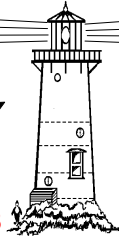


COMMUNITY BEACON

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A Newsletter of the Community Presbyterian Church of La Mirada

The Ministry of Wholeness

Howard Clinebell has written many books about pastoral care during decades past. I have had the privilege of getting to know him during Annual Conferences of the Interim Ministry Network when he was one of the guest speakers. Howard has done some insightful thinking about the ministry of wholeness.

For Dr. Clinebell, the unifying goal of ministry is to nurture individuals toward "wholeness-centered-in-Spirit." He refers to John 10:10 - "life...in all its fullness" (TEV) as a biblical statement of wholeness. Of the church's mission, he writes:

"The church's mission... is to be an abundant life center, a place for liberating, nurturing, and empowering life in all its fullness, in individuals, in intimate relationships, and in society and its institutions. The goal of ministry, and of pastoral care and counseling, as vital dimensions of ministry, is the fullest possible liberation of persons in their total relational and societal contexts.

"The image of the life saving station must be put alongside the image of a garden where persons' growth is nurtured, throughout their life journey, and a training center where they are equipped and empowered to be agents of wholeness in the lives of other people and in society."

According to Clinebell, the six dimensions of wholeness are:

- Enlivening one's mind.
- Revitalizing one's body.
- Renewing and enriching one's intimate relationships.
- Deepening one's relationship with nature and the biosphere.
- Growth in relation to the significant institutions in one's life.
- Deepening and vitalizing one's relationship with God.

Are you taking time this summer to experience life more fully? Let me suggest you take time each day to experience one or more of the "Six Dimensions" in your own life,

remembering that your relationship with God begins with Jesus Christ who said, "I came that they (*you!*) may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

Bless your heart,

Bob

Robert Cassell, Interim Pastor

(Howard Clinebell, *Basic Types of Pastoral Care and Counseling* [Nashville: Abingdon Press, pp. 28, 31, 51.]

Welcome to Worship

Communion Sunday, July 6

- 9:40 a.m. Communion Servers Practice
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
- "Finding a Little Rest for Your Soul!"**
Psalm 145:8-14, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- 10:20 Youth Group (Rm 7)
- No CE meeting this month
- 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship (Room 7)

Sunday, July 13

- 10:00 am Worship and Sunday School
- "God is a Generous Gardener"**
Isaiah 55:10-13, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- 10:20 Youth Group (Room 7)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Committee (Jenks Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship (Room 7)

Music Sunday, July 20

- 10:00 am Worship and Sunday School
- "Why Doesn't God Do Something?"**
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- Guest Musician: Cheri Stark, Soprano
- 10:20 Youth Group (Room 7)
- 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship (Room 7)

Sunday, July 27

- 10:00 am Worship and Sunday School
- "The Church Impressive"**
Psalm 128:1-6, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
- 10:50 Youth Group (Room 7)
- 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship (Room 7)



Welcome to the New Members of Our Church Family

During worship on June 1 we were happy to receive five new members.

Cheyenne J. Farrell is a student at La Mirada High School. Her hobbies are dancing (jazz, ballet, hip hop and pom), sewing and soccer. Cheyenne's family includes her parents RaAnne and Bob Gingrich and sister Sienna.

RaAnne Gingrich works as a Billing Specialist for Shlemmer & Algaze & Assoc., Interiors & Architecture. Her hobbies include arts and crafts and gardening. RaAnne and her husband Bob are the proud parents of Sienna, age 2 and Cheyenne, age 15.

Robert Gingrich was born in Long Beach, works for Verizon as a Pre-field Engineer, and is interested in traveling, sailing and fishing. Bob and his family live in Whittier.

Chad Harris comes to us from La Mesa. He works as an Operations Director.

Dianne Miller lives in La Mirada although she was born a Texan. She has two adult children, Michael Miller and RaAnne Gingrich. Her hobbies include reading and yoga.

Please welcome our new members when you see them at church the next time.



Don't miss the
Family Night Dinner
July 16, 2008

BBQ and Game Night
6:00 pm in Jenks Hall

hosted by the Youth Group

Any contributions over and above expenses will be given to Youth Ministries.

Joys and Concerns

Roger Konstanzer turns 80 on July 6! We wish Roger a happy birthday and a peaceful, pleasurable new year.

Doris Hoyes broke her hip June 8, but is home and doing okay. We pray for her speedy recovery.

Elva Kirkland was hospitalized a couple of weeks in June with pneumonia and is now at De Palma Terraces (assisted living) in Placentia. We think she could use some cards and calls.

Rosemary Brannon has moved to Missouri to be closer to her family. Keep Rosemary in your prayers as she begins a new adventure.

AnySoldier Project



We sit here at the computer wondering how to tell you about the latest decision concerning the "AnySoldier.com" program. But the only way to say it is to just say it. So...the Presbyterian Women Mission Committee has decided to discontinue the AnySoldier program. After much discussion, we unanimously voted to no longer mail packages overseas. It was a heart wrenching decision.

AnySoldier is a worthwhile and rewarding mission, but it takes hours of searching online to find overseas addresses, lots of human resources (time and energy to organize and package) and quite a bit of money for postage (packages are heavy!) After three and a half years, our committee of seven is tired!

We began sending care packages to service personnel overseas in February of 2005. Since then we mailed more than 350 packages. We have received numerous touching letters of thanks from service personnel, some of which you have read. It has been a very rewarding experience.

We express our thanks to Mark Stutzman who has been such a blessing to us. He did LOTS of the work and we really appreciate his dedication to helping us in this project. At this time, Mark is not in good health and unable to volunteer his time and energy. Please keep Mark in your prayers.

The CPCLM congregation has done an outstanding job of contributing and supporting this program. We thank you very much for helping us with this mission.

Angel Project

Presbyterian Women are continuing the Angel Project which we began several years ago. With your help, we collect items for newborns such as clothing, blankets, shampoo, baby powder and oil, soap and anything else appropriate for little ones in need. Personal items for the mothers (soap, shampoo, lotion, etc.) are also appreciated. For "big brothers and sisters", toddlers' clothing, toys and books for ages 1-2 would be helpful.

Members of the PW Mission Committee periodically take these things to the Human Services Association, formerly known as "Bell Gardens." Our next delivery will be made in time for Christmas.

We appreciate your generous contributions over the years and thank you for your continued support. You may leave gifts for Angel Project on the PW table in Jenks Hall any time you are at church.

PW Mission Committee

MUSIC NOTES...

We hope you are enjoying a restful summer, and growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord!

If you are interested in sharing your musical talents, dates are available for Special Music during worship services. We encourage you to participate this summer, and throughout the year. Call me at 714-524-2224 for more information.

Wednesday rehearsals for Chancel Choir will begin September 3. We

practice from 7-8:30 pm.

The Fall Choir Retreat will be Saturday, Sept. 6 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. If you need a ride or more information, contact me. Hope to see you there!

In His Service,

Debbie Gault

Director off Music Ministries

July Prayer List

Please help your Deacons care for their flocks by remembering the following people in your prayers during the week they are listed.

July 6 2008

Sheri Mitchell

Dexter & Mary Lynn Phipps

Joan Schultz

Scott Waln

July 13 2008

Consuelo Arce

Dr & Mrs Robert Buchanan

Jackie Crapser

Sherry Erb

July 20 2008

Beverly Franck

Eric & Christy Gravitt

Barbara Hastings

Jon and Jeena Hayes

July 27 2008

Doris Hoyes

Terry & Beth Itnyre
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Marilyn Jensen

Ken and Mary McCone

God's Gift of Music

July 20, 2008 at 10:00 am

At Community Presbyterian Church of La Mirada, we designate the third Sundays of the month as "Music Sundays" in order to honor God's Gift of Music. Guest musicians from our church and the community are invited to share their talents with us during worship services. Selection of musicians is based on performance ability, musical credentials, personal education in music, contribution to the music education of others and the local community. This month we will honor as our guest musician **Soprano Cheri Stark**. **Cheri will sing** "The Lord's Prayer", music by Albert Hay Malotte, "Vissi d'Arte" from *Tosca* by Puccini and "The Jewel Song" from *Faust* by Gounod.

Cheri Stark is praised as an artist of depth and grace. Ms. Stark's lyrical and versatile voice easily lends itself to opera, musical theater, jazz and spiritual repertoire. She focuses upon the story-telling and emotion within each piece while maintaining a calm, expressive stage presence. She attributes her style of performing to her dedication to the inner process of being a singer just as much as the outward vocal study.

Born and raised in Fresno, Ms. Stark started voice lessons at the age of five and has since been involved with over thirty theater and musical productions. She has gained valuable operatic performance experience with USC Opera and Chamber Opera, and several other opera companies. Her most recent role was in the one-woman opera, "The Diary of

Anne Frank" with the Long Beach Opera Educational Outreach Program.

Ms. Stark is a 2006 graduate of USC's Thornton School of Music in Vocal Arts and is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Spiritual Psychology. She is the creator of a personal-growth workshop called, "The Conscious Performer," for performing artists to address issues such as stage fright, perfectionism and the inner critic. Ms. Stark continues to sing regularly around Southern California and is starting a practice as a life-coach for performing artists.





The annual Rummage Sale in May netted approximately \$3400 in revenue that will be disbursed into the La Mirada area this year. Recipients will include Meals on Wheels, Inter-faith Food Center and the Women's and Children's Crisis Center.

After the sale the leftovers were donated to a local thrift shop which provides scholarships for underprivileged and deserving young people. Your "treasures" continue to help our community.

We received compliments on our organization and many stated that they look forward to the sale.

We express grateful Thanks to all who worked on the sale, donated "treasures" or made purchases.



It was a very good year!!

Glenna Billiet

Have a Cell Phone? Better Not Use it While You're Driving!

Remember that after July 1, 2008, it is against the law to use a "hand-held" cell phone while driving (except except for emergency calls to law enforcement and public safety agencies).

Not only can talking on the phone while driving be dangerous, it can be expensive. Violation of this law includes a base fine of \$20.00 for a first offense and \$50.00 for each subsequent offense.

Board of Deacons

The Deacons will not be meeting during July and August. The next meeting is September 16, 7:00 pm in Jenks Hall.



This new ministry group is working to identify helps and services that caring members of CPCLM may be able to provide to fill occasional special needs as they arise. If you wish to serve on the Caring Connections Committee or have specialized services to offer, please contact Judy Roberts by phone or email (See church directory for numbers).



Remember Our Prayer Chains

If you would like to be a participant in our email prayer chain, please be sure to give your correct address to Donna Theeck at dtheeck@att.net. Remember to keep Donna informed if you change your email address.

We also have a telephone prayer chain organized by Presbyterian Women. In times of need, call **Joanie Hilleary**.

To add your name to the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin, call the church office. To keep the list up-to-date, please remember to call the office again when your crisis has passed.

You Could Help With A Click of Your Mouse!

(Of course, if you don't have a mouse that clicks, you probably don't use a computer so you can ignore this whole article.)

The **Breast Cancer** website is having trouble getting enough people to click on their site every day to meet the quota needed to obtain at least one free mammogram a day for an underprivileged woman. It takes less than a minute to go to their site and click on 'donating a mammogram for free' (pink window in the middle). This doesn't cost you a thing. Their corporate sponsors /advertisers use the number of daily visits to donate mammograms in exchange for advertising. Here's the web site! Pass it along to people you know.

www.thebreastcancersite.com

The corporate sponsors of **Animal Rescue** and advertisers use the number of visits to the Animal Rescue website to determine the amount of food they donate for abandoned and neglected animals (in exchange for advertising, of course). The Animal Rescue website is having trouble getting enough people to click on it each day to meet their quota. You can help by going to their site and clicking on the purple box 'Fund food for animals.' It doesn't cost you a thing. Here's the web site:

www.theanimalrescuesite.com

We are optimists, but we hope our clicks help these organizations help others.

CPCLM OPEN DURING JULY

We are open even during vacation time and will have the A/C on for you. Of course, we still have to pay the electricity bill.

