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# CHURCH BELL

March 2011

## How's Your Vision?

I need new glasses. Or at least that's what I say to myself as things just don't seem to as sharp or clear as they used to be. Some seem a bit blurry and fuzzy, others seem distorted and others I am just not sure what they are. So I begin thinking about making an eye appointment. However, when I take my glasses off and take a better look at them and am amazed at what is on the lenses – fingerprints, dust, and a film of what appeared to be oil from my skin, although how that would get on the lenses I haven't figured out. I am amazed I could see anything through them. However, once I clean them I suddenly could see what I had been missing and have a much clearer view of what was right in front of me. So I give a sigh of relief and tell myself, "No Jon, you are not getting old after all. " (At least I can keep the illusion for a bit longer).

As we prepare for the season of Lent, it occurs to me that a similar thing can happen to our faith glasses. We view things that happen in our lives and in the world through lenses of faith, glasses that help us see how God is active in our lives and world. The truth is that these faith glasses get blurry, dusty, and oily just as any other pair of glasses. It happens when we allow something other than our Lord to guide and determine our actions, our words or our ideas. When we do not take time to pray, we add a layer of dust. When we don't read the Bible, we add our fingerprint that impairs our vision. When we refuse to consider new information, we spread a thin layer

of oil over the lenses. Pretty soon we are not even aware that our vision has become distorted. I remember Alison's father taking her mother's glasses to clean and saying, "How can you even see out of these?" The answer of course was that she had gotten used to them. We think we are seeing clearly, but the reality is that we can barely see at all.

When our faith glasses distort our faith vision, we are in real danger. We will not be able to see where God is leading and guiding us. We will not see the person God places before us in need of comfort and support, or food and shelter, or just a word of encouragement. All they will see is someone who claims to be a follower of Jesus Christ walk right by them in their time of need. We may even walk right by our Lord without even realizing it. All because our vision is impaired by faith glasses that need cleaning.



~~blurry?~~

CLEAR?

So I invite you to join with me this Lent in *Renewing Your Vision of Jesus*. Take off your glasses of faith and clean them. This can be done in a variety of ways. Here are some suggestions:

- *reading a Lenten devotional book each day*
- *begin or end each day in 5 minutes of prayer, asking God to open you to what the Lord wants to say to you*
- *read a portion of the Gospel of John each day or each week*
- *join with a brother or sister in the faith, and prayer for each other*
- *attend worship each week, and then find someone to talk with about the sermon, or something that touched you in worship*
- *reflect on how others see Jesus in you each day*
- *ask the Spirit of God to renew your vision and faith in God and to show you how God is working in the world, even when all seems to be going wrong.*

As you renew your vision by cleaning your glasses of faith, you will be amazed at how much better you are able to see, how much more you will be able to see and how much your vision will be restored. Lenten blessings as we journey together this Lenten season.

Peace,



Pastor Jon

## *Burial of the Alleluia*

What is the *Burial of the Alleluia*? Since the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, the *Alleluia* has been officially discontinued during Lent and not heard again until the Great Vigil of Easter. In France, Normandy, and Germany, we find evidences of a minor service for the beginning of Lent called “The Burial of the Alleluia.” During the penitential weeks of Lent, the *Alleluia* was put aside and the themes of examination and confession were stressed. In some services a coffin was provided for the *Alleluia*, with the knowledge that it would rise again with Christ at Easter and be the first word said or sung on that morning. In other churches, the *Alleluia* was symbolically removed.

*Hallelujah*

*Alleluia* — or its Hebraic form, “*Hallelujah*” — is part of the international, timeless, truly universal language of Christian worship. Like that other Hebrew word, *Amen*, it is an expression familiar to countless generations of worshippers. It has become a song of the Christian heart to which no mere vernacular phrase can do justice. The *Alleluias* of medieval plainsong, the *Hallelujah Chorus* of Handel, and innumerable hymns have found in this word the “language of the soul”. By not using it during

Lent, we prepare to return it with renewed feeling and understanding when Easter, the “Feast of Feasts,” arrives.

**ALLELUIA!**

We have been using hymns and songs with *Alleluia* and *Hallelujah* in them all through January and February. Part of the *Assurance of Grace* includes the word *Alleluia*. That will end on March 6<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday before Lent. On that Sunday we will “bury the Alleluia” at the close of each worship service. The word will not be used in our worship liturgy, hymns, songs and anthems. The *Alleluia* will return on Easter Sunday, April 24. We hope this will add to our observance of Lent and help us to reflect on our faith and relationship with our God.

*Alleluia!*

## Why Ashes on Ash Wednesday?

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As you know, Jesus retreated into the wilderness and fasted for forty days to prepare for his ministry. It was for Him a time of contemplation, reflection, and preparation. By observing Lent, most Christians join Jesus on his retreat.

Lent consists of the forty days before Easter. In the western Church, we skip over the Sundays when we count the days of Lent, because Sunday is always the joyful celebration of the Resurrection. Therefore, the first day of Lent in the western Church is always a Wednesday.

Biblical societies relied very heavily on wood fires for heating and cooking, which meant that keeping ashes under control was a major housekeeping task. Then as now, if a person was preoccupied with something serious, they didn't always tend to the housekeeping - it's the least of their concerns. Imagine that there is a death in the family. A friend stopping by to pay their respects might gently say, "Did you know you have ashes on your face?"

So ashes became a sign of remorse, repentance, and mourning. Today someone might wear a black armband to signify that they are in mourning; back then people put ashes on their foreheads.

You can find biblical examples of this in 2 Samuel 13:19, Esther 4:1-3, Job 42:6, and Jeremiah 6:26. During Lent, ancient Christians mourned their sins and repented of them, so it was appropriate for them to show their sincerity by having ashes on their foreheads. The custom has persisted in the church as secular society has changed around us. It is most appropriate on Ash Wednesday, when we begin a period of sober reflection, self-examination, and spiritual redirection. Traditionally, the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service come from burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration.

Some people only celebrate the happy times in Jesus' life: Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, and Christmas. But we should also watch and pray with Him on Maundy Thursday, stand by Him at the cross on Good Friday, and retreat with Him into the wilderness during Lent.

Today the word 'fasting' means a total abstention from all food. In the historic Church, it means a boring but balanced diet so that your animal appetites become a sort of spiritual snooze alarm. If you "fast" by abstaining from all food, you can endanger your health.

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## *Enquirer's Discussion*

- \* What is the Presbyterian Church?
- \* What does it mean to be a Presbyterian?
- \* Is there a difference between being a member of Community Presbyterian Church and one who regularly attends worship?
- \* What can one expect from the church as a member?
- \* What is expected of one who is a member?

The answers to these and other questions will be explored in the next *Enquirer's Discussion*. We will view the video, *Who Are We Presbyterians* to explore the Christian Faith, take a brief look at the Reformed Tradition, the history of Community Presbyterian Church. We will also have an opportunity to share some of our own faith journey.

All interested are invited to gather in the Fireside Room from 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 13. Lunch will be provided as will child care for those who need it. Please contact Pastor Jon (643-3222) for more information.

## *All Church Work Party*

### Spring Cleaning 2011

It is time to spruce up the church building in time for our Easter Celebration. So, the all-church work party is Saturday, March 26 at 9:00 AM.

We call it "all" church because no matter what your age or ability, we can find a task for you! It is your opportunity to improve the place we worship and share our ministry. We have tasks for all abilities including washing windows, cleaning hard to reach places, weeding, building repairs and painting. There is also "stuff" that could be thrown out or hauled off if we have the right volunteers and vehicle.

If you have suggestions for projects, please call the office (643-3222) or Elvin Valverde (745-6157). We look forward to having lots of help.

## GENERAL OPERATING FUND REPORT through January 31, 2011

	<u>January</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$33,695.43	\$31,951.62	\$1,743.81	\$33,695.43
<b>Expenditures</b>	<u>\$28,769.96</u>	<u>\$31,951.51</u>	<u>(\$3,181.55)</u>	<u>\$28,769.96</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	\$ 4,925.47	\$ 0.11	\$4,925.36	\$ 4,925.47

### Ending Balances

Building Fund Balance .....	\$11,263.08
Pastor Relocation Fund ....	\$40,821.10**
Pastor Relocation Loan .....	\$30,490.70
Deacon's General Fund ....	\$ 4,465.50
Memorial Fund .....	\$25,576.38
Roof Loan Balance .....	\$22,035.28

\*\*Pastor Relocation Fund includes the Pastor Loan of \$30,000.00





## ***Lenten Prayer Tree and Prayer Ribbons***

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Beginning on Sunday, March 13, there will be a Prayer Tree in the chancel of the sanctuary. Beside the tree will be a basket with “prayer” ribbons. If you would like to offer a prayer to our Lord on behalf of someone or yourself, simply take a ribbon from the basket, and as you offer your prayer, tie the ribbon to the Prayer Tree.

As the Season of Lent continues, we will see the “Prayers of the People of God” being multiplied and lifted up to our Lord. When you see these ribbons, you may want to offer your own prayer asking God to hear and answer the prayers represented by those ribbons. In this way we can join in prayer for one another and reflect on the prayers of our church family.

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- There are only two ways
  - of spreading light -
  - to be the candle or
  - the mirror that reflects it.

## ***Lenten Theme – ‘Renewing Our Vision of Christ’***

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Our Lenten theme is *Renewing Our Vision of Christ*. Each of us is encouraged to take time to reflect on how we envision Jesus, how we view who he is, what he did and what we owe to him for his love, grace and sacrifice. But it does not stop there. As we move through Lent, may we also take time to reflect on how accurate that vision is and how that vision affects us and is reflected in how we live. When people look at us, hear what we say, see what we do, can they see Jesus? Is that vision of Christ being reflected through us clear or blurry?

Lent is a time to examine our faith and commitment. Let us take the time to renew who we are by renewing our vision of Jesus and working to allow Jesus to be clearly reflected in all we do, so others may see Christ and the hope, grace and peace He offers to them. Perhaps by doing so, others will renew their vision of Christ as well.

## ***Ash Wednesday – March 9***

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Our traditional Ash Wednesday Service will be hosted by Heritage Presbyterian Church in Benicia. The combined choirs will sing *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* arranged by Kyle Hill. We will observe the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and the imposition of the ashes. This is a fitting way to begin Lent. The service begins at 7:30 PM. Heritage Presbyterian Church is located at 1400 East Second Street, Benicia.

This service has been a combined service with Heritage, First Presbyterian Church, Imani and ourselves for a number of years. This year we will be joined by St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, First Christian Church and First United Methodist Church. Mark you calendars now and plan to attend this very meaningful worship service.

## *Questions from Presbyterians*

*As part of our continuing series on Presbyterian questions and answers, this question from the newly published More Presbyterian Questions, More Presbyterian Answers by Donald McKim seemed particularly relevant to the revolutions occurring in Arab nations.*

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### **“Do people have the right to rebel against unjust governments?”**

During the American Revolution, some in England called the war a “Presbyterian rebellion.” The term “Presbyterian” was used fairly loosely to describe Calvinists and those with anti-monarchical leanings. But it was true at its core. The new land had a strong Reformed ethos, and many Presbyterians fought on the side of the American patriots. A Presbyterian clergyman, John Witherspoon (1723 – 1794), signed the Declaration of Independence.

We pick and choose our revolutions, according to whether or not they seem “justified.” The basic Reformed attitude to government is the recognition that governing authorities are “instituted by God” (Rom. 13:1). But what shall we do when Romans 13 turns to Revelation 13, or the struggles are between the powers of God and the powers of evil (“beasts”), those “rulers” and “powers” whose purpose and actions are counter to God’s (Rom. 8:28; Col. 1:16)?

Reformed Christians have resisted governments when governments have acted in ways they believe are against God’s will. The right of resistance has been a debated topic. Reformed Christians resisted the king violently in seventeenth-century England, during the English Revolution when the Westminster Confession of Faith (1647) was being written.

In the face of Nazi ideology, the Barmen Declaration (1934) proclaimed that “Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death” (Book of Confessions [BoC] 8.10). It rejected as “false doctrine” that the state “should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life” (BoC 8.23). The Confessing Church in Germany sought to be true to the gospel in the midst of political oppression and injustice.

Deep tensions have existed in our tradition regarding the relation of church and state and whether there is a right to revolution – and what kind of revolution (violent/nonviolent?) - when the government in power acts contrary to God’s ways. These have been expressed differently at various periods. But our basic stance is that of the apostles: “We must obey God rather than any human authority” (Acts 5:29; cf. 1 Cor. 7:23).



## *Esther Circle*

*Dianne Craft*



Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 17 at Diane Alfeld's home, 285 Breezeway Drive, Vallejo, 648-3287.

We will be discussing Chapter 6 "Kitchen Service" in our book *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. This chapter will be teaching us how to do service to others. Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might."

If you would like to join us or have any questions, please call Dianne Craft (557-7129) or Chris Kerr (643-8473).

## *Martha Circle*

*Earline Barfield*



The next meeting of Martha Circle is Tuesday, March 15 at 1:00 PM in the Fireside Room. We will be studying Lesson 3 from *Journeys Through Revelation – Apocalyptic Hope for Today*. All women are invited. If you have questions, please call Earline Barfield (644-0381).

## *Evangelism-Hospitality*

*Donna Tice*

This is just a reminder to get the dates for the Children's Easter Festival and Mother/Daughter Banquet on your calendars! The Easter Festival will be on Saturday, April 23 in the morning. There will be games, crafts, a story by Pastor Bill and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children to enjoy. The youth will hide the eggs, and every child attending will get a goodie bag.

The Mother/Daughter Event will be on Sunday, May 15. We are still in the process of deciding on a theme and a menu. Anyone with suggestions is asked to call Donna Tice (552-7586) or Lani Puzey (645-82369).

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## *Promise Keepers*

*John McDonald*

Our attendance picked up with the second meeting in January. Rich Cole has been keeping us on our toes with reading and discussing all the interesting subjects in our book *The Purpose Driven Life*. We are now approaching Chapters 16 and 17 as we go into March. We are hoping that Rich might retell the "Tin Bucket" story to those who missed it in January. We offer extra prayers this month for Rich on the sudden death of his "Best Man" and closest friend. Also, Earl Sterling is having a rough time on the home front and needs better conditions.

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

## *Seafarers*

*Glenn Davidson*

The Seafarers March luncheon will be held in the CPC Fellowship hall on Friday, March 11 at 12:00 noon. The entree will be traditional corned beef and cabbage in observance of St. Patrick's Day. Cost is \$10 per person. After a short business meeting we will present a very funny episode of the Honeymooners with Jackie Gleason and his friends. Doctors, lawyers, teachers, and preachers tell us laughter is healthy and good for our physical and mental health. Come and have a treatment for good health.



All adults are invited to attend, and if you are so inclined to become a member of the Seafarers, there is always room for new crew members on the ships: the Merrimac, the Liki Tiki and the Windjammer. For more information, please contact Glenn Davidson (745-1141).



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).

**Logos Themes**

- March 2 - Camping Night
- March 9 - No Logos - Ash Wednesday
- March 16 - Luck of the Irish
- March 23 - Zoo Night
- March 30 - End of the Year Banquet

**Session III (Spring Madness)**

April 6 - June 5

*April 20*

*No Logos - Easter Break*



Everyone, young and old, is encouraged to be part of the play. YES, children, youth and adults can all be in the play. We also need stage hands, costume people, set and prop builders, cooks and kitchen help.

Reading for parts is Sunday, March 27 from 10:10 AM - 10:45 AM and after 11:00 AM worship service.

**Rehearsals**

Sundays, April 3 - May 29 from 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

and

Wednesdays, April 6 - June 1 from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Dinner is \$3.50 per person)

**Dress Rehearsal**

Saturday, June 4 at 9:00 AM

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



Sr. High Youth Fellowship meets regularly every Sunday night from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Dinner is \$3.50 per person

# 2011 Summer Camp

at Westminster Woods

## June 26- 29

Adventure Camp (Grades 2-4)

Early Registration: \$237.50 (by April 1)

Sign-up by March 27 gets a \$100 scholarship!

## June 26 - July 2

Sherwood Forest Camp (Grades 4-6)

Jr. High Central (Grades 6-8)

Early Registration: \$455 (by April 1)

Sign-up by March 27 gets a \$200 scholarship!

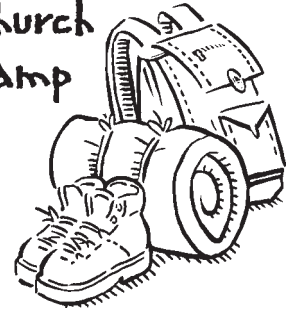
## July 24 - 30

High School Camp (Grades 9-12)

Early Registration: \$455 (by April 1)

Sign-up by March 27 gets a \$200 scholarship!

Sign up  
for  
Church  
Camp



*If your child can not go to summer camp during one of the above weeks, they may sign-up for any other week at Westminster Woods and still receive the church scholarship.*

**Sign-up by March 27 and get a Church Scholarship**

All Children and Youth who are attending LOGOS, Youth Fellowship, Church School, and/or Worship at Community Presbyterian Church can receive scholarships. If you need additional scholarship money please talk to Pastor Bill or to Pastor Jon (643-3222). No child will be turned away from summer camp for financial reasons.

Families save \$20.00 on week-long camps when registering before April 1<sup>st</sup> using the church partner code (WWCP2011).

Registration using the code may be done online or through the mail.

### Two ways to register

1. You can also register on-line at [www.westminsterwoods.org](http://www.westminsterwoods.org). Please let Pastor Bill know, so you can get your scholarship.

or

2. Turn your Registration Form with your **\$100 non-refundable deposit** in to Pastor Bill by **March 27**. Checks can be made out to 'Community Presbyterian Church' or 'Westminster Woods'.

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Have questions? Talk to Pastor Bill or check out the Westminster Woods website ([www.westminsterwoods.org](http://www.westminsterwoods.org))

## **New Bell Feature:** **The Facts Behind the Faces**

*This new Bell column was conceived after the overwhelmingly popular response to the biographies written for our honored members in their 10<sup>th</sup> decade of life. Each month, one or two people or couples will be selected at random to be interviewed for this column. Of course, participation is optional. So, if either Nita Foote or Marcia Jarvis call you, please give them a piece of your mind.*



SCHOOL DAYS 1941-'42  
Denver City Grade

**Nita  
Foote**



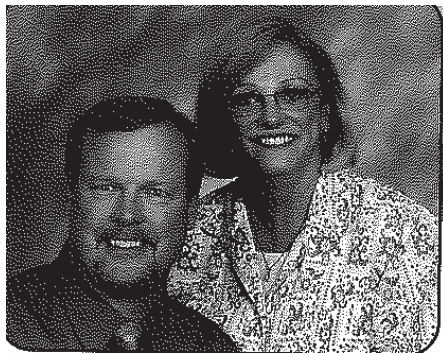
Nita Foote loves people and loves to be around people. That is a fact well known by our church members and is evident by her friendly smile and thoughtful ways. What may *not* be well known is that Nita Foote has a family secret that will be revealed (by consent, of course) for the first time, later in this column.

Juanita Irene Ledford (Nita) was born on February 19, 1932 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She had one brother, four years older, who joined the Navy and was stationed for a time in California and sadly did not return from the war. Nita moved with her parents to California when she was in the sixth grade, to be closer to her brother at the time. Nita and her parents settled in Vallejo, where she attended McKinley Elementary, Vallejo Junior High, and graduated from Vallejo High School in 1950.

It was during her junior high years that Nita met Ward Foote. Ward was born July 9, 1931 in Naugatuck, Connecticut. Nita and Ward were part of the teen youth group at the First Baptist Church in Vallejo, where Nita was a member for forty years, from 1954-1994. During his youth, Ward worked at a service station on Springs Road, and was well known by people in Vallejo. After high school, Nita went to Kaiser Nursing School and Ward joined the Marines. At that time nurses could not be married and it wasn't a hard choice for Nita to choose between nursing and marriage. Half way through nursing school, Nita quit, marrying Ward in July 18, 1952.

Nita and Ward Foote had four children; all daughters. Jeanne was born in 1955, Pamela in 1956, Linda in 1958, and Nancy in 1959. All four daughters attended Vallejo public schools. All married and provided Nita with nine beautiful grandchildren and three great-grand children.

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**Marsha  
Jarvis**

On their first date in 1969, Ray Jarvis took Marcia Haskins to a park to fly a simple paper kite. Now, forty-two years later, Ray and Marcia enjoy flying their several large “trick” kites. These kites are not so simple.

Ray and Marcia met during their freshman year at the University of Oregon. Marcia was a farm girl and Ray a city slicker. Marcia was a Presbyterian and Ray a Catholic. Not a likely pair at that time. Raymond John Jarvis was born on November 24, 1949 in Miami, Florida, where he attended a parochial elementary school. At the age of eight, Ray moved with his family to California. Ray attended Catholic elementary and junior high schools while living in Granada Hills and Merced. When he was 14, Ray and his family moved to Portland, Oregon, where his father started a successful window manufacturing business. Ray played basketball and football in high school and also worked part time for Fred Meyer. He graduated from Gresham High School in 1968.

Marcia Dianne Haskins was born on August 21, 1950 in Eugene, Oregon. She grew up on a “gentleman’s” farm southeast of Klamath Falls, in a tiny town called Merrill. Marcia attended Merrill Elementary and graduated from Merrill High School in 1968. She was active in Camp Fire, Job’s Daughters, and 4-H. Even though she had several of her own dairy cows, she never learned how to milk them. She was a member of the Merrill Presbyterian Church. During her senior year of high school, Marcia was crowned Klamath Basin Potato Festival Queen. She’s been known as the Spud Queen every since.

Ray and Marcia were married on September 11, 1971, between their junior and senior years in college. Upon graduation, they moved from Eugene to the Portland area. Marcia began her teaching career in the fall of ’72, at the same time Ray started his sales and marketing career. At that time they attended both a Catholic and a Presbyterian church. During the late ’70s, Marcia served in the Army Reserves for three years. Their two sons, Kevin (born in 1977) and Kyle (born in 1981) were born in Portland. Both

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During her daughters' growing up years, Nita stayed busy volunteering at church and her daughters' schools. She was very active with Camp Fire and PTA. Nita cherishes these years and recalls them as being fun, very special, and a time of innocence. This was also the time of Nita's family secret, revealed to you now: Nita has the original Scotcheroos recipe from a box of Rice Krispies from the 1960s! (Aren't family secrets fun?) To this day, Nita's family members make variations of the Krispie treats, but only *she* has the original recipe.

Ward Foote, a marine machinist in the nuclear division at Mare Island, retired on disability in 1976, with lung cancer related to asbestos. Unfortunately, he passed away in 1988. Those were difficult years for Nita, but she wasn't to be defeated. Nita worked for the Vallejo School District and retired as a secretary from Hogan High in 1991, after 20 years as a paid staff member. She's been a volunteer at the Vallejo Kaiser Hospital for twenty years. She participates in the ladies' Bible Study Fellowship. She loves to read and travel and has made two cross-country trips and been in all fifty states. She has also traveled to Europe. Nita has traveled with her daughters to Sedona, San Francisco and Las Vegas. She decided to invite the sons-in-law to go along with her daughters to Sedona, to celebrate Nita's 80th birthday. Whenever and where ever she has traveled with children, grandchildren and great grand children, Nita insists that the family meet for dinner. "Dinner is required."

Nita Foote joined CPC in 1995. She was drawn to this church by the beautiful musical program and remains here because of the wonderful staff and church members. Nita attributes her well-being to healthy living—eating nutritiously, exercising regularly, maintaining a positive attitude, and loving humor.



sons now live in Arizona. Marcia and Ray are the proud grandparents of Lucas, and are awaiting the birth of Lucas' little brother in July.

In 1985, the Jarvis family moved to Redmond, Washington, where Ray continued his sales career in the beverage industry and Marcia continued teaching. Ray worked for a variety of beverage companies before moving on to pharmaceuticals. It was in Redmond that Ray decided to become a Presbyterian. The family joined Overlake Park Presbyterian Church. Both Ray and Marcia served as Elders and Deacons and Marcia sang in the chancel choir and the contemporary praise team. Their sons were active in youth groups and went on several deputation trips.

Ray's business required another move to the Chicago area in 2003, where he earned the honor of being the top Field Training Manager in the nation for his company. Marcia found another teaching position in Plainfield. They were only in Illinois for 23 months before Ray was promoted to a job in California. Marcia found another teaching position; this time in Lafayette. After a couple years in California, Ray "abandoned" the pharma business for one that was more people orientated. He now works for Vitas Hospice in Walnut Creek, as their Director of Marketing Development. Marcia retired from teaching in the spring of 2010. During her career, Marcia taught elementary and junior high students and was a PE specialist and reading specialist. Ray enjoys building and racing 10-scale and 12-scale remote control cars in Hayward. Marcia is enjoying her retirement reading novels for her book club, volunteering in a classroom and at church, exercising, and taking voice-over training.

Ray and Marcia came to CPC after two years of "church shopping". They were drawn to this church by the friendly, welcoming people and the style in which both Pastor Jon and Pastor Bill preach. Ray is an Elder and Marcia is a Deacon. Marcia has sung in the praise band and in the chancel choir. She's also the person working with Nita Foote and Edie Parsons to write this new column for the Church Bell. Ray and Marcia have found their new home at CPC and are excited to get to know other members on a more personal level. And if you ask, they would be happy to teach you how to fly a "trick" kite!

## Deacon's Prayer List

### Continuing Prayers

Pat & Karen Holister Sue Lemmon  
Michelle Marquez & family  
Larry Roop Martha Ross  
Earl Sterling Sandy Stevens  
Betty Vierra

*Angel's Crest Home*  
Irma Changus



*Angel's Home*  
Shirley Love

*Aragon Care Home*  
Louise Duensing

*Camino Alto Care Home*  
Warren Watne

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


*Oakwood Senior Home*  
Becky Bosuego

*Those Recovering at Home*  
Dorothy Mayhew Anna Vickers

*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



...from the  
CPC mail box

*Hi to all.*

*Thanks for naming me prayer family of the week recently. Such a blessing. You still are my home church even if I can't come any more.*

*Bless you all,  
Mabel Lorincz*

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Former CPC members  
Karl & Jessica Guidotti,  
recently joined  
Carmichael Presbyterian Church  
in Carmichael, California and  
posted the following note on Facebook  
to all their friends here at CPC:

*Hi, CPC!*

*Just wanted to stop by and give you a Guidotti family update. We miss you all and today I really spent some time thinking about that as we became members at Carmichael Presbyterian Church – the same church Pastor Keith is now at. It only took us three years of attending to take that step We also have exciting news to share. Ada and Andrea are excited to be welcoming baby sister Alaina Elizabeth to the family in late May or early June! (Mommy and Daddy are also excited.) My official due date is June 16<sup>th</sup>; however both Ada and Andi were 3 weeks early so I am not holding out much hope for this one to make it to her due date. I hope everyone there is well, we think about you all often and wish we had more opportunities to visit. Karl now works every Sunday.*

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# Stephen Leader Training Conference

by Kate Day



*Diane Alfeld & Margaret Pasholk*

February 6 - 12, 2011 brought men and women to Anaheim, California from 29 states in the U.S. and from two provinces in Canada. Some came as individuals and some with teams from their congregation or other organizations. I had the very great privilege to attend from our (CPC) congregation for which I am eternally grateful. Some were there to change their status from Stephen Minister to Stephen Leader. Others were there to learn everything from square one to implement a Stephen Ministry Program within their congregations. There were lay people, pastors, priests, and professional mental health care workers.

We are immensely blessed to be a congregation that has a thriving and active Stephen Ministry. We have been given the charge by God to serve jointly with Him in a lay care giving ministry. We are the care givers and He is the cure giver. The focus of this training is to develop and broaden our skill set to be used in more of a training capacity. This opens the door for Stephen Leaders to shepherd and train the Stephen Ministers to provide the very best of care to their care receivers couched in Christian principles and bathed in scripture and prayer. We have the responsibility to work with Pastor Jon in identifying potential Stephen Ministers and care receivers. We support and pray for and with our Stephen Ministers as they go through the training process, attend supervision sessions, and attend continuing education training. It is one of our joys to keep the congregation informed about the tremendous work and value this ministry provides. We want our members to have a good full understanding of what is involved and to take

ownership of this ministry. It is exciting to know we can not only be used within our own church by those who would benefit but also be available to be used by other churches or to reach out into our community and be used by God there as well. We are trained to listen and extend the compassion, care, and love of Jesus Christ.

I can assure you that the training is thorough and excellent. We are well equipped with the necessary manuals, tools, and the support of Stephen Ministry St. Louis to provide excellence and integrity in what we are to do. We are reminded of our dependence upon the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit to do our work. We are hugely blessed by the encouragement and support we receive from Pastor Jon who fully understands the fruitful results of this ministry. We are a dynamic team!

I am excited to share the new things that I have learned and determine with my team what would be valuable for our church congregation. What exciting things are ahead for Stephen Ministry at Community Presbyterian Church!



Time to  
Spring Ahead

**Sunday, March 13**  
**Turn your clock ahead 1 hour!**

## Handbell Choir

Betty Heise

With the coming of Lent and Easter, rehearsals have centered around music from *O Sacred Head Now Wounded to Crown Him With Many Crowns*. The music evokes the broad range of emotions that this season brings - from sadness and sorrow, to joy and jubilation. This is a powerful, dynamic time of year and a wonderful time to be playing bells as they portray these emotions so differently in their sound.

On Sunday, February 27, the choir played *Nearer, My God, to Thee* arranged by Susan Geschke for morning worship. The lyrical, flowing arrangement was a prayerful addition to the worship service.

We are also rehearsing music for our annual Spring Concert to be held on Sunday, May 22 in the afternoon with a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar! We would love to see you there!

### Monthly Worship Attendance

January 2011

	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>	<u>Total</u>
1/2	52	66	128
1/9	61	90	151
1/16	45	76	121
1/13	n/a	144	144
1/30	51	92	143

\*\* 10:00 AM service totals averaged with 11:00 AM stats.

Average attendance for 9:00 AM: 55  
Average attendance for 11:00 AM: 94

## MARCH

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Jennifer Valverde
- 2 Michael Mills-Krutilek
- 4 Normann Fatilua
- 8 Jackie Beasley 
- 10 Sue Bohannan  
Jeff Pribyl
- 11 Ray Tice  
Glenn & Bev Harris ♡
- 12 Margaret Haffner  
Andrew Bohannan  
Howard & MaryAnn Fitzpatrick ♡
- 16 Bob Minahen  
Dave Lawson  
Mike & Claudia Wathen ♡
- 17 Betty Heise
- 18 Bev Haffner  
Donna Lawson
- 19 Bev Garsee
- 22 Tamara Fatilua
- 23 Coleen Bohannan
- 24 Kevin Frodege  
Lani Puzey   
Kern Wright  
Jeanette Doss  
Bev Harris  
LuAnn Lynch
- 26 Sarah Minahen  
Meghan Shiner  
Melayna Parsons
- 27 Joe Goss
- 31 Scott Kays  
Mary MacDonai



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