



# The Good News

November 2013

Community Presbyterian Church

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## The Pastor's Pen

### Expressing Gratitude

The story of the grateful leper (not leopard) as recorded in Luke 17, which was the sermon text a few weeks ago, continues to ring in my mind. Jesus heals ten lepers at their request, simply by speaking the word. He sends them on their way to be declared healed by a local priest, and off they go, but one of them, a Samaritan, returns, thanking Jesus and praising God for being cured. We saw that the Greek word which is used just about everywhere in the gospels for "being healed" also means "being made whole" or "being saved."

The next week, following a similar theme from the prophet Jeremiah, we sang *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*, which is a favorite for many. "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see." The fourth verse runs like this: "The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures."

Beyond the well-loved tune, disciples embrace the words of this hymn because it summarizes, in a few short verses, what God has done for us in Jesus the Messiah. We are all saved wretches, by the grace of God. We were all once lost, but are now found. We all know that God will be our shield and portion, as long as life endures (which is, of course, forever).

There really is only one response, isn't there? Overwhelming, effusive, unrestrained gratitude. The same kind of gratitude demonstrated by the Samaritan leper, who threw himself at Jesus' feet? Why? Because Jesus had saved him.

If we sing the words of *Amazing Grace*, and believe what we sing, we must display that same gratitude. That's what we do when we give to God, financially and otherwise, through this, our church, Community Presbyterian. When you drop your tithes and offerings in the plate, you are giving to the God of amazing grace, who saves each one of us, and all of us.

My strong encouragement to you: Give effusively, in gratitude. Pledge effusively, in gratitude. Look what God has done for us in Christ! Hosanna! Praise the Lord!

Just another grateful wretch,

John

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## Join the 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!

Community Presbyterian's new Music Directory, Harry Taylor, is looking to restart the Sanctuary Ringers! Please call or email Harry if you would like to join the bell choir! 02-601-2833, [harold\\_lee29@hotmail.com](mailto:harold_lee29@hotmail.com)

## Worship Leaders Needed!

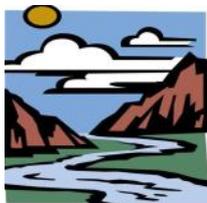
Liturgists, children's message-givers, and Communion preparers are always needed for our two Sunday services of worship. Experience worship from the other side of the communion table!

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

## Valley New Church Development (Mesquite) In Transition...

We are saddened to report the resignation of Bill Youmans, pastor of the Valley New Church Development in Mesquite, a member church of the Virgin River Presbyterian Fellowship. The Valley NCD has been in existence for five years and will become a bona fide Presbyterian church (God willing!) when its membership has grown some more.

The loss of Pastor Bill will pose numerous challenges to the Valley NCD as the Presbytery of Nevada begins a search for a pastor to resume servant leadership there. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Mesquite, especially as they await the assignment of a new pastor.



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.

## 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 in the church office 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, like us!

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!



## STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 10, 2013

ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP, 10:00 AM

FREE LUNCHEON FOLLOWS!

PLEASE RSVP THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE.



Stewardship  
Sunday

## Your Session at Work!

The Session of Community Presbyterian Church met on October 15, 2013 for its monthly stated meeting. At that meeting the Session...

- ◇ Set a called congregational meeting for Sunday, December 1, 2013 for the purpose of considering the pastor's terms of call for 2014 (in response to an IRS requirement)
- ◇ Heard from the Finance Committee (Rick Osborn) that development of the 2014 budget is well underway, and a draft will be complete for the November meeting of Session
- ◇ Heard from the Worship Committee (Klaus Stetzenbach) that new Music Director, Harry Taylor, may choose to employ recordings of himself playing for the choir if an accompanist cannot be found; prayer cards will return to the pew racks
- ◇ Heard from the Property & Maintenance Committee (Amarante Vasquez) that the kitchen remodel is tentatively scheduled for the end of December
- ◇ Heard from the Church Life Committee (Jan Ackart speaking for Julie Dempsey) that the planned murder mystery dinner for October has been postponed for need of actors in the drama; Church Life will not assist with the planned Enchilada Dinner fundraiser for the youth
- ◇ Approved CPC hosting the 2014 FDA summer lunch program in its facilities, on recommendation of the Mission Committee (Jan Ackart)
- ◇ Approved scholarships for two CPC members to participate in the December SUU Rural Health Scholars service trip to the Dominican Republic, on recommendation from the Mission Committee
- ◇ Approved an amendment to the CPC bylaws that requires all employees to undergo a background check, on recommendation from the Personnel Committee (Neal Smith)

- ◇ Approved a motion that would authorize the church's Administrative Assistant (Marci Beck) to work up to 40 hours a week on occasion when the need arises, on recommendation from the Personnel Committee
- ◇ Approved the date of December 15, 2013 for the Children's Christmas Pageant, with one service of worship at 10:00am, on recommendation from the Children's Ministries Committee (Lynne Brown)
- ◇ Heard from the Youth Ministries Committee (Rita Osborn) that Youth Director Penny Yardley has found volunteers to lead the Logos and LIFE groups during her recovery from childbirth; the Enchilada Dinner planned for November 9 may need to be postponed due to schedule complications for key volunteers
- ◇ Heard from the Nominating Committee (Klaus Stetzenbach) that the committee is at work discerning candidates for ruling elder and deacon for the Classes of 2017
- ◇ Heard from the Stewardship Committee (John Guthrie) that plans are on track for the stewardship luncheon to happen on Sunday, November 10, and that other plans are also tracking well; the committee anticipates the campaign will run over budget, but hopes to recoup the excess in new and increased pledges for 2014

### Email Communications

Please contact Marci Beck, 586-8891 or [mbeck@cedarpres.org](mailto: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 (09/30/2013)	\$151,992.86
Expenses (09/30/2013)	\$150,819.70
Balance (09/30/2013)	\$1,173.16

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



## Stewardship 2013

*"Your Treasure, Your Heart!"*

Stewardship season 2013 has the theme, *"Your Treasure, Your Heart"* which is taken from Matthew 6:21: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." The Stewardship Committee (David Miller, Patt Behrens, Pastor John) encourage all members and friends of Community Presbyterian Church to be in prayer about a pledge of financial giving to God for the approaching new year. The 2013 stewardship season features some familiar elements and some new ones...

- ◇ The season will conclude on November 10, Pledge Dedication Sunday.
- ◇ For 2013 pledges of monetary giving only are being solicited; pledges of time and talent will not be collected this season.
- ◇ The season again features bulletin insert articles written by our members and friends, and brief talks by others as they share their stories of and commitment to stewardship themes.
- ◇ Look for something entirely new before worship on November 3!
- ◇ One service of worship on Dedication Sunday, November 10, at 10:00 am
- ◇ Guest preacher Laura Stellmon, the Executive Presbytery of Utah Presbytery, on Dedication Sunday.
- ◇ A catered luncheon following that service on November 10, with Laura as guest speaker.
- ◇ Collection of pledge cards following Laura's talk.
- ◇ Follow-up letters as necessary to CPC members and friends after November 10.

Jesus tells his followers, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." We are constantly tempted to place our treasure, our value, in things that do not last. We are tempted to spend "our" (really God's) treasure on things of little value. God calls us to give to God all that is God's. Well, that would be everything.

Blessings on your season of discernment regarding your giving to God for 2014.

~The 2013 Stewardship Committee

**Daylight  
Saving Time  
Ends  
November 3**



## Widows Support Group

The Widows Support Group meets next on Wednesday, November 20 at 10:00 am. Please call or see Muriel Lee 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, November 12 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 November 4. For more information call Karen Horst, 704-1073.

## 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.



## 2013 Pumpkin Patch Trip a Success!

This year's excursion to the Judd Pumpkin Patch on October 12 was a great success! The Children's Ministries team hosted a group of about fifty adults and children for a fun afternoon in the colorful autumn sun! The children went out into the fields to pick out their own pumpkins, and then the group gathered in the Judd's backyard for food, fun and fellowship. Some kids enjoyed a tractor hayride around the property. There was also a petting zoo and bounce house, both of which were very popular with the kids. A great time was enjoyed by all! Plan to join us next year on the first or second weekend in October!

## Calling All Kids for the 2013 Christmas Pageant!

The Children's Ministries team is planning a new Christmas pageant this year that will offer our older children and "tweens" more engaging opportunities for acting and singing. The Pageant will be during the joint service of worship on December 15 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.



## Ruth Kinney to Begin Training for Commissioned Lay Pastor Service!

Ruling elder Ruth Kinney will soon begin training for ministry as a Commissioned Lay Pastor serving one or more churches within the Presbytery of Utah. Ruth's training and preparation are overseen by the presbytery. CLP's are assigned to particular churches within the presbytery to carry out pastoral functions, and especially to small churches that do not have the financial resources to support a full-time ordained pastor.

CLP training requires instruction in subjects including Bible, pastoral care, preaching, worship, theology, and polity (government). CLP preparation requires a commitment for one to three years.

Please congratulate Ruth on her response to God's call, and hold her in prayer as she begins the long process of preparation to become a Commissioned Lay Pastor.

## 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](mailto:milkbarn@scinternet.net)).

## New Class! - "Science and Religion"

A new Great Courses class, "Science and Religion," will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 24. 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.

## 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.

## Inquirer's Class

The Inquirer's Class is a class led by Pastor John for those interested in formal membership in Community Presbyterian, or for those who would simply like to know more about our church and the Presbyterian Church (USA). The class is highly recommended for anyone interested in membership. An Inquirer's Class is scheduled for Sunday, November 24, at 12:30pm in the church library. Please call or email Pastor John if you would like to participate (586-8891, [pastor@cedarpres.org](mailto:pastor@cedarpres.org)).

## Interfaith Religious Freedom Conference

On Sunday, November 17, at 6:00pm in the SUU Eccles Coliseum, the Cedar Area Interfaith Alliance will host a conference focusing on religious freedom in the United States today. The featured speaker is Governor Mike Leavitt. The conference will focus attention on religious freedom in the rapidly-changing context of American life. Please mark your calendar, and plan to attend.

## Thanksgiving Day Worship and Dinner!

Thursday, November 28

Worship 2:00 pm

Potluck Dinner Follows

The Church Life  
Committee will provide  
the main dish and drinks.  
Please bring a dish to  
share!



Come and give thanks to the LORD!

## Welcome Emily Michelle Yardley!

Emma was born on October 16 to proud parents, Penny and Eric Yardley. Seven pounds, one ounce. Everyone is doing well. Except maybe Eric. We'll keep you informed.

## From Your Deacons

All CPC members and friends are reminded to please contact their assigned Deacon when they have a need for care or support. That's what the Deacons do!

If you do not have an assigned Deacon and would like to have one, please contact Marci Beck at 586-8891

## Deacons' Holiday Food Baskets

The deacons are now collecting donations for their Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, which are delivered to families in need in Cedar City prior to both holidays. 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. Thank you for helping to make Thanksgiving and Christmas more joyous for our neighbors!

## Help Needed: Dinners for SUU Students at St. Jude's Episcopal

St. Jude's Episcopal Church seeks help to provide dinner for hungry SUU students every Thursday evening during the school year. St. Jude's needs a rotating crew of people to come at about 10:00am every Thursday to get the main dish started and to carry out other necessary preparations. Can you help? Contact Rev. Allman for more information: 435-559-3623, [stjudescedarcity@gmail.com](mailto:stjudescedarcity@gmail.com).

## Ruling Elder and Deacon Nominations

The Nominating Committee is beginning 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](mailto:klaus.stetzenbach@unlv.edu)).

## Please Pray For...

- ✦ Emmi Ewing, health
- ✦ Adele McGinn, health
- ✦ Audrey Coe, health
- ✦ Louise Vredenburg, health
- ✦ Cliff Hoppus, health
- ✦ Gordon Swain, health
- ✦ Guthrie family, bereaved
- ✦ Bob Rosenberger, bereaved
- ✦ Brown and Brunson Families, bereaved
- ✦ Martha Bayer, bereaved

## 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](mailto:office@cedarpres.org).) The backup contact is Patt Behrens ([patt@infowest.com](mailto: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 November 13. The group prays for various needs, including Community Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome. Call Robert or Shari for more information (867-4664).

## Presbyterian Women News

### Coffee Fellowship

Any treats you can provide are welcomed by those who gather for fellowship after worship. Thank you for helping to build up 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**, a Community Presbyterian Women's group, will meet Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00pm at Gen Phelps' home. The Soul Journers are reading a study of *Romans* by Max Lucado. Contact: Gen Phelps, 586-6822.

**The Abigail Circle**, a Community Presbyterian Women's group, will meet Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00pm at Jane McCoy's home. The Abigail Circle is reading *Home to Harmony* by Philip Gulley. Contact: Jane McCoy, 586-4801.

**Wednesday Afternoon Circle**, a Community Presbyterian Women's group, will meet Wednesday, November 20 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.

### Thank you!

Thank you to the women of Community Presbyterian Church for their sewing and crafty efforts. Lee Bechtel and Carolyn Vancil sponsored a sewing opportunity on September 14. Our church will be able to send 10 baby blankets, 25 baby gowns, 28 little dresses, and numerous knitted caps to Africa and other places.

-Gen Phelps, CPW Moderator

### Annual CPW Christmas Luncheon

The 2013 Christmas Luncheon is set for December 7 at noon in the Fellowship Hall! More details available soon. Please look for them on the CPW bulletin board and in Sunday bulletins. It is a most wonderful time of the year!

### What's Going On?!

Keep up on what's going on with the women of Community Presbyterian Church. There is a PW bulletin board in the east hallway. On the board is information about Presbyterian women across the U.S. and what they are doing. Information on upcoming events for women is posted there. Minutes from coordinating team meetings are also posted. If you would like to post information for women on the board please contact Gen Phelps, 559-6822.

## Health Advice From the Parish Nurse

### Mouth Sores

Most mouth sores are normally harmless, but may be painful and bothersome. Occasionally they can result from a serious disorder.

Cold sores are the most common sore on the lips and are caused by a viral infection. Cold sores are small and filled with fluid. They normally occur in clusters. Often the lips tingle or burn before the sore develops. The sore forms a crust, then disappears after 5 to 7 days. A prescription drug such as acyclovir can provide relief.

Canker sores are the most common sores inside the mouth. They are more likely to develop during stress or illness. They are white, flat, and surrounded by a red area. They usually last 7-10 days. Prescription drugs such as triamcinolone or anesthetics such as lidocaine can be applied.

Thrush is a fungal infection that sometimes develops in the mouth of people who take antibiotics. Thrush appears as a white curd-like film coating the gums and surfaces inside the mouth. Antifungal creams and rinses are generally effective. In severe cases antifungal prescription drugs may be used.

Oral cancer starts as a red or white sore on the lips or mouth. Cancers may or may not be painful; they do not heal and gradually get larger. Any red or white sore that does not heal after 3 to 4 weeks should be checked by a dentist or doctor.

~ Karyn Klein

# LIFE\* & LOGOS

## CALENDAR &

## NEWS \*LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY

Find us on Facebook!

[www.facebook.com/groups/life.cpcyouth](http://www.facebook.com/groups/life.cpcyouth)

First off, I would like to thank all the youth, parents, and congregation members that have stepped in this last month as Eric, Kayzlin and I prepared for and welcomed our new addition, Emma, into our lives. She is most definitely an incredible blessing to us and I personally look forward to having her, Kayzlin and Eric join God's flock and this congregation later on this month. Baptism, to me, is like a new beginning. It's taking off the old self and making a new self that longs to know and honor God. I am incredibly blessed to be able to watch my whole family go through this process. This month, take a few minutes to think about your own baptism and what that means to you.

~Penny (909) 855-2203 & [penny@cedarpres.org](mailto:penny@cedarpres.org)



### November Calendar

- 3<sup>rd</sup> LIFE Bible Study 10-11 am
- 9<sup>th</sup> LIFE Cosmic Bowling 9pm-12 am
- 10<sup>th</sup> LIFE Bible Study 10-11 am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Logos-Wreath Party 7-8:30 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> LIFE Bible Study 10-11 am
- 24<sup>th</sup> LIFE Meeting 10-11 am
- 26<sup>th</sup> Logos Bible Study 7-8:30 pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

### Verses for the Month

**LIFE** *“For whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” ~ Mark 16:16*

**Logos** *“All things have been created through Him and for Him.” ~Colossians 1:16*

## Enchilada Dinner Postponed...

Due to crazy schedules, new additions, and low volunteer numbers, the enchilada dinner will be postponed to a later date. We'll keep you updated on the deliciousness to come once a new date is set!

## LOGOS!!!

We will be creating a wreath for the Jubilee of Trees at our first meeting this month, so bring a bag of hard candy. I'll provide the yarn and we'll have cocoa and treats to keep our energy up (and our hands out of the wreath candy)!

## Operation Christmas Child

The last day to turn in Operation Christmas Child Boxes is Sunday Nov 10<sup>th</sup>! After that if you wish to make a donation, please visit [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org) and let Penny know so she can add you to our final count.

# MISSION NEWS



## Local Mission with Iron County Care & Share

Iron County Care & Share provides food, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and essential 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 am to 5 pm for donations. More information is available online at [www.careandshare-utah.com/care-and-share/hunger-action-month](http://www.careandshare-utah.com/care-and-share/hunger-action-month).

## Las Vegas Rescue Mission

For the second time this year, Community Presbyterian sent a mission team to volunteer at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. Marci Beck, Becky Hill, Gen Phelps, Ruth Kinney, Martha Lupian, Truston Lupian, and Jan Ackart worked for two days in the thrift shop, kitchen, and dining hall of the Mission. One of the most memorable events occurred the first night. With other volunteers the team served 605 dinners to the homeless within an HOUR. There were many volunteers present, each one doing as Jesus would have us do.

Thank you, CPC members and friends, for your generosity and support. Thanks to you, we presented \$1,200 to the Mission while we were there. Thanks to God for opening our eyes to the great need in Las Vegas and for moving us to respond!

I encourage everyone to seek out an opportunity to volunteer somewhere, anywhere.

**YOU WILL BE BLESSED!**

Your servant in Christ, Jan Ackart



## Raja Bannoura, West Bank Village of Beit Sahour



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Raja Bannoura's workshop, in which artisans create olive wood ornaments and nativities, is located close to both its source of inspiration and its raw materials. Based in the West Bank village of Beit Sahour, the workshop is just east of Bethlehem amidst rocky hillsides and olive groves.

Bannoura coordinates orders for many olive wood carvers and workshops in Beit Sahour. Artisans collect pruned olive branches and wood, stack them in Bannoura's yard, and allow them to dry for six to nine months before cutting the wood for use. The artisans glue many small rectangular pieces together to make the larger flat pieces for nativities. Using small pieces of wood ensures that olive trees are not cut down for carving purposes.

Raja Bannoura began working with olive wood in his family workshop in Beit Sahour in 1974, and now provides some 20 artisans with employment. The workshop sells its creations to local tourists and exports to fair trade organizations like Ten Thousand Villages.

## Mark Your Calendar!

### Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale

**Community Presbyterian Church**

**Saturday, November 23**

**9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

***Please tell your friends!!***

## ***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)

## November Birthdays!

		Danny Lister	11	Mark Johnson	22
		Carla Spaulding	12	Mark Miller	22
Carole Lucas	1	Christine Winterrose	13	Patt Behrens	24
Mike Lambert	2	Jesse Nichols	13	Brenden Romine	24
Mabel Nelson	6	Angie Van Scoyk	14	Lindsey Harvell	26
Roger Bender	9	Ricky Mendini	16	Robin Parker	27
Dick Reed	9	Catherine Haslam	16	Beth Gingery	28
Jamie Bayer	9	Harry Brown	17	Rita Osborn	29
Neal Smith	10	Jennifer Larson	20	Effie Enneper	30



*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

	<b>November 3</b>	<b>November 10 One Service 10 am</b>	<b>November 17</b>	<b>November 24</b>
<b>Liturgist 8:30 am</b>	Rich Bontadelli	*****	Candice Heck	Jeanine Howells
<b>Communion 8:30 am</b>	Jim & Jeanine Howells	*****		Tom & Pam Milk
<b>Deacon 8:30 am</b>	Marge McGlincy	*****	Rich Bontadelli	Ruth Kinney
<b>Greeters 8:30 am</b>	Rich & Gin Bontadelli	*****	Gordon & Carolyn Goslin	Tom & Pam Milk
<b>Fellowship 8:30 am</b>	Tom & Pam Milk	*****	Sandra Capps	Alan & Janet Calliham
<b>Liturgist 11:00 am</b>	Maryann Willis	Becky Hill	Shari Hughes	Klaus Stetzenbach
<b>Communion 11:00 am</b>		*****		*****
<b>Deacon 11:00 am</b>	Jan Hite Peggy Dahl	Lindsey Harvell	Norma Munro	Karen Russell
<b>Children's Message 11:00 am</b>		Becky Hill	Linda Ahlstrom	Linda Stetzenbach
<b>Special Music 11:00 am</b>	Choir	David Bolsover	Choir	Angie VanScoyk
<b>Fellowship 11:00 am</b>	Winterrose Girls Linda Ahlstrom Carol Lucas	Catered Luncheon	Harry Brown Nancy Guthrie	Ann Johnson Bonnie Blakely

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<u>Class of 2015</u>	Janet Ackart, Rick Osborn, Klaus Stetzenbach
<u>Class of 2016</u>	Lynne Brown, Julie Dempsey, Rita Osborn

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

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