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Christ through worship, nurture,
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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating 163 Years of Ministry

MAY 2018

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Centerville Presbyterian Church presents

Salute to Memorial Day

A Flag Waving Spectacular!

featuring

Centerian Sanctuary Choir
Centerville Community Chorale
Fremont Christian School Vocal Ensemble
with Festival Orchestra
Directed by Darryl Guzman

ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY

Friday, May 25, 7:30 p.m.
at Centerville Presbyterian Church

All Tickets \$15 Reserved Seating
Tickets available at
Centerville Presbyterian Church
and at the door

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A Word from Pastor Greg

I am reflecting this year upon the subject of ***“What the world is waiting for.”*** This month, I am drawn to how many in the world are waiting for mercy.

First, let us look at mercy. Psalm 86:15: “But you, Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.” The understanding of mercy comes through the rich tradition of the Hebrew notion of God's covenant with Israel. It has a legal basis, by which God bound himself to be with His people and act on behalf of His people. Mercy emerges when God recognizes that his people have violated their covenant with him, and turned away from them, yet remains faithful. God clearly recognizes the violations of His agreement, and with His keen legal mind, He knows the covenant contract has been severed and should be annulled. But God stares the breach of the contract directly in the face, sets it aside, and chooses to remain faithful to us. This binding of a righteous judge to His people is a sign of His deep mercy.


It is here that we come to understand most poignantly the love God has for us and the distance God goes to give us life, even in moments of darkness and defeat. We see in the heart of Jesus a love that gathers all the scattered, shattered pieces of our life and touches them with a tenderness that can heal our hearts. Only hands that come to us with nail scars can touch us so gently and so completely.

What does this mercy look like? It begins with a proclamation to a waiting world that God offers them a loving pardon from their waywardness. It declares that there is a way to be in good standing with God, and that Way is through Jesus Christ Himself.

It then requires each of us, and the church, to act in merciful ways toward others. One small way is to provide the gift of food to those who are hungry. This attitude is reflected in the Psalmist's reflection, “He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work. He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.” (Psalm 103:27)

This principle was a means by which the dignity of all would be preserved, and the abundance of the community would be returned to the less fortunate. It reveals that we are his hands and feet to reveal him as the source of mercy, standing there, refusing to allow that love to be worn down by the physical impossibilities of famine.

Lord have Mercy upon us and allow us to express Mercy to a hurting world.

Pastor Greg 



By Linda Hall, Director of CCP

Greetings, church family!!

As we press on through this last full month of this school year, we will be working on a lot of our "Annual Open House" projects. This annual event will be on Tuesday, May 22nd, from 6:30-8:00 pm. Please drop in for a visit and see what we have been working on. Samples of all of the year's Art Projects and Academic Work will be on display. It's actually like a beautiful art gallery; we would love to share it with you!!

Mother's Day flower pots were planted as a part of last month's curriculum (spring-time things) and will be given to all the children's' moms. Alphabet practice will be on the letter's: "X", "Y" and finally "Z". Our final Chapel Verse is: "God is good to us" taken from Psalm 73:1 and will be on Tuesday, May 8th and Wednesday, May 9th.

We want to thank Pastor Jim Schoon for all his loving smiles and teachings of these basic biblical principles all year to our preschoolers!!! The colors that we'll study this month are Black & White. Can you think of things that we eat and drink that are those colors? For our final cooking project of the year we will be enjoying our Pancakes and Pajama Days on both May 29th and May 30th. The school will be closed to observe Memorial Day on Monday May 28th.



Caring For A Loved One With Dementia



Our CAPS ambassadors will be hosting a **seminar on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 10:30am – 1:00pm** in Westminster.

- Dementia is an “umbrella” medical term used to describe a set of symptoms causing a person to have changes in brain function that interfere with the ability to function and do everyday activities. Symptoms are typically caused by a disease, or condition, such as Alzheimer’s.
- A person with dementia has problems in multiple areas of brain function. These problems can include; memory, language, impulse control, ability to do things for self, personality, understanding of time, etc.
- Unlike normal age-related memory changes, dementia gets worse over time.

We are having an informational presentation for seniors and their families regarding dementia and options of care. **Lunch provided.** Any questions, contact: Lisa Dutra, at lisadutra@comcast.net or Val Clough at jcvc@aol.com

Passed on to Heaven...



Dorothy Parker	March 19, 2018
Bertis Kerney	April 20, 2018

Please be praying for their families during this time.

*Jesus said,
 "I am the resurrection and the life.
 The one who believes in me will live,
 even though they die..." (John 11:25)*

Session Notes— April 2018

Submitted by Michael Hollister, Ruling Elder

Our meeting began with a time of team prayer, reflection, and seeking guidance from our Lord Jesus. Our prayers were largely focused on lifting each other up through sharing our personal challenges. In return, our colleagues reached out to our Lord Jesus Christ and prayed for our patience, strength and perseverance. What a blessing it is to have such a strong and diverse support team of brothers and sisters.

A significant part of session discussion was devoted to the upcoming new members class. It is an incredible opportunity to develop a deeper relationship with Christ and engage with new members as well as leadership in the church. Our class leaders, Pierre and Sydney Belanger, lead the classes and bring a remarkable amount of knowledge about the Bible and our church. Furthermore, they have become my friends in Christ, where we share and celebrate the Lord with each other.

About 6 years ago, I was a new visitor at the Centerville Presbyterian Church. I decided to take the next step and had the privilege to attend the new members class. Before participating, I could not fully comprehend what I would gain as a result of joining the class and church. Through study of scripture, learning about our church and meeting new members and leadership, I came away with a deeper relationship with Christ. In addition, I felt a remarkable warm welcome and continue to build my relationships throughout the church community. I encourage all to explore the new members class, which is an incredible experience.

Signups for new memberships are April 22 and 29 and classes start May 6-27.

There are also several other opportunities to join small group Bible studies and extend your knowledge and relationship with Christ. Furthermore, there are a lot of service or social events, where you will meet others that attend Centerville Presbyterian Church or are from the community.

An example is Free Dining, where the outside communities in need are served food and experience a warm welcome. Often, entire families come, who greatly appreciate the safe place and dining services we provide. The team that serves the community do a remarkable job in prayer, preparing nutritious food, engaging with participants, and cleaning up in preparation for the next day of service. I have often observed and experienced the deep friendships that are developed among the service team and those who come to free dining. To have an opportunity to serve those in need is a true blessing.

John 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

Thank You!

God has blessed us with thirty-eight wonderful years at CPC. As we move to a new chapter of life in Reno we are profoundly grateful for all with whom we've shared worship, growth, service, fellowship, tears, joys, and laughter over the years. Thank you to our dear CPC family - you will always be dear to our hearts.

Gratefully,
Janet and Ron Goodman

"Volunteering at the Fremont Warming Center"

The Fremont Warming Center provides hot meals and dry beds at the Senior Center at Lake Elizabeth to handle peak demand on cold, wet nights. The City of Fremont and CitySERVE run this program, and CPC has been supporting it for many years. This year, we signed up to serve on 11 winter days. Each date required 18 CPC volunteer sign-ups to prepare dishes to feed 60 participants. We also bless the meal and pray for the Warming Center program and its participants, serve the food, and visit with the participants.

Thanks to our compassionate CPC family who stepped forward to care for the homeless and food-insecure in our community.

-- Larry Hsu

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." -- Matthew 25:35

The Foundry—A Testimony

Hello everybody, my name is Jesse. I just wanted to take a moment and share about how The Foundry has been a blessing and answered prayer in my life. I had just moved back to the Bay from Indiana in the summer of 2016 and met Leedah in the gym we go to. I was looking for a church, and I had prayed specifically about wanting to be in a place where I was challenged in my spiritual journey. If you know me at all, I don't really do anything on my own accord. Recognizing that, I found that Leedah would be the kind of person that would push me and my boundaries in order to grow in my relationship with God.

Since joining The Foundry, I'm now more involved in church than I've ever been before and I am growing in areas in my life that were stagnant before. I'm now engaged in many different aspects of service as well as in many fruitful relationships with fellow brothers and sisters. These relationships reflect Christ within our community as well as outwards to our collective spheres of influence. Growth and healing abound in the lives that The Foundry touches, both inside and outside our doors. I'm proud to be a part of a Christ-centered community that has a heart for contextualizing the Gospel for those that we meet as well as being the hands and feet of Christ in the city of Fremont. I'd like to thank you all for making this possible. I want you to know that your support have a profound impact on me and many people. Thank you!



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES FROM CPC...



We want to celebrate your accomplishments in the June BELL.

HIGH SCHOOL

First & Last Name

HS graduating from

Plans after Graduation (i.e. college you plan to attend, armed services, work, etc.)

A high quality picture of your self—formal or casual.

COLLEGE

First & Last Name

College graduating from

What degree you have received

Plans after college (career, more school, etc)

A high quality picture of your self—formal or casual.

Please submit the above information to Val Cooley at vcooley@cpcfremont.org by May 10, 2018.

Pictures from the Youth Missions Trip to Mexico





CPC MISSIONARY UPDATE: Tara Chase, Frontier Fellowship

Better Together

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work...Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”—1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 27

When I came on staff with Frontier Fellowship several years ago, I didn’t realize at the time what a unique organization I was joining. The world of missions is often thought of in two broad categories: missionaries who directly serve people through evangelism, medicine, education, health or other types of helping ministries, and the organizations who provide practical support for sending those missionaries. Frontier Fellowship doesn’t neatly fit either of those categories. Instead, we stand somewhere in the middle, bridging the gap between the needs of God’s mission in the world and those who are called to respond to those needs.

We are mobilizers, networkers, advocates, bridge builders and connectors. We’re driven by two convictions: that all people on earth deserve an opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus in the context of their language and culture, and that all followers of Jesus are called by God to be involved in making this Good News known. Researchers estimate that some two billion people on earth are still waiting to be introduced to Jesus. The body of Christ, each member of it, has an important role to play in God’s mission!

I’ve been reflecting recently on 1 Corinthians 12—each of us has been given particular gifts and each of those gifts is important to the healthy functioning of the Church as it seeks to live out God’s purposes on the earth. Paul describes the Church as a physical body made up of many members—from head to toe and everything in between—and no part is unnecessary, no matter how insignificant it might seem.

Sadly, I spent far too much time in my earlier years comparing myself to others and wishing I had more interesting or more noble gifts—gifts that I judged to be more glorifying to God and more helpful for humanity. As a result, I became immobilized in the gifts God had actually given me. Thankfully, God brought numerous friends into my life who could see my gifts, celebrate them and encourage me to share them. When I began noticing and embracing the special ways God created me to love and serve Him, I found joy not only in sharing my gifts but in celebrating the gifts in others that had once stirred up feelings of jealousy and insecurity.

I recently joined Simon and Becky Zeigler (International Students, Inc.) and Greg and Marsha Roth in San Juan Bautista, CA, for ISI’s western region staff retreat. These two couples have become dear friends over the years through numerous occasions we’ve had to bring our gifts together in ministry. Between the five of us, there are gifted teachers, administrators, intercessors, musicians, pastors, visionaries, helpers, leaders. I’ve been blessed by the wonderful unity we experience in our diversity as we offer the best we have to God and to each other.

If you’re reading this, rest assured you have a part to play in God’s mission in the world. The body of Christ is not complete without you—we *are better together*, and more able to do the Kingdom work God has called us to do. May God encourage and strengthen you in the gifts He’s given you. And may He show you how, when and where to offer those gifts back to Him as together we work for the fullness of God’s Kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven.





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JUNE 2018 “BELL” Newsletter.

Please submit to Val Cooley, Ministry Assistant — vcooley@cpcfremont.org.
All articles submitted are subject to approval, editing, and space available.

Mark your calendars...

MAY	No Sunday Eats this month – Our next one is on June 24
May 13	Mother’s Day
May 25	Memorial Day Concert 7:30 pm
May 28	Memorial Day Holiday — Office and Campus CLOSED

Join us for Worship

9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Service

Led by Thomas Bañuelos
with the Worship Team and Band

10:30 a.m.

The Foundry (Millennials)

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

Led by Darryl Guzman
with the Centerian Choir and
CenterPeace Orchestra

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