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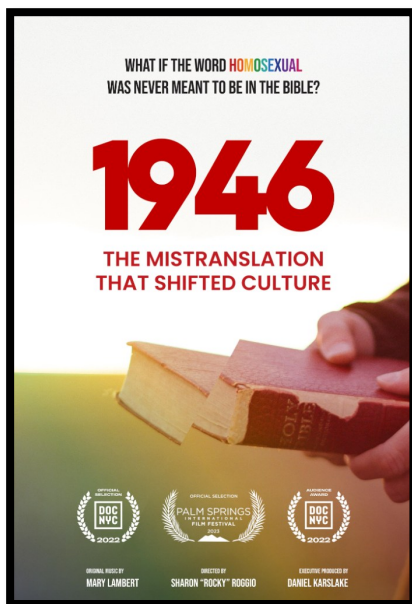
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You're Invited! Movie Screening & Discussion

The CPC Inclusion Task Force invites you to a free viewing and discussion of the documentary, *1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture*, on Saturday, June 7, from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.

The Task Force found the film to be



informative and moving! It is about a mistranslation of the word “homosexual” in the Bible back in 1946.

The morning will start with coffee and light snacks in the DeVries Gathering Place. We will then go to the Sanctuary to watch the document-
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Current Art Exhibit: “Visions” by Joan McMurray

The CPC Art Committee is delighted to showcase the beautiful work of **Joan McMurray**. This exhibit features her pastels and silk dyes. We hope you enjoy her



The pastel and silk dye art of Joan McMurray is currently on display in the DeVries Gathering Place.

“Visions” art show and learn more about her journey as

an artist. Joan is a member of CPC’s Art Committee.

In Joan’s words:

As you can see,
I paint what catches my eye – something unusual.
I started painting with oils. They are my

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Let's Talk Parking Lot

by Karen Orlando

If you've read the *Mission Bell* over the last few months, you know that a dedicated team of people are hard at work on plans to transform our nearly 70-year-old parking lot before the end of the year. The new parking lot will have an additional nine accessible spaces, an ADA approved ramp and stairs connecting the upper and lower levels, native and drought resistant plants with irrigation, shade trees, improved lighting, new ground water drainage systems, and solar panels that will feed electricity directly into our facility, reducing our utility expenses by an estimated 60-65%.

The project is a reality made possible by this con-

gregation's continued generous support towards its mission and ministry. On June 8

consider your pledge. Following the service, join us in a time of fellowship with a "parking lot cake." After all, what's a good Presbyterian effort without a little cake? Until then, please keep this project in your prayers as we take this important step forward toward

our future. For more information, our CPC website has a dedicated page for the parking lot that can be viewed at <https://carmichaelpres.org/paving-the-way-to-welcome-all/>.

If you have any questions concerning the parking lot or the capital campaign, feel free to reach out to campaign co-chairs **Allison Cagley** (aecagley@comcast.net), or **Karen Orlando** (k.orlando@comcast.net). We would be happy to talk "Parking Lot" with you.



we will come together to celebrate Commitment Sunday. This is a time to consider your commitment/pledge, typically paid over three years, that goes beyond annual stewardship giving. During the service there will be a parking lot blessing, a time of prayer, and time to

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first love. You can do so much with oils, paint it on thin, thick, layer it, scrape it off. I have been painting with pastels and took classes with the well-known artist, Margo Schulzke. The colors are so rich and vibrant.

Painting with silk dyes is more challenging than oils or pastels as the dyes will run until they meet resistance. To learn more about this medium, I have taken classes at Mendocino Art Center with some well-known fabric artists. I have entered competitions at our Sacramento County Fair and State Fair Cal Expo in the Creative Arts Section, winning awards.

I have been painting silk

for a number of years.

Classes at the Mendocino Art Center have increased my knowledge and skills in

various techniques for painting on



silk.

A variety of Salt techniques are used to create both scarves and wall hangings. These skills have been applied to wearable art and paintings of landscapes and still life.

I have recently discovered 'Shibori,' the Japanese art of folding, pleat-

ing, tying, and dyeing.

Each time I open the Shibori, a different design emerges from the folds. The patterns that happen from the folds are fascinating and never the same.

You can find my silk scarves on display at the Sacramento Fine Arts Cen-

ter Boutique. I also participate in several craft fairs in the Sacramento area. I am a member of Northern California Arts, Inc. and the

Sacramento Fine Arts Center in Carmichael, where I have worked on many exhibitions, organized and set up shows, and assisted in the Children's Art Program.



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tary, take a break and then return to the Sanctuary for a time of discussion led by Pastor Keith DeVries.

To help us plan for refreshments, we encourage you to sign up during coffee fellowship on Sundays or call the church office. However,

we will welcome walk-ins for this event.

Please invite your friends to join you. If you need childcare or have any questions, please contact **Kathy Lewis** at kathyblewis@att.net.

We hope to see you there!

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Heritage Sunday

May 25 was Heritage Sunday, when we celebrated our history by honoring those members who have contributed so much to CPC for so many years. We gratefully honored members who have reached 40, 45, 50, and 60 years of membership, plus those who have been CPC members for over 50, over 60 year, and even over 70 years. We also acknowledged those newest to our church family, having joined in the past year.

Over 70 Years

(joined 1950-1955)

Carolyn McGregor

Over 60 Years

(joined 1956-1964)

Bill Baker

George Burbank

Karla Curran

Betty Ekstedt

Margaret Herman

Carol Honnold

Ann Kerr

Joanne Lindsay

Gordon McGregor

Jimmi Mishler

Marie Segur

Hazel Smith

Doreen Wilson

60 Year Members

(joined in 1965)

Marcia Law

Over 50 Years

(joined 1966-1974)

Jim & Barbara Andras

Doris Beckert

Bob Brumm

Don Cox

Don Drudik

Linda Gracey

Carol Hayes

Dick & Carole Jacobi

Carol Jones

Ann Kelly

Elizabeth Marty



Janice Olsen

Janet Olson

Joyce Purvis

Wayne & Barbara Reimers

Ed & Janice Saunders

Kathy Shay

Paul & Lynn Shultz

Janette Stoker

Bep van der Mik

Pat Warren

Laurie White

50 Year Members

(joined in 1975)

Debbie Berke

Barbara Hussey

Deborah Sneed

45 Year Members

(joined in 1980)

Glen & Allison Cagley

Wayne & Nina Henley

Len Tozier

Janet Vasché

40 Year Members

(joined in 1985)

Duane Johnson

Stacy Myers

New Members

(joined May 1, 2024-April 30,

2025)

Henny Cross

Bev Harris

Joyce McDevitt

Mary Miller

David Thiess

Cathy Wride

Gifts for a Lasting Legacy

by Bill Dunn, Gifts & Bequests Advisory Council

Have you ever thought about how you could make a lasting impact on our CPC community? It's really possible!! You could leave a legacy gift to last beyond your lifetime by including CPC in your estate planning – thereby commemorating your special connection to the CPC community while ensuring CPC remains strong for future generations.

You may wonder why should you give a legacy gift to the church. The church often has needs that cannot be met from the current operating budget. This might include building maintenance issues, supporting new or existing missions, providing new educational opportunities, and supporting music and the arts.

Gifts made through a will or trust can be designated as unrestricted, or restricted to a specific major program, or to an endowment fund. As an example, gifts CPC received several years ago have been used as seed money for the parking lot task force. Additionally, a more recent bequest was donated to our current campaign. All our gifts, whether large or small, together can lead to a lasting impact on CPC's mission in our community and the world for many years to come.

A legacy gift is a way of ensuring the future of CPC's services and programs, but is a very personal decision. You are encouraged to let your heart speak to you and set out your plan to incorporate CPC in your will or trust. If you would like to talk to someone from the Gifts and Bequests Advisory Council or let them know that you have included CPC in your will or trust, you can use the form below and turn it into the church office.



Adobe Fund Legacy Program

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Carmichael Presbyterian Church has made an impact on my life and faith journey. Please contact me as indicated below:

- ☐ I/we have included CPC in our legacy planning (will/bequest)
- ☐ I/we are interested in learning more about the CPC Adobe Fund Legacy Program
- ☐ I/we would like more information about how to set up our will/trust.



Congratulations, Graduates!

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

Ethan Leek, School of Engineering and Sciences

Andi Wattles, American Canyon High School, Vallejo

Charlie French, child of Clarissa French, Meraki High School

Owen Matthew Hickey, grandson of Carolyn Biggers, Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Pennsylvania

Kaitlyn Keller, granddaughter of Darlene Little, James Madison High School, Virginia

Caeden Kullander, grandson of Debbie Berke, IDEA Homeschool, Alaska

Jack Shultz, grandson of Paul & Lynn Shultz, Valley High School, Las Vegas



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

Ella J. Antonson, granddaughter of Dave & Judy Antonson's, B.S. in Economics from University of Michigan

Jackie Cameron, daughter of Chris & Rebecca Cameron, B.A. in Art History from Oberlin College, Ohio

Emma Carney, granddaughter of Bill & Misty Dunn, B.A. in Economics and Latin American Studies from Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania

Tyler Keller, grandson of Darlene Little, B.S. in Computer Engineering from College of Mines, Golden, Colorado

Travis Tomlinson, son of Dave & Christina Tomlinson, B.S. in Civil Engineering with a Minor in Construction Management from University of Nevada, Reno

Sacramento Pride March Opportunity

by Kathy Lewis

CPC members and friends have the opportunity to participate in the Sacramento Pride March on Sunday, June 15. The march starts at 11:00 a.m. at Southside Park (near 8th and T Streets) and ends at the State Capitol.

Inspired by the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, the Sacramento Pride March will include walking contingents, vehicle contingents, and large floats.

Harkening back to the earliest days of Pride events as protests against oppression, this event is both a demonstration of activism in the pursuit of equity and social justice as well

as a celebration of diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex,



Asexual, and two-spirit communities and culture.

CPC participation will be as part of the Sacramento Rainbow Faith Alliance (SARFA) to demonstrate our support for the LGBTQIA+

community. (SARFA is a relatively new group of representatives from Sacramento area faith communities—including CPC--advocating for safe, supportive, and affirming spaces for LGBTQIA+ people. We will meet at by 10:00 a.m. to carpool to the march. You are encouraged to wear your CPC T-shirt.

In order to participate, please contact **Kathy Lewis** at kathyblewis@att.net no later than Tuesday, June 10 so that we can plan carpooling with SARFA. Have questions? Contact Kathy.

SUMMER SEMINARS 2025

All curious folks high school age and older are invited to attend these lively, informative one-hour summer sessions starting at 11:15 a.m. in McMillen Hall

July 13 **Reflections on Faith and Science I**

Elder and retired high school teacher Dave Mathews will lead us in an examination of natural science and religious faith as ways of knowing. He'll help us define these terms and we'll examine some case studies and scripture.

July 20 **Reflections on Faith and Science II**

Dave Mathews will continue to guide us in deeper dives into case studies and Bible passages to see how God's Word can guide us.

July 27 **Monks, Nuns, and You!**

Music Director and retired college instructor Keith Atwater will lead a virtual tour of spiritual retreat destinations in California that he has been to, and that are available to all. He'll explain what monasticism is and how the contemplative life deepens and enriches our spiritual journeys.

Dorcas Sewing Circle Donates 150+ Lab Robes

For several years, Dorcas sewing circle has been working with the Sacramento County Independent Living Project. This program was established to provide guidance to young people graduating

out of the foster care system. Those young people who choose to be a part of the Independent Living Project are given help with writing job resumes and learning to

budget. They also learn of services that are available to them as they move out of the system.

Each year, when these young people reach the age when they must leave foster care, social workers endeavor to find housing for them. Part of this transition is the gift of a lap robe to take with them.

In May each year the circle ladies fold, tie, box and deliver these lap robes to the social services offices to be distrib-

uted as a part of this graduation process.

This year, Dorcas has made over 150 lap robes. Thankfully, a line item in the Presbyterian Women's budget helps purchase batting and

fabric. As costs increase, this has become a major ex-



Members of the Dorcas Sewing Circle including (top L to R): Bonnie Logan, Suzan Wurz, Jimmi Mishler, Darlene Little, and Linda Franke, plus Lynn Shultz (right) created more than 150 quilted lap robes for the Independent Living Project.

pense. P W. would welcome any donations to help with that.

Even though our ladies never meet these lap robe recipients, we are told these gifts are received with thanks and some tears. Some have said that is the first new gift they have ever received.

This lap robe ministry has enriched the lives of the Dorcas ladies along with the foster youth.

Donate Flowers for Our Sanctuary



Just a reminder that there are still openings on the flower calendar in the coming months. It's easy to do-

nate the flowers: go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BA4AE29A5FE3-53059904-sanctuary> to choose an open date at least one week in advance.

The cost is \$50 for one bouquet or \$100 for both bouquets. Fill in the information and submit your payment to CPC with "flowers" in the memo line. Or, call the church office and we'll help you sign up over the phone.

It has been suggested that some of you may prefer to create the bouquet(s) with the bounty from your flower garden. If you're interested in this, contact the church office to see if the Sunday you have in mind is open.

Either way, the congregation will appreciate the beauty you have added to the service.

Food Closet News

by Barbara Farley

On Monday May 13, **John Busath** began serving as the new Food Closet Warehouse Manager. John and his wife, **Michelle**, have been coordinating the Carmichael HART shower program on Saturdays for the past two years. During that time John became interested in the work of the Food Closet. He volunteered as a driver and when he heard that our last warehouse manager had left, he asked to be considered for the warehouse position. His offer has been accepted, and we look forward to working with him in the future.

A year ago, we stopped having people call in to register for food distribution. During the phone in era, we accepted the first 25 people who called. During this interim time, we have served every family who arrives before 2:00 p.m. This has increased our service to as many 60 families averaging about 45 each day.

On June 1 we will be transitioning from the paper registration of our guests who

come to receive food to a computerized system with the Sacramento Food Bank called Oasis. Ten of us received training in April and May. When we begin using Oasis on



June 2 people from the Food Bank will be with us for a few days to help with a smooth transition. With this new program all our data will go

directly to Food Bank so we will no longer have to enter and report the data via our antiquated Access system. Thanks to all – **Kathy Phillips, Barbara Farley, Lynette Ledesma, Helen Magnuson, and Monique Schubert** - who have faithfully done the record keeping and reporting under our old system. One of the advantages of Oasis is that it is the system used by all the food closets that distribute TEFAP so we will be aware of how the food distribution is used by people in Sacramento County.

As summer approaches we will be exploring ways to address how we serve those

who walk up for food distribution. As many as 30 families walk to the Food Closet from the surrounding apartments and often have to stand and wait to be served.

The Food Closet received a grant from Abound Food Care for \$16,000. The focus of the grant is to keep as much waste as possible out of the organic waste container and improve the safety and quality of our food distribution. We are purchasing some new equipment: a stand-alone freezer, and materials and supplies to improve the safety of our distribution.

If you would like to join the more than 140 volunteers who work one of the four distribution shifts, go to <https://signup.com/Group/6669865565156600103/> and signup or send an email to carmfc5645@gmail.com to indicate your interest. The shifts are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. or 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings.

What's Up in Children's & Youth Ministry?

by Michael Lombrano, Children's & Youth Ministry Director

Vacation Bible School



Our theme is
"TRUE NORTH:
Trusting Jesus in
a Wild

World." We will
meet at the church July 7-11
from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00
p.m. VBS is for students en-
tering preschool up to 6th
grade. And we have leader
spots available for 7th grade
up to 12th grade. If you know
a youth who would like to par-
ticipate, let Michael know!

Scan the QR Code below to
register your child! And be
sure to invite your friends!

Children's Movie Night:



On Friday, June
6 from 6:00-8:00
p.m., we will be
showing "The
Minecraft Mov-
ie!" The cost is
free, just be sure to eat be-
forehand, and fill out our
waiver if you haven't already
done so! We will have snacks
and drinks to enjoy!

Youth Room Open Hours:

Starting on June 16 and
17, we are offering a cool es-
cape from the summer heat
with Youth Room Open

Hours on Mondays and Tues-
days! Michael will be in the
youth rooms from 1:00-4:00
p.m.* It's a relaxed time for
youth to come and go as they
please. Whether it be hanging
out, staying cool, taking a
break from family, or just en-
joying a change of environ-
ment, we hope to see you!



**there are no Open Hours July
7-8 due to VBS.*

JULY 7-11



9am-12 noon



Vacation Bible School

for all kids preschool-entering 6th grade

\$20 per child

Scholarships available upon request

Sign up using the QR code

Sing and dance, worship God, hear stories from the Bible and bring them to life, make crafts that tie into God's magnificent creation, and of course, enjoy snack time!



Questions? Contact Michael Lombrano at michael@carmichaelpres.org or 916-486-9081

2025 Women's Retreat

by Sharon MacLean



Calling all ladies, mark your calendars and plan to join us September 12-14 at the beautiful Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center in Lake Tahoe for our annual Women's Retreat. Registration is now open. Register online at <https://carmichaelpres.org/calendar/list/page/2/> or pick up a form in the church office.

This year's theme for the weekend will be "Who You Say I Am" and our speaker will be **Pastor Ashley Love Skrabec** from First Presbyterian Church of Stockton.

The cost is \$225 per person, which includes accommodations, meals, and activities during the retreat. For women ages 18 and up. Carpooling is available. So, plan to join us for a refreshing and fun weekend, and feel free to invite a friend or relative. If cost is a factor or you have any questions at all, please reach out to **Sharon MacLean** at sharmac617@gmail.com. Registration deadline is August 15.



In Our Church Family



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

- † **Bruce and Sharon MacLean** and family on the loss of Sharon's mother, **Jean Ehmann**, on April 17.
- † **Patti Grimm, Tom French**, and family on the loss of **Nonie French-Parker**, who passed away on May 13.
- † **Margie Marshall** and family on the loss of her husband, **Jim Marshall**, on May 24.

MISSION BELL DEADLINE

10th of each month
for the following
month's issue



Submit articles to
Karen Gray at
karen@carmichaelpres.org
or mail/drop off a hard copy
in the church office.

Counter-Cultural Love

by Misty Dunn, Stephen Minister/Leader

[Jesus said,] *“My command is this: love each other as I have loved you.”*

(John 15:12)

CPC has long been a church that believes and *acts* to show the love that Jesus calls us to demonstrate. We are committed to be a Matthew 25, Earth Care, and most recently, an LGBTQIA2+ welcoming congregation. Standing up for love in Christ’s way is sometimes counter-cultural and we may run into people who have a different view of what they think the Bible is calling us to do and be. However, when we ask ourselves “What would Jesus do?” and

pray for God to help us apply it to our lives, when we learn all we can about the difficulties and oppression that marginalized people face (those who Jesus called “the least of these”), and when we join with others who see God at work in what we are being called to do, God gives us discernment, strength, and courage. God is faithful to encourage us along the way.

It might help to remember

that when God asks us to do something new, challenging, or seemingly impossible, God will be with us—giving us strength, courage, wisdom, and oftentimes, other people to accompany us on our difficult journey to fulfill God’s will. There are many people who care about how we can show the love of Jesus to others and this seems an opportune time to build a special, caring community, God’s kin-dom, to do that!



Session Spotlight

by Mary MacDonald, Clerk of Session

During their regular meeting on April 22, your Session:

- Received the March 2025 financial report:

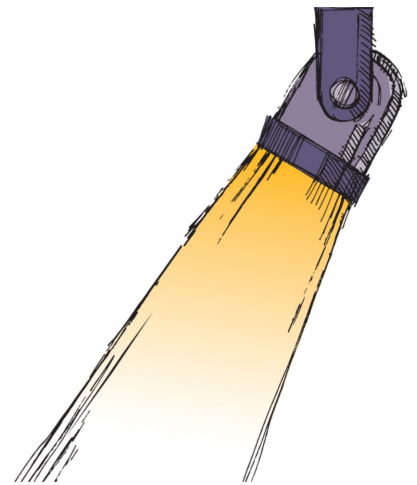
General Fund

Income, March	\$138,353.22
Income, YTD	\$257,611.66
Expense, March	\$75,990.29
Expense, YTD	\$221,688.34

21st Century Fund

Income, March	\$20,978.11
Income, YTD	\$22,367.59

- Called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m. to approve submitting a loan application for the parking lot project in the amount of \$1.5 million through the Synod of the Pacific.
- Approved study leave for Pastor Keith DeVries for May 13-18
- Deleted from the membership rolls K. Robert (Bob) Taylor, deceased January 13, 2025; Art Tookey, deceased April 8, 2025; and Elaine Weihmann, deceased April 13, 2025.



Library Corner Half and Half

by Doris Beckert

Two donations and two purchases comprise this month's highlighted books:

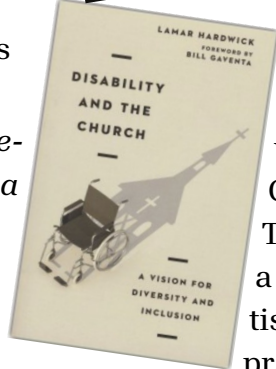
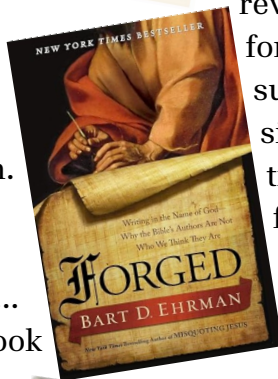
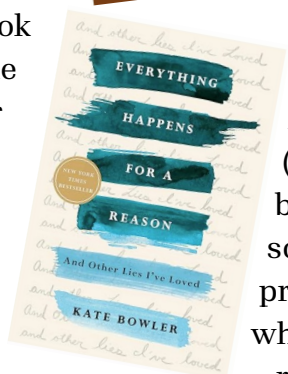
The first purchase is *Going Public: How Biblical People Help Us Find Our Voice for Public Life*, by Jeff Cover (248.4). This was selected from *Horizons*, the Presbyterian Women magazine, in the book review section of the September/October 2024 issue. In part, the review reads, "Presbyterian pastor Cover uses biblical examples of people who felt unprepared when God called, and the amazing things God made possible through them. Whether Elijah or Jonah, the stories affirm that there are myriad ... ways to serve." The book also includes group discussion questions at the end.

Kate Bowler's *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved* (248.4) deals with this Duke Divinity School professor's battle with colon cancer and finding faith

in God and oneself. She balances humor with thoughts on death and dying. Appendices include a study guide and what to say and not to say to someone – especially the words of the book title.

Then the donations: *Forged: Writing in the Name of God – Why the Bible's Authors Are Not Who We Think They Are*, by Bart K. Ehrman (225.4). Quoting from the book blurb, "With the scholarly expertise and provocative claims for which he's known, Ehrman reveals which texts were forged in the name of Jesus's disciples and considers how the deceptions of an unnamed few have prevailed for centuries."

Last, *Disability and the Church* by Lamar Hardwick (259.4). Its subtitle is "a vision for diversity and inclusion," which fits right in with CPC's mission statement. This book was written by a pastor who is on the autism spectrum. He offers practical steps to build stronger and inclusive communities of faith.



Chips Ahoy! Thanks You!



CPC's cookie-making fellowship, Chips Ahoy!, convened for the first time on January 8 this year. Since then, we have met monthly (and twice monthly in April and May) to prepare cookie dough for Sunday coffee fellowship.

A few interesting facts since we started this ministry:

- We have received 7 mixers from our generous congregation. (Thank you!)
- We have had 15 individuals participate.
- We have shared more than a dozen recipes to date, including **Glenda Perrou's** ginger molasses cookies, lemon sugar cookies (with lemons donated by **Darlene Little**), carrot cake cookies, coconut macaroons, and many more.

Chips Ahoy! is taking a break this summer, but we plan to resume our fun activities in September. We look forward to more of you joining us.

In the meantime, please consider volunteering to take a tub (or 2) of frozen cookie dough to bake for a Sunday morning this summer.

Scuttlebutt

News from CPC's Marinerships

Companionship

"And they're off!" was the cry at **Nancy and Dave Studer's** house where the Companionship met on May 3. It was our second annual Kentucky Derby Day and everyone agreed it should be an annual event. All the ladies arrived wear-



ing beautiful floral hats and the men wore a variety of bow ties. (Wayne Henley's was the largest.)



Companionship members sported festive hats and bow ties as they gathered for Kentucky Derby Day in early May.

any time in his third year (January 1 - December 31). And every horse in this year's Derby can trace its lineage back to Secretariat. This year's winner was No.



18 Sovereignty and owner Nancy Studer received a beautiful golden trophy. Coming in last was No. 6 Admire Daytona owned by Wayne Henley who received the Last Place horse trophy.

After our business meeting, we drew numbers that matched our horses, and

Thanks to the Studers and **Terry Barto** for hosting this event and for providing delicious snacks!

Our next meeting will be Bocce Ball and lunch. If you'd like to visit our ship, please contact our Lookout **Sharlene St. Clair**.

Holy Scow

April found a group of Holy Scow crew members visiting the gardens of Capitol Park on a lovely spring day. Our tour guide, who was new to the job but was knowledgeable, humorous, and interesting took us all around the east side of Capitol Park and introduced us to trees from all over the world. Even those of us who worked downtown and spent lots of time in the park learned about trees and groves in the park that we



Holy Scow members enjoyed a guided tour of Capitol Park in April.

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were unaware of. After the tour we enjoyed a delicious lunch at Cafeteria 15L. Thank you to **Suzan Wurz** for organizing this delightful outing.

A larger group of us attended the spring concert presented by the Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra. Decked out in beautiful jewel tone clothing, the chorus and orchestra (who wore their traditional black) entertained us with music by Lerner and Loewe including songs from *Paint Your Wagon*, *Gigi*, *My Fair Lady*, *Brigadoon*, and more. The soloists were outstanding and the ballet dancer was a charming addition to some of the pieces. Thanks to **Jim Wurz**, who is a member of SCSO, and **Suzan Wurz** for organizing this outing for us.

June's planned activity is a good old fashioned baseball game at Sutter Health Park where we'll cheer on the River Cats.

Mothership

On a rainy Saturday morning in April, a small group of mamas gathered for coffee and breakfast bites at O Café, a charming family-owned French-style café and bistro

nestled in the heart of Old Fair Oaks Village. We shared warm conversation and a sweet treat—the decadent Chocolate Raspberry Bomb—which quickly became a group favorite. The morning was filled with laughter, connection, and the joy of growing friendships. Moments like these remind us just how special our little ship is as we continue building our village together.

Nautilus

Nautilus took over two tables for the March Planting Seeds of Faith Auction but managed just one raffle winner, **Charlotte Frink**, though we all felt like winners with the great food and fun in-

volved.

For our May meeting, Nautilus joined with the Clipper Ship to create a small armada in the to celebrate May Day together in the DeVries Gathering Place on, yes, May 1. Nautilus was well represented by ten shipmates, including our French connection, **Louissette Asmar, Carol Dobler, Charlotte and Dick Frink, Carol Misquez**, our centenarian, **Emily Moulton, Jan Olson, Barbara and Wayne Reimers**, and **Harvey Swenson**. **Pastor Keith** was a welcome guest, as was **Kathy Lewin**, who is part of the Fellowship and Nurture Division at CPC. Kathy provided an overview of her division and how it interacts with mariner groups.

Carol Dobler's daughter and granddaughter, **Andrea and Laura Heckenlively**, with grandma's help, created a May Day production that

lacked only a Maypole. On arrival, we each created our own mini bouquets in little vases with flowers from a lush selection to take to our

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*Nautilus mariners joined with Clipper-ship mariners for a lovely spring luncheon with the help of Carol Dobler's daughter and granddaughter, **Andrea and Laura Heckenlively**.*

... More Scuttlebutt ...

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tables and then home. Before lunch, we asked for a blessing via a wonderful little poem that we read aloud together.

Lunch was a splendid strawberry-laced salad and tasty little petit sandwiches, followed by a variety of even tastier dessert treats.

Carol Misquez won the May quiz prize by getting every question right. And the crews of both ships gave **Carol Dobler** and family our enthusiastic appreciation for a memorable May Day!

Skipjacks

Cinco de Mayo was celebrated two days early with a Mexican tortilla soup luncheon cooked by **Glenda Perrou**. It was accompanied with chips and salsa, homemade by **Carolee Roach**. Glenda also provided the flan and **Jimmi Mishler** passed around her cookies. Table decorations included fabric hot peppers dressed in sombreros (psst....they were really dog squeeze toys, but don't tell anyone!)

Preceding the lunch, we did not escape our legendary long business meetings. **Bette**

Johnson shared a thoughtful devotional which



Skipjacks celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican-themed luncheon.

touched on Pope Francis, Francis of Assisi, Earth Day, and a reading from the prophet Micah.

Guest **Kathy Lewin** talked with us about

Fellowship & Nurture. We in

turn shared our relationships with our marinership and our church.

We found that after our flurry of spending we now have to figuratively tighten our belts until the coffers are refilled by our auction in November. **Margo Scandella** reminded us of our May cookie duty (we hope everyone enjoyed them at coffee fellowship time after services). We were very happy to hear that retired nurse **Mary Miller** will be taking over health ministry, including the equipment closet. Jimmi Mishler reported that Dorcas Circle has completed many lap robes which will be going to youth who have aged out of foster care.

The rest of the year's programs were reviewed. We decided to exchange a wine tasting trip to Isleton for a concert in Carmichael Park.

We were happy to see 14 of our ship members in attendance. Prayers go to **Dick and Carole Jacobi** who were not able to join us.

Sundays @ CPC

In-Person & Live Stream Worship

10:00 a.m.

A blend of traditional and contemporary music styles bring new life to the Word. Worship in the Sanctuary or join online. Go to youtube.com/@carmichaelpres or search for “carmichaelpres” on the YouTube app or your Smart TV.



Children's Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

All children are welcome and encouraged to attend worship. Following the Time for Young People, kids age 4-5th grade are dismissed to their classes.

Preschool through 2nd grade students experience Bible stories through Godly Play. Kids in 3rd-5th grade learn together using lectionary-based Whirl curriculum.

Nursery care for infants through age 3 is available throughout the morning.



Coffee Fellowship & Youth Bible Study

11:00 a.m.

Visit and enjoy a cup of coffee and a cookie while you browse the Art Exhibit in the DeVries Gathering Place or chat with friends old and new following worship.

Youth in 6th through 12th grade are encouraged to come to the Upper Rooms (youth rooms) for Bible study.



Caregiver Education Workshop



CPC is hosting a series of free workshops for caregivers sponsored by Senior Care Solutions, Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center, and the Alzheimer's Association. Mark your calendar for the last workshop in this series:

Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia

Wednesday, August 13 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, current research and treatments, and resources.

The workshop will be in the DeVries Gathering Place. Register by emailing info@seniorcs.com or calling 916-965-5565. Respite may be available for participants who request it at least two weeks in advance.

Share Your Faith Story



Have you had a God encounter or experience? How has God worked in your life and increased your faith? Share your faith story with your church family! Sharing your faith story can help others understand your perspective, deepen their relationship with you, and potentially inspire or encourage them in their own faith journeys.

You can share during Sunday worship, write something for someone else to read, or come up with a new way to share your story. If you would like to share your faith story please contact Terry Sakuda at terry.sakuda@yahoo.com

Help Us Keep in Touch!



If you've moved or changed your phone number or email (or even changed your preferred contact information), be sure to let the church office know!

Just contact **Julie Ueltzen**, Church Secretary by emailing carmichaelpres@gmail.com or calling 916-486-9081. Help us keep you up to date and connected!

Planning a Meeting?



The CPC campus is a busy place, even during summer. Are you planning a meeting or event in the coming months? Remember to reserve your space early! It's easy!

You can stop by the church office during regular office hours and talk with **Karen Gray** or **Julie Ueltzen**, OR call the church office at 916-486-9081, OR email karen@carmichaelpres.org or carmichaelpres@gmail.com.

We'll need to know:

- ♦ the date and time for your meeting (and what time you plan to arrive)
- ♦ a contact name and phone number or email
- ♦ where you would like to meet (if you have a preference)
- ♦ any special set-up or equipment needs

There are some restrictions on outside groups using CPC facilities. Karen or Julie can provide details and additional information as needed.

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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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Summer Monthly Wednesday Works Dinner



The weekly Wednesday Works dinner will be on hiatus for the summer. We invite you to join us for a monthly dinner hosted by the Mothership Marinership.

- When: Third Wednesdays
(June 18, July 16, August 20)
- Time: 6pm
- Where : McMillen Hall
- Cost: \$5 per person
(cash or check)

Menu

June 18

Spaghetti Casserole, ceasar salad, dessert

July 16

Taco Bar, dessert

August 20

A plethora of salads, dessert

Reserve your space now, pay when you arrive at dinner.

Return reservation forms to the church office or the box in the DeVries Gathering Place every Sunday during coffee hour.

To reserve by phone call Lynette Ledesma at (650)759-5179 or email her at catcmom@gmail.com.

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Email:

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