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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating 163 Years of Ministry

June 2018

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They're Coming!!!!



Our Youth & Children's Directors Dennis and Christy!

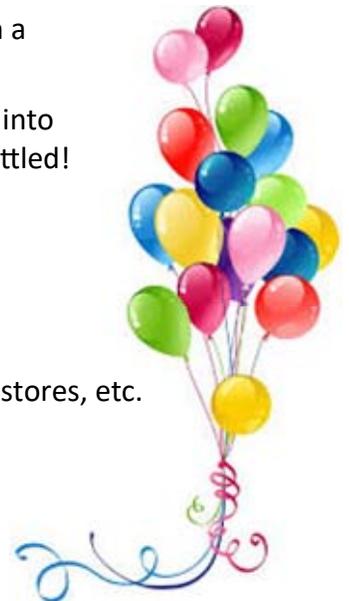
At our June 24 Sunday Eats we'll welcome them with a
"housewarming shower".

They'll be coming from the East Coast and will move into
an apartment at Artist's Walk. Let's help them get settled!

Please bring items such as.....

- Cleaning supplies
- Dish detergent
- Non perishable food
- Gift cards—Target, Walmart, restaurants, grocery stores, etc.

Let's give them a warm welcome!



A Word from Pastor Greg

Reconciliation

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 reconciliation. The need for reconciliation assumes you can identify the division that has taken place or a barrier which prevents you from knowing or relating to someone.

Sometimes there are political realities that divide people. Think of the former East German borders that divided the German peoples. Sometimes there are borders which separate different ethnic groups from each other.

Sometimes there are emotional barriers which prevent us from being fully known, or from fully knowing our brother or sister. Think about a member of your extended family that has walled themselves off emotionally from everyone.

It has been aptly said that once we find peace with God, we can finally discover peace with others. Colossians 1:19-22 portrays this movement,

"For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation."

There is a responsibility once this reconciliation has taken place. We become conscripted into our Lord's agenda of reconciliation. We become ambassadors of this peace movement.

As 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 adds,

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."

I have seen this reality in the re-unification of families who come to church. It is as if Christ is in the business of reweaving the torn fabric of family relationships. I have seen this in the quarrels of neighbors who find Christ and then discover a Christ-like spirit of peace between them. I have also seen this in the developing world, where as communities embrace the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, they find the courage to break down the walls that have separated them one from another.

A friend of mine admonished me years ago, "Greg, always have a bent toward reconciliation, not toward cutoffs." Wise advice on many levels.

Let our lives model this passion for reconciliation, because we ourselves have been reconciled.



2018 High School Grads!



Kelly Hsu

High School: Mission San Jose
Plans: California State University,
Sacramento



Sara Mameesh

High School: Washington
Plans: Saint Mary's College
of California to study
English with Music Minor



Kaitlyn Weins

High School: Fremont
Christian
Plans: Gonzaga University
Major undeclared



College Grads!



Nancy Catania
UC Berkeley
BA Music



Gabriel Dutra
Gonzaga University
Environmental Studies



Amy McClellan
United States Naval Academy
BS Political Science
Will commission as USN Ensign and attend
Nuclear Power School in preparation for
Submarine Warfare service



Esther Tonea
San Francisco Conservatory of Music
Master of Music in Voice



By Linda Hall, Director of CCP

Summer blessings to you all!! As we press on towards the finish of this school year, the children will be working on their Father's Day cards and on making some fun "Ocean " related projects.

On Tuesday, June 12th and Wednesday, June 13th, we will enjoy our annual "End of the Year" parties with hot dogs, chips and ice cream instead of our normal snack time. Then on Thursday, June 14th, we will have our Graduation Ceremony in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am.

As I look towards these last few days with this year's children and their families, I have very mixed and bittersweet emotions. Some of you may already know, but for the rest of you who don't: Centerville Church Preschool will be permanently closing it's business as of June 14th, 2018. This decision has been made after a lot of consideration, prayers and the experience of a steady decline in enrollment over the last several years (which has made the program no longer financially sustainable).

I love this school and have spent the last 19 years of my career here. I want to thank the Ruling Elders of this church for their support all these years, in our prayerful hope that the enrollment would go back up,

considering all of the new housing around us! But, more importantly, I thank my Lord for the opportunities that He has given to me in being able to share His love with literally hundreds of children and their families! I pray that as one of God's workers, I have been able to "Plant many, many seeds of Hope, Peace, Faith and Love" into the hearts of the children and families I have served. And that the Holy Spirit will continue to grow those seeds into a strong belief in the salvation that only Jesus can give!! We sow the seed—God produces the harvest! As believers in Christ, it is our job to both witness and share God's love with others. So I encourage you all: "Don't just SPEND time with others, but INVEST your time towards the growth of His Kingdom".

A final thought and prayer...

Lord, thank You for each moment that You give to us. May we strive to always honor You with the gifts that You give us, by using our time here on Earth wisely for Your honor and glory.

In His Love,
Linda Hall



Notes of **THANKS**

Thank you, everyone, for consistently praying for Bert Kerney over the past many months. Thank you for the cards, communications, and words of encouragement. She was a very special lady and we will miss her.

Margaret Bellisomi



To our CPC family,

Our heartfelt thanks for your support for us and our daughter, Cynthia Yagi, throughout her illness and following her passing. You have shown your loving kindness with prayers, cards, flowers, visits, tribute gifts, handmade afghans, as well as other thoughtful gifts. A special thanks to the pastors who honored Cynthia at her memorial service. We feel very blessed to have our caring church family.

In His love, *Phyllis & Ned Rendell*



Flag Day Celebration

Thursday, June 14
11:30 am

Join CPC Women's Ministries for a "picnic" lunch and a fun interactive performance by Stagebridge.org. Stagebridge presents award-winning Creative Aging programs that offer opportunities for lifelong learning and participation in the performing arts. This theatre company is "for and of" older adults but all ages welcome to attend!

Donation: \$5.00

Sign up by June 10 at WM table on Sundays or contact Michi Yee michi2yee@yahoo.com



Lives Are Changed at The Foundry

My name is Jordan Swartzendruber, and I moved to Fremont in August and have been attending the Foundry since around October. I moved to Fremont from Arkansas by myself, coming from a network of very close friendships in college, to a city where I had minimal connections and no close friends. In many ways, the past few months have been a lonely season—I have struggled immensely to go from being surrounded by secure friendships to building everything back from the ground up. It has not been an easy step in life, but it has also been filled with God's provision and grace. Through the Foundry and other Christian friends I've met, God has continually reminded me that I'm not alone even when it feels like it. He has been faithful to me in every moment, not only with the spiritual reassurance of His presence, but through the physical, tangible presence of the body of Christ encouraging me and walking alongside me week after week. Even though technically I am alone here, because of Christ I have been given a spiritual family of brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles... all kinds of family in the faith to encourage me along the way. To back up a little bit, one of the main reasons I



came to Fremont was to join in the work of a Christian organization in the Bay Area that helps share about Jesus with people groups who might have limited access to the gospel. As you can imagine, this has been challenging work, and sometimes again it is an endeavor that can feel lonely and discouraging, when many people in this area may not be receptive to the gospel or open to the idea of outreach77—but again, the Body of Christ through the Foundry has been such an encouragement, building up my personal walk with Christ and stirring me up to not only build my own faith but to reach out and bring God's love to the community of Fremont. In my time here, I have known 3 people who have decided to be baptized and follow Christ, one family who has been brought closer to each other and are falling more in love with God than ever before, and have had the opportunity to help teach English to women who need to improve their skills to function better in Fremont life. All of these things and many more are evidence of the work of God in me, in Foundry, and in the community of Fremont, and I give Him thanks and glory for what He is doing and will continue to do!

The Power of God's Name by Dr Tony Evans is available in the church office for \$5. This summer reader will complement our Summer Sermon Series on *The Names of God*. This is not a study guide. It covers all the names that will be covered in the series.



**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL
IS THE PLACE TO BE!**

We've started our summer Sunday School and we're still in need of wonderful volunteers to help teach throughout the summer — Have fun with the kids all while telling them about Jesus! Please contact Miss Katelyn at 510-793-3575 or kbanuelos@cpcfremont.org.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!



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

To put on your calendar....	
June 3	“Names of God” sermon series begins
June 3	Youth Grad Dinner
June 14	Women’s Ministry “picnic” lunch
June 9, 16, 30	Saturday Fun Night
June 17	Father’s Day
June 24	Dennis & Christie Welcome & Sunday Eats
July 4	Church office 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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