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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CENTERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

In Romans 1:8 Paul writes, *"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported in all the world."*

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve with you through the sabbatical experience of Pastors Greg and Marsha. It has been a blessing to me to be part of a leadership team that takes seriously its responsibility to lead the people of God here at CPC. Your entire staff is comprised of people who love the Lord and want to serve Him, and it has been a joy to serve with them. It has also been a privilege to be part of the family of God here at CPC. You are a congregation that loves the Lord and wants to live for Him, and I have appreciated being a part of your lives through worship and pastoral calling. I look forward to the return of Pastors Greg and Marsha and continuing ministry under their leadership. It is my prayer that God will bless the ministry at CPC and "your faith will continue to be reported in all the world."

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Jim Schoon

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you this summer while your pastors Greg and Marsha were on sabbatical. It is my prayer that I have helped you in your journey of faith in Jesus Christ. I also want you to know that serving you this summer has been a blessing to me.

There are many ways to describe faith. One way to understand it is "dependency upon Jesus." To what degree do I rely upon Jesus to live my life? How do I depend upon Jesus on a day-by-day, hour-by-hour, moment-by-moment basis? I find it interesting when people experience high anxiety (near panic) because they can't find their cell phone. It is almost as if they can't live without it: the contacts, the text messages, the voice mail, the email, the RSS feeds, Twitter tweets, Instagram, etc. Trust me. I get it. But I wonder why it is that no one seems to experience that kind of anxiety because Jesus is missing in their lives. Is Jesus not as important as our cell phones? Have we come to rely more upon our smart phones than upon the Lord of the universe? What does living life relying upon Jesus look like? Something to think about.

Rev. Dr. Randy Young

Session Notes—June 2017

Submitted by, Christine Christie, Ruling Elder

The Elders and Staff met for a time of prayer prior to our meeting. We focused on prayers for the CPC family and ministries, our EPC community of churches, for Missions and for Andrew Brunson who is still being held prisoner in Turkey.

The meeting was conducted by Leedah. We began with an update on CPC's day to day activities while the Roths are on Sabbatical. Comments from Jim and Randy noted that both pastors are doing well and are happy to be serving at CPC. Randy's midweek Bible class has had good participation (approx. 20+ attenders). Jim commended the support staff for their excellent work and Randy commented that staff has been very helpful in acclimating him and helping in connections with people and their needs. Regarding the Worship Services - the participation of the elders in the services has been running smoothly.

Finance Committee reminded us that budgeting time is here and asked that each committee pray about areas we no longer need to fund and to seek those areas that we may be called to move into. Information was shared regarding budgeting for CPC's financial support of our Presbytery and the EPC General Assembly. Giving to the denomination supports the fourfold mission of the EPC to: promote and resource church planting; promote and resource church revitalization; create a structure suitable for a global movement, and create a leadership development culture.

Leedah and Seth reported that plans are underway for a children's summer camp at CPC July 25-28 (Tues-Fri) in partnership with Pastor Kieun. CPC will be running the morning portion of the program and Pastor Kieun and his volunteers from other churches will be leading the afternoon tech camp teaching

kids video arts. Our focus is to serve kids around us where we can nurture ongoing connections, rather than "VBS hoppers."

Seth told us about youth activities. On June 4th the Grad night dinner celebrated the high school graduates and the promotion of the Elementary and Jr High students; 60 people attended. The Yang Scholarship was awarded to Zoe Hsiao and Dylan Johnstone. The Impact summer program will include many activities such as the houseboat trip in July. Austin Gee is returning as our summer Youth intern.

Preschool plans for the coming year, Sept 5, 2017 – June 15, 2018 include extending the hours to 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. Maximum students will be 23. Any families interested, please contact the church office.

Leedah reported on the Foundry. Attendance has been averaging around 40 with the number of visitors ranging between 7 and 28. Session prayed over and encouraged Leedah in this ministry to reach out to both the unchurched and unbelievers.

Habitat for Humanity will be having a groundbreaking ceremony for new housing next to the Fire Station on July 14; they will use CPC's parking for the day of the ceremony. Their building activities will provide nearby volunteer opportunities for those in our community.

Our next session meeting will be in August. Thank you for your continued prayers for God to grant us His wisdom and grace.



By Linda Hall, Director of CCP

Summertime Greetings, church family!

As you read this edition of the Bell, we are currently on our summer vacation. We are planning a one week Summer Camp for our preschool families July 24th- July 28th. It will run between 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Our Bible theme this week will be all about looking for God's blessings each day during our time on our "Tropical Island Adventure".

We are also still enrolling new students for our up-coming school year 2017-2018, which begins the week after Labor Day.

I'm excited to let you know that we have been able to extend our operational hours, enabling us to have children on site from 7:30 am - 6:00 pm. this next school year as well. The Preschool and Pre-K curriculum hours will run between 9:00 am. and 12:30 pm. We have 2, 3 and 5 days programs available weekly! Please pass on this information to all of your family and neighborhood friends who may be looking for a local, quality preschool.

For more information, please contact me by email at preschooloffice@cpcfremont.org or by phone at **510-793-3575 ext.12.**

Miss Kaitlyn and I wish you all the best blessings during your summer!!

Linda Hall,
Director



CHORAL SCHOLAR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SINGERS!

The CPC music department is now accepting candidates for the position of Choral Scholar in the Centerian Sanctuary Choir for school year 2017-2018. Choral Scholars sing with the choir for a school year and then receive a \$1000 scholarship. Candidates must be in grades 9 through 12 or they may be college students. Interested singers should contact director Darryl Guzman at darrylguz@yahoo.com for more information or to set up an interview/audition.

\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR TECHNICAL INTERN

AVAM (The audio/visual arts ministry of CPC) is currently looking for a high school or college age student to be the Technical Intern for Sunday morning services.

Responsibilities include:

- assisting in the set up of sound equipment
- running slides during the morning worship services
- assisting with the take down of equipment after the services
- other A/V related duties.
- training provided - no experience necessary.

The student in this position will receive a \$1000 scholarship upon completion of one year of service. Interested? Please contact AVAM member Kathy Babyak at kathybabyak@aol.com.

Join us for Sunday School at
9am or 11am

Contact Alana for more info
abischoff-chan@cpcfremont.org
510-793-3575 ext. 10



Sunday School

This summer our preschool kids are studying different stories of the Bible teaching them how God is with us, God cares for us, and that God helps us. Our elementary kids are studying three genres of Psalms. Psalms of hope, psalms of praise, and psalms of righteousness.

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1*



Join the Children's Ministry Team!

Do you have a heart for children and want to join the fun on Sunday mornings? If the Lord has been talking to you about helping with our Sunday School program we would love for you to come aboard! We have plenty of opportunities for you to serve and get involved. Whether it's in the nursery or with our older kids, there are so many ways you can show the love of Jesus to our young ones. I would love to talk to you.



Summer Program July 25-28th

We are only weeks away from our summer program where we'll be seeing God's love through the ways of the Good Samaritan. Get ready for fun Bible stories, crafts, and games! We are still in need of volunteers so sign up, or give me a call to see where you can help.

Our purpose is to see children touched by the life of God in real ways that help them in building a personal relationship with Jesus Christ

WE LOVE GOD & WE LOVE YOU!

SEEK TRUTH | EMBODY LOVE | LIVE TO INSPIRE

Sunday Morning Youth Schedule

6th-12th graders

9:30am-10:30am at CPC in
the gym C205

July 2 | NO SMY
COMMUNION SUNDAY!
Students stay in the service

July 9

Crew Wk 3

Relationships > Revenge

July 16

New Series! If/Then

Wk 1: Follow His Lead

July 23 Wk 2

He is the Good Shepherd

July 30 Wk 3

He is the Bread of Life



SUMMER CALENDAR

- June 25** BBQ at Lisa's! 6:30-9pm
- July 2** **Despicable Me!** 2-5pm | PacComs | \$20
- July 9-14** **Houseboat Trip! On The Delta**
Jul 9-14 \$300 | \$100 due June 11
- July 16** **Game Night!** 7:30-10:00pm | CPC
- July 23** **Mall Scavenger Hunt!**
7-9pm | Newpark Mall
- July 30** **Night Games!** | CPC | 7:30-10pm
- Aug 2** **Beach Boardwalk!** 11am-11pm | \$25 |
- Aug 11-12** **ALL-NIGHTER!** 8pm-8am | @CPC | \$20
- Aug 16** **BBQ at Lake Elizabeth** | 4-7pm
- Aug 21** **Hike to Lil Yo** | 9am-2pm | Meet@CPC
- Aug 27** **WATER FIGHT!** 4-6pm @CPC!

IMPACT SUNDAY NIGHTS | 6:30-8:30@CPC

GUYS GROUPS MEET WEEKLY MON THU

* CONTACT SETH FOR DETAILS 209-201-7877

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<http://cpcfremont.org/connect/youth-6-12th-grades>

Follow us on Instagram @cpcyouth

Like our FB page @CPC Youth & Parents

Yang Scholarship 2017

The recipients of the Yang Scholarship are Zoe Hsiao and Dylan Johnstone.

Congratulations!

Kindred Spirits Ladies Bible Study

The Kindred Spirits, Ladies Bible Study, will begin meeting again on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. in the Westminster Room.

New members are welcome and we ask that you call Nancy Grant at 510-797-1131, or Margaret Lezchuk at 510-657-1437, to let us know that you would like to join the group.

*Thank
You*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the loving care Bill and I received all through his journey with Parkinson's. You truly were the hands, feet and voice of Jesus as you tended to us in our spiritual and physical needs. Your prayers, friendship, visits, calls, emails, cards, food, and rides confirmed to us that we were not alone, but that God was with us each step of the way.

*With love and appreciation,
Margaret Lezchuk*

June Deacons Meeting

The deacons had a differing type of meeting in June! Pastor Randy Young led in singing (a fun time), shared his thoughts on listening (the focus for the year), and then gave instructions on how to make a ten foot banana split! With so many helping it only took a few minutes....and the results were quickly consumed as well as greatly enjoyed!





CPC Missionary Update: Dr. Catharine Coon—*Hope Alive!*

Afoyo matek!* Webale nyool!** Thank you very much!

Your generosity for 2016’s Christmas offering far surpassed even my most optimistic hopes. *Hope Alive!*’s computers were old (many were bought six to eight years ago), very slow, and – as computers can be – persnickety. Sometimes they’d work, sometimes they wouldn’t. Some were always slow, others were simply contrary. Staff never knew what certain computers might do. Not only our work was impacted; morale was a bit low sometimes as well. “We would sit and wait while the little wheel on the screen would spin and spin,” one staff member told me. Another said, “I used to hit the button for a report, then I would go heat water for tea. Even after the tea was prepared, the report still wouldn’t be ready.”

Your abundant giving changed that! So far we’ve purchased eight new computers: six laptops and two desktops. We were even able to buy higher quality computers than we’d originally anticipated. There are lots of smiles when staff members talk about the new computers. And now they are even able to laugh as they share stories of how bad the old computers were.



This has been such an encouragement for all of us. Work is being accomplished much faster and more effectively. Just as importantly, our staff feel cared for and appreciated. In fact, they are overwhelmed that people who have never met them recognized the need and gave so generously. “Please tell everyone thank you!” “Tell them we love them so much!” “Tell them we are very, very happy!” One more computer (a high-quality laptop for our Communications Manager) and at least two printers are on order, as are two smart phones for staff who need to be able to send photos and up-to-date reports from remote locations.



I want to join my thanks to those of *Hope Alive!*’s staff – and add additional thanks, as well. On June 10th, after five long years, I was officially awarded a Doctor of Ministry degree (DMin) with an emphasis in Transforming Leadership. Centerville Presbyterian Church supported me during this time, contributing significantly to the costs of the program. I appreciate this so much. On the first Sunday in May, as communion was being served at CPC and I watched so many people walk forward to be served, I thought of how CPC pastors, staff, members, and attendees have poured into my life over the past five decades, and how so much of who I am today is due to CPCers impacting me lovingly, patiently, challengingly, and encouragingly in so many ways: teaching and guiding me, praying for me, giving me opportunities, supporting me in ministry, partnering with me.... I could go on and on. My life has been changed through CPC, and I am deeply grateful. Thank you. (The cake was part of a surprise party thrown for me by *Hope Alive!*.)



Your home-grown missionary,

Catharine Coon

* “Thank you” in Luo, the language of our site in Gulu

** “Thank you” in Luganda, the language of our sites in Kampala and Masaka



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AUGUST 10, 2017 is the deadline for submitting articles for the
SEPTEMBER 2017 “BELL” Newsletter.
Please submit to Val Cooley, Ministry Assistant — vcooley@cpcfremont.org.
All articles submitted are subject to approval, editing, and space available.

July 3	Office & Campus are OPEN
July 4	Independence Day Holiday OFFICE & CAMPUS CLOSED
Sept 4	Labor Day Holiday OFFICE & CAMPUS CLOSED
Youth Summer Sched.	There are many things happening with the Youth during the Summer. Please be sure to check out their Summer schedule on page 5 .
PLEASE NOTE:	<i>We will not be having 2nd Sunday Eats during July and August.</i>

Join us for Worship
9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Service
Led by Thomas Bañuelos
with the Worship Team and Band

11:00 a.m.
Traditional Service
Led by Darryl Guzman
with the Centerian Choir and
CenterPeace Orchestra

Office Hours: M-TH | 8:00am—4:00 pm
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