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OCTOBER 2018

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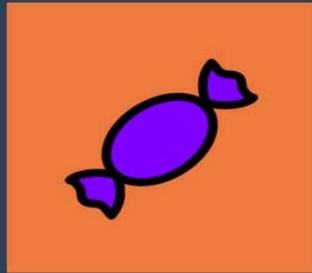
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Centerville Presbyterian Church Presents

**TRUNK OR
TREAT!**

OCTOBER 27, 2018 | 5-7 PM

4360 CENTRAL AVE

FREE ADMISSION



FREE AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Bring your family to Centerville Presbyterian Church and enjoy a safe, fun, Halloween-alternative to trick-or-treating door to door. Kids can come dressed up in their favorite costumes and go from car trunk to car trunk in our parking lot - collecting lots of free candy and playing games (Adults can wear costumes too!). Plus, there will be a bounce house, refreshments, and more. Please register at our church website— www.cpcfremont.org/events

A Word from Pastor Greg

It is all about our comfort zone. When we love a great restaurant, it is disconcerting when they change up the menu, and eliminate the comfort food we so enjoyed.

Churches can become comfort zones too. We know what style of music to expect, and what style of preaching we will get. We know the strengths and weaknesses of our pastors, and it can be upsetting to know that the things we have known will certainly change.

I can't tell you how nervous I was about the announcement we made on September 9th, but the response of the congregation has been exceptional. We felt so loved by the church these past years, and so I knew this would be painful for all of us.

I have seen the classic stages of grief work at play in our hearts, and in the hearts of the congregation. I would like to review them in the light of the news of our departure.

1. Denial.— This is a defense mechanism that buffers the immediate shock of the loss, numbing us to our emotions. For most people experiencing grief, this stage is a temporary response that carries us through the first wave of pain. A few people have said, "No its not true, they are not leaving!"
2. Anger— As pain re-emerge, anger is a protection of vulnerable core. I had one person who said, "I am angry. You were going to do my funeral!" I responded that we were not moving for nine months, so I would be glad to schedule their funeral during that time. They smiled.
3. Bargaining— The normal reaction to feelings of helplessness and vulnerability is often a need to regain control through a series of "If only" statements, such as, "If only we were nicer toward them, they would have stayed." One person said, "I haven't had you over for the meal I promised four years ago...."

Let me assure you there is nothing that could have changed our moving. It is centered upon our call from God to a new ministry.

4. Depression — This is a reaction to practical implications relating to the loss. We worry about who will come and lead us as Shepherd of the flock and who will lead us and feed us spiritually. We begin to believe that things will never be better. Our church has been blessed with two long term pastorates (Bruce Giles 22 years, and ours at 24 years), and there is no reason to fear a transition to a new pastor.
5. Acceptance — This phase is marked by withdrawal and calm and provides the opportunity for us to make our peace. One of the most accepting and inspiring responses was "The Roth's are leading by example, in that they could have just relaxed for a couple years on cruise control until they retired. But they are showing us they are stepping out of their comfort zone to do new ministry."

In closing, let me say that we each process our grief and loss differently and take these steps in different order. God gives us permission to have feelings, but not stay there forever, and to learn to relinquish them to Him along with our comfort zones.



Pastor Greg

Session Notes—September 2018

Submitted by Mark Fowler, Ruling Elder

The September Session meeting opened in prayer and a devotional led by Pastor Greg regarding the Westminster Book of Confessions teaching regarding justification. Justification is one link in the chain of God's work in and for us.

After approving the consent agenda, Pastor Dennis reported on youth ministries and The Foundry. It is an exciting time for youth ministries, with IMPACT Youth Group having held its first meeting of the year, and the first meeting of junior high Club-J approaching. One focus of Dennis is to work with youth to discover a Christ-centered community. Dennis is also working on transitioning into the leadership of the Foundry ministry. We ask that all of you keep the youth and Foundry ministries in your prayers!

Tammy Sawyer next reported on some very nifty improvements that are being made to our facilities. These include the resealing of our gym floor, work on the roof of the sanctuary, Sprint placing coverings on its cell towers on our roof and some work on our kitchen facilities required by the Union Sanitary District. I am constantly thankful for the stewardship of Tammy and the rest of the church staff over our facilities.

Pastor Marsha reported on Christy's behalf regarding the children's ministry. Our revamped approached to the Sunday children's ministry – in which children begin with their own Sunday worship rather than starting in the sanctuary – already has kicked off. The initial sign-ups for Children's Choir has attracted the children of a number of families who have not previously attended our church. Marsha also reported of strong sign-ups for her next session of her Soul Keeping group. God is at work in all of these ministries!

Pastor Greg provided an update on CPC's Pioneer building project. All is going well, but the beginning of construction has been pushed back a month to November. While we for sure all need the rain, we are hoping that there is not too much this Fall as that could delay construction.

Session devoted a substantial amount of the meeting to discuss next steps in the Roths' transition to their

Christmas is Coming!

Save one of these dates
for the
Centerville Christmas Tradition
Christmas Concerts

The Thrill of HOPE!

December 6, 7:30 pm

December 7, 7:30 pm

December 8, 7:00 pm

December 9, 7:00 pm

ALL TICKETS \$20

RESERVED SEATING

Passed on to Heaven...



Sterling Getty

Sept. 3, 2018

Phillip Norris

Sept. 11, 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)*

next ministry and the process of identifying and hiring a new senior pastor. In addition to discussing the plan for the September 9th announcement of the Roth's transition, Session further discussed the formation of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and those who might be led to serve on that Committee. The PNC will have nine members comprising a combination of a few Session members and other members of the congregation. Session will reach out to potential church members for the PNC. The slate of the nine candidates will be presented to the congregation for consideration and a vote at the upcoming October 7 annual congregational meeting. God is at work, and we are all excited to see what he has planned for CPC in the coming years and what role God will allow us to play in that work. Praise God!



Join us for Sunday School at 9 AM and 11 AM!

For more information, please contact Christy at cleeyim@cpcremont.org.

Centerville Kids' Ministry exists to disciple kids to love Jesus and His people, through equipping kids with God's Word and forging life-giving relationships in the church body.

Volunteers Needed (STILL) !

Are you interested in serving Christ through discipling and loving his children? We are currently recruiting Sunday School teachers for the 2018-19 school year! No experience necessary - just a willing heart!

We particularly need volunteers for the 11 AM worship. Please contact Christy at cleeyim@cpcremont.com if you are available and willing to help!



Trunk or Treat!

I "mustache" you a question - are you able to help with Trunk or Treat this year? We are now taking volunteers to help out with Trunk or Treat in the following areas:

- Decorating/Hosting Trunks (with games if possible)
- Leading games
- Helping with refreshments
- Handling Safety
- Leading Registration

If you can't be there, we will gladly accept candy donations (no nuts!) if possible.

Please contact Christy if you are able to help, and/or sign up with her on Sunday after service to get plugged in!

Parent Meeting

Parent meeting of all Sunday School students will take place on September 23, directly following 1st service at 10:15 AM in the Westminster Room. Please come on time for a short meeting about the ministry, and to receive a gift for your child!

Join Children's Choir!

Do you know a child who loves to sing? Join Centerville Kids' Children's Choir! We are currently enrolling K-8th grade students; no experience necessary. It's not too late to join! We meet on Thursdays from 6-7 PM in the Westminster Room at CPC.

Contact Miss Molly for more information and registration at mollyanderson1096@gmail.com

CPC YOUTH! WE LOVE GOD & WE LOVE YOU!

SEEK TRUTH | EMBODY LOVE | LIVE TO INSPIRE

IMPACT SCHEDULE

6th-12th graders
6:30-8:30pm at CPC
In the gym

Oct. 7 - What is the Bible?

Oct. 14 - Is the Old Testament
about Christ?

Oct. 21 - Understanding the
New Testament

Oct. 28 - Tournament Night!

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH SCHEDULE

6th-12th graders
9:30am-10:30am at in C205

Oct. 7 - No Bible Study | Joint
Service

Oct. 14 - Gospel Project:
Genesis: The Creator Destroys
and Redeems

Oct. 21 - Gospel Project:
Genesis: The Creator Slows the
Spread of Evil

Oct. 28 - Gospel Project:
Genesis: God's Covenant with
Abraham

Nov. 4 - Gospel Project:
Genesis: The Testing of
Abraham

Nov. 11 - Gospel Project:
Genesis: God Reaffirms the
Covenant

Nov. 18 - Gospel Project:
Genesis: God's Dysfunctional
Covenant Family

Nov. 25 - Gospel Project:
Genesis: The God Who Gives
New Names



We've had a memorable summer, but we're excited to make more memories this upcoming school year! We're excited to learn what it means to be a Christ-centered community, learning how to read the Bible with a Christ-centered lens, and what it means to be missional in our Fremont community. We're extremely excited to grow together in this new school year and excited to see what God has in store for us as a ministry!

The Guy's Group meets weekly on Thursday nights in our youth room from 4:30-6:30PM! We are still diligently looking for a Girl's Group leader, so please keep us in prayer in finding someone who can disciple and love our Impact girls.

We have some exciting news! First and foremost, David Yim has joined staff as our Junior High Director! David will be leading our Junior High students in Bible studies, small groups, and activities! He has been serving as a youth pastor for the past three years, and we're excited to have him on our team! Lastly, since we have David as our Junior High Director, we will be bringing back Club J in January! So please stay tune for more updates on that!

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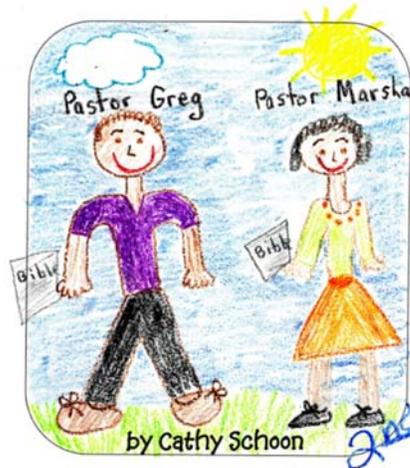
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CPC Fremont Youth &
College Ministries



Our September "Back To School" Sunday Eats FUN!

COLORING CONTEST WINNERS



Miss Anthrope
(Lauri Howard)
says, "you have been very
naughty boys!!"





CPC Missions: Hope Alive!

Catherine Coon

Greetings from Uganda!

While the school year is still in its early weeks for most of you, we are in the final term of Uganda's school year (at least for elementary and high school students). School fees have been paid (for close to 400 students!), students collected their school supplies, and those in the final year of their current levels are counting the days until their major exams begin (days or weeks of them, depending on the level). There was a brief school break before this final term began, and for Hope Alive!, school breaks mean Fun Day! – a day dedicated specifically to lots of games and platefuls of great food! Fun Days are a highlight for our students, mentors, and staff alike.



Universities and technical, vocational, and business schools are on very different schedules from elementary and high schools – and from one another. This means that we have celebrations almost all year round, with students graduating and moving on to higher levels. We've had several of these recently and have university graduations coming up in November and January. This past July, our alumna, Pauline (you may remember when she visited CPC a few years ago), graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Arizona State University. She has won another scholarship to continue on at the Master's level. We are deeply thankful for the opportunities God's provides, for the faithfulness of his people in partnering with us, and for the majority of our students who take great advantage of the doors God opens for them.



While we have much to celebrate, we also experience some hard things. One of our Kampala mentors, Jonathan, who had been with us almost ten years and was deeply loved, was found dead in his home in August, apparently killed by robbers. That was hard on all of us. Then a former Gulu mentor, Brenda, was killed by her husband early in September. He then hung himself. Such hard things. Please pray for our Kampala and Gulu sites and for the families affected. Lastly, without going to detail, I'd appreciate prayer for God's light to shine in dark places and for wisdom, discernment, a strong sense of God's leading, and strength, as we deal with a difficult situation.

Thank you for your faithful and generous support of me and of Hope Alive!. I am deeply grateful.



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OCTOBER 10, 2018, is the deadline for submitting articles for the
NOVEMBER 2018 “BELL” Newsletter.
Please submit to Val Cooley, Ministry Assistant — vcooley@cpcfremont.org.
All articles submitted are subject to approval, editing, and space available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars...

Oct 7	Annual Congregational Mtg following 11am service
Oct 11-13	EPC Presbytery Mtg @ CPC
Oct 14	Sunday Eats – following 11am service - Centre-Gym
Oct 27	Trunk or Treat—FREE See page 1 for details
Nov 3	Tea & Treasures Boutique & Tea Room
Nov 4	Daylight Savings Time ENDS (turn clocks BACK one hour)
Nov 12	Veteran’s Day Holiday – Office / Campus CLOSED
Nov 22, 23	Thanksgiving Holidays – Office / 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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