

The Shepherd's Staff



Community Presbyterian Church Cathedral City, California

February 2012



Communion to Be Offered Twice a Month

At its December meeting, Session approved the serving of Communion by intinction the first and third Sundays of each month beginning in January. I know that many of you are excited about celebrating the Lord's Supper more frequently. However, some of you may have questions about this change. Perhaps you wondered:

- Why would our church want to serve Communion more than once a month?
- Are we Presbyterians allowed to offer more frequent Communion?
- Would the Lord's Supper become less "special" if we celebrated it more often?

Being human, we require frequent nourishment to live. As Christians, doesn't each of us also need an on-going continual source of spiritual nourishment and strength to live the life that Christ calls us to live? Yes, we require spiritual nourishment, which we gain through Bible study, Sunday worship, praying and taking Holy Communion. The Lord's Supper is seen as an on-going continual source of spiritual nourishment and strength. Participating in Holy Communion is a tangible experience for us and can renew our faith and commitment to follow Christ.

For us Presbyterians, the Lord's Supper is more than a memorial meal in which we remember what Jesus did for us. We believe Christ is present in the sacraments, present among us. In Communion, we Presbyterians celebrate a joyful feast in which we thank our Creator God, remember that God the Son, the risen Christ, took away our sins, and invoke God the Spirit to help us participate in God's mission to the world.

According to our denomination's Book of Worship, it is acceptable in the Presbyterian Church to have Communion more than once a month. "The Lord's Supper is to be observed on the Lord's Day, in the regular place of worship, and in a manner suitable to the particular occasion and local congregation. It is appropriate to celebrate the Lord's Supper as often as each Lord's Day." (That's every Sunday!) "It is to be celebrated regularly and frequently enough to be recognized as integral to the Service for the Lord's Day."

Think about that word "integral." It means "necessary to the completeness of the whole." The Lord's Supper is not something we tack on or make room for in the worship service. Holy Communion is an act of worship of the community gathered in Jesus' name and is to be recognized as necessary to the completeness of the Sunday worship service.

It is my prayer that each of you attending Community Presbyterian, Cathedral City, will celebrate this joyful feast with your Christian brothers and sisters, in the presence of Christ, as often as Holy Communion is offered. May you be blessed by the spiritual nourishment and strength that the Lord's Supper offers each of us.

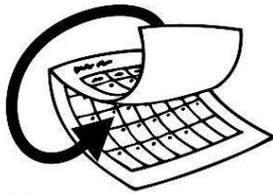
Pastor Lee

FEBRUARY 2012: SPECIAL DATES



Sunday, February 5
Tuesday, February 7
Wednesday, February 8
Thursday, February 9
Saturday, February 18
Wednesday, February 22
Sunday, February 26

First Sunday Potluck
9:00am Deacons Meeting
10:00am Women's Circle
9:00am Session Meeting
11:10am Story Time
5:00 pm Ash Wednesday * Lent Begins
Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall



*Save
the Dates*

Future Important Church Dates

Friday, March 16	Fish Dinner
Saturday, March 17	Story Time
Sunday, April 1	Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 8	Easter Sunday
Saturday, April 21	Story Time

Making Friends Across Boundaries Project Spring 2012

This is One-on-One Conversations. It matches members from Korean Presbyterian Church of Palm Springs with members from community Presbyterian Church in Cathedral City for language, culture and faith exchange. We would also like to include International Students at College of the Desert. These are expected through the project:

- ❖ Sharing language and culture with others
- ❖ Expanding one's own understanding of people and God through cross-cultural communication
- ❖ Offering friendship across boundaries such as language, culture and faith journey
- ❖ (For non-native English speakers) Improving English through informal conversation practice

Meeting as scheduled for one hour per one or two weeks mutually agreed upon on or off church location. Minimum commitment is four times, with the aim to continue for at least one semester (12 weeks). The topic and format of meetings is up to the participants. This project is designed to help two different cultures build spiritual friendship across boundaries.

Please contact the Helen Hyde at 760-324-6075 or Esther Shin at 760-636-6364.



February Birthdays

Reed Karr	Feb 4
Rebeka Franz	Feb 24

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord, make us mindful of your power and your glory as we pray for those in need.
Our Service Men & Women, Our Country & Our President
Pray for our Church at 12:00 noon daily

Death of a Loved One

Comfort and peace for the families of:
Roy, Rebeka's brother in law
Carol Gampert
Vera Syfert
Hans Berg, Noel's friend

Recovery

Barrett's daughter, Donna suffering with 'Black Mold'
Debbie's friend Jon stage 3 colon cancer
Peggy Bakke healing for a respiratory problem
Betty's great granddaughter, 3 month old Teegan – continued healing and guidance for doctors
Andy Anderson – home and using a walker
Louise – healing
Maxine – continued healing and comfort

Continuing Health Concerns

Larry's friend Vickey Powel – doctors wisdom
Noel's friend Ben – cancer – and his wife Angie
Diana Owens kidney transplant
Peggy's daughter Kim struggling with circulation in her legs
Patty – Joe diagnosed with Huntington's Disease
Carol Francis' brother John suffering with Crohn's disease
Noel White's cousin, Kathy Findley - battling leukemia
Gail Prosser
Patty Valdez
LaVida Warren

Community and World Concerns

Brown's foster girls hearing February 1st at 10am.
David Eason's daughter Paula, employment
MJ's children Evan & Lauren guidance and support
Pastor Noah and the Korean Church
Cathedral City police department
Our Marine's safety as he returns to active duty

Prayer concerns in addition to those expressed during Sunday's worship service may be submitted on the prayer request cards in the pews or by contacting the church office. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times.

Please Pray for the Mission Activities of the church as well

Neonatal unit blankets and baby items
Twenty-nine 29 Palms Marine Base Wounded Warrior
Well in the Desert
Scholarship for graduates of Cathedral City HS
VA & Stroke Centers
Clothes That Work
One Great Hour of Sharing
Alternative Christmas
School supplies for Sky Ridge Mobile Home Park Kids

Desert Summer Kids Feeding Program
Life Line subsidies
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
Migrant Farm Workers – bedrolls and food
Shelter from the Storm
Ronald McDonald House
Veterans hospital Loma Linda
Baby kits for Haiti
2 Cents-a-Meal

February 2012 Prayer Calendar

Please pray for each individual on the date listed

1) Ruth 2:1-16
Ruth, one of the hungry
Annette & Pat Patterson

2) Ruth 43:1-13; :13-22
Ruth, on of the blessed
Jay Peck

3) Isaiah 58:1-9a
The fast that God chooses
Maryls Peck

4) Psalms 112:1-9
Light shines in the darkness
Wayne & Mary Price

5) Matthew 5:13-20
5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Gail Prosser

6) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
God's wisdom revealed
Nancy Pryor

7) Romans 11:2-10
A remnant remains faithful
Bertha Rawlings

8) 2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Christ, the light
Rena Rodman

9) Proverbs 6:6-23
The law is a lamp
Bill & Kay Sachs

10) Deut 30:15-20
Choose Life
Esther Shin

11) Psalms 119:1-8
Happy are those who walk in the law
Larry & Cecile Shoot

12) Matthew 5:13-20
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Bob & Marge Stahl

13) 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
God gives the growth
Casey Stelziede

14) Exodus 20:1-21
The Ten Commandments
Dorothy Susdorf

15) James 2:1-13
The law, judgement, and mercy
Ervin Syfert

16) Proverbs 2:1-15
The way of wisdom
Patty Valdez

17) Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Acts of mercy and justice
Ray & Greta Venter

18) Psalms 119:33-40
Walking in the path of the law
LaVida Warren

19) Matthew 5:38-48
Transfiguration of the Lord
Noel White

20) 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Allegiance to Christ, not human
leaders
Eric Williams

21) Proverbs 25:11-22
Caring for the enemy
Lauren Williams

22) Hebrews 12:14-16
Pursue peace with everyone
Evelyn Woods

23) Proverbs 3:27-35
Regard for neighbors
Chad & Billie Ackerson

24) Isaiah 49:8-16a
God's motherly compassion
Beth Alfred

25) Psalms 131
A child upon its mother's breast
Martha Anderson

26) Matthew 6:34-24
1st Sunday in Lent
Neal & Jean Angus

27) 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Servants accountable to God
Peggy Bakke

28) Deut 32:1-14
God's care for the chosen people
Bob & Barbara Barrett

29) 1 Kings 17:1-16
God feeds the widow
Alma Boney



This number appears many times in Scripture, often indicating a time of trial or testing, or simply marking something significant. It rained 40 days and nights during the Great Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. Taking this symbolic number to heart, the Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays).



GOING GREEN!!!

In an effort to 'go green' and conserve resources we are trying to email the Shepherd's Staff to those that are interested. Please let Debbie know if you are interested in receiving this each month via email. We are also looking to update the church directory at the same time. If you could take a moment to fill out the bottom portion of this page and return it to the church office, or email the information to churchbar1@verizon.net we would appreciate it.

Nancy has also been emailing current prayer requests to the church email list as it is a quick and easy way to stay in touch with members.

Name(s):

Date(s) of Birth:

Wedding Anniversary:

Winter Address:

Summer Address:

Telephone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail:

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Who We Are



We are a church family who care for each other and all of God's people. We celebrate worship each Sunday, thanking and praising God for the wonderful gifts generously given to us. We then go out into the world to share God's love with all we meet. We are strengthened for service and outreach through small group outreach activities and weekly Bible study. All are welcome to join us as we seek to glorify and serve our risen Lord.