

September 2011 Edition

Press Bits

Newsletter of Christ Presbyterian Church in Terra Linda



September 11th, 2011

CPC'S HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

A time of fellowship and to reconnect! Everyone please come **one hour early at 8:30a.m. (we will be eating in the sanctuary this year)** and be the guests of the Deacons for breakfast (coffee, juice, fresh fruit salad, Eggy casserole, French Toast casserole). As a conversation starter, please bring a memento of your summer.....a T-shirt from your travels, the best book you read, your kid brother you had to baby sit all summer..... Breakfast provided, car pool, bring a friend, get your best church buddy out of bed early for this once a year event.

**ALL ARE WELCOME.
SEE YOU ALL HERE!!!**

Breakfast at 8:30a.m. (in sanctuary) followed by a wonderful Worship Service with special music by the Sir Francis Drake Irregulars.

Please mark your calendars:

**October 9th, 2011
Bring a Friend Sunday**



Lessons from the Summer

by Rev. Linda Lane-Bortell

This summer I had the great pleasure of visiting the wonders of Utah (Zion, Bryce, Capitol Reef, Canyonlands, and Arches National Parks) and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. I learned a few things from my trip that I'd like to share with you.

I was very impressed with the National Parks' campaign against disposable water bottles. What I liked best was their positive reinforcement approach to ask people to change their behavior. In desert conditions drinking enough water is highly important and not to do so is life threatening. To encourage folks to drink plenty of water and to use reusable bottles the Park Service had installed numerous coldwater taps for easy refill. The water in the taps was cooler than the small supply of disposable water bottles sold in the gift stores. Plus there were plenty of inexpensive souvenir water bottles for sale, so you could quickly save money by buying a reusable bottle.

There were also many visitors in the Parks. We had a running joke, periodically asking each other "Are we still in Utah?" No one around us would be speaking English. At times it sounded like we were in France or Norway or Greece. We asked a host if the campground got busier on the weekend. He replied, "There are so many foreign visitors who come here for a month and every day's a weekend to them, so it can get busy all of a sudden on a Tuesday." This points out the large gap between the minds of Europeans and Americans concerning the amount of acceptable vacation time.

All European countries are required to give workers a month's vacation, and in France they get 7 weeks off. The average American with benefits gets 2 weeks, those without benefits no time off. For some reason ministers in the U.S. have a standard 4 weeks off, so I have been blessed with this benefit my entire career. Many ministers are notorious for not taking all their time off, as are many other professionals. I have always felt my time off is essential to my work. As actor and comedian John Cleese puts it, "If you want creative workers, give them enough time to play." My creative juices dry up without my time away and I imagine yours do too.

So if you are in the bad habit of not taking enough time to play, perhaps the positive reinforcement approach would be to remind yourself frequently that you will be more productive, happier, live longer, and more successful, if you take a break. Fall is often a busy time for folks, so I encourage you to remember the lessons of summer and take time for fun things.



Hope you had a great summer and are ready to begin Sunday School.

We are ready for YOU!

- September 18 - SUNDAY SCHOOL
- September 25 - SUNDAY SCHOOL
- October 2 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Children are invited to Worship for Communion)

Ending time for Sunday School is 10:45a.m.

Nursery Care Provider - Sandy Mixsell & Elizabeth Hart

Sunday School Teachers welcome ALL children.

Nursery Room Policy - Childcare ages 1 month to 3 years is available for young children in Room 8 during the worship service. Please feel free to make use of this service.

UPCOMING EVENTS



2011 FALL BIBLE STUDY The weekday Bible studies will resume on Tuesday evening, September 20, and Wednesday morning, September 21. Tuesday Study group convenes at 7:00 p.m. and the Wednesday morning group at 10:00 a.m. The topic for the fall study will be on the Horizon's study, "Confessing the Beatitudes", in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Study books are being ordered for each participant. Please let Margaret Veneman know if you plan to attend so that a book can be ordered for you. Cost will be \$8.00.



SEPTEMBER 5, LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.

SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27 GAHU PEOPLE DRUM GROUP meets weekly on Tuesdays at 5:00p.m. regular session in the Sanctuary. See more information on page 4.

SEPTEMBER 9, FAMILY GAME NIGHT from 6:00 – 9:00p.m. in the Sanctuary. Questions please contact Tim Park.

SEPTEMBER 12, CPC MOVIE GROUP (please note the change in date). We'll discuss "The Help", which is currently playing at the Regency. Bring your dinner at 5:30 and join us to watch a DVD of "Something New" at 7:30p.m., which offers a different aspect of the same general topic. If you have any questions please contact Dick Wuopio.

SEPTEMBER 14, SESSION meets at 7:00p.m. in Anise's Place.

SEPTEMBER 15, DEACONS meet at 7:00p.m. in Anise's Place.

SEPTEMBER 15, PRESS BITS DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER EDITION.

SEPTEMBER 18, WOMEN'S BRUNCH BUNCH meet 12:15p.m. at Janet Clark's where they are having Tivoli that day. We will each buy food at the Tivoli event and then meet at Janet's to eat together. Please RSVP to her as soon as possible.

SEPTEMBER 21, PERSONNEL COMMITTEE meets at 7:00p.m. in Anise's Place.



Contemplative Service for Peace

**Sunday, September 11, 2011
4:00 - 5:00PM**

Service will include silence, music, and sacred texts from the world's religions.

**Community Congregational Church
145 Rock Hill Drive, Tiburon**

RSVP to
programs@marinifc.org





CPC YOUTH NEWS

Let's Make Ice Cream Sundaes

All youth (6th - 12th grade) are invited to join Rev. Linda for an Ice Cream Sundae Making Party on Sunday, September 18 from 4-6 pm. We'll make sundaes, play games and make plans for the year. Please bring a favorite topping. Linda will supply the ice cream. Contact Linda if you would like to request an ice cream flavor. RSVP not required, but appreciated.



Marin Interfaith Street Chaplaincy

MISC SUMMER SUPPER SERIES

Marin Interfaith Street Chaplaincy is holding their Second Annual Summer Supper Series. This series is an opportunity for folks to connect and reconnect with the street community, many of whom were staff and guests of the REST program. Many of these folks will be cooking and serving a meal once a month through October. There will also be an open mic where we can share our talents and gifts with each other. Many of the folks who are participating in the creation of these dinners see this a way of saying "thank you" to all of you who served the REST program this winter. They are all very excited about this and hope you will join them!

- When:** September 19, October 10
- Time:** 5:30 - 7:00 (Come early if you'd like to sign up for the open mic! Stay late if you'd like to help clean up!)
- Where:** The St. Vincent de Paul Free Dining Room, 820 B Street, San Rafael

For more information, please contact Chaplain Paul Gaffney: 415-302-0248 or chaplaincy@homelesschaplaincy.org

If you would like the support of prayers from CPC members and friends for yourself or others, please call Linda at the church office, 479-2712. If Linda cannot be reached, please call our Prayer Chain Coordinator, Millie Potter. If you would like to be a Prayer Chain member, offering daily prayers for others, please call Millie Potter or Pat Long.



MUSIC AROUND CPC & BEYOND

Eric Olbekson, Music Director
Phone: (415) 479-2712
Email - eolbekson@gmail.com

Choir rehearsals will begin again on Thursday, September 15. If you are interested in singing with the Choir please talk to Eric as soon as possible. All are welcome!

Choir Rehearsal Scheduled
September 15 -
7:30p.m. in Sanctuary

September 18 -
8:30a.m. Warm-up & Worship

September 25 -
8:30a.m. Warm-up & Worship

September 29 -
7:30p.m. in Sanctuary



GAHU PEOPLE DRUM GROUP

This group meets every Tuesday at 5:00p.m. A thank offering of \$5.00 per visit is asked for to support CPC's partnership with the GEC in Ghana. Questions call the church office 479-2712.



CHURCH NEWS
AROUND the CONGREGATION



Joy with Wings: A Daughter's Tale
will be presented
September 14 – October 6
Wednesdays and Thursdays
at 8:00 p.m. at The Alcove Theater
414 Mason Street (5th Floor), San Francisco.

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/192738> or

This original one-woman show exemplifies how the timeless wisdom and insights of the *Canterbury Tales* impact the life of an actor who has “worn the shoes” of Chaucer’s characters. Departing from our typical *Canterbury Tales* repertory, *Joy with Wings* draws medieval wisdom into contemporary experience through the medium of the actor.



**DO YOU LIKE
SEEING BEAUTIFUL
FLOWERS
UP FRONT ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS?**

Flowers Please sign up on our **2011 Flower Calendar** temporarily in the church office. We need people to bring flowers from your garden or buy flowers. You may also give money and flowers will be purchased for you. Please sign up **SOON** on the Flower Calendar. Any questions you can talk to Deloras Jones or Patti McGeehon.

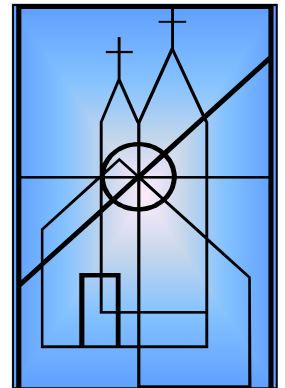


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**NEW 2011/2012
DIRECTORIES**

If you haven't received your new directory or need a second copy please contact the church office.



PARTNERING WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO FOOD BANK

MARIN FOOD BANK UPDATE: Next time you are at the store please buy some additional canned or boxed foods to add to our food pantry box (in the back of the sanctuary). This food is taken to the Marin Food Bank on Mondays so please fill the box on Sundays. It is very much appreciated by those less fortunate.

KEEP IT COMING IN!!! Thank You.