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CHURCH BELL

January 2011

Who Am I? Who Are You?

At the dawn of a new year, people often take time to reflect on the past and look ahead to what the future holds. This year we are entering the second decade of a new millennium. We are becoming used to the idea that we are not longer living in the 20th century but are in the 21st century - a phrase that sounded so odd just a few years ago. Today we are trying to become familiar with smart phones, computers that resemble a notepad, cars that tells us where to turn, how to avoid traffic jams, and even notify someone in case of an accident. We are having to get used to all things new and different from just a few years ago.

However, the future would not be the future without the past. The past is our foundation, our support, and is the building blocks of the future. The new tablet computers and smart phones would not be here today if it were not for the clunky cell phones of 20 years ago and computers that took up whole floors in office buildings in the 1940's. The Model T, the Stutz Bearcat and the original Oldsmobile are the heritage upon which the modern car makers today build upon to make automobiles.

The same holds true for you and me. If I ask, "Who am I?" I must go back to my heritage. I mean much more than my paternal grandmother's parents coming here from Germany. Or that my mothers family were from Ireland, that my grandfather's grandmother was Nez Perce Native American. That is part of my heritage. But who I am is a direct result of those people I have encountered directly, personally. I would not be who I am if not for my parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, teachers, scout leaders, fellow scouts, and friends over the years. I owe so many for the person I am today that it humbles me to even try to list their names.

I remember Mr. Gazvoda, my shop teacher in high school. I was working on a picture frame, and it was not working out. So I just threw it in the garbage. Mr. Gazvoda took it out of the garbage and talked to me about not giving up, about working through the difficulties and overcoming them with help and support of others. My grandmother Polly walking four miles to and from work for a month during the Depression to save bus fare so she could buy something special for dinner as a treat for the family. My older brother, who I did not get along with at all, asking me to be his best man at his wedding. My uncle Al who taught me the wonders of the outdoors, camping and fly fishing. Mrs. Brown, a neighbor of our family, who always had time for me and listened and treated me as an equal when I was a child. I could go on and on, but I think you get the idea. I am who I am today, not because of me, but because of others who touched my life and made me who I am today. They are my heritage – a heritage I treasure and value more then they may ever know.

Of course, this list would be woefully inadequate without the one who touched my life in the most profound way – Jesus Christ. I can look back and see the hand of our Lord in my life from the time I was young, touching me through the lives of others, in their words, a touch, an embrace, a look. I would not be who I am without the love and grace of our Lord - His guidance, strength and support.

As the new year begins, take time to reflect on who you are, and whose you are. Think about who has contributed to make you the person you are today and take time give thanks as you begin a new year.

Peace,
Pastor Jon



Celebrating our Heritage



When we think of heritage, we think of history, ages past and events that make up the rich tapestry of who we are. Yet heritage is more than history. It is really bound up in people. It is individuals and groups of people who create, make and contribute to our heritage, make us who we are and who we can be. We are who we are not just because of what we have done, but also because of who our parents, grandparents and great grandparents were. They helped form who we are today – our culture, our values, our way of life and much more. How people lived 20, 30, 50 or a 100 years ago, what they did, what they accomplished, has contributed to who we are today.

Just as a person's heritage is comprised of his or her family and ancestors, it is the same for our Community Presbyterian Church. We are privileged to have a number of people approaching 100 years old in the next several years. These are

people who have helped make CPC what is today and are still contributing to our life and ministry.

We will celebrate this rich heritage at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 23, 2011. We will recognize and honor the contributions, history and life of these people who are our Living Heritage, not just for Community Presbyterian Church but for all people of faith and hope.

Be sure to join us for for this special time on January 23 beginning with worship at 10:00 AM (one service only!) and for the Annual Meeting and potluck that follows worship.



GENERAL OPERATING FUND REPORT through November 30, 2010

	<u>November</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$30,074.14	\$30,529.50	(\$ 455.36)	\$319,064.93
Expenditures	<u>\$32,518.72</u>	<u>\$29,853.60</u>	<u>\$2,665.12</u>	<u>\$320,519.60</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 2,444.58)	\$ 675.90	(\$2,209.76)	(\$ 1,454.67)



Ending Balances

Building Fund Balance	\$10,841.06
Pastor Relocation Fund	\$ 9,574.53
Deacon's General Fund	\$ 5,231.60
Memorial Fund	\$25,356.38
Roof Loan Balance	\$23,716.53



Annual Reports are due to Edie on or before January 14, 2011 so they can be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting on Sunday, January 23, 2011

They should be put in Edie's mailbox in the office or e-mailed to edie.parsons@sbcglobal.net.

If you would like to see or have a copy of your 2010 Annual report, contact Edie in the church office. (643-3222).

Live Streaming

We are now live streaming our worship services and other events in the life of the church over the internet. But just what is 'live streaming'?

Live streaming is the ability to watch an event such as a performance or worship service at the time it is happening from anywhere that you have an internet connection. This means you can watch the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday morning worship services at the exact time it is happening.

Here is how: go to our website www.cpcvallejo.org and click the "Live Streaming" button. Because we are using a free service to broadcast, there will be ads from time to time. They only last about 20 seconds and occur about every 20-25 minutes. We apologize in advance. We live streamed our Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 19, 2010 and are planning to live stream other special events as they occur. Please check it out. If you would like, Pastor Bill would appreciate your feedback

Annual Meeting - January 23

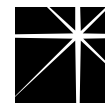
It's that time again! The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 23, 2011. There will be one worship service that morning at 10:00 AM with the annual meeting and congregational potluck dinner following worship.

The meeting will be held in the sanctuary before the meal. We are asking you, the congregation, to provide the meal according to the chart below. Session members will provide desserts and the Evangelism and Hospitality Committee will provide the table service, condiments, coffee, tea and juice.

Please bring the following dishes according to the first initial of your last name:

- **A-K** Salad or Side Dish
- **L-Z** Main Dish
- **Session** Dessert

Volunteers are needed to help clean up after the potluck. If you could lend a hand, it would be most appreciated! For questions or more information, contact the Donna Tice (552-7586), Norma Sharon (745-8093), or Mary Mills (745-6534). See you on Sunday, January 23, 2011!



2011 Per Capita Due!

January is Per Capita month. Each year General Assembly authorizes a per capita amount that is assessed based on the membership of each church throughout the United States. This year our per capita amount is \$28.93 per member. Per Capita Sunday is January 23, the date of our annual meeting and potluck. Your giving envelopes contain and envelope for per capita. Please consider giving your per capita on or before January 23, 2011.



Diane Alfeld & Margaret Pasholk

What is your New Year's Resolution? It is similar to last year's or the years before? Did you resolve to get into shape, lose weight, clear out junk, clean up your finances?

Did you resolve to follow God's plan for you?

Stephen Ministry is looking for a few volunteers to receive God's blessings while sharing God's love with individuals in need of spiritual support. Our Stephen Ministers commit to two years of ministry after their 50 hour training is complete. But most continue beyond their initial commitment because of the blessings they receive in providing this service and the feeling that they are of service to others.

Sarah Carty, a Stephen Minister at First United Methodist Church in Franklin, Tennessee, says she feels that she is the one blessed in her relationships with care receivers. "It's a huge honor for someone to share confidential things with you knowing that you're not going to judge them," she says. "And it's an honor to know that God is the one helping the care receiver and that I am just the hands and feet, the physical presence, of Christ to them."

For Kathy Sansom, another member of that same church, her experience as a care receiver has led her, at age 65, to train to become a Stephen Minister. "The difference between talking to a good friend and talking to a Stephen Minister is that a good friend still can be judgmental and have a tendency to want to fix things. But that's not really what you need during a difficult time," she says. "You don't need someone to tell you what to do because, in your heart, you know. You just need someone to listen. Maybe I can be a good listener now for someone else."

Please pray for our current Stephen Ministers and whether becoming a Stephen Minister is God's plan for you. We are planning to hold another training session sometime in 2011. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jon Read (643-3222), Diane Alfeld (648-3287) or Margaret Pasholk (557-2949).

Stewardship Campaign Report

The 2010 Stewardship Campaign for the 2011 year was a success. We received 109 pledges totaling \$303,423 That is a \$35,000 increase over last year! You are truly a blessing to CPC.

Address Change

Becky Bosuego
Oakwood Senior Home
1025 Oakwood Ave.
Vallejo, CA 94591

Ruth Shoaf
115 Thayer Way
American Canyon, CA 94503

Martha Circle

Earline Barfield

Martha Circle will next meet on Tuesday, January 18 at 1:00 PM in the Fireside Room. We are starting a new study: *Journeys Through Revelation – Apocalyptic Hope for Today.*

Read the Introduction and Lesson One. All interested ladies, please join us. For more information, call Earline Barfield (644-0381).

Mission Outreach Committee

Jane Graff

One of my favorite Bible verses comes from 2 Corinthians 9:7 - *“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let him give: not grudgingly or of necessity: For God loveth a cheerful giver.”* (KJV).

This verse comes to mind when I think of the 41 Steffan Manor Elementary School students in Vallejo who will receive the wonderful books that CPC members thoughtfully and lovingly purchased for them as part of the Christmas Giving Tree Mission. You are truly cheerful givers and God loves you for your willingness to give to these young children. Polly McCall did a marvelous job gathering the first names, reading levels and their reading interests, and then made ornaments containing this information for us to choose from on the Giving Tree. She organized the sign up sheet, collected the books and arranged for our high school students to wrap them. She made the delivery of 111 wrapped books to the school, complete with ribbons and bows. I am sure the children were delighted. Polly is truly a cheerful giver. And an energetic and faithful giver at that! I personally enjoyed shopping for the books and speculating what would make my book receiver happy.

The Mission Outreach Committee would like to thank Pastor Bill and the high school youth for doing such a great job wrapping the books and assisting with loading the books into Polly’s car. There were additional books contributed from the congregation of CPC, but since there were no more ornaments left on the Giving Tree, these wonderful books will be donated to Steffan Manor’s library.

During this Christmas Season you can be assured that your generosity will be favorable in God’s eyes and He will continue to bless you abundantly. As for me, I will, *“Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.”* Ephesians 1:16 (KJV). In His Grace.

Our 2011 Mission Vote Tallies



Jane Graff



Thank you to everyone who voted.
The final count is:

Military	114
Youth Programs	110
Seniors	101
Food	87
Children	65
Housing	52
Special Needs	36
Disaster	29
Health	25
Mission Work	22
Crisis Pregnancy	12
Environment (tie)	9

No votes for other ideas. One person would like a workshop on Disaster Preparedness.

If anyone would like to serve on the Mission Outreach Committee in 2011 and work on any of these mission goals/projects, please contact Polly McCall (642-6623) or Jane Graff (643-3462). If you have any ideas for a new mission project, let us know this as well. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. Any and all are welcome to participate on this committee. Thanks!



Church Office Closed!

Friday, December 31
New Year's Day

Monday, January 17
Martin L. King's Birthday

Youth Ministry



Middle School Youth Fellowship is open to all youth in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. What is youth fellowship, you ask? It is a wonderful group of youth having fun, playing crazy games, going on retreats and other great adventures, plus having fun bible studies which include different life issues important to Middle Schoolers. Friends are always welcome, so bring one or two if you want.

Middle School Youth Fellowship

meets regularly every Wednesday Night
from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Dinner is \$3.50 per person

Start back up on Wednesday, January 12



Hey, you Sr. Highers! You know who you are (9th through 12th grade). Are you looking for a place for a great time? Then check out Sr. High Youth Fellowship on Sunday nights. We go on great adventures like kayaking, mission trips, retreats, camping, to the movies, etc. Bring a friend or two and check out the fun.

Sr. High Youth Fellowship

meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday
of the month
from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Dinner is \$3.50 per person

Start back up on Sunday, January 9



Middle School Winter Retreat
January 28-30, 2011

Where: Soda Springs, CA

Cost: \$100 (snowplay is not included)

Registration Forms and Deposit (\$40)
is due Wednesday, January 19

Sr. High Winter Retreat
March 4-6, 2011

Where: Soda Springs, CA

Cost: \$100 (snowplay is not included)

Registration Forms and Deposit (\$40)
is due Sunday, February 20



Children's Ministry



Wednesday Nights 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Kindergartners through 5th graders have fun with Bible Study, Worship & Music, Recreation & Crafts and Dinner. For more information talk to Pastor Bill Lane (643-3222).

Session II

Starts Wednesday,
January 12

All Children (members, friends & family) are welcomed and encouraged to attend this midweek Christian Education Program. For more information talk to Pastor Bill Lane (632-3222).

Logos Themes

Session II

- January 12 Crazy Hair Night
- January 19 Friend's Night
- Bring a friend and/or a stuffed animal!
- January 26 Pirate Night
- February 2 Chinese New Year (Rabbit)
- February 9 Love & Peace
- February 16 Luau
- February 23 Mardi Gras

Global Faire Response

Sandra Collister

The 13th Annual Global Holiday Faire was again a huge success. Held on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at First Christian Church, Vallejo, this event was well attended. Many gift baskets and other gift items from around the world were sold. Local charities benefitting were DePaul Women's Center, Genesis House, Friends of Loma Vista Farm, Amador Street Hope Center, and Milestones of Development. National and International charities benefitting included Bead for Life, SERRV, Partners for Just Trade, Engineers Without Borders (UC Davis), Bridge for Africa, Mercy Corps and Heifer International. Special thanks to several

members of our CPC Chancel Choir who joined with singers from other church choirs to sing Christmas carols to entertain shoppers during the Faire. Sue Davis accompanied the singers on the piano which was a tremendous help! Also thanks to Dianne Craft who donated several festive pillows and a pretty throw blanket. And last, but not least, thanks to all the CPC members who shopped at the Faire.

On to the "bottom line"! The Faire made about \$9,000.00 which was terrific. Even though down from \$10,000 the previous year, \$9,000.00 is not small change and will be a tremendous help to those organizations the Faire supports.

SESSION REPORTS

*The following motions were approved at the
Called Session meeting of October 19, 2010*

- repair the organ with funds from the Christmas Concert Offering (line item 29550), request donations from the congregation and restore any amount received in excess back to the line item.
- to hold the Sunday 9:00 AM worship service in the sanctuary from October 24, 2010 - January 2, 2011

*The following motions were approved at the
Special Called Session meeting of October 24, 2010*

- that Ellen Standafer be accepted into membership of Community Presbyterian Church by Reaffirmation of Faith

*The following motions were approved at the
Called Session meeting of November 16, 2010*

- to accept with regret the resignation of Donna Nunes, elder class of 2011, from session, effective immediately
- to call a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 12, 2010 for the purpose of voting on the terms of call for pastors and election of church officers, if necessary. Meeting will open at the conclusion of the 9:00 AM service and close at the end of the 11:00 AM service. Vote will be conducted by ballot
- to close the church office on Monday, December 27, 2010, instead of Friday, December 24, 2010 for the Christmas holiday
- approve Pastor Bill Lane's request to attend the National Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators (APCE) Conference in Phoenix, Arizona from January 31, 2011 – February 6, 2011
- approve a quarterly weekend for Pastor Bill Lane on December 9, 2010
- recommends to the congregation approval of the terms of call for Pastor Jon Read and Pastor Bill Lane for 2011

Seafarers

Bonnie Martin

Seafarers Information!

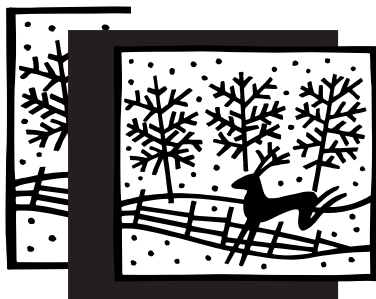
Just a note to advise any adults wanting a once-a-month social luncheon – Seafarers is still available to you. The format has changed slightly in that the lunch is now catered by Ray Martin which means neither the participants nor the host ship has to cook or clean-up. Mr. Martin has been feeding us well, and we would like to invite you to enjoy our good fortune.

Also, if the host ship would prefer not to have a program and just have a time of visiting instead, that is OK, too.

We form our ship crews in January, and you qualify by giving a \$5.00 donation which goes to support our foreign mission child. Our fine lunches are still just \$8.00. Reservations for the Friday, January 14 lunch will be taken in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 2 and 9. We invite you to give your \$5.00 donation on these days also. In fact, you may give your donation any Sunday in January after the 11:00 AM worship service and become a part of this great group.

Remember the Whingding at China Wok in Vallejo is coming up soon! Reservations for the Whingding will be taken Sunday, January 30 & February 6. Cost has not been determined yet.

If you have questions, please call either of the new Skippers, Altheia Clumpner (644-3980) or Betty Sloan (643-4983).



Deacon's Prayer List

Continuing Prayers

John Lipsey Larry Vierra

Angel's Crest Home
Irma Changus



Angel's Home
Shirley Love

Aragon Care Home
Louise Duensing

Camino Alto Care Home
Warren Watne

Oakwood Senior Home
Becky Bosuego

Merrill Gardens Vallejo
Dorothy Allen Janet Bodwell
Joe Bruggman Edythe Morris
Frances Pennington

Those Recovering at Home
John DeHoop Dorothy Mayhew

Those Out of Town
Norene Cornils Stan White

Those in the Military

Eduardo Alverado
Joseph Aton
Daniel Champaign
Joshua P. Jackson
Emily Lapp
Joshua Martin
Mike Nunley
Tamera Rollf



Sean Ruel
David M. Scott
Steven Dale Shiner
Mark Simmerman
Bob Stewart
Mark A. Strong
Julie Vosilus



What Does It Mean to Be A Church Member?

To be a church member is to express one's faith in Jesus Christ and the desire to be his disciple, to share his love, and to serve him as a part of the church as the body of Christ.

A most basic question to ask of anyone wishing to become a member of a Presbyterian church is: "Who is your Lord and Savior?" The reply is: "Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior." Question: "Do you promise to be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?" Answer: "I do."

In these questions and answers, a profound life-changing event is recognized. To become a member of a Presbyterian church is to proclaim publicly one's allegiance to Jesus Christ. It is to vow to live a life of discipleship in which one grows in faith and service to Christ, and through the church, to the world. The church member assumes responsibility for supporting the church in a variety of ways: through worship, education, mission and ministry, stewardship of resources, financial

contributions, and other means. The church is the place where one's Christian life "takes shape." Joined in fellowship with other believers in the body of Christ, the member of Christ's church is part of the "communion of saints" – of all Christian believers throughout the world – as well as part of a local congregation where one's faith in Christ is lived out daily.



While "joining" the church occurs through simple affirmations, it takes a lifetime to live out the implications of church membership. *Uniquely, the church is the only organization where to become a member one has to admit one is unworthy of membership!* To acknowledge Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is to confess our faith and trust in him – and not ourselves – for eternal salvation. It is to announce that one's life does not belong to oneself, but to our Lord Jesus Christ. This profession is made publicly as a witness to the world and as a visible confession of faith. One's commitment to the church is the implication of one's confession of faith in Christ. We do not live out our Christian discipleship alone, but in the community of believers who have also professed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

***This is an excerpt from Donald K. McKim's book, Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers and part of a continuing series.*

<u>Monthly Worship Attendance</u>			
<i>November 2010</i>			
	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>	<u>Total</u>
11/7	50	98	148
11/14	57	86	142
11/21	n/a	175**	175
11/28	68	108	176
Average attendance for 9:00 AM: 58			
Average attendance for 11:00 AM: 117			
<i>** 10:00 AM worship attendance is averaged with the 11:00 AM attendance.</i>			

January

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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- 1 Amy Stewart
Bruno Valle, Sr.
 - 2 Rich Cole
Ben Nunes
 - 10 Hugh Marquez, Sr.
 - 11 Jon Read
John DeHoop
 - 16 Jim & Lani Puzey ♥
 - 17 Tom White
Katy Clark Hernandez
 - 19 Peggy White
Estrella Marquez
Cliff Olson
Matteo Bohannan
 - 20 Nancy Goss
 - 22 Jane Graff
 - 23 Ruthie Caitham
Warren Watne
 - 27 Jeff Chinn
Carol Ovitt
 - 29 Joe & Bernice Hendycks ♥
 - 30 Howard Fitzpatrick
Tyler Sun
 - 31 Mary McDonald



Promise Keepers

John McDonald

Our Christmas breakfast was a great success with 100% attendance as we accomplished a lot of activity in our gathering to close out the year.

We saluted our leader, Rich Cole with our "Certificate of Appreciation" for his leadership of our group and bringing everybody into our program where everyone is included. He was very appreciative of the certificate as he smiled and thanked us. Then he told us to read Chapters 11 and 12 by our next meeting on Saturday, January 8, 2011. He keeps us on our toes.

Mary Mills also received one of our certificates for her dedication with lecturing and assisting at many functions. She joins her husband Steve in the Handbell Choir. Her son, Michael, handles the sound system at the 11:00 AM worship service. Mary keeps the family busy, and the Promise Keepers Salute you!

We meet on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM. All men are welcome. For more information, call John McDonald (557-0741). God's blessing.

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