our tower which now has a cross within it. In addition, the color scheme and shape of our current logo did not work well with updated website templates. Our current logo **contains color features which make printing expensive. Most logos don't exceed four basic colors; our current logo, because of a gradient feature, contained many more.** To update our church logo, the Session and Staff took part in a three-month conversation. There was also a three-person steering team who guided the process with the designer. For the updated logo we asked our designer to give us a look that was traditional, modern, and friendly. We felt those were the attributes our church family reflected. We received a design centered on the cross (similar to the Celtic cross used in our worship space). The designer used the look and feel of stained glass in the design, and put our church name in a modern font. You will see this updated logo on January 20th in both of our worship services.

We contracted with a designer who helped redesign the city logo for Nashville, the web media for the American Bible Society, and the cover art for the GMA (Gospel Music Association) Dove Award-winning band, Gungor. As part of the design process, we were asked to give our designer a few church websites we liked. Here are a few of the churches we learned from for this redesign: (<https://www.christpres.org>), (<https://www.citychurchsf.org>), (<https://www.christchurcheastbay.org>), (<http://www.libertichurch.org>), and (<https://menlo.church>). For those of you who would like to read more about church marketing, social media, and web-design, please see the resources below.

Church Marketing 101: Preparing Your Church for Greater Growth by Richard L. Reising

The Social Church: A Theology of Digital Communication by Justin Wise

Less Chaos, Less Noise: Effective Communication for an Effective Church by Kem Meyer

Coming in January, another way to learn about changes is “Questions with your Pastor”. This is a new monthly meeting which will be held in the atrium on the fourth Sunday of each month beginning in January. Pastor Tony will address changes in our church.

Rev. Dr. Tony Stiff

Associate Pastor

IT'S A MATTER OF FOCUS

Many of you know I grew up just north of Pittsburgh, PA, and as a result, bleed black and gold as a Steelers fan. Well, any true fan can tell you what happened in 1992. That was the year Bill Cowher took over as head coach of a young and inexperienced Steelers team and the "Terrible Towel" made a resurgence. In the 15 successful years that would follow under the awesome chin of Coach Cowher, the Steelers won eight division titles and made ten playoff appearances. Cowher led the Steelers to the Super Bowl twice, winning Super Bowl XL. (Although many fans will rightfully argue that the Mike Tomlin Steelers team, who beat the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII, was actually a Cowher team!). Some people may not know what Cowher himself points out as being the reason he was so successful.

An interview in *Sports Illustrated* a few years back brought this observance of Bill Cowher by writer Tim Crothers: "After almost every game, every practice, Pittsburgh Steelers head coach Bill Cowher drives straight home to his wife, Kaye, and their three daughters. He doesn't do ads for cars or frozen yogurt. He exists inside his two passions, family and football, exclusive of everything else."

In speaking of Cowher's intense focus, one example seems to stand out in his defense. The coach was once invited to a civic luncheon in Pittsburgh and was seated next to a rather dignified-looking woman. In a polite way, Bill asked her what it was she did in terms of occupation – to which she replied, "I'm the mayor of Pittsburgh." (1)

While this situation may have proved a slight embarrassment to Mr. Cowher, it does teach us one essential truth: A person cannot effectively focus on everything. In fact, a person who has set healthy priorities knows he or she must allow some things to fall by the wayside.

As we enter a new year, let us once again consider where our priorities lie. Let us consider the words of Paul, who after spouting off a rather impressive list of credentials and accomplishments in Philippians 3:4-6, **comes to the realization that "...everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my [his] Lord."** Yes, it was Paul who decided that he was going to "discard everything else, counting it all as garbage (manure)," so that he could "have Christ and become one with him." (v. 8)

Paul's declaration is a profound statement of values. Knowing Christ, and growing in a relationship with Him, should be our goal and desire as Christians. It should be our greatest priority in this life as we strive to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. And so, as you reflect upon 2018, what stands out as being your ultimate goal? As you take inventory of all you accomplished, and the areas of focus where you spent a considerable amount of time, what received top billing? Did you give God adequate time to instruct you in the way you should go? Did you meet Christ daily in prayer and devotions? Did you make him a part of every aspect of your life? Would your spouse, a sibling, or a friend agree that your relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important aspect of your life?

Whether you are one of those people who make New Year's Resolutions or not, you might find this interesting. I once ran across a story which told of an amazing discovery in one man's attic. The discovery was a stack of brittle papers dated December 31, 1898, with a paper for each sequential year through December 31, 1958. What made this "find" so amazing, was the fact that on each of the papers was the same resolve. Each of the pages simply read, "Resolved, to be a better person on December 31 of the coming New Year, than I am today through prayer, Bible study, and service to my fellow man." For fifty-nine years, the pages carried the same message, as did the daily witness and characteristic humility of the man who penned them. In the eyes of those who knew him, this resolution was the source of determination which carried him through marriage, the loss of his children, a career, failed business ventures, retirement, and a host of life's other uncertainties. Fifty-nine years of resolving to be God's man – day by day, month by month, year by year.

Day by day and month by month... as we face the start of 2019, where will your priorities lie? Will you find yourself satisfied with your current relationship with Christ? Will you seek to know him in a deeper way? (Here's a shameless plug! Something big is coming in February for small groups for those who desire to go deeper!) What things must you allow to fall by the wayside in order to bring Christ, family, and your service to God to the forefront?

My prayer for each of us in this New Year is that God will bring revival to our hearts and to our church. Furthermore, I pray that we, as His body, might somehow become better people through prayer, Bible study, and service to each other, our community, and our world. I believe God will honor our resolve if, **and only if, we, in unity, make Him our first priority. So... forget the name of your mayor if you must, but this year, do not forget your King!** God's blessings to each of you in this brand-new year! May it be a year that is filled with healthy, focused priorities – a year focused on our One True Passion!

~ Pastor Brett

CREDO CORNER

Credo Makes “Cents” out of the Christmas Jar: On Sunday, December 9th, our teens took time to empty, sort, stack, roll and count the Christmas Jar offering. Each year, the process gets more streamlined and so it only took about 35 minutes from start to finish with the group present. The total amount of coins and paper money in the Jar equaled \$443. This amount was disbursed between four identified recipient families. Thank you to each of you who contributed to the Christmas Jar fund, for your generous participation, and for demonstrating that a little loose change can go a LONG way!

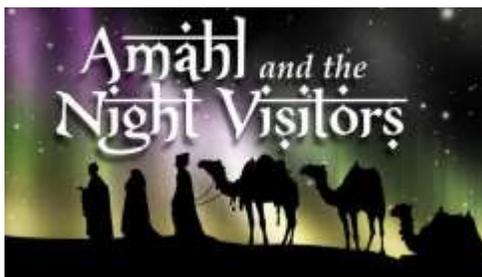
A HUGE “Thank You” to the Men of I.A.M.: Credo youth would like to extend an “on-the-record” thanks to the Men of I.A.M. They, once again, faithfully fed the youth group an amazing meal on the second Sunday of each month. Meals ranged from corn dogs-to pizza-to a sub- to even John Reichard’s “secret formula” mac and cheese! All the meals were delicious and deeply appreciated. More so, the incredible commitment to the time spent with the youth and their leaders was also appreciated! Thank you! Thank you! THANK YOU! A HUGE “special thanks” to John Reichard and Bob Gates for making sure each monthly meal was covered!

A HUGE “Thank You” to The Church Family: On behalf of Heather, Nathaniel and Hannah, I want you each to know how deeply appreciative we are for the cards, gifts, notes, emails, encouragement and well-wishes sent our way during the Advent season (and throughout the 2018 calendar year for that matter!) and especially in the unexpected loss of my sister Wendy. The four of us have all been deeply touched by your sentiments, your incredible generosity, and your willingness to partner with us in the various ministries we undertake. May the peace and love of Christ be with you in 2019! Love in Christ, Brett, Heather, Nathaniel, and Hannah.



Music Ministry

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



The secret event that I teased you with is only days away. On Friday and Saturday, January 11th and 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Atrium, the CPC Chancel Choir, guest soloist and professional orchestra will present a fully-staged production of the opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, the magical tale of a young shepherd boy and his encounter with the three kings as they journey to Bethlehem.

Friday night is an open “dress rehearsal”. As an outreach to the community, local elementary, middle and high school students and teachers have been invited to attend. Families with children may want to attend Friday night as there will be an opportunity to visit with the singers and instrumentalists. The Saturday night performance is reserved for you, your family and friends. The event is free and open to the public.

I have loved this opera since the first time I saw it in 1951, and have conducted it numerous times over the years with high school, college, church, and community choirs. **This special production is my gift to you, my way of saying “thank you” to this wonderful church family** which has been so welcoming and supportive of me. Also on the program will be **Handel’s *Eternal Source of Light Divine*, sung by Kat Honsberger, Samuel Barber’s *Adagio for Strings* and *The Lark Ascending* by Ralph Vaughan Williams**, featuring solo violinist Camilla Wilson Scott. I hope you will join me for this musical night to remember.



Can I hear an “Amen” to that?

*David Wilson,
Director of Music*

GROW

NEW MEMBER CLASS



The next New Member Class will be **Sunday, February 24, 2019**. A light lunch is provided and, if needed, childcare. New members will be welcomed on **Sunday, March 10th**, at the service of their choice. Please indicate your interest in participating in the class by completing the Welcome card in the chairback on Sunday or calling the office at 623-882-0721. Also, feel free to attend the class if you just want more information about CPC. There is no pressure to become a member on the day you attend class.

DEACON MINISTRY

Judy Harding – Deacon Moderator

I was born and raised in a small farming community 80 miles south of Chicago and lived most of my life in the Midwest. As a wife and mother of three daughters, I worked from my home as a seamstress for friends and customers, and in 1985, a bridal shop in Moline, IL, contracted me to do all of their alterations.

After my divorce in 1997, I went back to college, earned a BA in Computer Graphics in 1999, and went to work as a graphic designer for Royal Neighbors of America, a small insurance company. I retired in 2012 and moved to Estrella Mountain Ranch, AZ, leaving the cold and snow behind.

I have been a CPC deacon for nearly four years and Deacon Moderator for the past two years plus. I have developed many friendships at CPC, a much deeper relationship with God, and received a great deal of encouragement from my fellow Deacons, the congregation, and pastors. God has richly blessed me!

BARGAIN BOARD!

Look for the Deacon-sponsored Bargain Bulletin Board hanging in the breezeway advertising household items for sale or give away/donation (no pets, vehicles or business cards/ads). Please use the cards in the plastic envelope attached to the bulletin board to indicate the details of the item(s) for sale/donation along with **the seller's contact information. Buyers will contact the seller to work out the details of the sale and arrange pick-up.** Postings will remain on the board for 30 days and may be reposted for an additional 30 days, if needed.



Please contact Shirley Castor with questions – phone: 308-340-0512 or email bobshirl@cox.net

DID YOU KNOW:

There is a Suggestion Box on the information table in the Atrium for you to pass along suggestions, concerns, and comments to the Deacons – we would love to hear how you think we could serve you better!

The coffee hour schedule for January is as follows:

January 6 th	Roy Poole	Group 8	cpcdeaconcroy12@gmail.com
January 13 th	Shirley Castor	Group 6	bobshirl@cox.net
January 20 th	Jim Aamot	Group 7	jcaamot75@gmail.com
January 27 th	Maria Santel	Group 9	darlingmaria11@centurylink.net

Judy Harding

Moderator—Board of Deacons

Mission & Outreach Ministry

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Mission Opportunity! We need volunteers! I have not personally participated in one of these food-packing events, but I hear from those who have that it is a lot of fun! We need a group of 20 adults and youth to go to the Mesa Feed My Starving Children Center on January 19th to help fill boxes for shipping. Our packing session is from 11:30 am -1:30pm. If you would like to participate, please contact either Sydney Roosa or Pastor Brett.

PICK YOUR PASSION

Remember we are always looking for donations of various items each month. Place your donations in the appropriately-labeled bins in the hallway off the atrium. There is always a need for non-perishable food items for the Agua Fria Food Bank. The Food Bank **no longer accepts egg cartons. Please don't place** them in the bin. Agua Fria also accepts clothing donations.

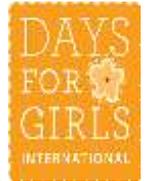
- * **Heavenly Hygiene Kits:** items needed are soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo and conditioner
- * **Days for Girls:** items needed are 5/8' grosgrain ribbon in bright, fun colors, gallon-size Ziploc® freezer bags, girls panties sizes 10-14, travel soaps, safety pins, terry cloth washcloths, and 100% cotton cloth remnants in solids or prints
- * **Agua Fria Food Bank:** items collected all yearlong are canned goods and non-perishables
- * **Clothing bin:** please place items for the Knitting for the Needy in this bin

HAITI MISSION TRIP

The Travel Team for the 2019 Haiti trip has grown to 19. They are meeting monthly to make preparations. All the rest of us are the Home Team. Our primary job is to keep praying for all of our sponsored children, the village of Los Aguas, the Food for Hungry staff, and all the details concerning this trip as well as to support the various fundraises the Traveling Team are planning.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

We're turning periods into pathways. Days for Girls increases access to menstrual care and education by providing washable feminine hygiene solutions to impoverished women who had previously gone without feminine hygiene products. This enables them to live with independence. Join CPC on the second Saturday of each month in 2019 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in room 203 to prepare sustainable feminine hygiene kits to be distributed to mission teams. **Can't make Saturdays but would like to help by sewing at home or projects to help prepare the kits, contact Leissa Gashler at leissa@cox.net.**



Sydney Roosa
Elder – Mission & Outreach

CONNECT

MEN OF I.A.M.

December Highlights – The following photos highlight our December breakfast:



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: 1. Pastor Tony leads our study . 2.Pastor Tony leads us through the chow line . 3. The Men of I.A.M. watching a drone demo. 4. Brandin's drone.



January Bible Study – Join us on January 12th for the best \$4 breakfast in town followed by our Bible Study led by Pastor Mike. This month's topic is The Birth of Jesus using the book *Life of Christ*. We'll meet at 8:00 a.m. in the Atrium.



Feed the Youth – The Men of IAM feed the youth on the second Sunday evening of each month at 6:00 p.m. in room 209. This a great chance to meet and chat with members of our youth group. Contact John Reichard for further info.

For further information, please contact:



Russ Schultz, President
623-882-0198
randmschultz@centurylink.net



Scott Phillips, Secretary
623-340-9158
sphillipsaz@cox.net

Care Ministries

Note the name change: “Specialized Ministries” have been refocused and renamed – every one of our ministries emphasize CARE.

Reminder Loss of a Spouse

Church Initiative has developed a two-hour Seminar entitled “Loss of a Spouse”. As the title implies, this seminar is intended for those who are grieving the recent loss of a spouse.

Saturday, January 19th
10 :00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Room 204B

Please invite anyone you know who would benefit from this Caring Ministry and let Carol Phillips know so that we will know how many to expect.



Bloom: We had a wonderful cookie exchange event. There were 52 ladies present! Jessica Stiff shared an exceptional view of her background and faith journey. She stressed Jesus loves all of us regardless of who we are or what we do.



GriefShare will have two classes this Spring, both meeting in room 204B. Donna Peck will be the Facilitator for the Sunday class starting on January 20th and meeting from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Sharon Offerdahl will be the Facilitator for the Monday class starting on January 21st and meeting from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Both classes run for 13 weeks.



DivorceCare and DC4K start on Tuesday, January 29th. DivorceCare meets in room 204B. DC4K meets in room 106. Both run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for 13 weeks.



*For more Information, contact Carol Phillips,
623-340-9205 or cphillips02@cox.net*

*Carol Phillips
Elder, Caring Ministries*

LAUGHTER AND FUN

L.A.F. will be meeting the third Tuesday of the month in 2019. Please join us on January, 15th at the Golden Corral located on the corner of Dysart and Van Buren at 1:00 p.m. Please come and join us. It's a way to meet and mix with others in our church. We have loads of fun.

God Bless, Lovey

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Hoping all had a wonderful Christmas and rejoiced in the gifts you received, but let us not forget God's gift to us, His Son.

W.O.W. will meet January 12th in room 102 at 10:00 a.m. Read 1 Peter 4:12-19: **Lesson 18 "Handling Harsh Realities"**. **Sandy Hoge will lead.**

Come and join us. We would love to see new faces. Great discussions and fellowship!

Line Sauer, Moderator 623-849-6402

Lil Kerswill, Secretary 602-999-1499

KNITTING FOR THE NEEDY

If you would like to participate or learn more about this meaningful outreach yarn ministry, contact Jan Shaffer at summoningstone@gmail.com.

Jan Shaffer

CHILDREN

The month of December was an exciting month for our children because they knew that something **wonderful was about to happen. For the younger ones, there's a particular excitement concerning Santa Claus, reindeer, candy canes, and receiving gifts (of course).** However, as our children grow older, we see their growing wonder about the birth of Jesus, and their desire to learn more about the child in the manger, who is our King. As this wonder and desire grows, it is our joy to come alongside parents to **encourage the children of CPC to grow in their faith. So... Mom and/or Dad, as you read the Christmas story to your children, remember to look for the excitement in the face of your child which may feed our excitement.** The wonder in their eyes helps us to remember the miracle that is the birth of Jesus.

This Advent season was an exciting time for our Children's ministry. On December 1st we began the season with our Advent Workshop which was held concurrent with the children having their pictures taken with Santa (this event was coordinated and run by MOPS). Between the two activities we had **almost 100 children participate. So, to those who provided cookies, we can't say "thank you" enough.** We definitely put them to good use. And to those who helped with the crafts, we hope you had as good a **time as the kids did. Thank you for helping! We couldn't have done it without you!** On December 8th, we **were treated to a live nativity scene during the CPC Musical Celebration, "Old-Fashioned Christmas,"** in which the wonderful children of CPC acted out the Christmas story. This live nativity was accompanied by the CPC youth reading the story and playing the chimes. It was a great presentation. A special thank you to all the parents who released their children from other activities, so they could participate. It was a night to remember!

We also had a great lunch/education meeting on December 2nd with our Children's Ministry Team and are getting ready for an exciting new year.

We do have a special ministry need we would like you to prayerfully consider: We are currently looking for help in our Nursery (infants through age two) during the 10:30 service. These little ones have a special place in our community and bring us all so much joy. If you would like to help us with this need, please contact our Nursery Coordinator, Carole Collier at 623-877-0968, or our **Children's Ministry Director, Brandin Francabandera** at 623-806-0557. We look forward to hearing from you as we all seek to provide care for the little ones God has placed among us. Blessings to you all for a great new year!

ADULT

Hold the date for the next CCS (Center for Christian Studies) Bible study classes. New classes will start Sunday, January 20th. There will be classes at both 9:00/10:30 a.m. Watch for the insert with class description and sign-up information!

FINANCE TEAM

2018 Contribution Report

YTD Actual Income \$759,502

YTD Actual Expenses \$789,518

Surplus/Deficit \$(30,016)

NOTE: Report as of 12/19/18 and does not reflect the final year end.

TIME & TALENT

SUNDAY	Worship	CCS	Credo	Arctic	MOPS	
	Total	Adult	Youth	Children	Adult	Children
November 4	362	46	07	17	DNM	DNM
November 11	321	38	04	23	82	64
November 18	352	45	16	28	DNM	DNM
November 25	327	102	10	23	DNM	DNM
December 2	358	89	13	28	78	61
December 9	332	57	08	28	66	62
December 16	300	56	08	21	DNM	DNM
December 23	298	0	06	20	DNM	DNM
December 24	479					
December 30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

DNM = DID NOT MEET NA= NOT AVAILABLE

RESOURCES

Church Library—There are many new books available in the library. Come and look! If you wish to read a book or two, please feel free to take them and return after you have finished reading them. We currently do not have a way to check out books. Please put the returns on the cart labeled “returns”. There are several categories of books, including a large section of fiction, and children’s books. There are also several jig-saw puzzles available. If you wish to donate any books or puzzles, please put them on the “returns” cart. For questions or comments, contact: Kay Kenney (kay_kenney@outlook.com) or Kathleen Davidson (kequilterqueen@yahoo.com)

Church Photographer— Do you have a passion for taking pictures? CPC is looking for individuals to be a part of the photography team. Please contact our Media Director, John Merrill, johnm@cpcgoodyear.org if you are interested in taking pictures at church events.

Media Team Volunteers Needed—We are looking to grow our Sunday morning Media Team. If you have previous experience on church media teams or have relevant experience, and you would like to be considered, please contact our Media Director, John Merrill, johnm@cpcgoodyear.org.

Worship & Facebook—If you are unable to join us for services on Sunday, you may experience the sermon portion of our worship service by visiting our Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to access our Facebook page. Go to your web browser and key in: <https://www.facebook.com/CPCGoodyear/>.

PROGRAMS

Sunday Flower Donations Reminder— If you would like to order flowers for the sanctuary, the sign-up sheet is in the office. The deadline is noon on the Wednesday preceding the Sunday you want them displayed and listed in the announcements. Arrangements *in honor of* or *in memory of* are \$40. Rosebuds for birth announcements are \$15 (twins \$18). You can place the money in your offering envelope and indicate under “other” or pay in the office. **There are many dates available in 2019! You can pick-up** and take the flowers home after second service. Returning the vase to the admin office is appreciated - CPC receives credit for the vase.

Ink Cartridges— CPC accepts all types of ink cartridges for our recycle program. We receive credit at two local office supply stores. Thank you for supporting this program.

Fry's Community Rewards Program—Did you know you can support our nonprofit organizations just by shopping at Fry's? It's easy when you enroll in Fry's Community Rewards! To get started, sign up with your **Fry's V.I.P Card online or in the store, and select CPC using the code ID685** in the search. Select our church to support and enroll. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for CPC every time you shop and use your V.I.P Card. **Remember...all participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for their chosen organization.**

STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

We are excited to announce that Pastor Mike Shirey has agreed to go to Stephen Minister Leadership Training in February!! This training is a week-long intensive input of learning and information. We are excited that he will not only be a member of our team, but he will be receiving the full gamut of training which will ensure that CPC will have this ministry for years to come.

As most of you are aware, Stephen Ministry is an active ministry in our congregation. For the past two years, we have been training Stephen Ministers to support and care for members of our congregation and community. Our current Stephen Ministers are: Jim Aamot, Arlene Aamot, Daniel Enzi, Barb Faler, Donna Gates, Bob Gates, Lynne Hobson, Shirley Lambert, Rex Lambert, Sandy Larson and Russell Schultz. They are dedicated to caring for people in need by sharing that Jesus will pour out his Spirit, equipping and empowering us to love others as he has loved us--YOU! Jesus will be with us each step of this journey. In fact, Jesus will go *ahead* of us to prepare the way for our ministry. **We will never make a caring visit, listen to a person's story, or say a prayer without Jesus** – our companion, our guide, our strength and our inspiration. J-esus, O-thers, Y-ou – this is the JOY of being a **Stephen Minister. Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips the Stephen Ministers to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.**



“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Arlene Aamot
Stephen Leader/Awareness Coordinator

Happy Birthday

1	Lainey Cruz	16	Carole Babbitt
	Eli Feller		Sharon Offerdahl
	Paul Nsengiyumva		Sarah Oliver
	Jim Staude	17	Tony Astemborski
3	Jo Ann Shepherd		Celeste Jain
4	Darwin Puls	18	Martin Rosenberger
	Deanna Puls	19	Dava Hendrickson
	Dominique Taylor	20	Tira Winslow
	Tanya Wright	21	Aurora McBride
5	Ed Peck		Susan Outram
	Carol Phillips		Ginny Sutherland
	Abigail Post		Michael Wright
6	Matthew Smith	22	Atanga Akah
8	Christina Wiesinger		Liam Stiff
9	Mindy Brinker	23	Ryan Annoh-Opong
	Rigo Espinoza		Vickie Chambers
	Maria Santel		Arnold Eversole III
	Greg Soyka		June Hillhouse
	Jodi Wender		Doug Kirkpatrick
10	Samuel Enoh	25	Matthew Eastman
	Anna Haycock		Larry Gray
12	John Frauendiener		Mary Ann Wood
	Michael Higgins III	27	Beau Hackett
13	January Espinoza		Skip Kalback
	Janice Larson	29	Angel Gates
14	Kelly Somers	31	Matthew Cardona
	Suzy Van Sant		Tom Sweat
15	Joanna Venckus		

Happy Anniversary

2	Kevin & Jill Gates	22	Rev. Tony & Jessica Stiff
	Neil Guese & Charisma Luat Guese	27	Jeff & Marie White
3	John & Mindy Brinker	28	Darwin & Marilyn Borden
11	Sona & Marie Bokossah		Tom & Bridgette Gill
14	John & Carole Collier	29	Gene & Pat Howard
17	Eric & Shannon Post	30	Jim Hughes & Carol Roland
18	Richard & Jerri Orson		Paul Nsengiyumva & Kabura Nahimana
	Michael & Jenny Smith		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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JANUARY 2019

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		Happy New Year - Office Closed	9a Sewing Guild 9:30a Stephen Ministry Supervisor Meeting 6:30p CREDO 7p Chancel Choir	6:30p Journey of Peace 6:30p Warriors' Angels 7p A-Anon	6:30p Journey of Peace 6:30p Warriors' Angels 7p Antioch Youth Bible Study	9a Communion Prep 9a Antioch Grace Church 10a Praise Team 
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion Observed 9:00a Trad. WORSHIP Children's Church 10:30a Contmp. WORSHIP Elem. Church School 12p Ministerio Hispano Antioch Grace Church	6:30p Stephen Ministry Leadership	8:30a GreatLeaps  6:30p Nominating Committee	8:30a GreatLeaps 9a Sewing Guild 6:30p CREDO 7p Chancel Choir	8a MOPSDGL & Steering 8:30a GreatLeaps 6:30p Stephen Ministry Supervisor Meeting 6:30p Journey of Peace 6:30p Warriors' Angels 7p A-Anon	7p Antioch Youth Bible Study	8a Men of I.A.M. 9a Antioch Grace Church 9a Men's Fellowship 10a W.O.W. 10a Praise Team 11a Days for Girls Sew 7p Amahl & the Night Visitors Christmas
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00a Trad. WORSHIP Children's Church 10:30a Contmp. WORSHIP Elem. Church School 10:30 GriefShare 12p Ministerio Hispano 12p Haiti Team Meeting 4p Confirmation 6p Youth Group Antioch Grace Church	7p Deacon Meeting	8:30a GreatLeaps 1p LAFB Golden Coral  6:30p Nominating Committee 7:30p Bell Choir	8:30a GreatLeaps 9a Sewing Guild 9:30a Stephen Ministry Supervisor Meeting 2:30p Worship Team Meeting 6:30p CREDO 7p Chancel Choir	8:30a GreatLeaps 8a MOPS Meeting 6:30p Journey of Peace 6:30p Warriors' Angels 7p A-Anon	Dinner for 8 & 1 Kid-Off 7p Antioch Youth Bible Study	9a Antioch Grace Church 10a Praise Team 10a Prayer Study Group 11:30a Feed My Starving Children
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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JANUARY HAPPENINGS

- 01 Happy New Year—Office Closed
- 12 Amahl & the Night Visitors Christmas
- 19 Feed My Starving Children

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

There are many opportunities to know Christ and to make Christ known at Christ Church.

MEN OF I.A.M.—Saturday, January 12th at 8:00 a.m.

W.O.W.—Saturday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Center for Christian Studies (CCS) - Starts January 20th!

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Sunday Worship Hours

Traditional 9:00 a.m.

Contemporary 10:30 a.m.

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May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17