



The Good News

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The Pastor's Pen

Waiting...

The Season of Advent is a season of waiting. Waiting in anticipation for the living God to do something new, something unexpected, something amazing.

In the first century AD most of the Jews living in Judea were hopefully watching for the one they called "the Messiah," that is, "the Anointed One." Most of them were expecting a military Anointed One, who would lead them to victory over the seemingly invincible Roman legions that occupied their land.

Messiah sightings were a common occurrence, with any number of men calling themselves "Messiah" but with no apparent impact on the Roman legions or the Jewish nation. Lots of false Messiahs.

On the first Sunday of Advent every year, those churches that follow the Revised Common Lectionary (a recommended schedule of scripture readings) read an apocalyptic text from one of the gospels, a text in which Jesus tries to prepare his disciples for his return, after his death, resurrection, and ascension. The point is, Jesus says, his return will come at a time that no one can predict or anticipate. So his followers are to be always ready, ever vigilant.

The gospel reading for that first Sunday of Advent is always a bit incongruous, a bit jarring. Shouldn't we be singing Christmas carols about a baby in a manger, shepherds, wise men, etc.? The answer is, wait; that time will come.

The Season of Advent is about waiting. Waiting and being ready. Not asleep, not dozing, not relaxing, but ready for the return of the Messiah, the Anointed One. In the middle of this frantic season, I pray that you will take some time to wait, and to be ready. "For the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." (Matthew 24:44)

Blessings,

Pastor John

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Join the Chancel Choir!

The Chancel Choir meets Sundays at 9:45 am for rehearsal. New voices are needed, especially men. Come join the fun!

Join the Bell Choir!

The bell choir meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Please call or email Harry Taylor if you would like to join the bell choir! 702-601-2833, harold_lee29@hotmail.com

Worship Leaders Needed!

Liturgists, children's message-givers, and Communion preparers are always needed for our two Sunday services of worship. Experience worship from the other side of the communion table!

Sign up for a date on the sheets posted in the Fellowship Hall. Contact: Klaus Stetzenbach, 702-595-9164.

Home Communion



If you have difficulty getting to worship regularly and would like to have the deacons, ruling elders, and/or pastor serve you the Lord's Supper at home on the first Sunday of each month, please call Marci at 586-8891.

The Season of Advent

The Advent Season begins each year on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, which is December 1 this year. On that Sunday and each of the following three Sundays, the people of God prepare themselves spiritually for the advent (coming) of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, born as a baby, as we are.

Advent Sundays will feature lighting candles on the Advent wreath during worship, and scripture messages which help us to prepare for Christ's coming. Join us in worship for the Season of Advent!



Poinsettias for the Holidays!

Poinsettias are welcome to brighten the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Please purchase a plant and set it at the front of the sanctuary.



Called Congregational Meeting

The Session of Community Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, December 15**, following the 11:00 worship service, for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Pastor John and Community Presbyterian Church. This action is required, according to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) so that the process of discovering and calling a new pastor can begin as soon as possible. All members are asked to stay for a few minutes after worship on December 15 to carry out this necessary business.

Scripture Readers Needed for Christmas Eve

Would you like to help lead worship on Christmas Eve? Scripture readers are needed for both the 5:00 pm and the 7:00 pm services of worship. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Christmas Eve Worship

5:00 PM and 7:00 PM



Two worship services are set for Christmas Eve this year at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Both services will feature readings from the Christmas story, carols, and lighting of candles. Invite a friend! Come celebrate the birth of the Messiah!

Your Session at Work!

The Session of Community Presbyterian Church met on November 19, 2013 for its monthly stated meeting. At that meeting the Session...

- ✚ Heard the report of the Mission Committee (Jan Ackart): The International Gift Festival is set for November 23-24, 2013; a total of \$6,500 will be sent to various local, domestic, and international recipients in the next couple of weeks from the General Mission Fund; the Angel Tree gift program will serve approximately 40 children this year; the Christmas Joy Offering will once again be collected during the 2013 Advent season
- ✚ Heard from the Children's Ministries Committee (Lynne Brown) that preparations are underway for the 2013 Children's Christmas Pageant set for Sunday, December 22
- ✚ Heard from the Property and Maintenance Committee (Amarante Vasquez) that parking lot sealing will continue in the next few weeks; more attic insulation will be installed in December; kitchen remodeling remains on hold for the present
- ✚ Heard from the Nominating Committee (Klaus Stetzenbach) that the process of finding those called to serve as ruling elders and deacons (Classes of 2017) is ongoing
- ✚ Heard from the Finance Committee (Rick Osborn) that the committee is anticipating a few routine major expenses before the end of the year; the committee has reviewed and submitted to the Session a draft budget for 2014; the committee discussed pledge receipts to date; the committee is discussing the possibility of an external audit of church records in 2014
- ✚ Studied and discussed the draft 2014 budget submitted by the Finance Committee
- ✚ Approved a motion from the Worship Committee (Klaus Stetzenbach) to offer a Thanksgiving Day service of worship
- ✚ Approved a motion from the Worship Committee to offer two Christmas Eve services of worship at

5:00pm and 7:00pm

- ✚ Heard from the Church Life Committee (Julie Dempsey) that preparations are underway for the Thanksgiving Day Potluck Dinner and a Potluck Brunch on Sunday, December 22, following the Children's Christmas Pageant
- ✚ Heard from the Stewardship Committee (John Guthrie) that 67 pledges had been received as of November 19, for a total of \$139,232; pledges continue to come in
- ✚ Heard from Pastor John about recent developments with respect to the Acts 16:5 Initiative; a workshop for all participating churches will happen on December 11 in Salt Lake City
- ✚ Approved the baptisms of three children: Emily Yardley, Kayzlin Yardley, and Katrina Consolo
- ✚ Called a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 15 for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between John Guthrie and Community Presbyterian
- ✚ Discussed some of the details of the pastoral transition over the next few months



The Virgin River

Presbyterian Fellowship

The Virgin River Presbyterian Fellowship consists of Community Presbyterian Church, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in St. George, and Valley Presbyterian New Church Development in Mesquite. Please keep our ministry partners in prayer.

Email Communications

Please contact Marci Beck, 586-8891 or mbeck@cedarpres.org to receive by email *The Good News* (monthly newsletter), *Friday Flash* (weekly news update), or prayer chain messages.

Community Presbyterian Financial Update

2013 Budget	\$232,400.00
Income (10/31/2013)	\$168,595.08
Expenses (10/31/2013)	\$166,490.74
Balance (10/31/2013)	\$2,104.34

Thank you for your stewardship of God's good gifts and for your generous support of Community Presbyterian ministries!

Stewardship 2013 Update

"Your Treasure, Your Heart!"

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

The 2013 Stewardship Committee (Patt Behrens, Dave Miller, Pastor John) thanks all Community Presbyterian saints who have responded so generously with their pledges of financial giving to our church for 2014. Many of you were present to hear the Rev. Laura Stellmon, Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Utah, who preached and spoke at the stewardship luncheon, on November 10.

As of Sunday, November 24, we have received 74 pledges of financial giving for 2014, totaling \$158,232. If you have not yet submitted a pledge, yours will still be most gratefully accepted. Drop your card in the offering plate, come by the church office, or mail it in.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! You have demonstrated where your heart is.

-2013 Stewardship Committee

**STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS
ARE STILL BEING
GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED!
THANK YOU!**

Newsletter Editor Needed!

During the time before the appointment of an Interim Pastor for Community Presbyterian, and even following, there will be a need for someone to work with Administrative Assistant Marci Beck to get "The Good News" out each month. Strong writing and editing skills are necessary. Can you help? Is God calling you to help? Please contact Pastor John or Marci, 586-8891.

New Photo Directory Now Available!

The new Community Presbyterian photo directory is now available! Pick up yours in the narthex! (One per family, please.) If you would like a directory sent to you, please contact the church office.



Potluck Brunch! Sunday, December 22



The Church Life Committee will sponsor a Potluck Brunch following the Children's Christmas Pageant on December 22. The committee will provide ham, rolls, and drinks. Please bring a dish to share. Contact: Julie Dempsey, 313-261-2919

The Pastoral Transition

Transitions between pastors are always anxious periods for churches. Eventually an Interim Pastor will be selected by the Session, with help from the Presbytery of Utah (if things run as they normally do). The Interim Pastor will serve until a new pastor can be called by the congregation.

In the mean time, the congregation will elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to sift through Pastor Information Forms (resumes), conduct interviews, and carry out other work necessary to identify the one who is called to serve Community Presbyterian in the future (that is, the one whom God has already selected to be the new Pastor for this faithful church). Please hold this entire process, and the ones who will be involved in it, in your prayers.

Nancy and I leave you with deep sadness, but with assurance that God will provide for Community Presbyterian Church a new and wonderfully gifted pastor, who will help you to identify God's vision for you in the years to come, and who will help you to follow that vision.

Pray faithfully. God is faithful.

With love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John".

Pastor John

Saturday Men's Group

The Saturday Men's Group meets at 8:00am every Saturday in the Fellowship Hall, and all men of the church are very welcome. Contact: Tom Milk, 477-8658, milkbarn@scinternet.net).

"Science and Religion" Class

A new Great Courses class, "Science and Religion," will begin on Sunday, January 5. This twelve-lecture course will be led by Harry Brown and Beth Gingery. Each session will begin with a video lecture delivered by Professor Lawrence M. Principe who received a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Johns Hopkins University and a Ph.D. in History of Science from Indiana University at Bloomington. Each lecture will be followed by a time of open discussion. Everyone is welcome! Come explore the relationship between science and religion in our time.

Widows Support Group

The Widows Support Group will not meet in December. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15 at 10:00 am at Muriel Lee's home. Please call or see Muriel for more information: 586-9236. All widows from the church and community are welcome.

Dining for Women

Dining for Women is a movement consisting of many local chapters in the US, with women from local churches participating in each chapter. DFW participants gather once a month in order to share a simple meal. Money that would have been spent on something more elaborate is collected each month from the diners and is then sent to an overseas ministry that benefits women.

The next Cedar City DFW dinner is set for Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm. All women are very welcome. Contact Carol Cheney for more information, 592-3205.

Cedar Area

Christian Women's Luncheon

Women from several Cedar City churches gather on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm at Denny's restaurant for lunch, fellowship, and a program. The next luncheon is set for December 2. For more information call Karen Horst, 704-1073.



Mark Your Calendars!

Children's Christmas Pageant

December 22, 10:00 am

One Combined Worship Service

Potluck Luncheon

December 22

11:00 am

Christmas Eve Worship

5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Prayer Request Cards

Prayer request cards have returned to the pew pockets. If you would like to submit a request for the pastoral prayer, please write your request on one of the yellow cards in the pew pockets, and place the card in the offering plate. The deacon-in-charge will see that your request is relayed to the pastor before the pastoral prayer.

2013 Tax Reminder

All contributions to the church that you wish to deduct on your 2013 income tax must be received or postmarked by December 31. Thank you!

Electronic Funds Transfer Available

Have you considered giving to Community Presbyterian by electronic fund transfer? Call the church office for more information!

Village Voices Concert

The Village Voices are a local choral group consisting of twelve vocalists. They are widely respected in and around Cedar City. The Village Voices will present a Christmas concert for the community on **Thursday, December 19** at 7:30 pm in the Community Presbyterian sanctuary. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy wonderful choral music of the season.

Please Pray For...

- ✦ Emmi Ewing, health
- ✦ Jack Ewing, health
- ✦ Audrey Coe, health
- ✦ Louise Vredenburg, health
- ✦ Cliff Hoppus, health
- ✦ Gordon Swain, health
- ✦ Lynne Brown, health

The Prayer Chain

Community Presbyterian Church has a very active prayer chain. Prayer requests are sent to the prayer chain members (currently numbering about 70) by email immediately after they are received. If you would like to place a particular request on the prayer chain, please call or email the church office (586- 8891, office@cedarpres.org.) The backup contact is Patt Behrens (patt@infowest.com, 586-3349.).

Intercessory Prayer Team

A small but dedicated group of saints meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm at the home of Shari and Robert Hughes. The next prayer team meeting is set for December 11. The group prays for various needs, including Community Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome. Call Robert or Shari for more information (867-4664).

“Great Ones” Donation

The Great Ones (a group of active senior members and friends of Community Presbyterian) donated \$210.00 to the Canyon Creek Women’s Crisis Center (<http://ccwcc.org/>) for Christmas.

From Your Deacons

Please remember to contact your assigned Deacon when you have a need for care or support. That’s what the Deacons do!

If you do not have an assigned Deacon, please contact Marci Beck at 586-8891

Deacons’ Holiday Food Baskets

The deacons are now collecting donations for their Christmas food baskets, which are delivered to families in need in Cedar City. Simply drop your donation in a pew envelope and write your name and “Deacons Baskets” on it. You may also drop off donations in the church office or mail them in. If you know a family that could use a food basket, please contact any deacon. Thank you!



The Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering is a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) which is collected each Advent Season. The Joy Offering supports (1) PCUSA pastors, missionaries, and other church workers in emergencies, and (2) racial/ethnic schools related to the PCUSA. Offering envelopes in the pew pockets with red stars on them are for the Joy Offering. Thank you for your support of these two special needs!

Ruling Elder and Deacon Nominations

The Nominating Committee is continuing its work to identify those in our congregation called to serve as ruling elders and deacons for the Classes of 2017. These individuals will be elected to office in January 2014 and will serve three-year terms.

The Nominating Committee welcomes your recommendations from the membership of our church, for both elders and deacons. To recommend someone contact the moderator of the committee, Klaus Stetzenbach (702-595-9164, klaus.stetzenbach@unlv.edu).

Bright Starz Gives Thanks!

The children and teachers of the Bright Starz Learning Center have had super summer and fall seasons! While the weather was sunny and warm, the older children enjoyed the large play yard on the west side of the church property. This new space has allowed them room to ride bikes and dig in the dirt.

The families, children and church friends of Bright Starz enjoyed a fabulous Thanksgiving feast on November 20. Leaya Townes prepared a delicious turkey dinner, and families supplied the side dishes and desserts. The Fellowship Hall was filled with nearly 100 people from infants to grandparents, and everyone had a wonderful time! We thank God for providing so many blessings!

Calling All Kids... 2013 Christmas Pageant!

The Children's Ministries Committee has selected the theme "Hope - Peace - Joy - Love: The Heart of Christmas" for the children to perform on **Sunday, December 22** at a joint 10:00 am worship service.

Nancy Osborn is now recruiting children who wish to participate in this year's pageant, and the committee welcomes every child to come play a part, large or small, and sing some songs. Our youngest children play a very important role in the pageant and sometimes even "steal the show" with their darling antics and outfits.

Here's the rehearsal schedule:

Sunday, Dec. 8, 12:30 pm - Meeting for Parents and Kids

Saturday, Dec. 14, 1:00 pm, - Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, Dec. 15, 9:15 am - Pageant Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec. 21, 1:00 pm - Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec 21, 2:30 pm - Christmas Party!

Sunday, Dec. 22, 10:00 am - Christmas Pageant

Please call Nancy at 590-7086 if you want your "little angel" to be a part of this event. Remember to mark you calendar for a single service of worship on December 22 at 10:00 am. A Potluck Brunch follows the pageant!



Calling Adults and "Tweens" ... 2013 Christmas Pageant!

The Children's Ministries team is planning a new Christmas pageant this year that will offer older children and "tweens" more engaging opportunities for acting and singing. The Pageant will happen during the joint service of worship on December 22 at 10:00 AM. The team seeks tweens to participate in this year's pageant, and adults with theatrical skills or decoration talents. Please contact Nancy Osborn at 590-7086 or Lynne Brown at 590-7451.

LOGOS Meeting

The Logos (middle school) group meets on **Tuesday, November 10**, at 7:00 pm in the Youth Room. Call or text Penny for more information, (909) 855-2203

Youth Christmas Party!

For both Logos and LIFE (middle school and high school) groups, at Penny's house in Paragonah, **Friday, December 20**, at 6:00 pm. Call or text Penny for more information, (909) 855-2203



Health Advice From the Parish Nurse

Preventing Falls

To reduce the risk of falls, try these practices. Exercise regularly with weight or resistance training to improve steadiness when walking, and use balancing exercises to improve balance. Wear appropriate shoes that have firm, non-slip soles. Stand up slowly from a seated position or from a lying position to avoid a drop in blood pressure, and take a moment before starting to move.

Have your vision checked regularly. Have your doctor check your prescriptions to see if any drugs could increase your risk of falls. Keep electrical cords out of walkways. Get rid of throw rugs. Use night lights. Use non-slip mats in the bathroom. Use good lighting, sturdy rails, and non-slip treads around indoor and outdoor steps.

~ Karyn Klein

Presbyterian Women News

Christmas Luncheon!

Come celebrate the Christmas season on **Saturday, December 7th** at noon. Shandra Powell of The Family Support Center will speak. If you would like to bring bread, salad, or dessert, please contact Ann Johnson, 586-9660, or see the sign up sheet on the PW bulletin board to. Our time together will be complete with a sing-along and music played by the CPC praise team. For questions contact Gen 559-6822.



Coffee Fellowship

Any treats you can provide are welcomed by those who gather for fellowship after worship. Thank you for helping to strengthen our congregation in love by providing treats for coffee fellowship! Please call Ann Johnson at 867-4983 for more information.



Circle the Wagons!

The Soul Journers Circle and the Abigail Circle will meet together on **Wednesday, December 4** at 6:00pm at Jane McCoy's home. Come enjoy great fellowship! Contact: Jane McCoy, (702) 375-5813.

The Martha Circle will meet **Wednesday, December 18** at 1:00pm in the Youth Room. This circle is viewing and discussing a video series, "The Women of the Bible." Contact: Linda Stetzenbach 702-497-4865.

Financial Assistance Available

Community Presbyterian members and friends are reminded that there is limited assistance available from the church for those who are facing a financial emergency. Confidentiality is strictly observed. Please call or email Pastor John for more information (586-8891, pastor@cedarpres.org.)

Josh and Kim Vis Mission Coworkers in Brazil

Thank you for your messages and prayers! Remember there are contact information cards for Josh and Kim available in the Narthex and church office.

Could You be a Foster Parent?

There is currently a desperate need for foster parents in Cedar City. Could God be calling you to share your home and love with a foster child? Call Amy Bates, Recruiter for Utah Foster Care, 435-463-7404. An informational seminar is scheduled for **Monday, December 9**, from 7:00 to 8:00pm at the Cedar City Library. Training for new foster parents begins in January 2014.

Iron County Care & Share

Iron County Care & Share provides food, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and other services for people in need in our community.

How can you help?

- Bring non-perishable food items, diapers, etc. to place in the Care & Share barrel in the church narthex. Holiday food items such as stuffing, cranberries, corn bread or bread mix, turkeys and hams are especially needed at this time of the year. Or you can deliver your donation directly to 222 West 900 North, Cedar City. The food bank is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm for donations. Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted! More information can be found at <http://www.careandshare-utah.com/>.



- Purchase a Christmas CD for only \$10. Eighteen beautiful Christmas songs are performed by local Utah artists. Proceeds support the ICCS shelters. CD's are available from Gen Phelps or Nancy Guthrie, at Iron County Care and Share or online at <http://www.careandshare-utah.com/care-and-share/purchase/>





MISSION NEWS

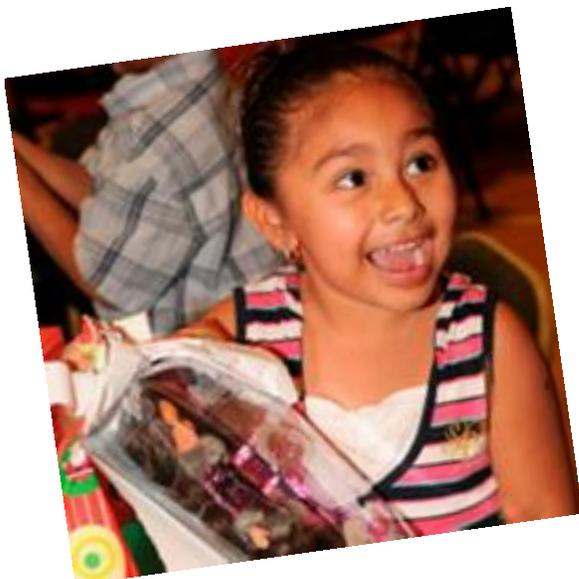
Serving Others Locally, Domestically, and Around the World

The Mission Committee recently made new allocations of funds from the General Mission account. After much consideration, prayer and discussion, donations were approved to the following organizations.

<u>Organization:</u>	<u>Type of Mission</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bright Starz (Scholarships)	Local	\$750
Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center	Local	\$500
Family Support Center, Cedar City	Local	\$1,000
Sandra Maxwell Cancer Center, Cedar City	Local	\$500
Loaves and Fishes, Cedar City	Local	\$500
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	Domestic and International	\$1,000
Menaul School, New Mexuci	Domestic	\$500
Northern New Mexico Food Pantry	Domestic	\$250
Salvation Army	Domestic	\$500
Heifer Project	International	\$1,000
	Total	\$6,500

Earlier this year donations were distributed from the General Mission Fund to Iron County Care & Share (\$4,000), Las Vegas Rescue Mission (\$1,500), and the Presbyterian Church of Mora, NM (\$1,000). Thank you all members and friends of Community Presbyterian for your continuing support and generosity. Through your giving we are touching the lives of many people locally and throughout the world.

Jan Ackart, Moderator
Mission Committee



Operation Angel Tree

"It's the doll I wanted! How did Daddy know?" Katie said, hugging her new friend with tears of joy streaming down her face. And when asked about Christmas, Katie said, *"Christmas is about God and Jesus!"*

Operation Angel Tree gave Katie her first present from her Dad and a reaffirmation of the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Angel Tree provides gifts for children of parents who are incarcerated. Please "adopt" a child from the Angel Tree located in the Narthex. You will buy and deliver your gift to the child you select. Instructions are provided next to the tree. For more information contact Jan Ackart, 867-8054.

The Acts 16:5 Initiative

Renewal, Revitalization, Transformation for Community Presbyterian!

“Day after day the congregations became stronger in faith and larger in size.”

(Acts 16:5, *The Message* version)

The *Acts 16:5 Initiative* is a deliberate program intended to renew particular churches (like Community Presbyterian) and to help them grow in faith and numbers...just like the passage reads! *Acts 16:5* is an initiative designed and produced by the *Vital Churches Institute* (<http://www.vitalchurchesinstitute.com/>), which is an educational and consulting organization devoted to renewal and revitalization for Christ's church.

Here's what *Acts 16:5* is all about, in the organization's own words.

The Acts 16:5 Initiative...

- ◇ Invites congregations in denominational regions to engage in a deliberate process of transformation.
- ◇ Assists denominational regions and congregations in developing a coherent biblically-grounded approach to transformational vitality and missional impact.
- ◇ Assists congregations in the design of specific transformational and missional ministries. Rather than offering a set “program,” this initiative supports the design of ministry appropriate to a given situation.
- ◇ Enables denominational regional staff the ability to offer direct coaching, leadership development and resourcing of pastors and congregational leaders seeking to move their congregations forward.
- ◇ Offers a means of validating congregational change.
- ◇ Offers an opportunity to apply the principles of transformation and missional engagement to the life of the denominational region itself.

Over the past year the Presbytery of Utah has been carefully and prayerfully considering participation in *Acts 16:5*, especially since participation requires a financial commitment from the presbytery and from the participating churches. On October 12, 2013 the presbytery formally voted to engage the services of the *Vital Churches Institute* in order to provide the *Acts 16:5 Initiative* for ten (10) participating churches in our presbytery, one of which is Community Presbyterian of Cedar City. The Session of CPC had previously endorsed the participation of our church.

The *Acts 16:5 Initiative* requires a three-year commitment on the part of each participating church, and the presbytery. After three years the leadership of each church carries forward the momentum gained by participation in the initiative.

What will participation in *Acts 16:5* mean for Community Presbyterian? Look for intentional efforts to...

- ◇ Increase the depth of commitment to Jesus for every member and friend, that is, to grow vibrant, enthusiastic, sold-out disciples of Jesus;
- ◇ Strengthen and develop existing and new leaders in our congregation;
- ◇ Demonstrate hospitality, not just friendliness, to visitors;
- ◇ Develop new worship experiences, especially for young adults;
- ◇ Engage new small groups designed to facilitate the spiritual growth of participating members;
- ◇ Spread ministry among a larger cross-section of our congregation;
- ◇ Make our church more missional, that is, more outwardly-focused on the needs of our community and the world.

Change in all of these aspects of church life requires considerable work and dedication on the part of the members and friends of our congregation. Even so, in the view of the Session, the time is now for us to begin these kinds of transformational ministries. The pastor and session envision a long and exciting period of spiritual and numerical growth, in concert with the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.

“Day after day the congregations became stronger in faith and larger in size.” (Acts 16:5)

December Birthdays!

Janet Calliham	8	Margaret McGlincy	18
Gia Miller	8	Lizz Dempsey	20
Roland Gow	9	Paula Hensley-Coash	23
Scott Burns	10	Amanda Ruhr	26
Gordon Goslin	10		
Tom Milk	12		
Art Mendini	15		
Gaylene Knoke	16		
Jan Hite	17		
Letha Houts	1		
Julie Beck	3		
Ruth Kinney	4		
Desmond Penny	4		
Gage Miller	4		
Ella VanGroningen	6		
Jim Peveler	8		

We apologize if we missed your birthday! Please call the church office so that we can update our records.



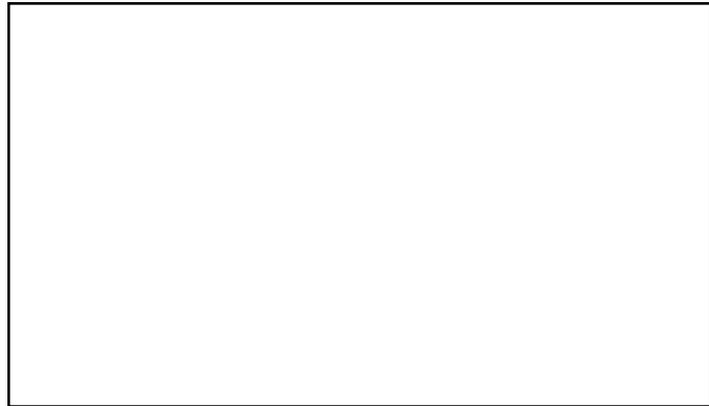
November Worship Leadership and Coffee Fellowship Hosts

	<i>December 1</i>	<i>December 8</i>	<i>December 15</i>	<i>December 22 One Worship Service</i>	<i>December 29</i>
Liturgist 8:30 am	Gordon Goslin	Jeanine Howells	Janet Calliham	*****	Ruth Kinney
Communion 8:30 am	Bev Everett		Alan & Janet Calliham	*****	
Deacon 8:30 am	Marge McGlincy	Candice Heck	Rich Bontadelli	*****	Ruth Kinney
Greeters 8:30 am	Sonny & Effie Enneper	Brad & Gen Phelps	Tom & Marge McGlincy	*****	Nancy Eaton Julie Dempsey
Fellowship 8:30 am	Jim & Jeanine Howells	Laurie Kirmeyer	Tom & Marge McGlincy	*****	Jim & Diana Peveler
Liturgist 11:00 am	Ann Johnson	Cathy Ewert	Ruth Kinney	*****	
Communion 11:00 am	Ann Johnson	*****		*****	Ruth Kinney
Deacon 11:00 am	Peggy Dahl & Jan Hite	Norma Munro	Cat Delaney	Lindsey Harvell	Peggy Studley
Children's Message 11:0am	Carol Cheney	Carol Cheney		*****	
Special Music 11:00 am	Chancel Choir	Lee Bechtel & Sandy Gallis	Chancel Choir	Children's Pageant	Gaylene Knoke
Fellowship 11:00 am	Pam Burns, Val Gow, Song Wiebusch	Chris Roelandt & Julie Dempsey		Potluck Luncheon	

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We are especially thankful for...



The Session

Class of 2014 Dana Covey, Amarante Vasquez, Neal Smith
Class of 2015 Janet Ackart, Rick Osborn, Klaus Stetzenbach
Class of 2016 Lynne Brown, Julie Dempsey, Rita Osborn

The Board of Deacons

Class of 2014 Candice Heck, Jan Hite, Karen Russell, Peggy Studley
Class of 2015 Peggy Dahl, Cat Delaney, Ruth Kinney, Norma Munro
Class of 2016 Bonnie Blakely, Rich Bontadelli, Lindsey Harvell, Marge McGlincy

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