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CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Live Stream Time Change Starting June 14

We continue to livestream worship services each Sunday. As children's and youth Sunday School come to an end in June, the worship livestream will move from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. starting June 14.

June Livestream Worship

- June 7 Zoom Sunday School @ 10:00
Worship Livestream @ 11:00
- June 14 Worship Livestream @ 10:00
- June 21 Worship Livestream @ 10:00
- June 28 Worship Livestream @ 10:00

Sunday worship will continue to incorporate elements of both traditional and contemporary services, plus pre-recorded content. Thanks to **Steve Parker** and **Jeremy Sparks** for all of their hard work behind the scenes to bring worship services to us!

There are three ways to join the Sunday livestreaming:

Scroll down on the church website:

<http://carmichaelpres.org/> and click on "Click here Watch Live from CPC YouTube Channel"

Go to the URL:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/carmichaelpres/>

Use the YouTube App or Smart TV:

search for carmichaelpres

(When you get there, please subscribe to our channel (the big red button on the top right).

Worship bulletins and *eParish Notes* are emailed each week. *If you're not receiving emails from CPC, give us a call or send us an email with your address so we can add you to the mailing list.* And, be sure to check your junk/spam folder. Sometimes emails to large groups (like our CPC family) can get stuck there.

You can also watch the recordings of past Sunday worship services any time.



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Pastor Keith L. DeVries Writes:

"What Reopening Looks Like??"

It is hard to believe, but our campus has been closed for nearly 12 weeks now — three months! In that time, we have established new routines and ways of being in community and become well acquainted with Zoom meetings — *way too many Zoom meetings!* We have established and fine-tuned live streaming worship services and recreated how we gather as a worshiping community, even sharing the Lord's Supper virtually. Our Food Closet has modified procedures to allow for social distancing and no-contact food pick up. We have suffered some financial loss but are holding our own so far with a few adjustments.

As I write this article, all 50 states are working toward reopening over the course of several months which leads us into considering what reopening CPC might look like so we are as prepared as possible when we receive clearance to reopen from Sacramento County health officials. As we begin to plan, we recognize that reopening our campus will be much more difficult than closing it was. To help us through this monumental process, your Session has established a Reopening Task Force to provide guidance in the coming months.

The Reopening Task Force

will consider how and when to resume worship, group meetings, and church office operations. Regarding worship and fellowship, they will look at how to maintain social distancing in the Sanctuary, Gathering Place, and McMillen Hall, including limiting in person attendance and suspending coffee fellowship and common meals

(yes, this will be extremely hard for Presbyterians who love to eat), and how to meet safety and sanitizing standards for our worship spaces. They will also make recommendations for group meetings, possibly opening to CPC small groups at first, and gradually resuming small non-church groups and not allowing any large group gatherings until we have been given permission by the County.

There are more factors to consider in reopening the church office, including: opening in phases (i.e. reopen the church office part time for staff only, then gradually increase

hours and access for CPC members and the general public), installing plexiglass barriers in the front office/reception area, adding markings on floors and walkways

to ensure social distancing, allowing no more than 10 staff members in the office at one time, wearing masks in common areas, and es-

tablishing a rigorous cleaning and disinfecting schedule.

COVID-19 is not going away any time soon; we must be careful and deliberate in how and when we reopen. Even when we are told we can gather together in person to worship, we know that some will not feel comfortable doing so until there is a vaccine available for the general population.

The life of this faith community has changed and will continue to change, but just to be clear, even though the church campus has been

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40 Years of Handbell Ringing at CPC

by Randy Benfield

The month of May marked an important musical milestone at CPC: Four decades with a vibrant handbell choir ministry.

For 40 years, we've been blessed with a wonderful variety of handbell anthems during worship services and periodic concerts. God has provided just the right handbell ringers and directors for our ensembles.

During this period, we've enjoyed the leadership skills of six different directors. **Nadene Donner** started the first choir, Mission Bells, back in 1980. Amazingly, three of the found-

ing members are still actively involved in our current music program — **Margaret Herman**,



The Mission Bells have been ringing praises to God at CPC for 40 years

Jimmi Mishler, and **Carol Piper**. **Nadene Donner** was followed by **Mary Balkow** (1993-1997) and **Ken Brown** (1997-2000), a former choir director at CPC.

Arleen Michael provided leadership for the Mission Bells from 2000 until 2008. When Arleen retired, **Marti Wallace** accepted our invita-

tion to direct the ensemble. She served faithfully until the end of 2019. During her tenure, **Marti** bravely took on the task of creating a second bell ensemble, **Carillon**, nearly doubling our number of dedicated bell ringers. We've very much enjoyed getting to know **Tammy Sigl**, our current director, over the

past few months. Although the ensembles are not able to rehearse or play together due to the Coronavirus pandemic, they have maintained their fellowship with each other through "virtual" means.

We miss hearing the sound of handbells in worship services, and pray that we can all be together soon to glorify God with beautiful bell music once more!

Praise be to God for the many bell ringers who have shared their time and musical talents during these 40 years. We look forward to hearing bells ringing at CPC for many more years!

... From Pastor Keith ...

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closed for nearly three months, Carmichael Presbyterian Church and the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in this place, is and has been open for business, the business of sharing the good news of God's love. Worship and Sunday School continue to meet virtually, **Pastor Ivan** offers a daily gathering for prayer on Facebook, Pastoral care happens via emails and phone calls, the office staff faithfully carries out their duties from home, **Paul Shultz** pays the

bills, the Food Closet and Supper on Saturday serve those in need, our maintenance and custodial staff care for, clean, and repair the physical plant, and our new class of elders and deacons begin their service this month. We continue to glorify God in all that we do and to bear witness to the light of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your ongoing and prayerful support of our common ministry throughout this difficult season,

Pastor Keith

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The Three W's of Worship - When, Why and What

by Karen Orlando, Worship Division Chair

Since early March, our world has been turned upside down. We have had to change most everything we do about our worship experience at CPC. The one thing we fortunately have not had to do is stop worshipping.

When we faced the outbreak of COVID-19 and how it was affecting our community, Session approved the technology to move forward allowing us to experience a worship service via live streaming. Thanks to the diligent work of **Steve Parker, Jeremy Sparks**, and others, we have been successfully streaming for several weeks now. As we moved through the first few Sundays into Holy Week, it became apparent that holding dual services on a Sunday morning to an empty Sanctuary was a difficult task at best. There were obstacles such as how to allow both our traditional and contemporary musicians the necessary practice time while maintaining social distance and keeping within time constraints in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. This is one of the reasons **why** the decision was made to move to one service. Now our music leaders can effectively practice

their craft before the service to provide the beautiful music you have grown accustomed to experiencing. Also, our chil-



dren and youth haven been able to take part in a meaningful education hour at 10:00 a.m.

Now we are all wondering **what** the future might look like. While there are many unknowns, currently, we do plan on continuing to live stream

as an alternative to in person worship. We will continue to mail out DVD's as part of our church-flix program. Leadership is considering how we will reopen when the time comes and are actively considering options such as our closed circuit TV system that could allow us to have congregants socially distanced in different rooms of our facility. It is likely upon returning to group worship, there will be temporary changes in practices such as communion, ushering and offerings. For now, we pray that we all remain safe and healthy as we wait out the time when we can all be together again.

In Our Church Family

Please lift up in prayer these members of our church family who have recently lost loved ones:

- ✠ the family of **Jan Hendrickson**, who passed away on April 24.
- ✠ the family of **Rachael Durley**, who passed away on April 19.
- ✠ **Joe & Pat Botelho** and family on the loss of their grandson, **Noah Tidwell** on May 8.
- ✠ **Bill & Erin Pace** and family on the loss of Erin's father on May 12 .



A Story from Our Afghan Refugee Project

by Brenda Mock



Tom & Brenda Mock load up goodie bags for Afghan families who had been part of ESL classes at CPC.

I have been concerned about how our friends who come to the ESL Women's Classes at CPC were doing in this unusual crisis. Since they don't read or understand English news reports, I thought it must be distressing and difficult to deal with all the requirements while keeping kids inside and entertained. I saw on my email that World Relief was asking for people to donate arts and craft supplies and educational material for the children of these women.

I thought "What can I do for this project?" I finally cleaned out my office closet and craft supplies in our She Shed. I had a pile of supplies on my dining room table. We aren't entertaining, so our table had become the gathering place for the family. Jigsaw puzzle at one end, sewing machine at the other end, and now the ESL project in the middle.

I put out a call to my Carmichael Kiwanis, my Elsdon Circle neighbors, and CPC friends. Low and behold, many folks responded. The biggest contributor was **Kristen Miller** and her two children, **Joy** and **Ryan**. They brought me two huge totes of books.

After a lengthy visit to the Dollar Tree Store (with my face mask and rubber gloves), I was ready to pack my bags. World Relief sent me the names of the moms in our CPC program, their addresses and the kids' ages and sexes. I was able to include the following in every bag: scissors, glue sticks, pencils, crayons, age appropriate work books, colored craft paper, puzzles, small toys, and at least three or four books.

My husband, Tom, and I spent two days delivering bags to families up and down Marconi. We were greeted with smiles and laughter from the moms and dads, and much excitement from the kids!

My hope was to not only give the kids some fun, but to let the refugee families know that they are very welcome in Carmichael and that we care about them at CPC.



for Serving Our CPC Family!

We are grateful for the service and leadership of our Deacons and Elders, especially for the Class of 2020, who finish their terms this month.

To the outgoing deacon Class of 2020: in recognition of your many acts of kindness and service to the congregation and community, for bearing witness to the love of Christ in action - your CPC family thanks you!

Laura Garwood

Mike Aretsky

Ray & Gloria Kelley

Tara Calderon

And to the outgoing Elders: thank you for your leadership and faithful service over the past three years. We are grateful for you!

Tracey Dron

Barbara Farley

Bruce MacLean

Bonnie Paxton

Patty Peterson

Joe St. Clair

Judi Stewart

(with special thanks to Tracey who has agreed to serve an additional term!)



Congratulations, Graduates!

Blessings and congratulations to these students in our CPC family who are graduating from high school this year:

Troy Bilaver, El Camino High School

Zane Chabino, El Camino High School

Thomas Cherry, Casa Roble High School

George Damoulos, El Camino High School

Stella Daniels, Mira Loma High School

Marcus Fredrickson, El Camino High School

Josh Hogge, El Camino High School

Gena Hoppe, El Camino High School

Katie Jordan, El Camino High School

Jake Lillie, El Camino High School

Matthew Lillie, El Camino High School

Aidan Logan, El Camino High School

Carson Mitchell, El Camino High School

Laney Mitchell, El Camino High School

Brianna Shiu, El Camino High School

Isaac Yang, El Camino High School

Spencer Bowington, grandson of Sue Bowington, Christian Brothers High School

Emma Brummit, great-granddaughter of Emily Moulton, Windsor High School, Windsor, MO

Juliana DeYoung, granddaughter of Ken & Katharine DeYoung, Capital Christian High School

Thomas Spencer, grandson of Ruth Arthur, Rio Americano High School

Callum Stewart, grandson of Judi Stewart, Christian Brothers College High School, St. Louis, MO

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... Congratulations, Graduates! ...

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We also proudly recognize these college scholars and their academic accomplishments:

Charlie Andre, grandson of Bep van der Mik, M.S. in Computer Engineering from University of Southern California

Catherine Cameron, daughter of Chris and Rebecca Cameron, B.S. in Anthropology with a minor in Biology from Bryn Mawr College

Alyssa Dahlberg, daughter of Rodney & Monica Dahlberg, M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy from University of San Diego

Grant Allen Hurlock, son of Joan Hurlock, Doctor of Philosophy in English Language and Literature from University of Tulsa

Bethany Lorraine Kilpatrick, granddaughter of Margo Scandella, M.S. in Kinesiology from Humboldt State University

Hannah Alexandra Naten, granddaughter of Don & Laurie White, B.S. in Nursing and B.A. in Honors Humanities from Azusa Pacific University

Paige Elizabeth Naten, granddaughter of Don & Laurie White, B.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders from California State University, Chico

Shaelyn Poteet, granddaughter of Janann Poteet, M.S. in Agriculture and Business from California State University, Chico

Andrew Smith, grandson of Joan Hurlock, B.S. in 3-D Motion Design from Rochester Institute of Technology

Derek Tomlinson, son of Dave & Christina Tomlinson, M.S. in Economics with a minor in Statistics from Humboldt State University

Aaron Nicholas Torres, grandson of Don & Laurie White, B.S. in Business Administration-Marketing from Portland State University

Trevor Ryan Torres, grandson of Don & Laurie White, B.S. in Computer Animation and Game Development from California State University, Chico

Benjamin Tozier, grandson of Len & Viki Tozier, B.S. in Computer Science from Grand Canyon University

Hunter Witt, grandson of Dennie and Sherry Witt, B.A. in History from California State University, Sacramento



Continuing Mission Ministries During COVID-19

by Barbara Farley, Mission Chair

As you might expect, COVID-19 has decimated the normal financial giving routes of many of CPC's mission partners. The CPC Mission Team continues to send our budgeted commitment to our denomination to support our Mission Co-Workers and we continue to serve the people in the greater Carmichael area by keeping our Food Closet open and by serving a Supper on Saturday take away meal on the third Saturday of each month. The one family left in Family Promise is staying in a motel and Loaves & Fishes continues to serve a hot meal every day of the week at its' complex on North C Street. We are able in a small way to support these ministries. However, some of our partners are not included in our annual budget and depend on special offerings. Two of these partners are Pastors **Joseph and Florence Kaweesa** in

Uganda who are recipients of our Goat Stick offerings. We have forwarded to them the remaining amount from our collections last year.

Another of



those partners is Students Helping Honduras

(SHH). Our youth and some adults from our congregation and the Sacramento area have made a number of trips to Honduras to help build schools. The most recent Sacramento Mission Team had to leave Honduras in March (after one day) because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it became apparent quickly that financial support for SHH was going to be in dire straits. All colleges that support SHH (90+% of SHH's financial

sponsors) were closed because of the pandemic along with their fundraising efforts. The Villa Soleada Bilingual School that provides education to hundreds of students in grades 1 - 12 and the Children's Home (24 boys and 24 girls) were in jeopardy of closing permanently. The SHH Directors met and created a stable/sustainable funding program to keep these mis-

sions sustainable into the future called Tigers Club. Tigers Club is a program where you can donate \$30 monthly (\$1/day) to provide financial stability to the Bilingual School and Children's Home. The Directors have determined that 390 donors keep the lights on and 780 donors allow the Bilingual School to provide a complete program when the school is allowed to reopen. I received an email recently that SHH has 397 donors so far. If you would like to become a

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Comfort in the Storm

by Misty Dunn, Stephen Minister/Leader

Unfortunately, it seems it's usually necessary for us to experience pain and suffering in our lives before we can then feel compassion for others. If we have never experienced

feelings like disappointment, apprehension, uncertainty, pain, or feeling overwhelmed — we would probably

have no idea what someone else might be experiencing and feeling. This is why we are particularly comforted knowing that Jesus lived on earth, and doing so, experienced all our emotions. We know that God truly understands all our pain, fears, and suffering, because Jesus lived and experienced them firsthand. This is true anytime, and especially now with the impact of Covid-19. We are all experiencing 'being in the same storm, even if we're not all in the same boat.' That is, we all are feeling many of the same fears and uncertainties because of the pandemic (the storm); however, we may be in different 'boats' as some of us are also experiencing job or income loss, struggling to teach our children at home while working, fearing bringing the virus home to our fam-

ilies, worrying about the future, etc.

We know God is good, yet we may question why this is happening. As I see it, God doesn't want us to be hurt;



nevertheless, God allows us to experience pain and difficult situations so we can feel compassion for and then comfort oth-

ers. The Message, paraphrasing 2 Cor 1:4, explains it this way, " [God] comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so we can be there for that person just as God was there for us."

When God comforts us, that doesn't mean that all our troubles will disappear. Being comforted can also mean being strengthened, encouraged and given hope to deal with

our troubles. This kind of "comfort" is also what Stephen Ministers offer. Besides their own experiences, Stephen Ministers have received 50+ hours of Christian caregiving training in confidentiality, listening, offering feedback without telling someone what to do, empathetic responding, prayer, and telephone helping.

God wants us to seek and receive comfort during any difficult time! Allowing a Stephen Minister to offer you God's comfort and encouragement, is one way you can do this. If you or someone you know is in a place of life where you need someone to listen and for the hand of Christian love to be extended to you, our Stephen Ministry can play an important role. For more information, contact any of the Stephen Leaders:

John Wallace, Mary Thomas, Kelly Holland, Len Tozier, or Misty Dunn.

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donor, please go to www.shhkids.org and click on Tigers Club. If you have questions or you would like to see a promotional video from SHH, contact **John Wallace** at drjohnwallace@gmail.com.

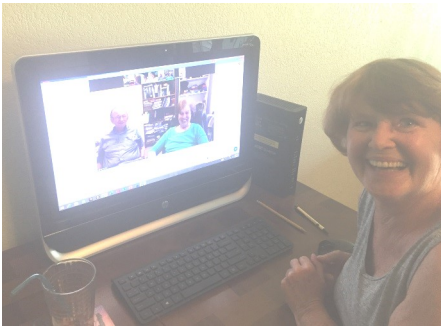
Thank you all for your faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Carmichael Presbyterian Church. The Mission Team (**Brenda Mock, Bill Dunn, Garrett Torgerson, John Wallace, Hall Holland, and Barbara Farley**) will continue to keep you informed about the ministries we support.

Daily Prayer with Pastor Ivan



Pastor Ivan hosts a brief prayer and devotion time at noon each day on Facebook live. Go to www.facebook.com/carmichaelpres or follow Carmichael Presbyterian Church on Facebook to join in. You can also watch the videos after the live session is over by going to "Posts" on the CPC Facebook page. (Note: this is different than the Friends of CPC Facebook group)

Clippership Meets Virtually



The Clippership embraced new technology to meet and enjoy fellowship via Zoom.

"Zoom" which she used for a Clipper's virtual meeting.

Skipper **Charleen** and **Gary Lee** set it all up and alerted the crew. Charleen, Gary, Jim, Jan, Marsha, Judy and Terry finally broke silence after unbearable sheltering and placing, enjoying a fun and informative hour of semi-distorted video and talk. It was a good start to future communications (God forbid).

"Church Flix" Continues Weekly DVDs



Even as we livestream worship services, we still send weekly DVD recordings of CPC's Sunday services. Folks who don't have access to a computer or other streaming device can still participate in worship. A Sunday bulletin is included with each DVD.

If you or someone you know would like to receive a weekly DVD, please contact the church office at 916-486-9081 or carmichaelpres@gmail.com. There is no cost for this service.

Don't have a DVD player? Give us a call, the church may be able to help!

A Special Thank You



After the tragic death of my grandson this wonderful CPC family sent many cards, they called and prayed. It was like a huge prayer shawl wrapped around us giving us love and comfort.

Thank you all,

Joy Jones

MISSION BELL DEADLINES



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for the July newsletter

July 13

for the August newsletter

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Our Mission

Responding to God's love through Jesus Christ, we:

- *Welcome all*
- *Nurture relationships*
- *Grow in faith together*
- *Connect with and serve our community and the world*

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