COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Loving God, Serving Others

We exist not for ourselves but to love God and make God's love known.

Trumpet

September 2022

Gratitude Is Extended to One of CPC's Special Angels – Gary Magee

When the decision was made in March of 2020 to suspend in-person worship as part of our church's COVID safety protocol, we began to provide a virtual offering of worship. Not having experience or adequate equipment to begin such an endeavor, Gary Magee stepped up to help. As an avid photographer, he agreed to provide his equipment to film our services and assist in its production. Thirty months later a virtual offering of worship is still being provided and Gary is still helping. Week after week, Gary faithfully brings his equipment. At his expense, he has even purchased additional needed equipment. Once his equipment is set up, he gives the thumbs up, literally, for the preacher to begin the service. Gary is one of our church's special angels. When you see Gary please take a moment to thank him for his faithful ministry. May we all give thanks to God for Gary Magee.

New Members Needed

The Property and Grounds Committee of this church is now welcoming new members.

The purpose of the Property and Grounds committee is to oversee the operation, maintenance, safety and security of all buildings, grounds, furnishings and equipment owned by the church. The work of this committee is important in ensuring anyone who passes, comes onto the property or enters the building will find an attractive, safe, comfortable, easily accessible and clean environment. This committee provides for the good stewardship of our building and grounds. **If you are interested in being part of this important work, please contact Rod Stone at 910-295-6848 or rstone@communitypres.com**

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday
Church Office Closed

If you need a pastor after hours, the following can be reached

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Celebrate Community
with our Fall Festival

Save the date:
October 2, 2022
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall will have tempting foods & drink selections, **Chili Cook Off**, music, activities, presentations, outdoor games and our Bounce House.

To volunteer call Sue Ann Summers at 714-803-9633 and/or tomandsueannsummers@yahoo.com

Perk Up!

Beginning September 11, please join us for Holy Grounds after the service. It's fun, it's fellowship, and it's good! Our coffee hour gives us a chance to meet new faces or reconnect with old friends. It gives us a chance to feel a part of our church family again. So, please perk up and join us for a cup of coffee and a plate of fellowship! **If you want to volunteer to host, please all Judy Vanica, 910-610-3831.**

What You Are Missing!

If you are watching virtual sermons instead of coming to church, yes, our sermons and prayers are the heart of worship, BUT if you are able to access our worship space, you are missing the joy and happiness of the Worship Services surrounding the sermons! For instance, one week, Pastor Rod sang his all time favorite song! As he was to give the Children's Sermon only one wonderful young man, Alexander, was with us. So using glow sticks, the two of them sang, "This Little Light of Mine", (which is really about witnessing). They even added a line: "All over Pinehurst I'm going to let it shine..." so then, of course, WE all sang it! That got us started! MaryLou Troutman and Tom Page gave us several purposeful and amazingly beautiful songs surrounding the sermon of "Can I Get A Witness?" and we really rocked on the departure song with them, "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me . . . Anytime!"

Another week Pastor Meg did the Children's Sermon during which a piece of navy blue fabric, "the Jordan River", was held up by a child on each end while another child as John the Baptist baptized a seven year old red-headed Jesus popping up out of the "river" in prayer. If you saw it, you will never forget it! Lately we did a wonderful litany for the back to school folks, interspersed with the hymn, "Take My Life". We have passed the peace and shared personal prayers with our pew partners. We got pencils with special missions attached for our "backpacks" from Jesus!

We were treated to a guest organist from Hollywood, recently retired here, Ed Martel, who rocked that sanctuary and our organ as it has never been played before! The worshipers were applauding and cheering.

Special songs, written just for us by Rebecca were sung in their duo, Steve and Rebecca Lapping. One week, Steve sang an unusual and very moving solo, "Wayfaring Stranger". Another week, three music students Ashleigh Adamson, Keegan Foyles with cellist Ryan Kennedy accompanied by Terri sang Terri Sinclair's" Donna Nobis Pacem/Peace Like a River" and "I Choose Love" and the congregation sat in tearful amazement at the glorious beauty.

We sit among members and many new folks smiling and loving one another...We are blessed with our pastors and our many contributors to our worship services. All this to Jesus and God . . . the glory. Let me just say, if you are only watching virtually, what you are missing . . . is so precious.

Sheila Van Dyke

Single Senior Lady Lunchers

The Single Senior Lady Lunchers will meet on Sept. 13 at 11:30 at Elliot's back room. We always have a lot to talk about and last month we had 15, **so join us by calling or emailing . . . Sheila Van Dyke at 910-215-8738 or thevandykes@centurylink.net.**

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Casserole Connection Ministry Is For You!

Did you know? We have a Casserole Connection Ministry that keeps casseroles (and soups in cold months) in our freezer for anyone to take to a sick friend, someone home from the hospital,a new mom, and any other situation. You may take it from the freezer in the kitchen and sign it out on the paper on the door, so that someone doesn't get an overload! Our pastors like this availability, also.

You might enjoy participating in the cooking of this ministry and if so, please contact our angel in charge, Cindy Rhodes at 215-9232 or cindyrhodes1947@gmail.com.

Angel Tree

It's getting close to that time again - Christmas! As our tradition, we will be starting our Angel Tree activities soon and are looking for someone to head up the Angel Tree committee. Are you interested in becoming more involved at CPC - the Angel Tree might be the right fit for you.

Contact the Mission Committee - Gayle Magee, chair 414-899-4044 or gaylemagee@yahoo.com.

New Members July 2022

Bill and Jane Coley

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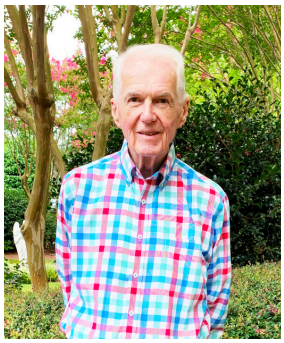
Anniversary:
7/16

Birthday:
Bill: 4/24; Jane: 10/2

Hobbies:
Bill: golf and reading

Occupation:
Bill: Was President of Duke Power and CEO-British Energy; Jane: Was a 2nd grade teacher

Bill and Jane join CPC by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.



Harlan McCaskill

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Birthday:
07/27

Hobbies:
travel, movies, live theater

Occupation:
Was the Dean of Continuing Education at Sandhills Community College

Harlan is the brother of Wanda Sweeney. He is joining CPC by letter of transfer from the Chapel in the Pines of West End, NC

Sandhills Student Assistance

Fall Food Drive

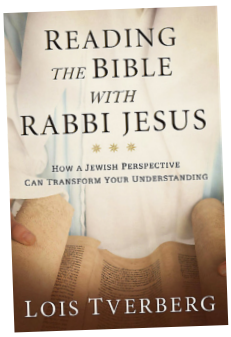
This past year has seen an increase in requests from our social workers in Moore County Schools. There were over 300 at-risk students at the close of the school year. **Items Needed:**

- Lance Crackers
- Protein Bars
- Fruit Cups
- Individual Microwavable Cups of Noodles and Mac & Cheese
- Capri Juice
- Breakfast Bars

These items can be placed in the marked containers on the bookcase outside of the church office.

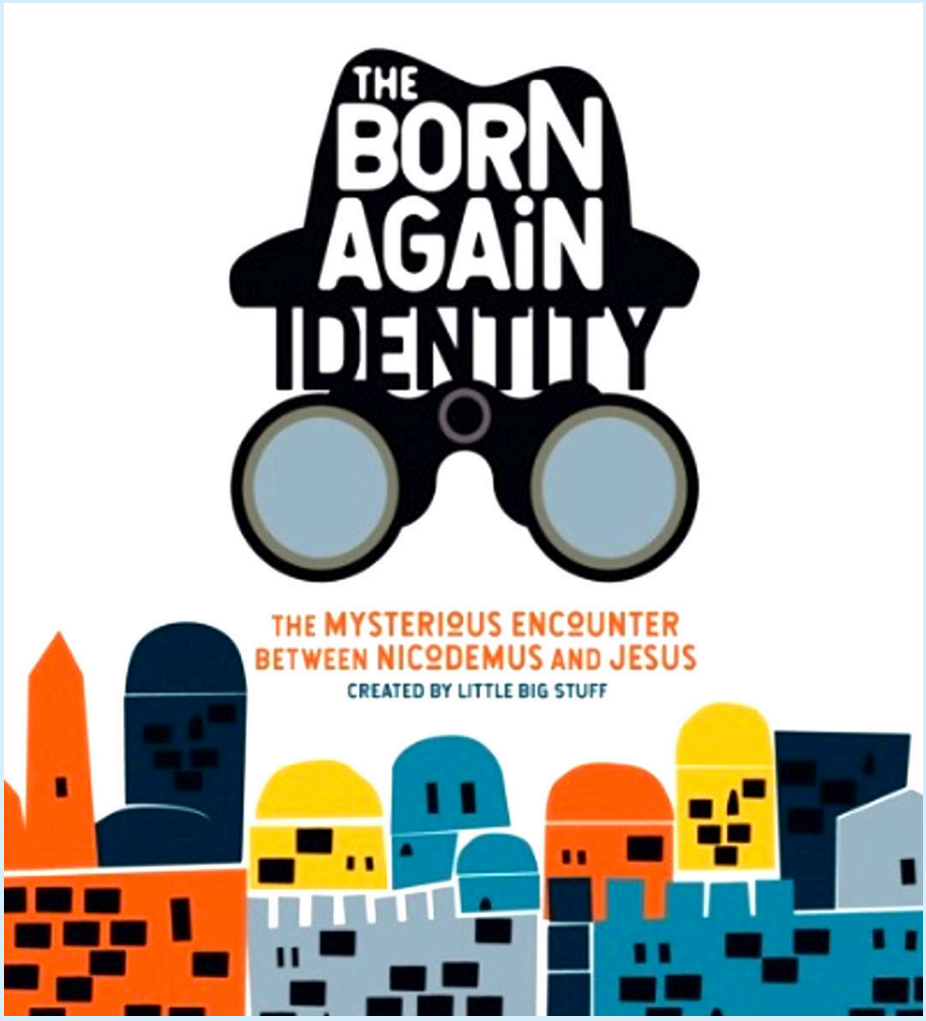
Designing Women's Study for the Fall Begins

Monday, September 19 at 5 p.m.



Designing Women will be "Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus: How a Jewish Perspective Can Transform Your Understanding." *By: Lois Tverberg*

Join us on Monday, September 19th, at 5 p.m. in the Fannie B. Gray Parlor. Books are in the main office, and the cost is $15. Make checks payable to Betty Pope. Questions send email to popeelizabeth3868@gmail.com. New members are welcomed. This study will be 12 weeks.



Watch out for spies around CPC this fall and spring! It may be the PAWS kids as members of the JI3 (Jerusalem Intelligence Service 3) preparing for their musical, The Born Again Identity! PAWS is back on Thursdays from 2:45-4:20 beginning Thursday, September 22nd!
If you know anyone who wants to join or volunteer, please contact Kirsten Foyles at badgergirlnc@gmail.com

Carole Base celebrated her birthday this summer and asked all that were invited to not get her a gift. She asked them to buy gifts for the CALL children. The table was full of coloring books, puzzles, necklaces, hair ribbons, sports items, markers, frisbees, socks and books. Each youth got to pick 2 items and take them home when they picked up their school supplies. Gracias to Carole and all her friends who gave her such wonderful gifts to give away.

Note of Gratitude

Dear Friends of Community Presbyterian Church,

I can't thank you enough for the cards, kind words, and the food you have sent to me. I received good care while in the hospital and it seems my case of pneumonia has cleared and my lungs are clear. We are blessed at CPC to have so many loving friends.

Thank you all.

Love, Judy Silver

Going to College

I spoke with Tambra yesterday and she shared this note she received from a previous Tambra House resident who is now going to college!

Tambra Place Resident testimony going to college

"Hey everyone thank you for coming to my going away party. I want to thank each and every one of you for helping me along the way with my journey. it is a dream come true to be the attending a 4 year university. I would be the first to attend college in my family and I am very grateful for that achievement. I never would've thought that I'd be attending the best HBCU (Historically Black College or University). I will be attending the illustrious NC A&T this coming fall and I will be majoring in kinesiology and hope to minor in biology.

I would like to thank the fabulous faculty at North Moore helping to get where I am today. I would like to thank Tambra Place for blessing me with this opportunity and taking me in. I would like to give a big thanks to my school mama Mrs. Wray for pushing me to this moment today if it wasn't for her and North Moore I'd probably would not be in the position I am today."

T.C.

So thank you Rod Stone for having the vision and determination to open Tambra Place up to homeless 18 year old students still attending school!

Blessings,
Gayle Magee

Thank You

The compassion that you have shown to the families of CALL is an inspiration for us all. The CALL families know that the CPC family treats everyone with respect and kindness, no matter what their situation. Living at the poverty level can be stressful for any family who finds themselves in need of the services we provide. Your words and actions go a long way toward helping the CALL families keep their dignity. CALL wants you to know that your blessings were felt as the CALL students selected their backpacks and school supplies.

CALL
COMMUNITY ASSISTING LANGUAGE LEARNERS

When we help others, such as donating school supplies, funds or our time it is not just a gift for them but it is a gift for us as well. Last Saturday seeing the happiness in the student's eyes and knowing that your gift was doing something worthwhile was like the best thing in this world. The true gift is helping others. Your happiness is found in giving, not receiving. Giving joy to others can uplift your own soul.

The CALL tutors are preparing to begin another outstanding year sharing their love and giving a hand up for the children with whom they work. The children really respond well to the kindness of the tutors, and I know that is due to how patient they are with them. On Tuesdays, you can hear their reading skills improving and their confidence growing with each session, even with the ones that struggle the most. The tutors have such a wonderful ability to meet each child at her/his ability level and work forward from there. The CALL children and moms are so blessed to have such fine tutors. Please keep the tutors in your prayers as they begin a new year.

Give a gift to yourself by generously giving to these young children and their moms. The best way to help break the poverty cycle is to have the ability to read and that is CALL's main objective. You can view our website, www/fiestacall.com and see all the activities of the program.

If you would like to be a tutor for CALL, a van driver to pick up at one of the elementary schools or a snack host on Tuesdays contacts Betty, popeelizabeth3868@gmail.com.

Gracias, Elizabeth Pope

Preaching Topics for September

September 4th .....God Forms (Genesis 1:26-27)
September 11th ..... Sin Deforms (John 8:31-47)
September 18th ..... Christ Transforms (John 11:1-45)
September 25th ..... Bible Informs (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

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