



# View from the Cove

Community Presbyterian Church  
Cathedral City  
July & August 2015



## Important Dates:

### JULY

Office Hours 9:00-12:00

Tuesday – Thursday

17 - VBS Meeting

20-22 - VBS

26 - Youth Sunday

### AUGUST

Office Hours 9:00-12:00

Tuesday – Thursday

2 - Lunch

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Service 10 am

Tues Office Open 9-12:30

Wed Office Open 9-12:30

Wednesday Bible Study 3:30

Wednesday Choir 5:00pm

Thurs Office Open 9-12:30

Thurs Eng/Sp Class 6:00pm

Thurs Music Class 6:00pm

## New Garden Additions

If you haven't spent time in the Community Garden you should take a walk through after a Sunday service. The Garden team and the children continue to improve the garden not just with plants and vegetables but also other fun exciting things. Just a few pictures to show you a little of the fun that waits in the Community Garden for you.



## *Pastor Lee's Corner*



The May issue of *Presbyterians Today* reported some rather interesting information about those who belong to the Presbyterian Church.

- 93% of both members and pastors say they're very or pretty happy
- 73% of members and 77% of pastors are optimistic about the future
- 88% of members and pastors are satisfied with their life
- 93% of members and 99% of pastors say it's important to volunteer in the community and in the church
- 97% of members and 99% of pastors feel it's important to donate to the church

The happiness and optimism figure do not surprise me since other statistics reveal that Presbyterians are, generally speaking, well-educated and affluent. People with higher educational levels and higher incomes statistically are happier than those with less money and education.

The statistic about volunteering certainly rings true in our church. So many of you turn out when we have a special program at the church to volunteer. Many of you pursue volunteer efforts in the community. I love your commitment to serving others. That behavior certainly reflects our church's statement about who we are (noted on the website and repeated every Sunday morning): **We are a caring, loving community of Christ followers who strive to be Jesus' disciples living, loving and serving as Jesus did.**

Your generosity doesn't stop with volunteering. The statistic about donating rings true for our church. Though we are small, our members generously support the work of the church as we seek to spread God's love to others. Many of you are motivated to show your gratitude to God for all your blessings by sharing your resources of money, as well as your time. Thank you!

This survey missed something I'd like to know. How many Presbyterians are full of joy? Happiness depends on 'things' outside us. Many of us have the resources to be happy. Whether we have the resources or not, doesn't influence our joy. Joy comes from within each of us. Joy comes from volunteering and seeing a smile on someone's face. Joy comes from contributing money to send a child to camp who could otherwise have not afforded to go. Joy comes from our relationship with the Lord. Joy comes from the satisfaction of knowing you are honoring God and loving your neighbor.

I haven't taken a survey, but I'd say we're a joyful congregation. Even when there are problems in your lives, so many of you are still joyful. I see the joy on your faces on Sunday morning and I hear it in your voice as we talk, as you tell me your stories. What a delight to be surrounded by so many joyful and happy people!

Blessings,  
Pastor Lee



## Meet Some of our New Members

### *Kevin Bowers*

He was born and raised in San Bernardino, CA and currently owns a home in Beaumont and a home in Cathedral City. He has been doing ministry development and church planting for 23 years and is currently the founder of Side By Side Humanitarian, a food bank serving the San Gorgonio Pass. He is divorced with two adult children ages 32 & 35. His hobbies as a set builder will come in handy this summer during VBS and he was the set designer for Miss California for 4 seasons. He is also active in local theater and church music programs.



### *Alicia Gastelum*

I was born in Culiacan Sinaloa in Mexico. Right now I live in Cathedral City at Sky Ridge Mobile Park. We used to live in Palm desert before we moved to Cathedral City, and we lived there for about 4 years. We have lived in Cathedral City for about 9 to 10 years. I don't really have a career but I plan to continue my studies and study business administration. However I'm still not completely certain so the first 2 years in community college are mainly to help me choose what I really want to study. I have been helping the church since my freshman year in high school. It was Esther who first asked me if I could help and I agreed and ever since then I have stayed at the church. Everyone was and is amazing; they welcomed not only me but my younger sister. I am glad I was able to meet amazing people in the church. As for family I have my father, mother, younger brother, sister and in a way the church community as well. I love my family, sure we have our small debates but I still love them because they have always been there for me and they are a great influence in my life.



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### Jeffrey Kramer

Born a hodad\* in Redondo Beach, California; he has continued life slightly off center. Having made a wise choice in parents, the youth was able to balance left and right brain functions from a musical mother and a design engineer father. Following mother in piano he began to make melody as he entered elementary school and soon fell to a rougher crowd of jazz and boogie. By college, the wisdom and reason of the father prevailed and the young man realized that one would eat much better as an accountant and business executive. Pepperdine University was an excellent place for study as they had one of the nation's best MBA programs and a surf team.

In pursuit of better apartments and finer dining, he left Los Angeles for opportunities in Dallas, Silicon Valley, and Palm Springs. In middle-age, questions of purpose and the meaning of life began to arise, as they often do. He questioned the impact of adding to the wealth of corporate barons who had little concern for the employees and community. He left the luxury of the 75-hour work week for things simpler. Working in synagogues and homeless shelters provided a much more rewarding life. No longer fearing the SEC and FBI coming to explain that orange is the new black; he sleeps knowing that now his work allows families in the Coachella Valley to live free from fear and violence.

\*young non-surfing dude

### Prayer Calendar for July 2015

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Bob & Barbara Barrett       | 16. Karin Grice                  |
| 2. Brenda Blackburn            | 17. Marti Haas                   |
| 3. Alma Boney                  | 18. Eloise Haltman               |
| 4. Doug Bridges                | 19. Ed Harbur                    |
| 5. JW & LaDell Brown           | 20. Winny Hockenbery             |
| 6. Debbie Brown and family     | 21. Laurie Holk                  |
| 7. Stan Bryde & Jeff Hoang     | 22. Kirk & Nancy Horton          |
| 8. Julee Collins               | 23. Carol Hoskins                |
| 9. David & Opal Eason          | 24. Helen Hyde                   |
| 10. Carol Francis              | 25. Lee Ireland & Linda Hamilton |
| 11. Victor Franco and family   | 26. Reed & Mary Karr             |
| 12. Rebeca Franz               | 27. Jeffrey Kramer               |
| 13. Dick Gampert               | 28. Betty Leehan                 |
| 14. Alicia Gastelum and family | 29. Arno Liechti & Mel Webster   |
| 15. Murray Gibbard             | 30. Sandy Manoukian              |
|                                | 31. Dell Morgan                  |



#### Birthdays:

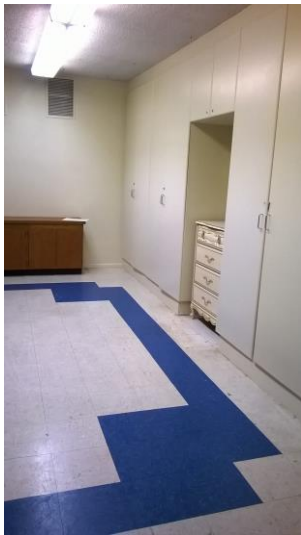
##### JULY

- 3 - Laurie Holk
- 10 - Dick Gampert
- 19 - Lauren Williams
- 20 - Ed Harbur
- 24 - Maria Gastelum
- 29 - Mia Bass

##### AUGUST

- 1 - Larry Shoot
- 2 - Kay Sachs
- 4 - Andrew Park
- 12 - Nancy Pryor
- 20 - Eric Williams
- 23 - Joy Moss
- 26 - Jerry Moss
- 26 - Charlton Quinn

## *What's Happening at CPCCC*



- By now most all of you have seen the new sanctuary doors. They are mostly glass which allows light in to brighten the entry hallway. The glass makes it much safer as people going in and out can now see who is on the other side.
- We have slowly been upgrading the women's restroom. A new toilet has been installed and one toilet will be taken out. Once this toilet is taken out the dividers between the new and old toilets will be taken down to create a larger stall to accommodate walkers and wheelchairs. The women's restroom will end up with two toilets.
- The kitchen has been cleaned out, straightened up and thoroughly cleaned.
- The storage room next to the women's restroom has been cleared out and painted.
- The women's group has purchased a couple of lighter tables for the social hall to replace the heavy wood tables.
- The administrative assistant's office has been painted and a new desk was purchased. Debbie rearranged the office making it a better working space.
- Five new members have been received into the church. Check out the new member bios in this newsletter and be sure to welcome them to the church.
- Jeff Hoang was baptized. We don't have too many baptisms in our church so it was a pleasure to see the Spirit at work bringing Jeff to seek baptism and membership in this church.
- Esther and Noah with their son, Andrew, have been on a mission trip to Africa for the past four weeks teaching and preaching.
- As you'll not from other articles in the newsletter, Vacation Bible School will be held in July. Be sure and volunteer to help!
- The Children's Garden continues to grow. Be sure and stop by and check on the progress of the veggies and flowers planted. And, when produce from the garden is for sale on Sunday, be sure and purchase something to take home and enjoy.
- Due to the drought, we will not be holding the Water Fest this year. The youth leaders are considering several options but no decisions have been made yet.



Pastor Lee Ireland  
Pastor Esther Shin  
Director of Music, Noel E. White  
Church Musician, Charlton Quinn  
Clerk of Session, Helen Hyde  
Treasurer, Bob Barrett  
Admin Assistant, Debbie Brown

## *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.

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