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Dates to
Remember

Advent Tea
December 2

Concert
December 5

November 2009

Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula

Welcome

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula. We are a nondenominational Christian church, governed by the members. Openness, independent thinking and inclusivity are critical for our journey together. We encourage individual spiritual exploration and do not require adherence to a creed or a single view of what it means to be a Christian or to follow Christ. We journey by heart and our goal is to love God and all that God loves.

In our worship and activities beyond Sunday, we invite you to experience the transforming power of God and walk daily with Jesus as you live out your spiritual journey. Welcome to the journey!

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Our Mission

The Mission of The Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula is to welcome independent-minded people of all ages, build a diverse Christian community, and nurture one another to love God, neighbor and self.

Our mission is grounded on ten core values:

- God loves all people.
- We welcome all people, wherever they are on their faith journey.
- Worship is the life breath of our community.
- We are the heart and hands of Christ serving others.
- We grow spiritually in Christ.
- We provide creative, open, lifelong Christian education.
- We are stewards sustaining all of God's creation.
- We promote understanding and cooperation among people of all faiths.
- We are independent, nondenominational and democratic.
- We joyfully support our mission with time, talent and treasure.

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Joanne Anderson

Prayer is a powerful tool during times of special need and joy. You are invited to pray for the following people.

Sallie Conn
Elaine Coon
Laurie Jackson
Margarete Knacke
Margaret Lenck
Kimmie Jo Winslow

Next Newsletter Deadline: December 20

Church Women United

You are invited to the meeting of Church Women United on Friday, Dec. 4th at The Christian Church in Pacific Grove, located at 442 Central Avenue. The program "The Christmas Story in Song and Scripture" will begin at 10:00. There will be a "White Elephant Sale" with a silent auction and a vocal auction. So please bring any "White Elephants" you would like to sell.

They will be collecting shoes for migrant children. Gym shoes are very good. They can be new or lightly used, and big enough for teenagers as well as small enough for smaller children. Nancy Costello will be able to distribute them to those most in need.

The January meeting will be at Hays CME Church in Seaside on the second Friday in January.

For any questions about CWU please see Kathy Warthan, our CWU rep, and President of the organization.

ADVENT TEA 2009



Wednesday, December 2
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Program: Singers from Middle School

Please sign up in Woodhull Hall. Bring something for the tea table!

December Birthdays



2nd
5th
7th
20th

Maxine Reneker
Jodie Nicholson
Lawrence Samuels
William Daniel

CHRISTMAS WITH A GOSPEL FLAVOR!!



The Monterey Peninsula
Community Choir
will perform here on
Saturday, December 5
4 - 6:30 p.m.

Don't miss it!!

Congratulations to Our New Officers for 2010



President:
Vice President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Fellowship:
Membership:
Member-at-Large:

Missions:
Prop. Steward
Public Relations:
Rel. Educ:
Worship:
FTF: (2010-2012)

George Brehmer
Bob Sageman
Jane Heider Samuels
Chuck McGowin
Liz Tarozzi
Joanne Anderson
Clarice Pruitt
Lisa Sargisson
Susan Adams
Bill Daniel
Mary Parsons
Karen Wolter
JoAnn Holbrook
Bill Daniel (2010-12)

DECEMBER

Ron Barton all month including
Christmas Eve!

JANUARY

3 Dana Reynolds
31 Barbara Prose

In Our Pulpit

Property Steward

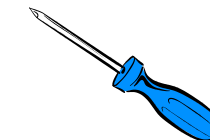
Bill Daniel

Last month the strong storm uprooted a dead tree in the North Forty. A big thanks to Russel and his crew as they cut it up and hauled it away. It is a thoughtful action that makes the Property Steward's job a little easier.

Since my last Beyond Sunday article, the following people have working on various projects: Russel and Karen Wolter, Peter Sewald, Ed Heath, and Carole French. Without those individuals giving their time and talent these projects will still be around, as they don't just go away.

In the coming year we are facing a lot more responsibility for the upkeep and cleanliness of our facility. The reason for this is that we have reduced our janitorial service. Keeping a facility like ours in tip-top shape requires a lot of time spent on GRUNT WORK, i.e. work that is not most individual's cup of tea. The fact is it has to be done. It would make the task a lot easier if several individuals agreed to cover a given area each week. How about giving us a hand? Getting dirt under our fingernails never hurt anyone.

Late entry: Since talking with our new minister Paul and his wife Elizabeth, there are some items they could use: a queen bed and a twin bed set and accessories. I'll be discussing with them the other items they may need.



May you have the Spirit of Christmas,
which is Peace,
The Gladness of Christmas,
which is Hope,
The Heart of Christmas,
which is Love!

Sunday School Christmas Projects

This is the time of year when we give back to our community. The kids in Sunday School have decided to participate in Project Santa. This is done through the PG Kiwanis. They are collecting new unwrapped toys and games for kids in grades kindergarten through fifth. All the toys collected will stay in Monterey County, with a portion going to the local school districts to be distributed to students who live among us. We are asking for donations of new unwrapped toys from the congregation. The toys need to be brought to church no later than Sunday, Dec. 13. If you would like to participate, and are unable to purchase a toy yourself, a donation of \$10 will be gladly accepted. There is a collection envelope in Woodhull Hall. Toys brought in can be placed under the tree in Woodhull Hall.

The other project is our annual I-Help socks for our homeless men. The socks are available for pick up with instructions, on the table inside the narthex. They will be filled with toiletries, candy and gift cards for the men who come here once a month for a hot meal and a warm place to sleep. They really appreciate these socks!! If you need help getting supplies for the socks, a monetary donation is gladly accepted. The money will be used to purchase the items for inside the sock. the socks need to be returned by Sunday, Dec. 6.

On behalf of the Sunday School, thank you for helping with these projects, and we hope you had a most blessed Thanksgiving

Wednesday Circle

Ada Morton

Mary Ellen and I will be hosting our annual Christmas Tea on December 9th at 12:15 p.m. Bring a sandwich -dessert, tea/coffee will be served. Mary Ellen will be home December 5th and in church on Sunday. She loves to share her Christmas decorations and music with her church friends at 24825 Santa Rita Street, Carmel (4th house N of 1st Ave). Call Bessie Linvill 641-0128 or Ada 624-7420.

I/we would like to donate _____(no. of plants) poinsettia(s) for the decorating of the sanctuary for Christmas



Choose one:

As a gift from _____

From: _____

In Memory of _____

From: _____

In Honor of _____

(Please return this coupon and \$15 per plant to the church or mail to: Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, P. O. Box 222811, Carmel CA 93922.)

Library Guild

Ada Morton



! "Learn of me," says the philosopher, "and ye shall find restlessness."
Learn of me," says Christ, "and ye shall find rest."
Drummond, New Dictionary of Thought

There is a treasure of knowledge, inspiration, and enjoyable reading and listening for all age groups to be found among the books and tapes in our Library.

Among the new gift additions are:

Florent, Pere: Jesus-His Life as portrayed by the Old Masters (without text)
[Gift of Jane Heider Samuels]

Ten Chi, A Japanese artist's rendition of the life of Jesus (without text)
[Gift of Rev. Susan Adams]

A source of quiet contemplation before service begins can be found in our pew hymnals.
Among the 24 advent hymns, may I suggest the following.

page 105	Gentle Joseph, Joseph Dear (Matt 1:18-25)
page 106	My Heart Sings Out With Joyful Praise
page 110	Now Bless the God of Israel (Lk 1:68-79,; Ps 18:1-3)
page 111	O Loving Founder of the Stars (Ambrosian Advent Hymn)
page 116	O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Isa. 11:1-12, Exodus 19-20:17)
page 119	My Soul Gives Glory to My God (Lk 1:46-55)
page 123	Mary, Woman of Promise (Lk 1:39-55)

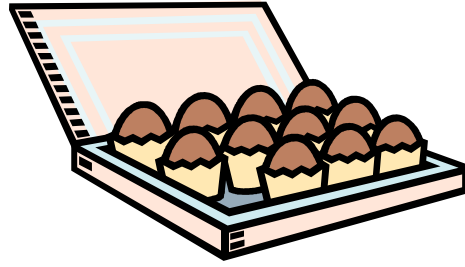
Wishing you Peace and Happiness this Holiday Season!!

Thank You!! To all who helped with the 2009 Harvest Fair!



We could not have done it without you!!

[and didn't we have fun?]



CHOCOLATE FEST 2010

For some time, we have talked about doing a Chocolate Fest fundraising event to increase community awareness of our church and also increase income to support our budget. Now, it has become a reality, and we are planning the first annual CCMP Chocolate Fest for next May. This is a great opportunity for all to become involved in what promises to be a fun event.. During the next two weeks, we will put together a detailed plan for the Fest that will outline the event itself, timeline, and jobs we need people to do to make it a success. Stay tuned.....

I-HELP

The next I-HELP Dinner for homeless men will be held on Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. If you can help by bringing a part of the meal and/or joining us for dinner, please sign up in Woodhull Hall.

We thank all the people who support this fine program throughout the year: Dolores Joblon, Coordinator, who does so much, the hosts and hostesses, the cooks, and others who participate in so many ways. You are appreciated!!



Harvest Fair Grebbles

Ada Morton

Although a little slow at times, we had a successful and busy weekend in the Grebbles kitchen this year.

Again, special thanks to Clyde Klaumann, Bill Daniel, and Russel Wolter for my special table and chair which allowed me to sit and cut and braid donut dough for hours on end.

BLESSINGS to those ladies supplying all the donut dough: Millie Daniel, JoAnn Holbrook, Susan Adams, Adele Rasch, Bev Pugh, Jean Mackres, Liz Tarozzi, Kathy Warthan, and Margaret Lenck. And to Cutter and Braider: Adele Rasch. To Cookers/Sugar Coaters/Baggers: Bill Daniel, Susan Adams, and JoAnn Holbrook. Clyde Klaumann and Russel Wolter helped to keep a constant supply of hot oil at the ready. To Clean Up: the added help of Pam Klaumann and Karen Wolter.

If I have missed anyone, I beg forgiveness. It was a busy and jolly team effort and we enjoyed the interaction with the customers!

2010 Annual Giving Chuck McGowin

Please take a minute to read the enclosed Annual Giving - 2010 letter and consider how you can contribute your individual talents and financial resources toward strengthening our church in 2010 and future years. As described in the letter, we are projecting a significant shortfall between income and expense in 2010 and need to take action now to reduce and eventually eliminate the shortfall. You can indicate your support for the church by filling out and returning the Annual Giving - 2010 card attached to the letter by Sunday, December 13. Thank you and blessings to all.