



# THE MISSION BELL

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## Another Step in Welcoming All

by Kathy Lewis

### What's Your Name?

The CPC Inclusion Task Force has been working to expand our welcome. We participated in Pride, with representatives from CPC walking in the Pride Parade on June 15 to show our support for the queer community. We celebrated Pride month with a display in the DeVries Gathering Place about the history of Pride and the many contributions of the LGBTQIA+ community. And we teamed up with the Education Division to purchase a new button maker that the whole church can use—we used it to print two new buttons that are

available now at the church sign-in tables on Sundays. Why have we done these things? And what does it have to do with you?



Buttons showing support for the LGBTQIA+ community are available at the sign in tables in the Sanctuary.

### Participation in Pride

People from CPC participated in the Sacramento Pride March on Sunday, June 15, under the umbrella organization, Sacramento Area Rainbow Faith Al-

liance (SARFA), a faith-based organization made up of people from faith communities across Sacramento, including pastors and rabbis and lay faith community members. SARFA serves as a network of welcoming congregations advocating for safe, supportive, and affirming spaces for LGBTQIA+ people.

Inspired by the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, the Sacramento Pride March included 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

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From Pastor Keith L. DeVries:

## "You Continue to Amaze"

Despite the current economic uncertainty in our country, your session and pastors had the audacity to ask for your financial support of CPC's seventh capital campaign since 1997 – and you said YES! Yes, you want to help complete CPC's parking lot renovation project. Yes, you want CPC to continue its legacy of welcoming all by providing a safe, accessible way for people to enter our campus. Yes, you want to uphold our commitment as an Earth Care Congregation with the addition of solar power.

Throughout this journey, we have been reminded that in each previous campaign we had hoped to include the parking lot project in the scope of work, and yet, ultimately, we were forced to scale down and postpone parking lot renovations. We were also reminded that there has been no significant work on our current parking lot since 1957, the year that I was born, so that was a really, *really* long, time ago! With our parking lot continuing to deteriorate, you said YES! Yes, we

acknowledge the need and want to support this effort.

So, let me first say thank you to **Allison Cagley** and **Karen Orlando**, co-leaders of the "Paving the Way to Welcome All" capital campaign. Thank you for your leadership and dedication. Thank you for the countless hours you spent in communicating why this

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project."*

project is so important to our future ministry together—*Thank You!*  
Thank you, **Tim**

**Farley**, for leading the parking lot committee and for your commitment and hard work overseeing this project over the past four years. Thank you to the Parking Lot Task Force: **Hal Millering, Ray Collison, Len Tozier, Rebecca Parker, Bill Dunn, and Bob Bergsten**. The fruit of your labors are about to be realized—*Thank You!*

Thank you to our amazing office staff: **Paul Shultz, Julie Ueltzen, and Karen Gray**. Thank you for undertaking

more responsibility, spending more time, and extending more effort, to handle the administrative side of this capital campaign. Thank you for crunching the numbers, for creating brochures and letters and for making sure everyone was included in this congregational endeavor and for doing so with such professionalism—*Thank You!*

Thank you to **Dawn Moore** and **Ann Lucas** of Moore Development Strategies, for providing expertise as our campaign consultants and keeping us on track to ensure that all our "t's" were crossed and "i's" dotted. It was a joy to work with you—*Thank You!*

And thank all of you, the members and friends of CPC, for your ongoing support, prayers and amazing generosity resulting in, as of June 20, 73 pledges for \$762,897. With previous gifts designated to the parking lot fund, we have a grand total of \$1,531,846. *Thank You! Thank You!*

See Tim Farley's article on page 4 for more details on parking lot project progress.

May our work together in the name of Jesus Christ be blessed and be a blessing to all,

*Pastor Keith*

# 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.

## ...Inclusion Task Force ...

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social justice as well as a celebration of diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans-gender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and two-spirit communities and culture.

The march began in Southside Park with communion provided by Trinity Cathedral and blessings from a rabbi from the Mosaic Law Congregation and then proceeded to the Capitol.

At CPC, on most Sundays during June (Pride Month) the Inclusion Task Force provided information in the DeVries Gathering Place about what Pride is all about and the posi-

tive impact that so many LGBTQIA+ individuals have made across the world.

### **New Buttons**

Just as CPC provides its members with name badges, we are now providing you with an additional badge (actually, it's a LARGE button) that helps you identify yourself and our church to others. You have a choice—a button that says you are an LGBTQIA+ ally or one that says All are welcome at CPC over a rainbow background. These messages are intended to share your own choice of welcome to visitors and members alike. We are hoping that

each of us can share our intent. Feel free to wear your button of choice on Sundays and also at other events both within and outside the church. Some ideas—at the Food Closet, at SOS, at Saturday showers, at Presbytery meetings, on Zoom calls as our church does business, at Presbyterian Women meetings—and the list goes on.

We, of course, encourage you to wear your CPC name badge at church. It is so helpful to others attending worship to be able to greet you by name! If you don't have your name badge any more, feel free to contact the church office to get a replacement.

# Parking Lot and Solar Project Update

by Tim Farley

The County Planning Department has approved the solar project and issued the building permit. The canopy has been ordered, and the solar system and the parking lot will be installed during the same time period.

Our engineering firm, CWE, is finalizing our construction drawings (plans) for the parking lot. They were expected to be submitted to the County in June and approved in July. We're now finalizing our RFP (Request For Proposal) so that shortly after the plans are approved we can begin soliciting bids from contractors.

We're working on parking options during construction. Plans are being considered for the Food Closet, for Sunday attendance at church, and for staff and other visitors during the week.

We still anticipate breaking ground in September.



While **Ron Morris** will no longer be able to fish in "Lake Carmichael," we're looking forward to a new parking lot!

## Encourage One Another

by Misty Dunn, Stephen Minister/Leader

*"Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."*

~Thessalonians 5:11

This congregation is such a warm and welcoming one, sharing God's love and encouragement freely with one another. We are nourished through CPC's worship services, Bible studies, choirs, Wednesday Dinners, Marinerships, and our work as Deacons, Elders, and committee members.

Many in our congregation have been through challeng-

ing times, have reached out to someone for prayer or support and have been uplifted. This is as it should be; it is God's gift of grace and com-



passion that Jesus asks us to share with each other. Perhaps it's because of the support we find at CPC and through family, and friends, that no one has asked for a Stephen Minister for several months. This combined with increasing difficulty in recruiting new Stephen Ministers has led the Stephen Leaders, in conjunction with pastoral staff, to pause our Stephen Ministry program. If the need for this program aris-

es in the future, we stand ready to re-activate it.

Stephen Ministers *will* still be available after Sunday worship services for personal prayers at the Stephen Ministry banner. Stephen Leaders *will* continue sending out the four grief booklets to those who have lost a loved one.

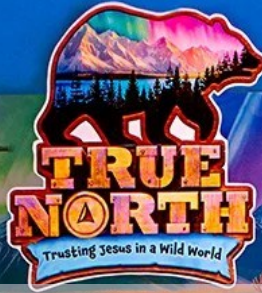
If you have further questions about this, please talk to one of the Stephen Leaders: **Len Tozier, John Wallace, Mary Thomas, or Misty Dunn.**

Please join us this Fall as we celebrate CPC's **30** years as a Stephen Ministry congregation.



**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](mailto:michael@carmichaelpres.org) or 916-486-9081

## **Summer Monthly Wednesday Dinner**

The weekly Wednesday Dinner is on hiatus for the summer. Mothership Mariners invites you to join them for a monthly dinner and fellowship.

**When:** Third Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

### **What's on the Menu:**

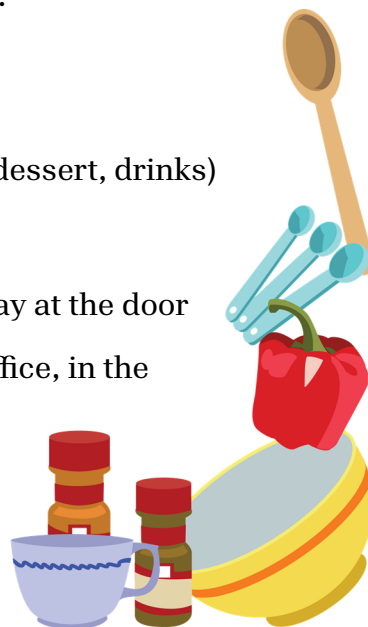
**July 16** (taco bar, dessert, drinks)

**August 20** (a plethora of salads and dessert, drinks)

**Place:** McMillen Hall

**Cost:** \$5 per person (cash or check) pay at the door

Reserve your space at the church office, in the DeVries Gathering Place during Sunday coffee hour, or by contacting **Lynette Ledesma** ([catcmom@gmail.com](mailto:catcmom@gmail.com)).



## **NEW Caregiver Support Group**



If you are caring for a loved one,

you are invited to join CPC's Care Giver Support group, meeting the third Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. The next meeting will be July 16.

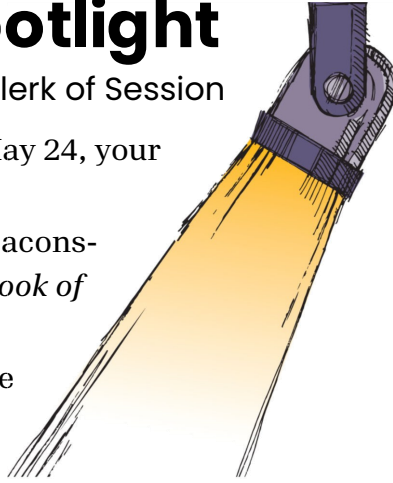
For more information or to receive the Zoom link, please contact Kathy Lewin at [kslew-in@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kslew-in@sbcglobal.net).

# Session Spotlight

by Mary MacDonald, Clerk of Session

During their regular meeting on May 24, your Session:

- Examined Elders–elect and Deacons–elect in accordance with the *Book of Order*.
- Elected the following corporate officers for 2025-2026:  
President – **Dave Studer**  
Secretary – **Mary MacDonald**  
Treasurer – **Tim Farley**
- Received the April 2025 financial report:  
General Fund  
Income, April               \$53,992.67  
Income, YTD               \$311,604.33  
Expense, April             \$87,334.14  
Expense, YTD             \$309,222.48  
21st Century Fund  
Income, April             \$19,682.46  
Income, YTD             \$51,333.91
- Approved study leave for Pastor **Ivan Herman** to attend the Pastors' Retreat at Zephyr Point October 6-8 (3 days) in addition to a weekend off plus 2 days' vacation October 9-13.
- Deleted from the membership rolls: Naomi French-Parker, deceased May 13; Jim Marshall, deceased May 24; and Thamsyne Brown at her request.



# Your 2025–2026 Session

Leadership transitions happen at CPC in June of each year as we ordain and install elders and deacons.

The Session members for 2025-2026 are:

Moderator: **The Reverend Keith L. DeVries**

Clerk of Session: **Mary MacDonald**

Assistant Clerk of Session: **Sharon MacLean**

Administration Division:  
**Allison Cagley, Chair; Scott Young**

Education Division: **Rebecca Cameron, Chair; Ernie Chard**  
Fellowship & Nurture Division: **Kathy Lewin, Chair; Deb Sweetman**

Membership & Outreach Division: **Julie Ueltzen, Chair; Anita Lawson**

Mission Division: **Bob Curtis, Chair; Rebecca Parker**

Worship Division: **Terry Sakuda, Chair**

Deacon Co-Moderators:  
**Laura Garwood and ElizaBeth Phillips**

Session typically meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July) to conduct the business of the church.

## MISSION BELL DEADLINE

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



Submit articles to  
Karen Gray at

[karen@carmichaelpres.org](mailto:karen@carmichaelpres.org)

or mail/drop off a hard copy in the church office.





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

by Michael Lombrano, Children's & Youth Ministry Director

## Vacation Bible School:



There is still time to register for VBS! Our theme is "TRUE NORTH: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." Students entering preschool up to 6th grade are invited for a week of singing, dancing, worshiping, Bible stories, and more at CPC July 7-11 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 with scholarships available upon request. Scan the QR Code on page 5 to register your child! And be sure to invite your friends!

## Triennium:



The Presbyterian Church (USA) will welcome thousands of its high schoolers and their adult youth leaders to Louisville, Kentucky for four days of worship, recreation, bible study, outreach, and faith formation all around the theme of "As If We Were Dreaming." Michael Lombrano and Lindsey Knea (St. Andrews Pres) are taking five students from our presbytery. And FOUR of them are

from CPC: Alex Moborez, Harper Leslie, Michelle Reimann, and Robin Herman!

Please keep all of the Triennium leaders and participants in your prayers as they travel and learn July 28-31.

## Youth Room Open Hours:



Over the summer, Michael is opening up the Youth Rooms every Monday and Tuesday from 1-4pm! There are snacks and La Croix, we have board games and a Nintendo Switch set up. There is no set agenda for the time, and if you are looking for a place to hang out and avoid the heat, come on over! We would love to see you there!

You do not need to register or let Michael know that you are coming. You can just show up!

If you would like to bring friends, that would be awesome! They have to fill out our waiver, which can be found in the children and youth emails. Michael can also send you one. Email [michael@car-michaelpres.org](mailto:michael@car-michaelpres.org) for more information!

Please note: Because the youth rooms will be used during VBS, we will NOT have open hours July 7-8. The youth rooms will also be closed the week of July 28-31 because Michael will be at Triennium.

## JULY

### CHILDREN EVENTS

7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

Vacation Bible School  
9am - Noon

### YOUTH EVENTS

27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>

Triennium  
in Louisville!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### Youth Room Open Hours

NEARLY every Monday and  
Tuesday in the summer

\*\*Not meeting VBS and Triennium weeks\*\*

# CPC Hosts Graduation Celebration

by Kathy Lewis

On May 28, CPC hosted World Relief's (WR) English as a Second Language (ESL) graduation celebration for Afghan women who had spent the school year learning English and how to navigate United States systems, all via

Lunch was food brought by the women—lots of rice and chicken dishes of all kinds and Middle Eastern breads. World Relief purchased pizzas and sheet cakes. CPC was able to pay for them.

Alexis Davidson, Misty Dunn, Kathy Lewis, and two friends of Marcia's—**Hannah O'Neill** and **Sharon Wise**. The kitchen clean-up was manned by **Brian Nordeen** and **Bill Dunn**, who remained out of sight out of respect for

the Afghan women's culture.

Kathy coordinated the day from CPC's side. **Karen Gray** and **Pastor Keith** helped with the technical support for the day.

Debbie shared that it is one of her favorite events of the year. There is so much joy

in the room among the graduates who have made huge strides in learning, and among the many volunteers and WR staff who got to share in the celebration. Marcia, Alexis, and Hanna were all teaching assistants for the year and so could really appreciate the progress the ladies in their classes had made.

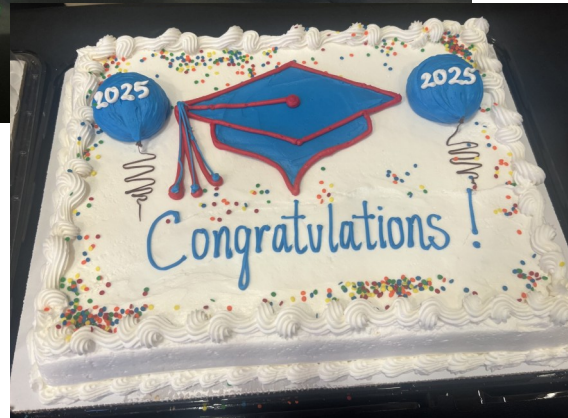
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Afghan women gathered in McMillen Hall to celebrate completion of World Relief's English as a Second Language program.

Zoom. Approximately 60 women attended—several of them meeting in person for the first time—to receive individual recognition as well as certificates for their accomplishments. The women wore their finest outfits—with sparkling rhinestones and beautiful colors! Each lady had the opportunity to don a graduation cap and have a picture taken with her own phone (to protect her privacy). And for the first time, several of the women performed a dance for the entire group.

CPC volunteers were responsible for hospitality, including setting up, greeting, serving, and cleaning up. Each table had a graduation cap centerpiece, and pink graduation napkins. World Relief brought lots of decorations, including flowers and banners, and gave each graduate a gift bag and books for their children. The CPC hospitality crew consisted of **Carol Jones**, **Debbie Nordeen**, **Marcia Weill**,





## ... Graduation ...

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Following the event, **Heidi Guttschuss** (Education Supervisor for World Relief Sacramento) shared comments from some of the graduates on the impact of their ESL classes. Here are a few of the MANY testimonies that she received. They are an overwhelming endorsement of the World Relief education program.

Ba: "I used to go and sit at the doctor's appointment and my husband had to do everything: he had to check in and fill out the forms....I couldn't do any of it. Last week I went to the doctor, and they were looking at my husband, but I was answering all the questions. They were amazed. They asked how I knew all of this, and I said that I am going to school....On the way home, my husband said, 'Now I understand that this is the perfect place for you, and I wonder what else you could learn if you continue these classes.'"

S: "Before this program I felt like I was not real, I was nothing, I was invisible. But now I see myself, I know a lot of things. I can see the letters and the prices and everything. Now I am the leader in my family."

Sh: "This class gave us

confidence to go outside the home. Before, we always wanted our father to go with us....Now we go with our friends to the store. We were able to know the prices and exactly what money we needed to pay."

Sa: "Living in the U.S. felt like I had lost a part of myself....The responsibilities we once managed with confidence back home felt impossible to handle here....Before this program, I didn't even know how to turn on a laptop or connect to WiFi. Now, I can join a Zoom class on my own....And when I do, it feels like a huge achievement—something I know many people back home might not even dream of doing."

*Footnote:* Although the federal government stopped funding for World Relief (and all refugee resettlement agencies), Afghan refugees continue to arrive who have enough funding to get here. World Relief has received over 500 people since they lost funding and continue to help them using donations and state grants for operational expenses. World Relief is very appreciative of the support that CPC continues to provide—through donations, volunteers, and use of our facilities for classes and celebrations.

## CPC Bell Director in Local Musical



Our Mission Bells director, **Rikki Pratt**, is also a very talented singer and actor. Currently she is co-starring as Marmee, the mother of four precocious daughters, in *Little Women: the Musical*. Mission Bell ringers and other musical lovers are attending, and all CPC members and friends are invited! Music director **Keith Atwater** and his wife **Jean Vrecheck**, and some Sanctuary Choir members will attend the final show at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 13 at the Sutter Street Theatre, 717 Sutter street in Old Folsom. Come join them and congratulate Rikki and the cast after the curtain falls for the last time! Tickets are only \$27 and \$30 general admission.

The show runs Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 4:30 p.m. through July 13.

# New Art Show: The Beauty of Wood

by Kathy Daigle

The CPC Art Committee is excited to showcase the works of two local wood-workers in this new art show, "The Beauty of Wood." These featured artists are Clair Daugherty and Doug Waggoner.

Clair Daugherty begins telling his story this way: "With nothing more than a desire to do some wood working and a background of one woodshop class in high school, I went over to my dad's garage and built two end tables and a coffee table for our first house in 1971."

The coffee table ended up as firewood eventually but he still uses those same end tables. Soon he purchased a table saw and enjoyed making

small projects until he retired in 2003. Then he wanted to

done a few bowls from logs. I was more interested in doing

segmented bowls. That is cutting a strip of wood into 12-16 pieces, forming rings and gluing the rings together to form the bowl, which is then turned on the lathe to its final shape."

Now Clair has a better table saw and a few other tools. He enjoys just going out to his workshop and creating things from wood.

"Creating colorful and eye-pleasing patterns in wood I find most pleasing and gratifying. Here in Sacramento we have a few stores that gather wood from all

## On the Beauty of Wood

**"Here in Sacramento we are blessed to have a few stores that gather beautiful wood from all over the world. From the Purple Heart wood from the rainforest in Brazil to the Yellow Heart wood from Brazil's eastern coastline, south of the equator. And here in the U.S. we get Quilted Maple from the western coastline of Oregon, just one of the many species of maple.**

**Speaking of maple, God has created more varieties of maple than any other wood. From Quilted to Curly to Birdseye to name a few, but we also get maple syrup from Sugar Maple trees.**

**No dyes were used to create the color of the woods in these projects. It's just God's handiwork."**

**- Clair Daugherty**



make a salad bowl so he joined the Northern California Wood Turners Club.

"Having access to mentors and seeing other members' work inspired me. I've only



over the world."

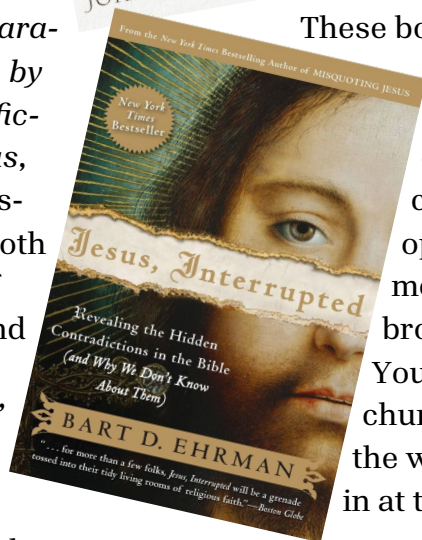
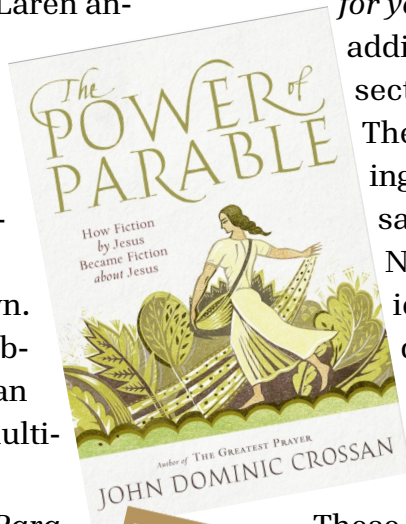
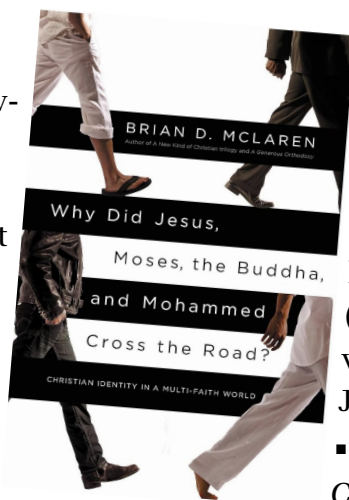
Doug Waggoner also took a woodworking class in high school  
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## Library Corner A Few New Titles

by Doris Beckert

**John & Mary Simpson** recently donated the following books to the church library:

- This title caught my eye: *Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?* Author Brian McLaren answers the question if it is possible to affirm other religions without watering down your own. (261.2) The subtitle is Christian identity in a multi-faith world.
- *The Power of Parable; how fiction by Jesus became fiction about Jesus*, by John D. Crossan (232.9) is both a discussion of the Parables and of the Gospels in which Jesus' life is told in parables.
- Here is yet another controversial book by Bart Ehr-



man: *Jesus, Interrupted* (220.6). It reveals the hidden contradictions in the Bible's New Testament and why we don't know about them. (Hint: Books were written decades after Jesus' death)

- *Symbols of the Church*, and *Chrismons for your Tree* are both additions to the 246 section of symbols. The former has drawings of crosses, saints, and Old and New Testament topics. The latter has drawings, text, and patterns for making your own tree decorations.

These books and many more are available for you to check out! The church library is open on Sunday mornings for your browsing pleasure.

You can also visit the church library during the week by checking in at the church office.

## ... Art Show ...

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school. He was working for Pacific Bell in Sacramento when he saw some of the beautiful segmented wooden bowls created by a co-worker. "I was intrigued," he said.

So with the help of a friend he began to study by reading fine woodworking magazines and books. "I found woodworking was a way for me to relax."

Since then Doug has furnished his home with beautiful one-of-a-kind pieces in exotic woods. He has made bowls, pens, wall hangings and sculptural pieces. He still enjoys making segmented bowls.

Doug has demonstrated his woodturning skills at Del Campo High School woodshop class, sharing his talent with others. You will often find him working away with wood in his workshop.

## In Our Church Family



Please lift up in prayer our worship band guitarist **Michael Schwab** and family on the loss of his father, **Steven Schwab**, on May 28.



# Local Sikh Youth Group Visits CPC

by Keith Atwater

On April 19, the day before Easter, CPC hosted about 60 Sikh children and youth and 20 parents and friends for a tour of our campus. Our Sacramento neighbors, the Satguru Ram Singh Satsang congregation on Kiefer Blvd, take educational field trips so their children can learn about other faith traditions. They've visited local Buddhist temples and Jewish synagogues; we're their first Protestant church destination. Parent leaders had made and shown the youth a PowerPoint slide show pointing out common ground between Sikh and Presbyterian faith and practice. The first slide was CPC's mission statement!

They were met by CPC Music Director and retired college professor **Keith Atwater**,

who pointed out our food closet and led them through McMillen Hall, pointing out the parallels between the Sikh *langar* – a free vegetarian meal served to all – and our Supper on Saturdays, shower ministry, and free meals distributions. Seated in our sanctuary the “kids” (from second grade through high school) listened to a recording of a pipe organ and choir singing a hymn and Keith Atwater reading Jesus' words while they followed along in pew hymnals and Bibles. The church's features and their purposes were explained: the pulpit, communion table and elements, baptismal font, stained glass windows and wall quilts. They learned about the significance of Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sun-

day.

A question and answer session followed; the children and their parents were not shy about asking insightful questions! All agreed that our core traditions and values are very similar: worship, singing, prayer, and reading from sacred texts (Adi Granth Sahib and the Holy Bible) on Sundays, putting God at the center of our lives, maintaining high moral values, actively caring for others through charity, service, and community-building work, and following the precepts of Guru Nanak and Jesus respectively. It was a memorable day for all, and perhaps some of our church family will visit their nearby house of worship soon.



A group from Satguru Ram Singh Satsang congregation visited CPC in April to learn about similarities and differences between the Presbyterian and Sikh faiths.

# Scuttlebutt

## News from CPC's Marinerships

### Companionship

On a warm/sunny/toasty June 7, eleven hardy members of Companionship met at Eskaton for a delightful game of bocce ball. Led by the Rule Keeper **Priscilla Mauerman** we formed four teams of two people each to face each other in competition. The red/green team included partners **Bonnie Logan** and **Randy Anderson** and team **Kathy Daigle** and **Chris Beeby**. The blue and yellow players were partners **Elayne Anderson** and **Burt Logan** and team **Sharlene St. Clair** and **Hal Miller**. **Carol** and **Harry Jones** were our enthusiastic cheerleaders.

Traditionally played on a relatively flat court up to 90 feet in length and 8 to 13 feet wide, Eskaton has a very nice pair of courts. Each team has 4 red or green wooden bocce balls. The game begins when one player throws the *pallino* ("bullet" or "little ball" in Italian) such that it lands in a central zone 16 feet long and ending 8 feet from the end of the court. If the first team misses twice, the other team can place the *pallino* anywhere they choose within the zone. The team that first tossed the *pallino* bowls first.

After the first bowl, the other team has a turn. From then on, the side which does *not* have the ball closest to the jack has a chance to bowl up until one side or the other has used their four balls. Then the other team bowls its remaining balls. The object of the game is for a team to get as many of its balls as possible closer to the *pallino* than the other team's balls.

Following the first game, the winners of each pair faced each other: Sharlene and Hal vs Bonnie and Randy, and the ultimate winners were Bonnie and Randy.

Whew! It's a good thing Priscilla was there to help us keep score!

Following the game we met



*It was a musical month of May for Mothership as Kristina N., ElizaBeth P., Lynette L., and Rae-Nani S. attended the Kiwanis Swing Band concert at CPC and a 1980s and 1990s concert at Thunder Valley.*

at a nearby Round Table for pizza, salads, and conversation and a business meeting led by co-skipper Sharlene St. Clair.

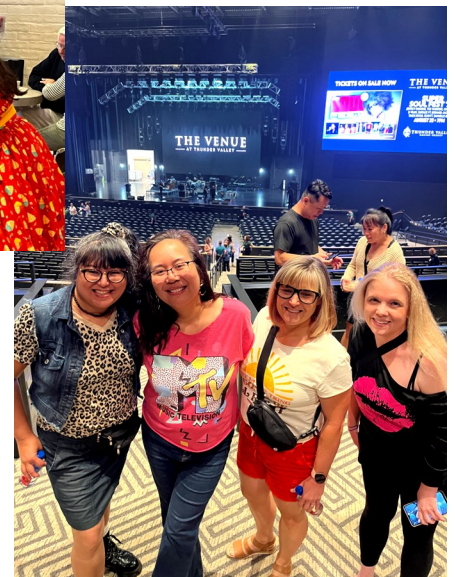
Our next meeting will be a July 4 celebration on July 7. If you'd like to visit our ship please contact our Lookout Sharlene St. Clair.

### Mothership

May was Music Month for The Mothership. On May 25, our families gathered to enjoy big band favorites at the Kiwanis Swing Band Concert. After the concert, we moved over to the DeVries Gathering Place for a relaxed sandwich lunch, giving everyone a chance to catch up and connect over good food and good company.

Then on May 30, it was time to turn up the volume and take a trip down memory

lane. **Lynette L., Kristina N., Elizabeth P., and Rae-Nani S.** donned



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their best '80s and '90s outfits and headed out to Lincoln for a much-needed moms' night out. The destination: The Venue at Thunder Valley, a brand-new 4,500-seat concert space that opened in 2023. None of us had been there before—and we were impressed! The concert was a nostalgic dream, featuring powerhouse performances by Wilson Phillips, Taylor Dayne, Sheena Easton, and Tiffany. We danced, sang, and laughed our way through the night, soaking up the music and the freedom of a kid-free evening. We came home refreshed, re-energized, and already dreaming of our next musical outing.

## Skipjacks

Discovery: a strategy is mandatory to navigate the Symphonic Band Concert series in Carmichael Park in June. That is if you want to sit in front of the outdoor band shell, the front being a sunny expanse of grass. For this central view and best sound,

those in the know set up canopies for ready made shade and to mark their space. (I counted 20). These are filled



*Not arriving early for the Carmichael Park concert series gave the Skipjacks a great view of a harpist, but not much else. Fortunately, the music could be heard all around the park.*

with folding chairs of all types, coolers, snacks, and drinks to last several hours. The un-canopied were tightly

clustered under the shade trees at the sides (Our view featured a close up of the harp). Advice: Go early to grab a shady spot. On the program this June Sunday afternoon was the Capitol Pops Band, followed by the Amador County Band, and then the Sacramento Concert Band.

Our other June activity, and more heavily attended, was the Chautauqua play, "Strange Bedfellows: the Musical." The was a premiere by a local writer-musician. Not really ripped from the headlines but timely, this political comedy about a presidential election was set to music and enjoyed by all.



*Holy Scow members (L to R) Judi Stewart, Dan Franke, Linda Franke, Terryl Summers, Misty Dunn, Bill Dunn, Darlene Little, Len Tozier, Suzan Wurz, and Jim Wurz enjoyed a lovely tour of Capitol Park in April. Editor's Note: This photo was inadvertently left out of the June Mission Bell. We apologize for the error.*



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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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## 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](https://youtube.com/@carmichaelpres) or search for “carmichaelpres” on the YouTube app or your Smart TV.



### **Summer Sunday School 10:15 a.m.**

All children are welcome and encouraged to attend worship. Following the Time for Young People, kids age 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed to Summer Sunday School, where they can enjoy a quick lesson, a fun activity, and time to play.

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 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to come to the Upper Rooms (youth rooms) for Bible study.

