

The Shepherd's Staff

Community Presbyterian Church
Cathedral City, California



August 2012



As we continue to plan our Fall ministry and mission activities, perhaps a few ways to think about ministry and mission activities may be helpful. Take a moment to consider these ideas as you think about new ways to serve or as you reimagine older projects.

But first, it's important that we **evaluate our current mission projects** before we move on to new things. We may have engaged in a project for years, but does that mean we need to continue doing it? Is there something else that needs our focus? A project may have been someone's 'pet project' but that someone is no longer in the church. Is there passion for the project for those doing it now? Are our existing mission projects actually sharing God's love with others? In other words, how effective are our mission projects? What are the goals for our projects? Stopping to answer these questions can help us to evaluate our current projects and serve as a springboard to consider new projects or to reimagine ongoing efforts.

On to those ways to think about ministry and mission activities. One of the things we seem to do well is **interact with people**. So many churches simply give away money but not their time. Just as personal contact is necessary as we welcome guests to our church, personally interacting with people in mission work makes or breaks the activity. Not only does personal contact help us better understand the people we are serving, but it also helps us in our faith development. We gain a unique perspective on serving others that helps us share God's love more fully.

We are a smaller church with limited resources. To make our resources go further **partnering** with other organizations can increase the effectiveness of our outreach. Partnering also helps us to realize we are part of a larger picture. God is at work in many ways in our community and the world. A go-it-alone attitude insulates us from building and understanding the larger community that could work together to do God's work.

Passion was mentioned earlier. It's an ingredient that is often overlooked, but should never be overlooked. If we are just going through the motions, what type of attitude do we project to those people we interact with? Or do we want those we serve to see our excitement for helping and serving – for doing God's work?

Our church is to be congratulated on all the mission work we do. Just look at the list in the bulletin each Sunday. But we can't 'rest on our laurels,' as my mother used to say. We have to continue to evaluate and reimagine our roles as Christians in Cathedral City in 2012. What are the needs of the community today? How can we best take the love of God outside our congregations to those who may never come to our church?

Finally, don't let our smaller size concern you. Jesus only had five loaves and two fish and he fed five thousand people. It can be done!

Pastor Lee

August 2012: SPECIAL DATES



Wednesday, August 1
Sunday, August 5
Sunday, August 12
Thursday, August 9
Wednesday, August 15
Sunday, August 19
Sunday, August 19
Saturday, August 25

6-8:30pm Family Movie Night – Night at the Museum
First Sunday Potluck
Esther Shin preaching
9:00am Session Meeting
6-8:30pm Family Movie Night – Wall-E
Suzanne Swartz preaching
August Birthday Celebration
11-3pm Back to School Bash



August Birthdays

Larry Shoot	August 1
Kay Sachs	August 2
Nancy Pryor	August 12
Matt Matheson	August 16
Maryls Peck	August 17
Eric Williams	August 20
Joy Moss	August 23
Gerry Moss	August 26



As a church we invite and encourage children to experience the wonder and mystery of God through worship and Holy Communion. Every 5th Sunday we try to create a space for children and adults to be enriched spiritually as we worship with the children. By participating and leading in the worship service they learn how to worship God and they have a chance to learn from adults.



MATTHEW 19:14



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

Recovery

Kay – twisted ankle
Jerry – recovery from a fall
Betty's great granddaughter, Teegan within 6 months - liver transplant
Helen recovering from hip surgery
Bob Barrett
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
Bertha's son John – health problems
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

Doug Uhls
Maryann McGilvery – suffering with bone cancer
LaVida Warren – suffering from broken ribs after a recent fall
Dr Carney – cancer – stopped all treatment
Leon Wilder – inoperable liver cancer
Tony – nerve problem causing migraines
Perry, Aaron, Tom, Sherry – cancer
Patty's friend Shemko – Trying to save his feet.
Jerry – neuropathy
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
Pastor Noah and the Korean Church
Everyone touched by the recent fires
Health and safety of all our members and families
Al & Linda – tornado aftermath

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

August 2012 Prayer Calendar

Please pray for each individual on the date listed

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| <p>1) Romans 1:8-15
A harvest among the Gentiles
Eric Williams</p> | <p>12) Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28
11th Sunday after Pentecost
LJW & LaDell Brown</p> | <p>22) Exodus 1:1-7
Israel multiplied in Egypt
Butch & Eloise Haltman</p> |
| <p>2) Acts 2:37-47
The believers breaking bread
Lauren Williams</p> | <p>13) Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
God's mercy to all
David & Debbie Brown</p> | <p>23) Romans 11:33-36
The knowledge of God
Ed Harbur</p> |
| <p>3) Matthew 15:32-39
Jesus feeds 4,000
Evelyn Woods</p> | <p>14) Psalm 133
How good it is to live in unity
Julee Collins</p> | <p>24) Matthew 26:6-13
A woman anoints Jesus
Kelly Heldenbrand</p> |
| <p>4) Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Joseph sold by his brothers
Beth Alfred</p> | <p>15) Genesis 43:1-34
Benjamin joins Joseph's brothers
David & Opal Eason</p> | <p>25) Exodus 3:1-15
God calls Moses
Winnie Hockenbery</p> |
| <p>5) Matthew 14:22-23
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Martha Anderson</p> | <p>16) Genesis 44:1-34
Judah pleads for Benjamin
Carol Frances</p> | <p>26) Matthew 16:21-28
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Kirk & Nancy Horton</p> |
| <p>6) Romans 10:5-15
The word of faith
Neal & Jean Angus</p> | <p>17) Genesis 45:16-28
Pharaoh welcomes Jacob's family
Rebeca Franz</p> | <p>27) Romans 12:9-21
Live in harmony
Carol Hoskins</p> |
| <p>7) Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Remembering Joseph
Peggy Bakke</p> | <p>18) Exodus 1:8-2:10
Pharaoh's daughter take Moses in
Dick Gampert</p> | <p>28) Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Remembering Moses
Helen Hyde</p> |
| <p>8) Genesis 37:29-36
Jacob mourns Joseph's loss
Bob & Barbara Barrett</p> | <p>19) Matthew 16:13-20
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Kay Graham</p> | <p>29)
30) Exodus 4:10-31
Moses doubts but obeys God
Lee Ireland & Linda Hamilton</p> |
| <p>9) Romans 9:14-29
God's wrath, God's mercy
Alma Boney</p> | <p>20) Romans 12:1-8
One body, different gifts
Art & Karin Grice</p> | <p>31) Exodus 5:1-6:13
Moses confronts Pharaoh
Hazel Jacobsen</p> |
| <p>10) Genesis 40:1-23
The dreams of two prisoners
MJ Bradley</p> | <p>21) Psalm 124
We have escaped like a bird
Clint & Marti Haas</p> | <p>32) Exodus 7:14-25
First of ten plagues
Reed & Mary Karr</p> |
| <p>11) Genesis 45:1-15
Joseph reconciles with his brothers
Doug Bridges</p> | | |

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH & SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The past 4 years our church has provided school supplies to the children in the Sky Ridge Mobile Home Park. Each year we have done this following a Sunday worship service but this year the giveaway will be in combination with Esther's plan for a Back to School Bash on August 25th.

We have a total of 40-50 children from the Mobile Home Park and children from church that we will be providing supplies for.



Below is a list of the current school supply lists. Thanks to a donation we have backpacks for half the children already. If anyone would like to donate the other half please see Esther or Nancy.

#2 Pencils * Glue Sticks

White Glue * Pink Erasers

White Eraser * Washable Felt Markers

Pair Scissors * Pencil Case

Pocket Folders * Lined Paper

Lined Notebooks * Blue Pens

Red Pens * Ruler

Pencil Crayons * Pencil Sharpener

Highlighter Pens



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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.