

The Shepherd's Staff

Community Presbyterian Church
Cathedral City, California



July 2012



When the shepherds were visited by the angels who announced Jesus' birth, what were the first words the angels said to the shepherds? "Do not be afraid." When the women came to the tomb on resurrection morning, what did the angel say to them? "Do not be afraid." You might say that the story of Jesus' life has bookends - amazing news announced by "Do not be afraid." These are just two examples from the many in the Bible where heavenly visitors tell us earthly folks, "Do not be afraid."

Why do the people in these stories from the Bible need to be told not to be afraid? Perhaps you could consider your own experience. What has been your experience in your own life? Has fear ever blocked your ability to listen, to hear the message? When you are afraid, can you hear clearly what follows?

Fear can block our ability to listen, to hear the message. Just as fear can prevent us from hearing the message from an earthly being, fear can also keep us from hearing God speak to us.

How is fear minimized? Trust; It's easier for us to believe what we hear from someone we trust. Do you have a trust relationship with Jesus? Do you have faith that allows you to believe what God is telling you to do? Can you trust God/Jesus/Holy Spirit so that your fear is lessened? I say lessened because we are only human and most people are on a journey toward trusting God.

Psalm 27 starts out, **The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?** The angels delivered startling news and those who heard trusted. The Shepherds believed what the angels sang about and took action. They left their sheep and went to see the baby. The women trusted the angel and went to tell the disciples what the angel had said.

What is God telling you to do? "Do not be afraid." Have faith in Jesus and trust in the Lord and then take action. May God bless you as you act.

Psalm 37: 3-4

**Trust in the LORD, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
⁴Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Pastor Lee

JULY 2012: SPECIAL DATES



Sunday, July 1
Wednesday, July 11
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Thursday, July 12
Sunday, July 15

First Sunday Potluck
9:00am Deacons Meeting
10:00am Women's Circle
9:00am Session Meeting
July Birthday Celebration



July Birthdays

Jay Peck	July 13
Dick Gampert	July 16
Lauren Williams	July 19

SHELTER FROM THE STORM COLLECTION

We are in need of new women's and children's underwear for the Shelter from the Storm. Please give them to Rebeca Franz.

Our pantry shelves are always in need of non-perishable food items. Soup, dry beans, rice, canned vegetables are some of the items you can bring. Even one item will help.

The many cards received, prayers offered for me are so greatly appreciated. I miss you all and look forward to being back in worship and being an active part of the life of our church.

Helen Hyde

A guide for giving; I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc. is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little.

'If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures exclude them.'

—C.S. Lewis

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:
Bob Stahl

Recovery

Jerry Moss
Bob surgery – recovering from knee surgery
Ed's friend Jay – kidney transplant
Ed's friend Les – spinal cord problems
Peggy's sister Trudy – knee replacement surgery
Betty's great granddaughter, Teegan within 6 months - liver transplant
Ann Matheson light stroke and now pneumonia
Bertha's son John – health problems
Julee Collins – recovering from a fall
Helen recovering from hip surgery
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
Tammy – new liver

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
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.

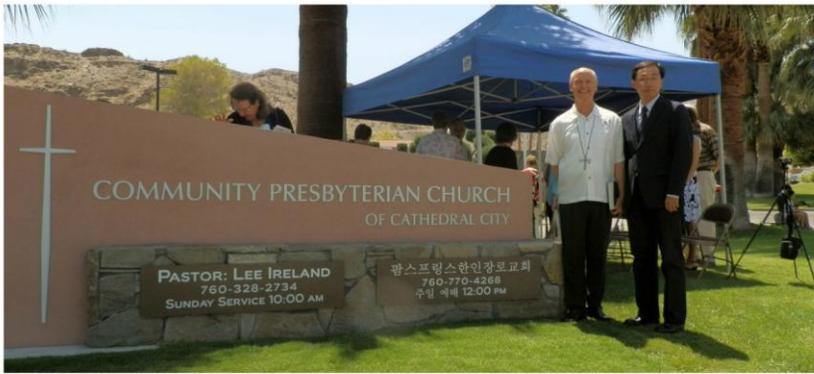
Please Pray for the Mission Activities of the church as well

Neonatal unit blankets and baby items	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

July 2012 Prayer Calendar

Please pray for each individual on the date listed

- 1) **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Carol Hoskins
- 2) Psalm 45:10-17
God has anointed you
Helen Hyde
- 3) Romans 7:15-25a
The struggle within the self
Lee Ireland & Linda Hamilton
- 4) Romans 1:18-25
The guilt of humankind
Hazel Jacobsen
- 5) Romans 3:1-8
The faithfulness of God
Reed & Mary Karr
- 6) John 13:1-17
Jesus washed the disciples' feet
Betty Leehan
- 7) Genesis 25:19-34
Esau sells his birthright to Jacob
Matt & Ann Matheson
- 8) **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**
6th Sunday after Pentecost
Florence Maybee
- 9) Psalm 119:105-112
Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Fern Miller
- 10) Romans 8:1-11
Living according to the Spirit
Gerald & Joy Moss
- 11) Micah 1:1-5
Judgment for Jacob's transgressions
Walt & Sharon Nelson
- 12) Ephesians 4:17-5:2
The old life and the new
Pat & Annette Patterson
- 13) Matthew 13:10-17
The purpose of parable
Jay Peck
- 14) Genesis 28:10-19a
Jacob's dream of the ladder
Marlys Peck
- 15) **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**
7th Sunday after Pentecost
Perris Family
- 16) Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
You have searched and know me
Wayne & Mary Price
- 17) Romans 8:12-25
The revealing of the children of God
Gail Prosser
- 18) Revelations 14:12-20
The harvest at the end of time
Nancy Pryor
- 19) Galatians 4:21-25
An allegory about those saved
Bertha Rawlings
- 20) Matthew 12:15-21
God's Chosen servant
Bill, Jennifer, Adam & Ryan Rawlings
- 21) Genesis 29:15-28
Leah and Rachel, Jacob's wives
Rena Rodman
- 22) **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**
8th Sunday after Pentecost
Bill & Kay Sachs
- 23) Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Give thanks to God
Esther Shin
- 24) Romans 8:26-39
Nothing can separate us from God's love
Larry & Cecile Shoot
- 25) Genesis 30:25-36
Jacob and Laban argue
Marge Stahl
- 26) Genesis 30:37-43
Jacob prospers at Laban's expense
Dorothy Susdorf
- 27) Genesis 46:2-47:12
Jacob settles in Goshen
Ervin Syfert
- 28) Genesis 32:22-31
Jacob receives God's blessing
Patty Valdez
- 29) **Matthew 14:13-21**
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Ray & Greta Venter
- 30) Psalm 17:1-7, 15
I shall see your face
LaVida Warren
- 31) Romans 9:1-5
The glory of God's people in Israel
Noel White



The sign dedication was a successful day. Many were there to celebrate with the church as we continue to grow and reach out to our community. Thanks to all who helped make this day possible and for the generous donations given to make this possible.

The ladies of the Women's Circle were able to give another \$1000 toward a scholarship for a graduating senior at Cathedral City High School this year. Brent Fries was the recipient of the Noel White Scholarship for pursuit of his study in music at University of California at Irvine. The support of our members and friends at our bake sales and Doug Bridges donations of planted succulents and cactus to sell enabled us to reach our goal. Thanks to all who made this possible.



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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.