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DeVries Gathering Place Art Show Splash Into Summer

by Kathy Daigle

The CPC Art Committee is pleased to present "Splash Into Summer" featuring contemporary art by **Janelle Daigle**. This exhibit in the DeVries Gathering Place Gallery invites you to dive into



The current art show features colorful acrylic paintings by **Janelle Daigle**.

a world of color.

Artist Janelle Daigle loves playing with acrylic colors on canvas to create the beauty she sees in nature. She's mesmerized by the brilliant colors

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Truth Matters

How a Bible Mistranslation Shifted a Culture

10 October at Carmichael Presbyterian Church

A Workshop with LGBTQ+ Advocate & Author Kathy Baldock

Learn & Discuss how the term "homosexuality" was incorrectly included in a Bible translation and how that single decision reshaped our culture



From Pastor Ivan:

Forced Labor Bill of Rights: An Overture from CPC Reaches General Assembly

In July 2026, I spent a few hours on Zoom with the General Assembly Committee on Reformed Identity in the US while they improved and approved a “Forced Labor Bill of Rights” overture that was initiated at CPC, approved by the Presbytery of North Central California, and eventually approved by the 227th General Assembly to be a part of the social witness policy of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In addition to those mentioned in my comments below, I am grateful to Rev. **Cathy Chang**, who led the 2023 travel-study seminar. Cathy is now a Global Ecumenical Liaison for Presbyterian Life & Witness, and her spouse, **Juan Lopez**, is a ruling elder serving on the CPC session. They and their daughter, **Aurelie**, relocated to Sacramento in July 2025.

Here is an excerpt of my comments to the committee:

In 2016 the 222nd General Assembly strongly approved a comprehensive resolution called, “Human Trafficking and Human Rights: Children of God, Not for Sale.” It set forth a conviction that every human

being is created in the image of God. Because each person bears God’s image, no human being should ever be treated as property, a commodity, or as a disposable source of labor. Trafficking human beings for any

kind of labor, whether it is to exploit by force, fraud, or fear violates God’s intention for human dignity, freedom, and community.

The church has been faithful to actively work on this problem. In 2023 there was a travel-study seminar to the Philippines and Hong Kong to study human trafficking and forced labor. It was jointly led by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and Presbyterian World Mission. On that trip, Ruling Elder **John Wallace** of North Central California Presbytery and every participant made a commitment not only to meet those who have been subjected to forced labor, but also to advocate for systemic change to alleviate the human suffering they witnessed. John asked me to work with him to bring an overture to the General Assembly

and he also invited our ecumenical partners into the process, Rev. **Joram Calimutan**, the Manager for Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants, and **Aaron Ceradoy**, a Partner Advisory Delegate to this committee. I hope you get to hear from him how this overture connects to his work and ministry. I want to impress upon this committee how special it is for the General Assembly to consider an overture that is written with our global ecumenical partners to address a problem we all share in common.

In 2016 when a previous General Assembly spoke on this issue, the International Labour Organization estimated 24.9 million people were trapped in forced labor. Ten years later that number has continued to rise to almost 28 million. While globally this problem is most visible in Asia, the Pacific, and the Middle East, the United States continues to have the highest incidence in the Americas, with over a million people trapped in forced labor, particularly in agriculture, domestic work, and the commercial sex trade, industries that are difficult to regulate.

We overture the General Assembly to renew its com-

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mitment to protect those in forced labor conditions globally and nationally, to educate our church, and to advocate for government policies and business practices that protect workers.

The Presbytery of North Central California respectfully overtures the General Assembly for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to:

1. Direct the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Executive Director of Presbyterian Life & Witness, and the (Co-)Moderator(s) of the 227th General Assembly (2026) to call upon the president of the United States, members of Congress, and related executive branch agencies to promote human rights in accordance with “The Forced Labor Bill of

Rights.”

2. Direct Presbyterian Life & Witness to engage in advocacy with legislators to support human rights and the rights of people who experience forced labor.

The Forced Labor Bill of Rights

1. A right to a livable minimum wage.
2. A right not to have wages withheld for punishment.
3. A right to be free from all government exactions and mandatory fees.
4. A right to a just and humane recruitment, prioritizing migrant workers’ rights and dignity.
5. A right to an eight-hour workday.
6. A right to a private shelter without surveillance.
7. A right to return to their home country or hometown every two years with the provision of support and services.
8. Right to a full day (24 consecutive hours) of no work per week without condition.
9. A right to advocate for better living/work conditions without consequences, e.g., red-tagging, political persecution.
10. A right to speedy and timely benefits of service, protection and support e.g., medical, dental and maternity insurance as well as legal services.
11. A right to keep passports, phones and other legal documents in their possession at all times.
12. A right to be protected against all forms of abuse, exploitation, trafficking and modern slavery.
13. A right to quit or withhold labor.

3. Recognize and celebrate the resolution “Human Trafficking Human Rights: Children of God, Not for Sale” approved by the 222nd General Assembly (2016) on its 10th anniversary and commend again its study

to congregations and members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

4. Direct Presbyterian Life & Witness to post “The Forced Labor Bill of Rights” as an addendum to the “Human Trafficking

Human Rights: Children of God, Not for Sale” resolution and its resources on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) website.

5. Direct the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and Executive Director of Presbyterian Life & Witness to share this action with global and ecumenical partners, inter-religious partners and conciliar bodies.

6. Urge Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) national agencies, mid

councils, congregations and individual Presbyterians to:

a. Pray with and for those who are forced labor and migrant workers.

b. Learn about the history

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of forced labor, as well as its contemporary realities in their own contexts.

c. Engage in advocacy with their respective legislators to support the rights of forced labor and migrant workers.

d. Enable the engagement of migrant workers and victims of forced labor to advocacy on the Forced Labor Bill of Rights.

e. Support emergency response assistance - spiritual, mental, physical, legal, etc. - for victims of forced labor.

f. Examine our personal and corporate consumer practices in relationship to the Forced Labor Bill of Rights.

Specific Observations of the Peacemaking Travel Group and How These Relate to a Forced Labor Bill of Rights

- Low wages make most migrants second-class citizens. Hong Kong has a minimum wage, whereas other countries, such as Indonesia, Thailand, and the United Arab Emirates, do not. A worker's wages should be sufficient to cover housing, food, and other essentials. (Rationale for Right #1)
- A domestic worker had her wages withheld for seven months to prevent her from leaving. This caused psychological distress on her

part and a hardship on her family back home because of delayed income. (Rationale for Right #2)

- A migrant worker's home country can charge as much as 20% of the money being sent home in remittances to process the transaction. Remittance centers often lack transparency, which can lead to fraud and corruption. (Rationale for Right #3)
- A domestic worker shared with the Peacemaking travel study seminar that she was required to be up at 4:00 a.m. to care for a newborn and be awake well past midnight to care for an elderly member. As a result, she got fewer than four hours of sleep each night.
- A domestic worker shared that the shelter her employer provided was the space between the toilet and a wall in the bathroom.
- A domestic worker shared that the shelter her employer provided was the cabinet above the oven in the kitchen. (Rationale for Rights #4 and #5)
- Several migrant workers reported that they were constantly monitored by cameras throughout the day. (Rationale for Right #6)

- A domestic worker shared that she had not been allowed to return to her home country for several years. Her children, left behind, were raised by her sister. Others were able to return every six months if they had the money for transportation. (Rationale for Right #7)
- There is an inconsistent practice of providing days off for foreign migrant domestic workers due to a gap between language of employment contracts, and the implementation with employers. This right ensures further monitoring or evaluation of this day off. (Rationale for Right #8)
- Hong Kong allows migrant workers to advocate for better conditions. Worker advocates in the Philippines are red-tagged or considered enemies of the state and possibly imprisoned if they do the same. As an example of effective advocacy, advocates in Hong Kong were able to have window washing made illegal because so many women fell to their deaths by washing windows on high buildings (40 floors or more) without harnesses while standing on a four-inch ledge. (Rationale for Right #9)

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Summer Diaper Drive



Through August 31, CPC's Mothership Mariners is hosting a diaper drive to support the CPC Food Closet.

Diapers are an essential health necessity for young families, but they are often a major financial strain because public assistance programs rarely cover them.

This summer, we can help bridge that gap for parents in our community.

- **What to Bring:** Diapers of all sizes are needed (larger sizes like 4, 5, and 6 are often in the highest demand).

- **Where to Drop Off:** Look for collection bins in the Narthex, DeVries Gathering Place, or church office.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us keep local babies clean, dry, and healthy.

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- A contract between a migrant worker and an employer in Hong Kong typically includes medical insurance; however, if the contract is breached by either party, the insurance is automatically canceled. As another positive example, a domestic worker in Hong Kong from the Philippines told her story of breast cancer. She could not afford to return to the Philippines for treatment, but her employer in Hong Kong did not break the contract, so she could maintain her insurance and get treatment in Hong Kong.

Few employers are that gracious. (Rationale for Right #10)

- Most migrant workers spoke of having their passports and phones taken from them upon arriving in the country of employment, despite contracts that do not permit that action. (Rationale for Right #11)
- Even though a Philippine contract implicitly states that a worker cannot be trafficked, in Saudi Arabia, [sex work] is legal, so employers have been known to tear up Philippine contracts and substitute a new contract

that includes [sex work]. A specific example of the negative impact this practice has was told by one domestic worker returning to the Philippines from Kuwait who had been [forced into sex work] and had a baby. This caused a lot of friction with her husband. She thought it was God's will for her to get pregnant. (Rationale for Right #12)

- The General Assembly resolution, "Human Trafficking and Human Rights: Children of God, Not for Sale" from 2016 (Rationale for Right #13)

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in a sunset and fascinated by the blues in water, from the turquoise and emerald of Lake Tahoe to the ever-changing shades in the ocean.

Janelle was first intrigued – and then captivated – by the art of poured painting. She loves creating beautifully blended colors on canvas and creating the movement of coastal waters and oceans. Janelle also loves creating landscapes, an interest she discovered when asked to create a commission piece.



Janelle's art journey began in late 2020. Painting is her joy. She hopes to brighten the world by painting the beauty she

sees in nature, inspiring others to see the beauty around them. Janelle says, "Painting fills my heart and soul."

Janelle and her family live in the foothills of the Sierras, not far from Lake Tahoe and the Pacific Ocean.

"My art is inspired by the beauty I see in nature, from Lake Tahoe to Maui, and beyond," Janelle says. She loves adventure and painting "dream destinations" she hopes to visit one day. Her artwork has been shown in Blue Line Arts Gallery

and Pence Gallery. Janelle's paintings are in personal collections from coast to coast.

This art show includes coastal art, landscapes, and abstract paintings. From lakes and rivers to ocean waves, from paradise islands to stunning sunsets, tropical flowers, and coral reef sea creatures, all pieces are painted in her signature sun-drenched colors.

Janelle hopes her paintings add a splash of color and joy that makes you smile. She paints large statement art pieces as well as smaller accent paintings and offers original paintings, art prints, and note cards so there is something to brighten everyone's day. To see more, visit www.janelledaigle.com.

Session Spotlight

At their regular session meeting on June 23, the Session of Carmichael Presbyterian Church:

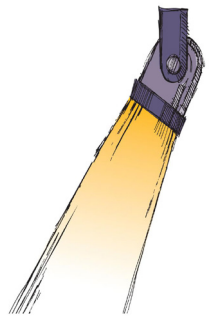
- Received the May 2026 financial reports.

General Fund

Income, May 2026	\$ 93,945.35
Income, YTD	\$421,869.68
Expense, May 2026	\$ 68,922.84
Expense, YTD	\$357,387.51

21st Century Fund

Income, May 2026	\$37,164.95
Income, YTD	\$129,715.12
Expense, May 2026	\$221,825.07
Expense, YTD	\$301,631.61



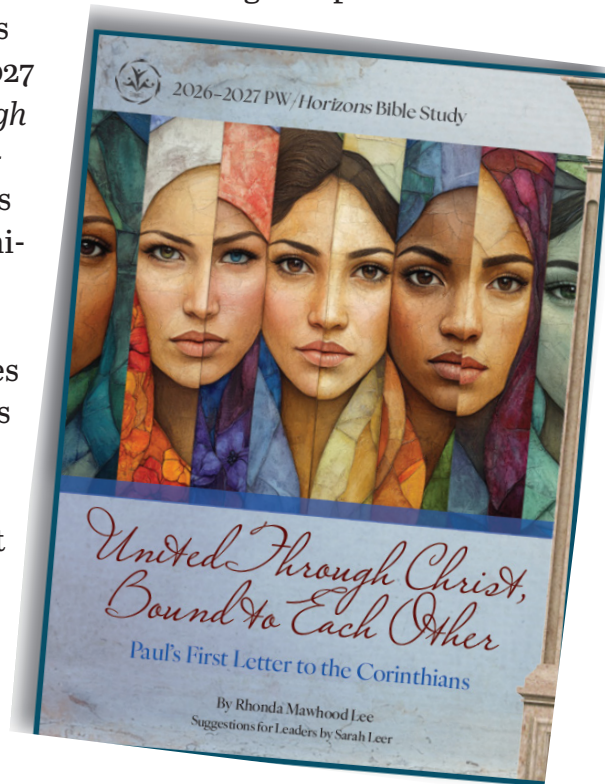
- Approved service to the larger church for Pastor **Ivan Herman** July 20-23 (3 days) to provide spiritual leadership at Westminster Woods
- Approved vacation for Pastor Ivan Herman Thursday, July 24 (1 day) and August 3-16 (12 days)
- Approved a revised lease amount of \$1,106.70 per month for the Presbytery of North Central California (NCCP) effective August 2026
- Approved deleting from the rolls Karla Curran, deceased May 22, 2026 and Pat Chaney, deceased June 25, 2026

Presbyterian Women Kicking Off a New Study in September

by Lisa Benadom

Presbyterian Women (PW) will hit the restart button at our Fall Kick-Off event on Thursday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeVries Gathering Place. Refreshed and back from sabbatical, we expect Pastor **Keith DeVries** will lead us in Lesson 1 of our 2026-2027 Bible study, *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other*, which focuses on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. "Love is patient; love is kind. It bears all things, believes all things, endures all things." Today's readers of these familiar words of Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians might not realize that these words about love and unity were addressed to a church in conflict. Through this study the author, Rhonda Mawhood Lee, will delve into the doubts and conflicts that the early church in Corinth experienced. The problem Paul saw was a lack of love that betrayed God's saving act in resurrecting Jesus Christ. Paul had no patience with factionalism and called his siblings in faith to a loving unity rooted in Christ, rooted in love. A call as timely today as ever. Our first lesson is: "Unity in Christ, Wisdom from God."

Intrigued?? ALL are welcome to participate in our study. On the second Thursday of the month, September through May, a pastor-led study is held. In September that meeting is in person at our fall



kick-off. Subsequently, October through May, the meeting will be held via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. To purchase a copy of the study guide, contact **Terry Sakuda** at terrysakuda@yahoo.com. The cost is \$16.

Currently, PW has one Circle, Mary Martha, that meets on the third Thursday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the DeVries Gathering Place. This is a cherished time of Bible

study, mission, prayer, and fellowship. If you are interested in visiting our Circle, please contact me, **Lisa Benadom** at lbenadom@comcast.net OR my co-leader **Kathy Daigle** at kathypdaigle777@gmail.com. Dorcas Circle, our World Service Sewing Circle, continues to craft beautiful quilts and lap robes. For more information regarding this opportunity to serve, contact **Carolyn McGregor** at sabrina53@earthlink.net.

As we hit the restart button for our 2026-2027 season, we do so with excitement and anticipation. PW has a longstanding tradition at CPC. Our format may have changed but we remain fully committed to our purpose to:

1. Nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study.
2. Support the mission of the church worldwide
3. Work for justice and peace
4. Build an inclusive, caring community that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Please consider joining us in whatever way the Holy Spirit calls you!

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News from CPC's Marinerships

Companionship

Nineteen of us gathered at **Tim and Barbara Farley's** to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation.

Skipper **Hal Millering** called the meeting to order. With sadness we recalled the many years we shared with **Terry Barto**. Her memorial service will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 1 at Arcade Church. It was agreed that we would send \$100 to the Supper on Saturday ministry in Terry's memory since she volunteered on many third Saturdays with the SOS team. Terry leaves two daughters: **Cheryl Chandler** and **Amanda Jewel** and four grandchildren.

Carol Jones read an Ann Weems poem to help us focus on the reason we gather each month to share joys and sorrows and many years of friendship.

The Studers and the Farleys are celebrating wedding anniversaries this month and **Bud Banker** has a birthday.

Elayne Anderson reported a balance of over \$700 in our bank account.

Our next meeting will be August 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the DeVries Gathering Place. **Marti Wallace** with

help from the Millerings will host the afternoon that will include a presentation by **Bill and Misty Dunn** on their trip to Iceland.

The Deacons had a Christmas in July request to gather funds for the Christmas Gift Ministry. There was an extensive discussion about whether this ministry truly reflects our mission which is to build relationships with each other and those we serve. The Deacons are also discussing this but will continue to do the Christmas Ministry in 2026. It was moved, seconded, and passed that we send \$150 at this time and consider an additional donation later this year.

The official meeting was adjourned and we began our 4th of July celebrating. We played three games with patriotic themes – Pass the Prize which Marti won, Which Came First which ended in a three-way tie (**Priscilla Maurman, Burt Logan, and Brian Nordeen**). The tie was broken

and Burt got the prize. Finally, we played Finish the Lyrics which ended in a two-way tie between Brian and Burt. Since Burt had already won Brian got the final prize.

As has been our tradition for the past few years we read the Declaration of Independence which had especially deep meaning on this 250th anniversary of its signing.

After enjoying some appetizers while Tim tended the bar-b-que we gathered for grace and the singing of "God Bless America." We enjoyed hot dogs, cowboy beans, and cabbage salad around tables filled with conversation, laughter and joy. A good time was had by all.

If you would like to visit our ship, please contact our Lookout **Sharlene St. Clair**.

Mothership

On Friday, June 26, Mothership hosted a Ladies-Only Dance Party, a 3-hour event that also kicked off the marinership's Summer Diaper Drive. The event had modest attendance, although there

was much food, conversation, laughter, and general "shaking of groove things" to

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Mothership kicked off their summer diaper drive with a Ladies Only Dance Party in June.

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music from the 70s through 90s. It was a memorable event, surely to be repeated, that somewhat defied the stereotype given The Frozen Chosen.

Nautilus

Twenty-one members of the Nautilus crew attended a meeting on Saturday, July 11 organized

by **Kathy and Peter Davalos**.

The presenter was **Hal Barker**, a past potentate of the Ben Ali Shrine of Sacramento. Accompanying him was **Paula Kubo**, a nurse/volunteer at the Shriner's hospital here in Sacramento.

Hal began with some history of the Shrine hospital system from the birth of the Shriners in the 1800's from Masons who met daily at the Knickerbocker hotel in New York to today.

The Shrine hospital system is 104 years old. It began by treating crippled children at no charge. They have now treated over a million children, still at no charge, for orthopedics, burns, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, osteogenesis imperfecta, and cleft palate.

The Sacramento Shrine hospital is located next to the UC Davis Medical Center. The doctors at both hospitals collaborate on treating patients. The Children's hospital has accommodated 2,500 surgeries, 31,000 clinical visits, and 7,100 prostheses. It operates strictly on donations and volunteers with over 96,000 volunteer hours in 2025 alone.

It was mentioned that anyone interested can tour the hospital on the second Saturday of the month.

The meeting concluded with a well deserved round of applause for our

speaker followed by a discussion about our next meeting and Häagen-Dazs ice cream which Kathy handed out.

Skipjacks

America's 250th birthday was celebrated one week late when Skipjacks gathered at **Pattie Shaw's**

home. True to her reputation for putting on theme parties, Pattie thoroughly decorated her patio in red, white, and blue and stars and stripes. She and a few others wore shirts with patriotic motifs. A Fourth of July trivia quiz was attempted and to our dismay we found that most of high school history has left our memories.

Tony Perrou was the high scorer, missing only 3 out of 20 questions. (Would you have known how long the Revolutionary War lasted?) A lavish potluck brunch was provided by eleven seasoned cooks, whose dishes included several egg casseroles and frittata, sausages, pasta salad, fruit salad, blueberry muffins, and turnovers. Celebratory mimosas were available as well as lemonade and orange juice.

A business meeting followed. **Glenda Perrou** continued with David Dendy's essays, today's titled "Quarters and Parking Me-

ters". Its message was that paying it forward is fun and a way to see God at



Nautilus members learned about Sacramento Shriner's Hospital for Children at their July meeting.



Skipjacks celebrated America's 250th birthday with Fourth of July trivia and a potluck brunch.

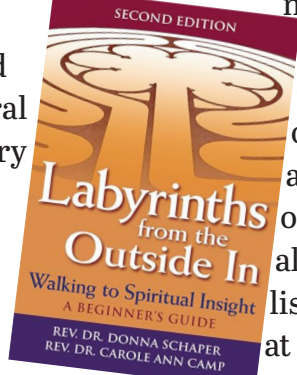
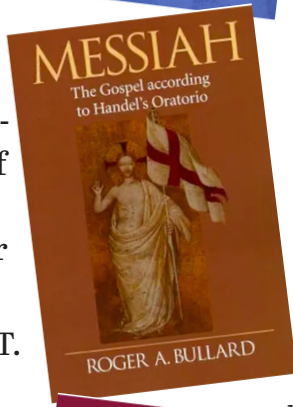
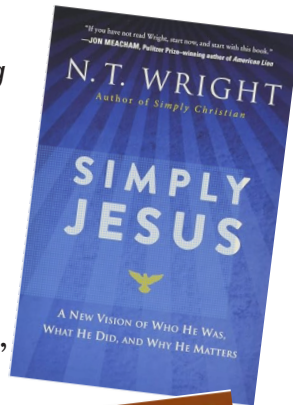
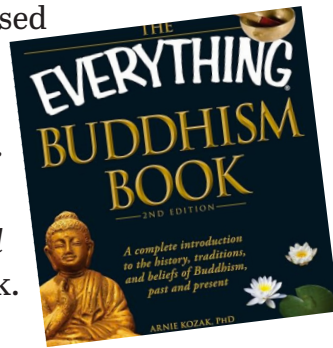
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More Resource Center Books

by Doris Beckert

This is the third list of books gifted from the closed Presbytery Resource Center.

- *Everything Buddhism; an introduction to the history, traditions and beliefs*, by Arnie Kazak. (294.3) The sub-title says it all.
- *Why Men Hate Going to Church*, by David Murrow. (248.842) How churches must change to welcome men.
- *Parenting in the Pew*, by Robbie Castleman. (249) The sub-title is : "Guiding Your Children into the Joy of Worship." It contains lots of tips for parents.
- *Simply Jesus*, by N.T. Wright. (232.9) An introduction by a leading scholar and author to the general audience of the story of Jesus as if we were hearing it for the first time.
- *Messiah; the Gospel according to Handel's Oratorio*, by Roger Bullard. (782) The text of each



aria and chorus is given,

then analyzed with extensive commentary. The music is likewise described.

- *Labyrinths from the Outside In*, by Donna Schaper and Carole Ann Camp. (291.37) This interfaith introduction is a complete guide to labyrinths, including sketches of some designs, how to make your own, where to find them.

The one at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco is listed. Suggestions for use during the liturgical year are also given.

These books and many more are available for you to check out! The church library is open on Sunday mornings and during church office hours. You can also find a complete listing of available books at <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/car-michaelpres>.

In Our Church Family

Please hold in your prayers these members of our faith community who have recently lost loved ones:



- the family of **Don Cox**, who passed away on July 14.
- **Kate Erlich** and her sister, **Patricia Ellsworth**, on the loss of Patricia's husband, **Bob Ellsworth**, on June 23.
- the family of **Terry Barto**, who passed away on June 29.

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Debbie Cameron raised prayers for baby Charlotte who is now at home from 5 weeks at Stanford, for Glenda who came through her knee surgery and is healing well ahead of schedule, for **Carolyn Biggers**, who is settling in to her new home at Atria, and for **Diane Instness** who fell and cut her knee while on a trip to France.

Motions for revised budget allocations were voted on and passed. **Bette Johnson** and Pattie reported on ongoing plans for the auction dinner.

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



Sundays @ CPC

In-Person and 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 summer Sunday school.

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



Coffee Fellowship 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.

