

The Call Newsletter
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ON THIS SIDE OF THE JORDAN

Our Vision

To know Christ and to make Christ known, by developing disciples in meaningful community and doing the work of Christ in our neighborhood and world.

Our Mission

We will be a church:

Of, By and For God's people.

Our Focus

- +Worship
- +Education
- +Nurture
- +Outreach

Our Slogan

Growing in Christ as He teaches us to serve.

Rev. Dr. Tony Stiff

Rev. Brett Everett

Rev. Mike Shirey

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

- 3 Labor Day—Office Closed
- 9 Center for Christian Studies Starts
- 15 ECO- Hope Presbytery
- 29 Bowls of Hope

"These are the words that Moses spoke to all of Israel on this side of the Jordan river in the desert..." Deuteronomy 1:1

Of course, Moses never made it to "this side of the Jordan."

At least not until he met Christ at the mount of transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8). Moses died while waiting to cross the Jordan to enter into the promise land. He only saw it from afar, as we have recounted for us in Deuteronomy 34:4-5.

"⁴ Then the Lord said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it. ⁵ And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. ⁶ He buried him^[a] in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is."

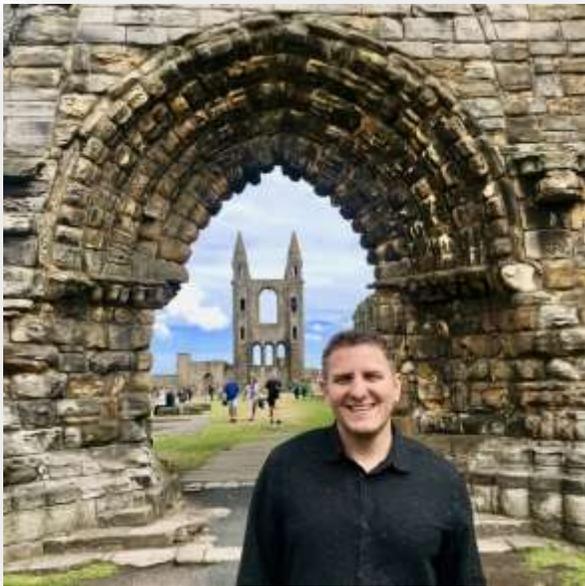
Why then would the author of Deuteronomy begin the book by presenting Moses as standing on "this side of the Jordan" recounting to Israel the wilderness wanderings? The author was giving his or her readers a vital perspective, the only perspective that really matters in times of significant transition. The Lord's perspective. While Moses was not "on this side of the Jordan," the Lord was.

Deuteronomy reminds us that it is a gift to be under the ministry of faithful, godly leaders, even when those leaders move on. God always goes before His people in every season of transition. This is true especially when a dearly loved and treasured leader completes his calling. Israel **would not have made it to the Jordan River without Moses's leadership, and Joshua would not have been able to care for and lead God's people without the faithful example that Moses left for him.** And Christ Presbyterian Church would not be ready for its next season of ministry without the faithful leadership of Pastor Bob Simmons.

I want to take a moment again to recognize the gift of the ministry of Pastor Bob Simmons. As a faithful shepherd, He has laid a good foundation for the future of our church family. I am honored **and blessed to follow Pastor Bob's ministry, and to continue trusting Christ for the future of Christ Presbyterian Church.**

For Israel life was different after they crossed the Jordan River. Likewise, life will be different for our church family. There will be a number of new adventures, challenges, and opportunities that **we will face together. As the West Valley continues to flourish, we as God's people will have an even greater opportunity to share the love and hospitality of Christ. There is life on "this side of the Jordan,"** because God always goes before us, always stands beside us, and always holds us up from behind, strengthening us for the good works He has prepared for us in advance. (Ephesians 2:10) We are so excited to join you and experience what God has for Christ Presbyterian Church **"on this side of the Jordan!"**

Pastor Tony



Pastor Tony at St. Andrews Cathedral



The Stiff Family in Perth, Scotland

Associate Pastor...

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES...

As the sounds of cheering football fans and marching bands ring through the air, so ends the days of summer. With that comes a time of reflection – not to mention many disturbing questions. Where did summer go? Why am I not prepared for the fall season to arrive? Would it be possible to postpone the cool and pleasant temperatures a bit longer so that I can truly enjoy this winning high heat/humidity combination? Are parents *really* that excited to send their beloved children back to school? Lastly, in the passing of the season, how many opportunities have I missed?

Missed opportunities? Just what do I mean by that? Perhaps, I am referring to the activities that I did not get to take advantage of this summer. I never made it to some of the colleges my son desires to visit. The garage **never got organized and my summer reading list was barely started. To my wife's great displeasure, I have not finished my list of summer household repairs either.** To make matters worse, I never attended a baseball game in Pittsburgh, nor did I enjoy even one slice of fresh apple pie (with a gluten free crust)! Yes, there are many things that will have to wait for other summers – things that I can now look forward to during those **long months of "bone-chilling" cold that characterizes our AZ winters.**

Yes, missed opportunities abound, yet those just mentioned do not bother me half as bad as the ones not yet mentioned. You see, as I reflected upon my busy summer, I devised a list of other missed opportunities – ones that leave me feeling a bit ashamed, disturbed, and even disloyal. I am talking about the neglected opportunities where I should have demonstrated the love of Christ. I am referring to the blown chances I had to share my Lord and my Savior with those who so desperately needed to hear about or meet Him for the **very first time. In great disgust, I pondered the opportunities I had to share that love... to say a simple word about Jesus, yet walked away or chose comfortable "small talk" instead. I thought about the chances I had to testify on Christ's behalf to someone for the very first time, but justified my not doing so by the busy schedule I kept.** I considered the times, too, when I was content to allow my actions to demonstrate the impact Christ has had upon my life, yet knew there was no better time than the present to share with words. I reflected upon the times when I could have provided a stronger challenge to one of our Christian youth to walk the **straight and narrow, yet chose to say nothing instead. In retrospect, I ask myself "Are these the type of opportunities that I can bear to live with as I look forward to yet another time and another opportunity?" My answer comes quick – "No, they are not!"**

As Christians, thoughts of neglected opportunities can really haunt us, for these are the things that our Lord will someday remind us of on the Day of Judgment. We will be held accountable, because these very opportunities are a matter of eternal life or death. Not only that, but the message we possess is indeed the most important message ever shared. And Jesus has entrusted that message to each of us who profess him as Lord and Savior?

Over the years, when I have been faced with the task of equipping youth for evangelism, I have often **challenged our teens with this statement... "You just might be the only Jesus that a person ever sees."** Do you believe that this same principle holds true for you? Can you accept the responsibility that goes along **with it? Besides living a life that is worthy of Christ's calling, this little challenge means so much more.** You see, Jesus was not about missed opportunities either. The gospels are full of opportunities that Jesus did not ignore and needs that He faithfully met. Realistically, could we consider His very purpose for being on earth (God incarnate) to be the fulfillment of a great opportunity for man's sake? Luke 19:10 tells us that **"...the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."** What hope would we now have if it were not for Christ's preoccupation with this ultimate opportunity and God's amazing love for us?

Well, how do we respond? We must examine the eternal significance of every contact that we make and see every relationship through the lens of Christ (easier said than done, right!?). We must share our story as part of **HIS story and weave the stories of those we encounter into God's story of grace and redemption as well.** Life is short and unpredictable and we may only get one chance to make a lasting impression in the life of someone we know. Let us prepare ourselves now, in this season and out, to share the love of Christ by word and by deed. Let us not allow busyness and self indulgence to leave us with feelings of regret. And let us seize each day and each opportunity for the cause of Christ!

-Wishing you a great end of summer! Pastor Brett

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have."

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

Assistant Pastor...

CARE & PRAYER NOTES

As you probably already know, I stepped into the role of Assistant Pastor for Pastoral Care on August 1 following Pastor Bob Shelton's retirement. I have enjoyed getting to know people and learning my way around the community. In the short time that I have been "on the job" I have visited two hospitals, two rehab centers, and several homes, as well as praying with people over the phone. I consider it a privilege to be able to pray with people, especially in times of crisis. Please know that I stand ready to respond whenever there is a need. Do not hesitate to contact me any time you need prayer or spiritual counsel.

One of the aspects of life at CPC that I have come to deeply appreciate is the prayer ministry. Prayer is a powerful means of communication with God as well as source of comfort, healing, and strength. There is no such thing as useless prayer; God never fails to hear and answer prayers. Sometimes we do not receive the answer we desire but be rest assured that we always receive the answer we need. Amazing things happen when faithful people faithfully pray in the name of Jesus.

It is especially important that all of us unite our spirits in prayer with God's Spirit as CPC goes through a season of transition and change. God is faithful and has promised to never give up on us, never to leave us, and never to forsake us. These are more than just pious words; they are a divine promise from our Heavenly Father. It is easy to be anxious about the future. Happily, it is also easy to turn to God in prayer, trusting him to take our anxiety and transform it into hope.

God alone knows exactly what the future holds. We need concern ourselves only with being faithful and trusting Jesus. The best way to do this is by using every concern, anxiety, uncertainty, complaint, or hurt

feeling as a reason to seek God in prayer. Jesus never promised his followers an easy road, but he did promise us his constant, abiding presence. Please join me in praying for our entire church, leadership, staff, members, and friends to daily grow in our awareness of that presence and move into the future together with joy and faith.

*In His Name,
Pastor Mike, Assistant Pastor for Spiritual Care*



Stephen Ministry is looking for a few men and women to consider joining our ministry. We are tentatively planning a new class series in the fall (hopefully October). This is a very rewarding and exciting experience.

By meeting many of the needs for care, Stephen Ministers give pastors more time to focus on other areas of ministry. Gifted caregivers grow in faith as they use their gifts in ministry and see God working through them to touch the lives of others. Stephen Ministers help hurting people receive quality Christian care and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

CARING THAT CHANGES LIVES

If you are interested and want more information,

please contact Donna Gates: 623-388-7408 or

Shirley Lambert: 623-703-8590 or

Arlene Aamot: 602-904-0776

Thank you!

*Arlene Aamot
Stephen Minister— Awareness Coordinator*

Music Ministry...

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

In planning the music for this year, I want to share with you several major events to mark on your calendar.

Friday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. — the Chancel Choir will join local choirs in an All Souls Day service in the magnificent setting of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Featured at the service will be a performance of the Fauré Requiem. Scored for chorus, soloists and orchestra, this early 20th century masterpiece is one of the most beloved settings of this memorial text. The public is cordially invited to celebrate this holy tradition of honoring the departed.

Saturday, December 9th at 4:00 p.m. — **the CPC Music Department will present “An Old-Fashioned Christmas” featuring the Chancel Choir, Praise Ringers, Praise Team, soloists, and you, the congregation.** Come enjoy festive holiday music and sing your favorite carols.

Saturday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. — a special concert is being planned that will be revealed in future notices. All I can say, at this point, is that you will not want to miss this event!

If you enjoy singing, and want to be part of a dynamic ensemble, please consider becoming a part of the Chancel Choir. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and sing at the 9:00 a.m. service. You are invited to join us and will be welcomed with open arms.

Can I hear an **“Amen”** to that?

*David Wilson,
Director of Music*



Adult Education & Discipleship Ministry...

School has started which is a clue that classes at CPC will start in September and be available for your examination of church history, theology, and religious music development. Our Fall program, starting Sept 9th, will be offering continuation of the Vander Laan video series with Michael Wright (9:00 a.m.) and Tom & Fe Rodriguez (10:30 a.m.), Hymnology studies by Dr. David Wilson, and “In God’s View” studies by Rev. Stephen Roosa (details forthcoming).

The Vander Laan series will feature “God Heard Their Cry” which will explore the Biblical history of Israel and their deliverance from Egypt. Dr. Wilson will be continuing his presentations of the development of

religious music from the great composers of the past up to modern music themes present in more current church environments. The “In God’s View” studies will be featured in Nov-Dec with Rev. Roosa presenting “The View from the Manger” to enhance your preparation for the Christmas holidays.

Registration forms made their initial appearance in the church bulletin on Aug 19th and will be available each week until the classes start on Sept 9th. Anyone interested in any of the classes can check them out on any **Sunday. It isn’t necessary to begin a class on the day it starts to check and determine if the subject is** something you would like to explore further. The Vander Laan videos will be presented at both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. class hours while the classes by Dr. Wilson and Rev. Roosa will only be at the 10:30 a.m. hour.

If you have any questions or desire additional information about any of the classes, do not hesitate to contact Dave Eckert, chairman of the AE&D ministry team.

Dave Eckert, Elder
Adult Education & Discipleship

Nurture and Equipping Ministry...

WHAT DO PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE?



The next New Member Class will be Sunday, October 14, 2018. A light lunch is provided and, if needed, childcare. New members will be welcomed on Sunday, October 28th at the service of their choice. Please indicate your interest in participating in the class by completing the yellow card in the chairback on Sunday **and circle “M”**. **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...

Shirley Castor – Care Community #6

I grew up in a very small town in Central Pennsylvania. The population was around 500 people. We had a wonderful childhood, playing Hide and Seek all over town and riding bicycles everywhere.

After graduating from high school, I migrated to the State capitol, Harrisburg, PA, and was honored to be **private secretary to a very important State Senator for eight years. Following our life in the “big city”, we** moved back to our small central PA town to become owners of the local grocery store. Of course I was married, and the mother of a boy and girl. My first husband passed away at the age of 49. I was working at Sperry New Holland in Belleville, PA, manufacturer of farm and construction equipment. It was at Sperry New Holland I met my current husband. We left PA for the rolling hills and cornfields of Nebraska where we lived and farmed until a bad storm there caused us to return to PA for a number of years. While there, I worked for a major retailer as Executive Assistant to a Senior Vice President of the company. I retired from that position and we returned to NE until 2014 when my husband retired and decided to give Arizona a try for our retirement years.

I found Christ Presbyterian Church shortly after our settling here; it has been an answer to prayers for me. Our son is a professional engineer in California and our daughter is the manager of a Fersenius Kidney Dialysis Clinic in PA. We have three grandsons, and two great-**grandkids that we don't get to see often** enough.

I am very happy with our life here, and enjoy being a Deacon at CPC and “All Is Well With My Soul!”

The coffee hour schedule for September is as follows:

September 2 nd	Arlene Aamot	Group 10	kraftee2@gmail.com
September 9 th	Shelia Schweitzer	Group 5	sheilaschweitzer69@gmail.com
September 16 th	Roy Poole	Group 8	cpcdeaconcroy12@gmail.com
September 23 rd	Jim Aamot	Group 7	jcaamot75@gmail.com
September 30 th	Maria Santel	Group 9	darlingmaria11@centurylink.net

Judy Harding
Deacon Moderator

Mission & Outreach Ministry...

BOWLS OF HOPE

The 4th Annual Bowls of Hope Luncheon is Saturday, September 29th @ 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. right here in our Atrium. Bowls of Hope is dedicated to raise awareness about the problem of hunger in our community. Hear from those in our community who face struggles each day due to lack of food. Hear from those in our community who have become stable through the resources provided by the food banks. Hear from those who are paying it forward by giving back to the food bank with their time, talent, and treasures. Each attendee will receive a hand painted bowl made by children who are helped by this mission. Please call or email me before Sept. 16 if you would like to attend. Sydney Roosa, 623-328-8635, quiltandsing@gmail.com

TRUNK OR TREAT

Plans are underway for our annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 27, 2018. This is a great outreach to our community. We still need many volunteer helpers. Please contact Wanda Miller at wlm0629@gmail.com to learn how you can help make this event better than ever!

HAITI MISSION TRIP

Now is the time to begin preparation for the 2019 Mission Trip to our sister village in Las Aguas, Haiti. On Sunday, September 9th, after the 2nd service, there will be an information meeting for all who would like to consider being a part of the traveling team. You will have the chance to ask questions of past team members and get the details of what is involved. The tentative dates set for the trip are May 31 to June 9, 2019.

PICK YOUR PASSION

Remember that we are always looking for donations of various items each month. Place your donations in the appropriate labeled bins in the hall way off the atrium. There is always need for non-perishable food items for **the Agua Fria Food Bank. The Food Bank no longer accepts egg cartons, so please don't bring those** – just food items for that bin. Agua Fria also accepts clothing donations for which there is a bin.

- * Heavenly Hygiene Kits: items needed are soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo and conditioner
- * Days for Girls: items needed are 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

HEAT RELIEF PACKS

The weather remains hot and we still have some Heat Relief Packs. They can be handed out your car windows to homeless individuals you see at street corners when you are waiting at stop lights. They are stacked just outside the library. Pick up a couple to have in your car ready to give away. It is a good idea to give a bottle of water along with each Heat Relief Pack.

CHRISTMAS JUG

The Christmas Jug is placed in the foyer on Sunday mornings. Please help us fill this jug with your extra change, or even greenbacks. Our Credo Youth will select families who are in need and distribute the collected funds in December.

Sydney Roosa

Elder – Mission & Outreach

Specialized Ministries...



Bloom – Thank you, thank you to Charisma Luat Guese for volunteering to **take the leadership role so that Bloom can continue! She'll need lots of help.**



New class starting September 17th. The class will meet for 14 weeks in Room 204B from 10 a.m. until Noon.



New class starting September 11th.

Please see the following article concerning furniture.



New class starting September 11th.



New class starting September 11th.

These three classes will meet at the same time -- Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for 14 weeks.



We are still very short of volunteers. Please give prayerful consideration to helping out.

NEED FOR FURNITURE

SINGLE & PARENTING is asking for your help. Starting September 11th, **SINGLE & PARENTING** will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 205 in our Education Building.

A cheerful, comfortable and homey place is needed to welcome hurting people who are dealing with single parenthood, whether it is by separation, divorce, widowhood, raising children who have lost their parents, or having children on their own – all single parents are welcome.

We are looking for donations of new or used furniture in excellent, clean condition. We are looking up to 15 occasional chairs with soft padded backs and seats with or without armrests. Due to space limitations overstuffed furniture must be excluded. TV tray tables that will be used as mini desks/tables are requested as well.

The room sometimes accommodates other functions during the week; therefore the furniture will be used by other groups as well.

Please contact Carol Phillips, 623-340-9205, or cphillips02@cox.net or Diane Parnitzke, 623-386-2098 or single.parenting.diane@gmail.com.



*Carol Phillips
Elder, Specialized Ministries*

Come join us!! Treat yourself.....
Reduce stress, increase flexibility, release tension,
improve balance and build strength.
Good for YOU and your soul!



Ladies Yahweh Yoga Classes (Beginners - gentle yoga)

4 week session (12 classes) \$35
Mondays: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Fridays: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

You can "drop in" on any class - \$5

Please pre-register!

Phone or text: Wanda Miller (801) 915-7465

MEN OF I.A.M.



September Bible Study – Join us on Saturday, September 8th at 8 a.m. in the Atrium for a great breakfast, a great program, great fellowship, and a short business meeting! Come hear the Rev. Phil Smith whose topic will be *Lean Not on Your Own Understanding*.



October Bible Study – The October Program will be presented by our own Dr. David Wilson. His topic will be *Why We Believe*. This will follow the best \$4 breakfast in town. A short business meeting will follow.



Trunk or Treat – Save the Date: Saturday, October 27! The Men of I.A.M. sell hot dogs, chips, and drinks at this super church-wide community event.



Veterans Day Program – We won't have the Thunderbirds at our November breakfast, but it will be a great morning! Mark your calendars for November 10th.



[Feed the Youth](#) - The Men of I.A.M. feed the youth on the second Sunday evening of each month at 6 PM 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:



John Reichard, President
623-512-0238
bassncd53@gmail.com



Rex Lambert., Secretary
623-326-1231
rexlambert@cox.net

L.A.F.

On September 18th at 1:00 p.m., we will resume our formal business meeting. Summertime was a relaxing time to simply meet and have lunch with one another. L.A.F. meets at the Golden Corral located on the corner of Van Buren and Dysart.

Of course, we still will have lunch and fellowship prior to our meeting. So, please come and join us. All you need to do is show up! Nothing else is required to become part of Laughter and Fun. Hope to see you there.

God Bless, Lovey

W.O.W.

Ladies of W.O.W. (Women of the Word) can't wait to see you on Saturday, September 8th, at 10:00 a.m. in room 102, and let's all bring a friend. We will continue using "Holy Living in a Hostile World", by Stuart Briscoe. The topic in September is Marriage. Let's see what God has to say about this topic; and what do you say? Please read 1 Peter 3:1-7.

Remember to memorize Psalms 23 (any translation). Make it personal - The Lord is *(insert your name)* shepherd... Thank you for all the cleaning supplies for our Veterans at Mary Ellen's House. We also received 5 sleeping mats.

Line Sauer, Moderator 623-849-6402

Lil Kerswill, Secretary 602-999-1499

KNITTING FOR THE NEEDY

Do you have leftover yarn remnants? Are you just learning to knit or crochet? Do you have a short attention span?

Consider knitting or crocheting 8-inch squares in any color or stitch for Project Linus serving the Buckeye and Goodyear communities with handmade blankets. Be sure to leave an 18-inch tail of yarn for joining squares. You can place these or any other yarn projects in the clothing donation box in the breezeway. Please mark your donation with "CPC knits".

Jan Shaffer

Finance Team...

2018 Contribution Report

YTD Actual Income	\$	505,698
YTD Actual Expenses	\$	525,757
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$	(20,059)

Time & Talent...

SUNDAY	Worship Total	CCS Adult	Credo Youth	Arctic Children	Midweek Bible Study Adult	Credo	MOPS Adult	Children
August 5	277	18	43	30	00	00	DNM	DNM
August 12	277	13	33	20	00	06	DNM	DNM
August 19	319	10	37	26	00	05	DNM	DNM
August 26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

DNM = DID NOT MEET

NA= NOT AVAILABLE

Worship Ministry...

Did you know sermons are available on our website located at www.cpcgoodyear.org?
A special thanks to Ron Hook, Webmaster, for helping make this possible.

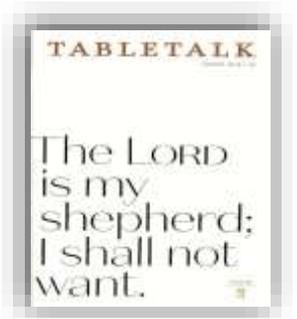
If you prefer, please call the office or email holti@cpcgoodyear.org and a CD of the sermon can be made for you. The cost is \$3.00 per CD. If you are interested in an entire sermon series, we can put the sermon series on a USB drive. The cost is \$6.00.

COMMUNICATIONS

Table Talk

Please pick-up your new issue of TableTalk in the Atrium on September 2nd.

*Thank you,
Pat and Ron Hook*



CPC FAMILY DIRECTORY

The July 2018 Church Family Directory is available in the atrium and office. Please take a moment to review your personal information. Any corrections should be indicated on the yellow card in the pew back and placed in the offering tray or by emailing holli@cpcgoodyear.org. The next issue will be published in October.

PROGRAMS

Sunday Flower Donations Reminder — If you would like to order flowers for the sanctuary, the sign-up sheet is in the office. Deadline is noon on the Wednesday preceding the Sunday you want them displayed and 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 2018! If you would like to take the flowers home after second service, please enjoy them. 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.

NEW Fry's Community Rewards Program Number — 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 new 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.

THANK YOU'S

A JAYHAWK THANK YOU

Dear Members & friends of Christ Presbyterian Church (ECO),

If you did not know that I was a Jayhawk, then on August 4th, you were overpowered with the wonderful decorations of a Jayhawk theme (All those Cornhuskers, Sooners, & Buckeyes present had to be envious), which left no doubt! The whole event of celebration was absolutely spectacular. I just wanted you to know how much we appreciated the effort of so many to make it such a memorable afternoon. The list of people involved goes on & on. If I named them, there would not be room for them in this Thank You! It was certainly for me an affirmation of what a wonderful group of people make up this Body of Christ. So, thank you for the event, the food, thank you for the gifts, and thank you for your love.

I realized afterward that I needed to share with you a couple of things that would bring meaning to part of the celebration.

- 1) Kansas – KU is not only where I studied, but it is a part of some great memories for me, as that is the place where I met Norleen. We, actually, were in one class together – Speech – during our time there. It was required by all students, me, an engineer & Norleen, in education. However, my roommate (He had a chemistry lab with Norleen) got us together, and then we got to know each other better, as participants at the Wesley (Methodist) Student Center. It was, actually, our Campus Pastor from the Wesley Center that married us.
- 2) **“Ponder anew what the Almighty can do!”** - How does one select a favorite Hymn? Well, this has a great story accompanying it. In India, my colleague and I visited regularly a new hospital that was not too far from Delhi where we lived, which we had designed and were overseeing its construction. Most of our projects were funded by the American Church, but this was being funded by the American Government through USAID, because of the size and the need. It was the largest project **that we had ever done. My colleague left for furlough, as we were nearing the Hospital's completion.** Since our office was also monitoring the funding, which was a significant amount, and we would make the requests to the Embassy, it became our responsibility to finalize the closing of the funding and the handover of the building to the Hospital Administrator. The Hospital Administrator, a son of a Methodist Bishop, had a certain reputation that preceded him, so I was in daily prayer for this closing meeting. When the day came, the transaction went absolutely perfect, with no shenanigans. I then got a cycle rickshaw driver to take me to the train station, and on the way to the station, the Lord **filled my heart with that Hymn (“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”), as I was praising Him to myself. Those words “Ponder anew what the Almighty can do!” captured me, and they have remained in my heart since (from around 1976 – now, 42 years ago!).**

That may be more information than you wanted, but it helps you to know why this celebration was so astounding to me. The planners picked up some hints along the way and brought this event to fruition in a mighty fashion.

We love each of you and we cannot thank you enough for what you mean to us. God bless you and God bless CPC. We look forward to remaining with you all!

PEACE!

Bob Shelton, Asst. Pastor for Spiritual Care, Retired

“Ponder Anew What the Almighty Can Do!!”

Dearest Church Friends:

Thank you so much for the wonderful send-off celebration. These memories will be forever treasured and remembered with great joy. Your many cards and words of love will always have a special place in our hearts. Thank you for your gifts of love and, of course, our Ohio State trip. What a surprise!! We can't wait to cheer on our beloved "Buckeyes" in October and wear our red. It's been a wonderful journey of God's blessings and we are now entrusting you to the care of Dr. Tony and Jessica. Love and support them as you have loved and supported us. God has great things ahead for CPC and we are excited for your future. Much love and prayers,

Bob and Jeanette Simmons



P.S. Remember to "Bloom Where You're Planted!"

Thank you, whether your part was big or small, for all of the help, support, and time for Pastor Bob and Jeanette's gala luncheon. A big shout out to Dickey's for the fabulous food. The tree that was in the atrium, is dedicated to Pastor Bob & Jeanette and will be planted on the church property.

Heartfelt Apperception,
Pastor Gala Luncheon Committee

OPPORTUNITIES

Trunk or Treat a Falloween Festival

Save the Date: Saturday, October 27, 2018
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Start thinking of ideas for our great event - how you can get involved, games for which you would like to volunteer, ideas for your trunk, and what costume you will wear this year!

As you are out and about, please consider picking up the following *individually packaged* items that we are going to personalize for this event:

Assorted Candy
Rice Krispies Treats
Tootsie Rolls
Smarties
Goldfish
Mint Candies like Andes Candies and other assorted mints



We need large coffee cans, gallon-size plastic milk jugs, and plastic containers (like the Costco size nut containers, pretzels tubs, & cheeseballs tubs) -please wash and remove all labels.

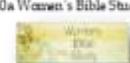
Thank you for your help -you can drop these items off at the office M-T 9-4 & F 9-2. If you have a contact for corn stalks, Wanda would like to hear from you. We value your suggestions, ideas, and help. Do you need additional information, contact Wanda Miller at 801-915-7465 or email wlm0629@gmail.com.

Happy Birthday

1	Sterla Fominyam	14	Becky Andrle
	Debby Morrow		Stephen Roosa
	Tony Stiff	15	Daniel Borchers
	Joshua Sunjo Obed		Pete Lamphere
2	John Adams	16	Ava Williams
	Sandy Maiers	18	Jim Aamot
	Donna Staude		Gary Davis
3	Marilyn Borden	19	Betsy Crosson
	Elaine De Kruif		Aryana Lovett
	Rheanna Enzi		Gavin Oliver
	Debby Rains		Selah Roldan
4	Alice Anderson		Enoch Roldan
5	Mercy Roldan		Chris Webb
	Ilene Shirey	20	Gary Aukes
6	Helen Bell		Kris Dwire
	Rose Waters		Helen Hohlstein
7	Norb Sylor		Cathy Yordy
	Evie Waltz	21	Ellen Carmen
8	Bill Armstrong	22	Ruthanna Brinker
	Carole Collier		Jim Bundschuh
	Raub Randels		Dorine Douglas
	Stella Serebriakov		Jason Eastman
9	Bonnie Miller		Fe Rodriguez
	Pat Roberts	23	Sheila Schweitzer
	Austin Webb		Stacy Skwier
10	Bryan Stossel	24	Beth Waln
	Susan Sweeden	28	Lil Kerswill
11	Ken Feather		Phyllis Klein
	David Robertson		Levi Lopinski
12	Carly Bennett		Nancy Prentiss
	Shirley Lambert		Jeff White
13	Patty Ballard	29	James Russell
	Linda Horn		
	Jerri Orson		
	Barbara Vitarius		

Happy Anniversary

2	Craig & Becky Andrle	16	Bill & Martha Schaffer
5	Dwight & Alexa Mims	19	Ed & Donna Peck
	Jim & Lisa Swanson	26	Phil & Laurie Overson
11	Jerry & Nancy Treece	28	Marcus & Portia Taylor
12	Ender & Jan Quinones	29	Arthur & Sharon Krudener
	Bob & Terrie Sievewright		
	Gary & Jean Sturdivan		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>SEPTEMBER 2018</h1>						
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						9a Communion Prep 9a Antioch Grace 10a Praise Team
2 Communion Observed	3 Labor Day Office Closed 	4 8:30a GreatLeaps 	5 8:30a GreatLeaps 9a Sewing Guild 10a Stephen Ministry Supervisor Meeting 4p Ladies Yahweh Yoga 6:30p CREDO 7p Chancel Choir	6 8a MOPS DGL & Steering 8:30a GreatLeaps 11a GreatLeaps Grandparent's Day 5p MOPS Kick-off 6:30p Journey of Peace 6:30p Warriors' Angels 7p Al-Anon	7 10:30a Ladies Yahweh Yoga  7p Antioch Youth Bible Study	8 8a Men of I.A.M. 9a Antioch Grace 10a WOW 10a Praise Team 11a Days For Girls Sew
9 CCS Starts 9/10:30a  9:00a Trad. WORSHIP Children's Church 10:30a Contemp. WORSHIP Elem. Church School 12p Hark Mission Meeting 12p Ministerio Hispano 4p Confirmation 6p Youth Group Antioch Grace Church Heritage Baptist Church	10 10:30a Ladies Yahweh Yoga  7p Deacon's Meeting	11 8:30a GreatLeaps  6:30p DCAK Divorce Case and Single & Parenting 7:30p Bell Choir	12 8:30a GreatLeaps 9a Sewing Guild 4p Ladies Yahweh Yoga 6:30p CREDO 7p Chancel Choir	13 8a MOPS Meeting 8:30a GreatLeaps 6:30p Stephen Ministry Supervisor Meeting 6:30p Journey of Peace 6:30p Warriors' Angels 7p Al-Anon	14 10:30a Ladies Yahweh Yoga 7p Antioch Youth Bible Study	15 9a Antioch Grace 9a ECO Hope Presbyterian 10a Praise Team 
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OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

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

MEN OF I.A.M. — Saturday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m.

W.O.W. — Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Center for Christian Studies (CCS) starts Sunday, September 9th!
“God Heard Their Cry” - 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
“Hymnology II” - 10:30 a.m.

Women’s Bible Study “Be Free” — Starts Monday, September 17th
at 7:00 p.m. or and Thursday, September 20th at 9:30 a.m.

STAFF

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship Hours

Traditional 9:00 a.m.
Contemporary 10:30 a.m.

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*Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers over a
multitude of sins.*

1 Peter 4:8



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