

The Shepherd's Staff

Community Presbyterian Church
Cathedral City, California



June 2013



Jesus said in John 14: 27 – **“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”**; Are you sharing that peace with others? What does it mean to you to spread peace, God’s peace? We often think about peace as world peace, the absence of war, people laying down their weapons. But I’d like for you to think a bit more locally and specifically. How are you sharing God’s peace with your neighbors?

Neighbors are pretty important people to Jesus. In Luke 10: 27, Jesus said, **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”** Jesus wants us to love our neighbor. Loving our neighbor is right up there with loving God and loving ourselves. Sounds pretty important.

Paul continues this thought in Romans 13: 9-10 where he writes: **The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.** Paul considers loving our neighbors as important as keeping the Ten Commandments. Again, we are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. If you like yourself, you’ll love your neighbor!

How can you love your neighbor? What can you do in your neighborhood to spread peace? Jesus said that he sends us with God’s peace. In John 20:21 Jesus says, **“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”** So, we are sent off to share that peace. I’m suggesting we start by sharing that peace in your neighborhood for the next three months in one simple way.

Pray for your neighbors whether you know them or not. Pray for everyone on your block, both sides of the street, every house. If you live in an apartment, pray for those in your building and the next building. Pray for your neighbors especially if you don’t like them or get along with them! You don’t have to leave your home to pray for your neighbors. Simply take time each day to visualize the home (apartment or house) or the people living in that home and ask for God’s blessing on them, for God’s peace to be upon that home. Your neighbors don’t have to be Presbyterian or practice any religion. Simply pray for each neighbor specifically.

If you know your neighbors have problems, pray specifically for God to take care of those problems. Maybe someone in the house is ill or the breadwinner is out of work. Maybe there’s strife in the family caused by children in trouble with the law. Pray for those specific concerns.

You might want to keep a record of what you prayed for specifically and when you prayed. This is not necessary, but many people who do this are amazed to see how God has answered prayers.

Let me know how the prayers are going as the summer progresses. You just may find that your neighborhood is more peaceful – and that you are too.

Peace,

Pastor Lee

June 2013: SPECIAL DATES



Friday, June 7
Wednesday, June 12
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Thursday, June 13
Wednesday, June 19
Sunday, June 30

11:00 Kids' Cove Volunteer Meeting
9:00 am Deacons Meeting
10:30 am Women's Circle
9:00 Session
Kids' Cove sponsored Movie Night
Bake Sale

Kids' Cove

Kids' Cove is getting ready for summer and we would love to see more of the members getting involved in some way if you are able.

We will be having movie nights; June 19, July 17 and Aug 14th. We will need help with snacks and welcoming the families.

In July we will be having a mini VBS and we will need your support and volunteers for the event. VBS will be held July 15 & 16th ending with the movie night on July 17th.

We will once again be doing a school supply giveaway to be distributed on the August 14th movie night. Children will sign up by attending the June and July movie nights. The Rotary has graciously donated 50 backpacks for us this year. We will be sharing a list of needed supplies soon so watch your announcements.

Our final event for the summer will be the Back to School Water Bash. Many of you enjoyed helping out with this last year and we would love all your help again. Per the suggestion of Butch we will be getting 2 water slides instead of a bounce house.

The kids in our community have really started to open up and tell us how much they love coming to our church. And they have really claimed the garden as their own. Thank you to those who faithfully serve.



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:
Neal Angus

Recovery

Matt – diverticulitis
Priscilla Martinez (LaVida's daughter) – liver and other concerns
Patty's niece Jessica – complications from birth
Ruthie – surgery April 23
Scott – cancer, surgery
Ray
Darrel
Billy – knee replacement
Lisa – difficult pregnancy
Julee – recovery from surgery
Brenda recovering from dental procedure
Art Grice – recovering from a successful surgery
Trish – multiple health problems
Reed's brother Dale – surgery
Marti's sisters Candice
Marci – angioplasty
Anita – healing and help
Grace – recovering from surgery
LaVida & Debbie – patience & healing

Continuing Health Concerns

Rena Rodman
Francis and Paula – terminal cancer
Patty Valdez, Matt & Ann Matheson, Charleton, Alexis, Mary
Patty's friend Shemko – Trying to save his feet.
- Friends and Family suffering with cancer:
Phyllis, Father Isaac, Maryann, Aaron, Tom, Ben, Ray, Jon, Lynn, Stacy, Reggie, Barnie, Kathy,
Dale, Sammy, Neal, Cathy, Paula, Scott, Ruthie, Arvid, Kathy

Community and World Concerns

Noel's cousin Linda – Family problems
Cathedral City police and fire departments

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

June 2013 Prayer Calendar

Please pray for each individual on the date listed

1) Romans 6:12-23
No longer under law but under grace
Pat & Annette Patterson

2) Matthew 10:40-42
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Jay Peck

3) Genesis 22:15-18
God's blessing promised again
Marlys Peck

4) 1 John 4:1-6
Testing the spirits
Peris Family

5) Isaiah 51:1-3
Look to Abraham and Sarah
Steve & Louise Pesce

6) Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah
Wayne & Mary Price

7) Deut 31:1-3
Moses promises God's presence
Gail Prosser

8) Luke 24:44-53
Ascension of the Lord
Nancy Pryor

9) John 17:1-11
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Bertha Rawlings

10) Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
Sing to God
Rawlings Family

11) 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
God Sustains those who suffer
Sandy Rayner

12) 1 Peter 4:1-6
Live by the will of God
Rena Rodman

13) Numbers 16:41-50
The high priest Aaron makes atonement
Bill & Kay Sachs

14) John 3:31-36
The Son and the Father
Esther Shin

15) Acts 2:1-21
Filled with the Spirit
Larry & Cecile Shoot

16) John 20:19-23
4th Sunday after Pentecost
Marge Stahl

17) Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Renewing the face of the earth
Dorothy Susdorf

18) 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Varieties of gifts, the same Spirit
Ervin Syfert

19) Joel 2:18-29
The promised spirit of God
Patty Valdez

20) Romans 8:26-27
Praying in the Spirit
Ray & Greta Venter

21) Numbers 11:24-30
The Spirit rests on Israel's elders
LaVida Warren

22) Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Creation of the heavens and earth
Noel White

23) Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Evelyn Woods

24) Psalm 45:10-17
God has anointed you
Beth Alfred

25) Romans 7:15-25a
The struggle within the self
Martha Anderson

26) Romans 1:18-25
The guilt of humankind
Jean Angus

27) Romans 3:1-8
The faithfulness of God
Peggy Bakke

28) John 13:1-17
Jesus washed the disciples' feet
Bob & Barbara Barrett

29) Genesis 25:19-34
Esau sells his birthright to Jacob
Alma Boney

30) Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
6th Sunday after Pentecost
MJ Bradley

“Who Do People Say You Are?”

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16: 13-16

A few months ago, Carol Franz shared this story with Kids’ Cove Ministry Team. She went to her granddaughter’s school to pick up her up after school. While waiting for her granddaughter, a girl came to Carol and said, “I know you. You are Church Lady.” She said that she came to our Story Times and saw Carol at our church. To her, Carol was neither a stranger nor somebody’s grandmother. Carol was a special person, “Church Lady.” After this story, Debbie Brown told us another story. Once while shopping with her daughter Isabel, she saw Mary Karr. Isabel asked her mom, “Mom, why is she here? What is she doing here? She is ‘Church Lady.’” To Isabel, Mary is a person who welcomes her and teaches about God and God’s story at church.

What an amazing story it is! To little kids, Carol and Mary were reminders of church; they were a reminder of Jesus Christ; they were a reminder of God’s love. In his book, *The Living Reminder: Service and prayer in Memory of Jesus Christ*, Henri J.M. Nouwen discusses about minister as a reminder of Jesus Christ as healer, sustainer and guider. In Reformed tradition, all of us are called as ministers. We believe that God calls all of us as ministers in every aspect of our lives. We are called to remind people of God’s love, to remind of Jesus, and to remind of church as God’s family.

Jesus asked his disciples, “who do people say the Son of man is?” and he asked them, “Who do you say I am?” We may ask these questions to ourselves: Who do people say we are?; Who do we say we are?; When people see us do we remind them of Jesus?; Who do our neighbors say we, Community Presbyterian Church, are?; Are you willing to be a reminder of God and a reminder of God’s family? Then, we need to think seriously about what to do next . . .

Pastor Esther K. Shin

The Children’s Community Garden is growing and producing vegetables.



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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.