

The Shepherd's Staff

Community Presbyterian Church
Cathedral City, California



September 2012



It is always good to be home after vacation. No matter how much you enjoyed your vacation or how wonderful a time you had on vacation, there's something comforting about coming home, about being in familiar surroundings. That's how Linda and I felt when we returned to church after our Alaska vacation. It was wonderful to see everyone and to be back with our church family in familiar surroundings. And after being gone, I love catching up on the news from other church family members about what happened while on vacation.

And what good news you all shared! The Back to School Bash and school supply distribution was a smashing success! Many of you worked together to make the day a delight for the children. Thank you! What an exciting day seeing 65 children here at church playing and just enjoying themselves. There were 68 bags of school supplies distributed that day thanks to the women's group and your generous donations. You all touched so many lives that day by being loving Christians. From what many of you said, it certainly sounded like all of you had a blast doing it. It sounds like some of you had as much fun as the kids did! The pictures I've seen revealed a bunch of adults thoroughly enjoying themselves. If you have access to a computer, the pictures are posted on the church's Facebook page.

Yes, our church is like a family to most of us. We love to see each other at our weekly gatherings when we come together to worship God, to celebrate God's gift to us all – Jesus Christ. We love to catch up on the previous week's activities, to share our lives with each other. I see all of you at coffee time, in animated conversation, sharing as you enjoy coffee and a cookie. And what a joy that is to see! People who care for and love each other is what being a Christian is all about. That's what is so special about this church.

As our church continues to grow, more folks will be joining the family. That's exciting! However, we have to remember that even though we enjoy meeting and catching up with our friends on Sunday, we also need to welcome new people to our church family. We may need to tear ourselves away from our conversations with our old friends and take a moment to welcome new people to the church – to make new friends. Most of us have had the experience of sitting by ourselves in an unfamiliar location wishing someone would talk to us. Please don't let that happen at Community Presbyterian Church Cathedral City!

What a joy to be back with you all! I pray that you feel that way about coming to church each Sunday and that you share that feeling with the new folk who are coming to our church.

Pastor Lee

September 2012: SPECIAL DATES



Tuesday, Sept 4th
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 Wednesday, Sept 5th
 Thursday, Sept 6th
 Wednesday, Sept 12th
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 Saturday, Sept 15th
 Sunday, Sept 16th
 Saturday, September 22nd
 Sunday, Sept 30th

8:15-5:30 Lifeline
 10:30am Story Time Committee
 1:00pm Music Committee
 9:00am Session Meeting
 9:00am Deacons Meeting
 10:00am Women's Circle
 11:15am Story Time
 Pastor Esther preaching
 9:00am Session Retreat
 Bake Sale

God's Big Table

This summer in the desert was hot, sticky and long, but this summer in Community Presbyterian church was cool, fresh and different. The church was the place for our neighbors to come and watch movies escaping the summer heat, as well as the place for kids to enjoy the last summer heat before their going back to school.

This summer in Community Presbyterian church was full of God's Big Table that everybody was welcome to. With limited resources, the church prepared God's banquet for neighbors and their children just as Jesus made a feast for the multitude with a boy's small lunch of five loaves of bread and two fish. The church is small, but it is not too small for God's Big Table. It is not too small to make a difference.

This summer in the desert the people in Community Presbyterian church planted God's seeds and worked hard as God's farmers. The seeds that they planted will grow and prosper when the time comes. *"This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain - first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come. -- Mark 4:26-29"*

Thank you to each of you who helped to prepare God's Big Table during this hot summer.

Pastor Esther K. Shin



September Birthdays

Opal Eason	Sept 1
Hazel Jacobsen	Sept 1
Jennifer Rawlings	Sept 9
Evelyn Woods	Sept 27

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:
Doug Uhls

Recovery

Bertha's nieces Jean & Stacy – surgery
Karr's great nephew Edison – 18 month old – hole in his heart
LaVida – patience & healing
Pastor Dennis Howard – home and recovering well heart surgery
Jerry – recovery from a fall
Betty's great granddaughter, Teegan within 6 months - liver transplant
Helen recovering from hip surgery
Ed's friend Jay – kidney transplant
Ed's friend Les – spinal cord problems
Peggy's sister Trudy – knee replacement surgery
Ann Matheson light stroke and now pneumonia
Julee Collins
MJ's nephew Phillip – healing and comfort after a serious car accident
Joe, Patty's son – correct diagnosis
Dotty – surgery
Muriel – lung care
Jean Angus – relief from pain
Noel's friend Carol – upcoming hip replacement

Continuing Health Concerns

Kay Sachs
Father Isaac – cancer
Maryann McGilvery – suffering with bone cancer
Dr Carney – cancer – stopped all treatment
Tony – nerve problem causing migraines
Perry, Aaron, Tom, Sherry – cancer
Patty's friend Shemko – Trying to save his feet.
Larry's friend Vickey Powel – doctors wisdom
Noel's friend Ben – cancer – and his wife Angie
Patty Valdez

Community and World Concerns

Cathedral City Police and Fire Departments
Health and safety of all our members and families

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	Desert Summer Kids Feeding Program
Twenty-nine 29 Palms Marine Base Wounded Warrior	Life Line subsidies
Well in the Desert	Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
Scholarship for graduates of Cathedral City HS	Migrant Farm Workers – bedrolls and food
VA & Stroke Centers	Shelter from the Storm
Clothes That Work	Ronald McDonald House
One Great Hour of Sharing	Veterans hospital Loma Linda
Alternative Christmas	Baby kits for Haiti
School supplies for Sky Ridge Mobile Home Park Kids	2 Cents-a-Meal

September 2012 Prayer Calendar

Please pray for each individual on the date listed

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| <p>1) Exodus 12:1-14
The Passover
Betty Leehan</p> | <p>11) Psalm 114
Tremble, O earth
Wayne & Mary Price</p> | <p>21) Matthew 18:1-5
True greatness
Marge Stahl</p> |
| <p>2) Matthew 18:15-20
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Mel & Arno Liechti</p> | <p>12) Hebrews 11:23-29
The faith of Moses
Gail Prosser</p> | <p>22) Exodus 17:1-7
Water from the rock
Dorothy Susdorf</p> |
| <p>3) Romans 13:8-14
Live honorable as in the day
Matt & Ann Matheson</p> | <p>13) The Faith of Moses
Building each other up
Nancy Pryor</p> | <p>23) Matthew 21:23-32
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Ervin Syfert</p> |
| <p>4) Psalm 149
Sing praises in the congregation
Florence Maybee</p> | <p>14) Mark 11:20-25
Forgiveness for those who forgive
Bertha Rawlings</p> | <p>24) Philippians 2:1-13
Christ humbled to the point of death
Patty Valdez</p> |
| <p>5) 1 Peter 2:11-17
Live as servants of God
Fern Miller</p> | <p>15) Exodus 16:2-15
Manna in the wilderness
Bill & Jennifer Rawlings</p> | <p>25) Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Recounting God's power
Ray & Greta Venter</p> |
| <p>6) Romans 13:1-7
Obeying authority
Gerald & Joy Moss</p> | <p>16) Matthew 20:1-16
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Rena Rodman</p> | <p>26) Exodus 18:1-12
Moses reunited with family
LaVida Warren</p> |
| <p>7) Matthew 21:18-22
Jesus teaches about praying in faith
Pat Annette Patterson</p> | <p>17) Philippians 1:21-30
Standing firm in the gospel
Gail Prosser</p> | <p>27) Philippians 1:15-21
Christ is proclaimed
Noel White</p> |
| <p>8) Exodus 14:19-31
Israel delivered at the sea
Jay Peck</p> | <p>18) Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Remembering the wilderness
Bill & Kay Sachs</p> | <p>28) Matthew 9:2-8
Jesus' authority to forgive and heal
Eric Williams</p> |
| <p>9) Matthew 18:21-35
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Marlys Peck</p> | <p>19) Romans 16:1-16
Coworkers in Christ
Esther Shin</p> | <p>29) Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
The commandments at Sinai
Lauren Williams</p> |
| <p>10) Romans 14:1-12
When brothers and sisters judge each other
Peris Family</p> | <p>20) Psalm 119:97-104
God's word sweeter than honey
Larry & Cecile Shoot</p> | <p>30) Psalm 19
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Evelyn Woods</p> |

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH & SCHOOL SUPPLIES



The entire month of August the church collected school supplies as well as financial donations for the 5th annual school supply outreach to Sky Ridge Mobile Park. The children from our church, the Korean church as well as a few neighborhood children received supplies for a total of **68 bags being distributed**. Thank you to each of you who helped provide the supplies and activities for this big day. And thank you to all who helped make the day of the event such a big success. We were able to touch so many children because of each one of you.



‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

~Matthew 25:40



We're on Facebook!!



Church in the Cove is now on facebook. If you are on facebook please look us up and “LIKE” us. We have more pictures posted and will post updates and events there to stay connected and up with the times. <https://www.facebook.com/ChurchintheCove>

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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.

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

I would like to thank everyone for all your prayers and well wishes when I was recovering from my knee surgery and my bout with a MRSA infection.

Now that I'm back in action, a little status report on Church finances.

We had a budget for 2012 of around \$100,000 and year to date we have spent a little over \$81,000. With 4 months to go we will be over budget by the end of the year. That's the bad news but the good news is that we have been able to do lots of great things with and for Church and the Community. For the first time in a while we are beginning to live up to our name "COMMUNITY" PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Summer is waning and fall is on the way. We look forward to having our snowbird friends back with us for the season and to share with them all our accomplishments including now having a Christian Education Pastor, Dr. Esther Shin to help us to grow and be able to do more of the Lords work in our Valley.

Yours in Christ,
Bob Barrett, Elder, Treasurer.