



View from the Cove

**Community Presbyterian Church
Cathedral City
Nov & Dec 2014**



Important Dates:

NOVEMBER

Office Hours 9:00-12:00

- 7-9 - Youth Camp
- 17 - Planning Meeting
- 18 - Session
- 23 - Story Time
- 23 - Thanksgiving Potluck
- 30 - Bake Sale

DECEMBER

Office Hours 9:00-12:00

- 7 - Potluck
- 8 - Lifeline
- 21 - Story Time
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday Service 10 am
- Tues Office Open 9-12
- Wed Office Open 9-12
- Wednesday Bible Study 3:30
- Wednesday Choir 5:00pm
- Thurs Office Open 9-12

Mission Activity

- ❖ Neonatal unit blankets and baby items
- ❖ 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
- ❖ School supplies for Sky Ridge Mobile Home Park Kids
- ❖ Stroke Centers
- ❖ Shelter from the Storm
- ❖ Ronald McDonald House
- ❖ One Great Hour of Sharing
- ❖ Alternative Christmas
- ❖ 2 Cents-a-Meal
- ❖ Father's Heart Ranch
- ❖ Prayer Shawls
- ❖ Dresses for girls in Haiti

Outreach Opportunities

It is that time of year again where the church is given an opportunity to bless those in our church, community and other areas. Above is a list of the activities we donate to throughout the year. Below are the special areas you can be a part of during the months of November & December.

Please listen for announcements for other areas you can be of service as well.

November and December Outreach Opportunities

- ❖ Unwrapped gifts for Patty's kids. Newborn to age 16, boy and girl.
- ❖ Nonperishable items for farm workers and their families at Christmas time.
- ❖ Christmas Angels will once again be asked to pick a child from our Sunday School & Story Time to bless with a small Christmas gift.



Pastor Lee's Corner

There are so many exciting things going on at the church!

A group has been gathering to plan for next year and for the future of the church. Community Presbyterian Church has reached a crucial point in its history. Those who are attending the planning sessions feel that we're on our way up, but what we do in the next year will determine if we continue our upward trend or lose our momentum.

The group has read the book, *Autopsy of a Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive*, and used it in our discussions of the present 'state' of the church. The book covers all facets of church life and points out attitudes that could cause a church to die. Those attending the planning sessions are excited about our current ministries and are beginning to consider how we can focus our plans for next year.

Session recently made plans to repair the carpet in the church and possibly to paint the church interior walls – with the help of the youth and all of you!! Be prepared to volunteer for this project. Even if you can't paint or tape, you can get water and snacks for the workers.

This year's fish dinner was a resounding success with many new people attending. We're thankful to Butch and Eloise for the fish that enables us to put on this wonderful outreach activity to the community. And the Mexican Independence Dinner raised practically \$1000 to help off-set the cost of sending 7 kids to the Presbyterian Big Bear fall camp.

Our fall and winter story times have moved to Sunday. This allows the congregation to meet the kids who come to story time and for the kids to meet the congregation. Much of the education literature/research today tells us that intergenerational activities are valuable to both young and old for faith development. I hope that on story time Sundays you make a special effort to greet and talk with the kids attending.

The last item I'll mention ties in with story time. Our traditional Thanksgiving lunch on the Sunday before Thanksgiving will be on a story time Sunday. What a wonderful opportunity for the each of us to sit down with the children who attend story time and get to know them and share about yourself. Please be sure to bring your potluck dish and plan to attend church November 23rd. Welcome the kids and enjoy yourself as well!

During October and November I've been preaching on discipleship. I hope you've learned more about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. What is a disciple? A Christian disciple is a follower of Christ who accepts the teachings of Jesus and commits to spreading those teachings to others. I leave you with the question, how are you spreading Jesus' teachings?

For your December calendar: Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 5:30. Bring your family and friends to this all Christmas Carol service.

Pastor Lee



God's Backyard Update



Have you seen the Garden lately? It is Bright and Cheerful with Sunflowers, Plumeria, Star flowers and Morning Glories all in full bloom The Portulaca in the Giant Heart continues to shine in the afternoon sun with it's brightly colored flowers.

The God's Backyard sign, which was made by the children at the August Waterfest, was hoisted and looks great with the multi-colored watering cans, signed by the children and congregation alike, hanging beneath. The Happy Face planted last spring is starting to bloom with white Star Flowers and pink Salvia. A little here, and a little there, soon becomes a lot!



God's Backyard Update Continued

Fall Fun

At November Story Time we'll be planting brightly colored Tulip Bulbs for Spring time blooms.

It's time to schedule a fall cleanup day to pick weeds and pull dead plants out and finally to get the beds ready for spring planting and for families to volunteer to adopt a bed for their own plantings. ANY VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE SEE Peggy or Esther.

Submitted by Peggy Bakke,



God's Backyard Ministry team held our 2nd Trunk or Treat and it was a huge success. With over 100 people there it was a crazy busy fun time for everyone who was able to come.

Big thanks to all who helped make this event such a big success. From behind the scenes, donations and preparing a trunk you each played a part in providing a safe place for the children of our church and community to enjoy a night of fun and treats. Be thinking of how you will decorate your trunk next year we want to continue growing this fun event.

Prayer Calendar for September & October 2014

Birthdays:

NOVEMBER

- 11 - Karin Grice
- 24 - Rena Rodman

DECEMBER

- 2 - Peggy Bakke
- 4 - Linda Hamilton
- 6 - Dorothy Susdorf
- 10 - Doug Bridges
- 18 - Noel White

NOVEMBER 2014

1. Martha Anderson
2. Jean Angus
3. Peggy Bakke
4. Bob & Barbara Barrett
5. Brenda Blackburn
6. Alma Boney
7. Doug Bridges
8. JW & LaDell Brown
9. David, Debbie, Isabel & Gia Brown
10. Stan Bryde & Jeff Hoang
11. Lorenzo Casas
12. Julee Collins
13. David & Opal Eason
14. Carol Francis
15. Victor Franco & Norma Garcia, Alondra & Giovanni
16. Rebeca Franz
17. Dick Gampert
18. Marti Haas
19. Butch & Eloise Haltman
20. Ed Harbur
21. Winny Hockenbery
22. Laurie Holk
23. Kirk & Nancy Horton
24. Carol Hoskins
25. Helen Hyde
26. Lee Ireland & Linda Hamilton
27. Hazel Jacobsen
28. Reed & Mary Karr
29. Jeffrey Kramer
30. Betty Leehan

DECEMBER 2014

1. Arno Liechti & Mel Webster
2. Sandy Manoukian
3. Janet Miller
4. Dell Morgan
5. Jerry & Joy Moss
6. Pat & Annette Patterson
7. Jay Peck
8. Marlys Peck
9. Russell, Astrid & Aidan Peris
10. Steve & Louise Pesce
11. Jerry Pettis
12. Wayne & Mary Price
13. Nancy Pryor
14. Charlton Quinn & Kevin Bowers
15. Bill, Jennifer, Ryan & Adam Rawlings
16. Sandy Rayner
17. Rena Rodman
18. Bill & Kay Sachs
19. Esther Shin & Noah Park
20. Larry & Cecile Shoot
21. Marge Stahl
22. Dorothy Susdorf
23. Ervin Syfert
24. Manny, Tanya, Wyatt, Garret & Grace
25. Patty Valdez
26. Ray & Greta Venter
27. LaVida Warren
28. Noel White
29. Evelyn Woods
30. Beth Alfred
31. Martha Anderson

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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