

# Parish Notes

Carmichael Presbyterian Church



June 21, 2026

## Welcome to Worship

Welcome to worship with Carmichael Presbyterian Church. This community of faith affirms that every person has worth as a unique creation and child of God. As followers of Jesus, we strive to welcome into full participation people of every age, sex, race, color, ethnicity, culture, immigration status, political affiliation, economic condition, physical and mental ability, degree of neurodivergence, marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity and expression. We rejoice in the diversity of God's creation.

This service is livestreamed for those unable to be physically present, and we celebrate that we can be connected to each other in different times and places for worship.

If you are visiting, we extend God's blessings to you on your journey. If you are seeking a home, we invite you to join us in the adventure of serving Jesus Christ in a challenging and beautiful world.

~Pastor Keith and Pastor Ivan

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## Sundays at CPC

**Worship** on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary either in person or via live stream. You can also watch the recording of the service any time after Sunday. There are several ways to join worship services:

- Come In-Person: To help us be a more welcoming congregation and greet each other, please wear your name badge or, if you don't have one or can't find it, pick up a sticker name tag as you enter the Sanctuary.
- Go to the church website: <http://carmichaelpres.org/> and click on the "live stream" link
- Go to the URL: <https://www.youtube.com/@carmichaelpres/>
- Use the YouTube App or Smart TV: search for carmichaelpres (and subscribe to our channel if you haven't yet)

**Sunday School** for kids age 4 through 5th grade starts after the Time for Young People (about 10:25 a.m.) in Room 205

**Nursery Care** is open for children age 4 and under from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in Room 102.

**Coffee Fellowship** is available in the DeVries Gathering Place following worship. Grab a cup of coffee or a cookie & enjoy fellowship.

**Restrooms** are available between the DeVries Gathering Place and Parlor and outside McMillen Hall. All-gender restrooms are located on the second floor across from the elevator and across from Room 206.

Let us know you're watching!  
Register your attendance **HERE!**



## Remember in Prayer:

- **Victims of Natural Disasters & Violence Worldwide**
- **PC(USA) General Assembly**
- **Darlene Little**
- **Anne Parker**
- **Beth Lindley**
- **Mary Miller**
- **Mary Simpson**
- **John Wallace**
- **Dave Mathews**
- **Hazel Smith**
- **Janice Nielsen**
- **Linda Gracey**
- **Pastor Keith DeVries**
- **Marsha Cook**
- **Len Tozier**
- **Odette Ledesma**
- **Carol Jones**
- **James Wurz**
- **Ron Morris**
- **Bill Walker**
- **Don Cox**
- **Julie Leporiere**
- **John & Kate Erlich**
- **Jan Hill**
- **Dennis McAllister** (friend of Carolyn & Gordon McGregor)
- **Emily Brown** (Linda Franke's daughter-in-law)
- **Jeff Poteet** (Janann Poteet's son)
- **Sarah Cagley** (Allison Cagley's daughter)
- **Scott Crippin** (Paul & Lynn Shultz's son-in-law)
- **Marilyn & Bill Garwood** (Laura Garwood's parents)
- **Amber Smyth** (Jimmi Mishler's granddaughter)
- **Mark Ostman** (Hal Millering's cousin's husband)
- **Jill Hesser** (former CPC member)
- **Bob & Patricia Ellsworth** (Kate Erlich's sister and brother-in-law)
- **Michelle Busath** (Carmichael HART)
- **John Buechner** (friend of Keith & Jenny DeVries)
- **Rachel Pollock** (Rebecca Parker's daughter)
- **Erika Heald** (friend of ElizaBeth Phillips)
- **Sarah Winston** (Laura Garwood's sister)
- **Becca Hugh** (friend of Bill & Misty Dunn)
- **Joanna Duthler** (friend of Cathy Wride)
- **Lisa Roppolo** (friend of Anita Lawson)
- **Laura Voelker** (Kate Erlich's cousin)
- **Marty Welch** (friend of Anita Lawson)
- **Eduardo Kioshima** (Dani Romais's father)
- **Diana Jacks** (Terry Sakuda's sister)
- **Mary Patton** (Janann Poteet's daughter)
- **Linda Hopper** (Lisa Torgerson's mother)
- **Debbie Scott** (Mary Thomas's sister)
- **Charlotte Faith Syres** (Pattie Shaw's great-granddaughter)
- **Ben Hidalgo** (husband of Gail Ball's granddaughter)
- **DG Dela Peña** (Lynette Ledesma's cousin's daughter)
- **Brandi Rusniak** (family friend of Janann Poteet)
- **Jay Geha** (Bonnie Pearson's son)

## Congregational Meeting

CPC's Session has called a brief congregational meeting for Sunday, June 28, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing a deacon. Please plan to attend in person or via livestream.

## Parking Lot Construction and Paving the Way Update

The parking lot construction and the solar system preparation are going well. Because of the April rainstorm, some unrelated soil density variations in the lot area, and the discovery of some underground AT&T and Carmichael Water District obstacles our completion date will now be around August 20.

Asphalt paving should happen at the end of July followed by landscaping and finishing the solar system.

The Paving the Way campaign results are outstanding. The campaign resulted in pledges of \$841,587 and at about the halfway mark we've already received \$514,574. So, we're at 61% of the goal. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

If you have any questions about parking lot project or the Paving the Way capital campaign, see Tim Farley or Bill Dunn in the DeVries Gathering Place after the service.

## Women's Retreat

All women age 18 and up are invited to CPC's Women's Retreat September 18-20 at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center in Lake Tahoe. Our theme is "Come to Me" and our speaker is Pastor Cathy Lovejoy from Shepherd of the Sierra Church. Stop by the table in the DeVries Gathering Place today for more information or to sign up. You can also find the registration form at <https://carmichaelpres.org/event/womens-retreat/> or pick up a form in the the church office during the week. For more details, contact Sharon MacLean at [sharmac617@gmail.com](mailto:sharmac617@gmail.com).

## Wanted: Summer Bakers

Participate in the Chips Ahoy! cookie ministry by volunteering to bake pre-made cookie dough for Sunday morning fellowship this summer! It is as easy as: 1) Take the cookie dough home; 2) Pre- heat your oven; 3) Place cookie balls on cookie sheets; 4) Bake; 5) Bring baked cookies to church

Interested? Contact Lynette Ledesma at 650-759-5179.

## In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the family of **Pat Chaney**, who passed away on June 15.

## Memorial Service

A memorial service for **Karla Curran** will be held on Friday, June 26 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

## Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by **Dick & Charlotte Frink** in celebration of their 71st wedding anniversary on June 12. Blessings & congratulations!

## Special Friends

Please pray for these folks whose health or other circumstances often keep them from attending in-person worship. We include a few names each week.

**Arnold Fuson**  
**Loretta Gossett**  
**Margaret Herman**  
**Leon & Cathy Hodge**

## Carmichael 4th of July Parade

Join with CPC friends to view the Carmichael Fourth of July Parade! We are setting up the CPC canopy on the grass on the northwest corner of Palm and Fair Oaks Blvd. Wear your CPC T-Shirt if you have one, and bring something to sit on. The parade starts at 10:30 a.m.

## Kiwanis July 4 Pancake Breakfast

Carmichael Kiwanis, one of our community partners, is hosting its annual Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast at the Carmichael Park clubhouse from 7:00 - 11:00 a.m. before the Carmichael Fourth of July Parade. Tickets are \$5 per person! What a tasty way to kick off the Fourth!!!

## Vacation Bible School Registration



Registration is open for Vacation Bible School July 13-17 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day! Our theme is Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God. Students in Preschool up to 6th grade are welcome. And, there are volunteer spots available for 7th-12th graders.

The cost is \$20 per child, and scholarships are available upon request. Register at <https://carmichaelpresbyterian.breezechms.com/form/0789c36531> or scan the QR code. Questions? Contact Michael Lombrano at 916-486-9081 or [michael@carmichaelpres.org](mailto:michael@carmichaelpres.org).



## How to Give

There are several ways to contribute to CPC's ministry and mission:

- Place your contribution in one of the contribution boxes in the Sanctuary or Narthex on Sundays.
- Scan the QR code.
- Go to [carmichaelpres.org/give/](https://carmichaelpres.org/give/) to give with a credit/debit card, bank transfer, or PayPal.
- Contact Paul Shultz, Financial Administrator to make a credit/debit card contribution over the phone.
- Mail a check to CPC, 5645 Marconi Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608.



## CPC's Mission

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

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

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## This Week at CPC

Sunday, June 21 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday, June 21 @ 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday, June 21 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Monday, June 22 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Monday, June 22 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Monday, June 22 @ 1:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 23 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, June 23 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, June 23 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, June 23 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, June 23 @ 1:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 23 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 23 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 24 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, June 24 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 24 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 24 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, June 25 @ 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday, June 25 @ 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday, June 25 @ 1:00 p.m.  
Thursday, June 25 @ 1:30 p.m.  
Thursday, June 25 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, June 25 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, June 26 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Friday, June 26 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Friday, June 26 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, June 26 - Sunday, June 28  
Saturday, June 27 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, June 20 @ 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, June 28 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday, June 28 @ 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday, June 28 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, June 28 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, June 29 @ 11:15 a.m.

Worship in Sanctuary and on YouTube  
Summer Sunday School in Upper Rooms  
Coffee Fellowship in DGP  
World Relief in Room 109  
Youth Room Open Hours  
Food Closet Distribution  
Staff Meeting in Library  
Youth Room Open Hours  
Companions Study in DGP  
GA in Room 202  
Food Closet Distribution  
Session in Howard Crowley Room  
AA in DeVries Gathering Place  
World Relief in Room 109  
Youth Group in Upper Rooms  
Chips Ahoy! in McMillen Hall  
Scouts in Howard Crowley Room  
Men's Morning Fellowship via Zoom  
World Relief in Room 109  
Artisan Mind Workshop in DGP  
Food Closet Distribution  
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SPAA in DeVries Gathering Place  
AIAnon in Howard Crowley Room  
Memorial Service in Sanctuary  
Mothership in DeVries Gathering Place  
All Church Campout at Scotts Flat Lake  
County Work Crew  
Supper on Saturday in McMillen Hall  
Worship in Sanctuary and on YouTube  
Summer Sunday School in Upper Rooms  
Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary  
Coffee Fellowship in DGP  
Special Session Meeting in HCR

## CPC Staff

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# PERSEVERING toward WHOLENESS

The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) convenes June 22-July 2, 2026, with online committee meetings followed by in-person plenaries. While this year's gathering remains hybrid, GA will consider reinstating a fully in-person format, including the return of exhibit halls, beginning in 2028.

Saturday, June 27, will be a **community day of service** and witness in the Milwaukee area. A **mission fair** will be held on that day from 2-5 p.m. in response to calls to bring the exhibit hall back.

The **election for co-moderator** will be held at the end of the assembly, on July 2. The Rev. CeCe Armstrong and the Rev. Tony Larson, co-moderators of GA226, will preside over the GA227 plenaries.

*Eight pastors have announced they will stand for co-moderator:*

- The Rev. Dr. Barbara Barkley will stand with the Rev. Dr. William C. Myers.
- The Rev. Rebecca Luter will stand with the Rev. Chris Peters.
- The Rev. Dr. Frances Lin will stand with the Rev. Dr. Sean Chow.
- The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer will stand with the Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero.

## Overtures on unification

The Unification Commission guided the formation of the **Presbyterian Life & Witness** (formerly the Interim Unified Agency), and GA227 will determine whether the current model becomes the denomination's permanent form of shared life.

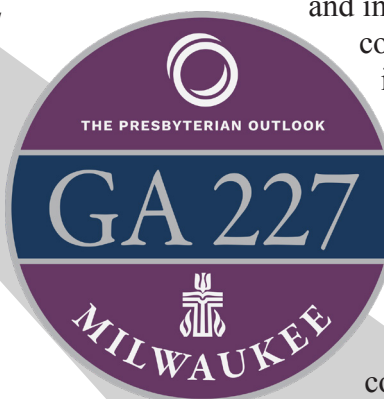
Commissioners will hear the UC's report and vote on the 2027-2028 budget. Overtures recommend a new introduction to the Manual of the General Assembly, the reinstatement of the Office of Theology and Witness, and the reinstatement of the immigration attorney position.

## 24-A and 24-C oversight

Clarification is sought regarding **Amendments 24-A and 24-C**, widely referred to as the Olympia Overture, which added "gender identity" and "sexual orientation" to the categories protected from discrimination in the *Book of Order*. The passage of 24-C requires councils of the church to determine a candidate's commitment to fulfill all requirements outlined in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. GA227 is asked to establish a committee to study 24-C to assess whether its implications impair freedom of conscience.

## Mission co-workers and missiology

Three overtures address interconnected questions following the **closure of World Mission** and the elimination of 54 co-worker positions: whether non-disclosure covenants silenced mission co-workers, whether the process violated the denomination's own policies, and what missiology will guide the PC(USA)'s global engagement going forward. A group of denominational leaders, former mission co-workers, and academics gathered in March to begin drafting a missiological statement to present if RIW-02 passes and directs staff to develop a new formal theology of mission.



## MRTI and fossil fuels

Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) has recommended **divesting from ConocoPhillips and Duke Energy**, citing a lack of meaningful policies and practices regarding greenhouse gas emissions and continued fossil fuel development. The recommendation would place both companies on the denomination's divestment/proscription list, prohibiting further investment until they meet the church's environmental standards. A separate business item (COM-001) would direct MRTI to continue engaging additional Climate Action 100+ companies, with possible further divestment recommendations to be considered by the 228th Assembly. Another item (CLJ-02) goes further, seeking full divestment as soon as 2030.

## LGBT+ advocacy

GEN-02, "On Access to Healthcare," calls on GA to declare that the PC(USA) supports all individuals, including minors, in accessing medically necessary, **evidence-based gender-affirming healthcare**. The overture builds on POL-01 from GA226, which added gender identity and sexual orientation to the denomination's non-discrimination language. The ongoing implementation of the Olympia Overture amendments continues to shape how the denomination approaches inclusion in ordination.

## Israel/Palestine

Commissioners are asked to condemn the **Israeli government's actions** in Gaza as violations of the United Nations Genocide Convention and to call on members of the church to contact Congress and

the president to block U.S. military sales to Israel until Israel complies with international human rights law. The stated clerk, the Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C., and church members are called upon to urge the U.S. government to enact a trade embargo on Israel until certain humanitarian conditions are met.

## The new confession

A special committee has proposed a **new confession** for the PC(USA) addressing contemporary issues such as racism, intersectionality, colonialism and ecological justice. The four-part document is described as "both a declaration of our faith and a confession of our sins." If GA227 approves the draft, a separate committee would study and potentially amend it before a subsequent assembly votes on its inclusion in the Book of Confessions.

## Christian nationalism

COM-033 recommends that the assembly formally repudiate the ideology and practices of **White Christian nationalism** "in all its forms," distinguishing patriotism from nationalism and arguing that White Christian nationalism is fundamentally about power rather than genuine Christian faith. A companion overture would amend the *Book of Order* to prohibit the denomination from aligning with any theology that privileges a particular faith tradition in civic life.



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