October 2016

From the Pastor's Workshop

"THE ENDLESS BUFFET"

As I write this to you I am preparing once again for the privilege of leading a group of nearly 30 to experience the land of the Bible, Israel, the Holy Land. Every time we are there God surprises us with touches of his amazing grace. It is the land of "milk and honey"; the place Jesus fed the multitudes with next to nothing and they were ALL filled to overflowing. On a spiritual level we are filled up every day, but we are also greeted each day by an extraordinary buffet of fresh and healthy food. We are continually reminded of God's endless buffet of blessing.

One of first places we visit in the Galilee is Kursi where Jesus fed 4000 with seven loaves and some fish. It was not a place we would have expected Jesus to go, but he did. He had healed a man of demon possession there and they told him to leave, but he came back and fed them! Now that is the grace of God's "endless buffet". When we deserve it least and need it most God feeds us lavishly.



As we enter this season of harvest we get to recall that Jesus came to the place where each of us; all of us; were starving. We remember that he fed us with his presence. He entered into places in us that were empty and he filled us up. He does this again and again when it seems impossible; when it seems there is no way, Jesus fills us up. Everything we have is from him.

We are living in a world that doesn't know this endless buffet of grace. Our opportunity is to share who we are and what we have to tell of how God wants to fill ALL PEOPLE with what we all need. The very practical side of this is that Jesus didn't use a magic wand to feed people. He asked them to bring what they had, (and who they were) and he multiplied it so that EVERYONE got fed. It wasn't their stomachs he fed as much as their souls. He called them to know that HE was the bread of life.

We get to give Jesus who we are and what we have so that others may be fed in ways that lead them to his endless buffet of eternal life. What we pledge to the mission of this part of his body brings this feeding to life in our world today. The point is that what EACH of us gives DOES matter and it matters to Jesus because we ALL matter to him.

It is as we give that we realize what we have been given for God's glory. I pray we will all join in sharing this endless buffet of grace as we pray together about how God would have us share.

Gratefully yours from His bounty,

Bruce

CARSON CITY'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GETTING COVERED SIDEWALK

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Carson City's historic First Presbyterian Church is getting a new addition. This time it's outdoors: a covered sidewalk running 100 by 7 feet along the east side of the church's newer sanctuary.

The impetus was a report from the church's insurance company that the existing sidewalk posed safety risks due to ice and other issues, said Keith MacDonald, an elder in the church and a member of its building and grounds committee.

But the project soon turned into something more. "We started with that basic fundamental need but it has evolved into an entry element to that side of building and now a focal point," said Darrin Berger, principal partner, Berger Hannifan Architecture LLP, the architect on the project as well as a member of the church.

The focal point was created by necessity, too. "The cross that is up there now is in our way. The roof encroached on it and we had a problem. So (in the design) we pulled the cross of the building and created a circular area," said Berger. "It was the inspiration for the design Serendipity." The cross is going back on, atop the roof of the circular portico, and will be lit. The sidewalk design, too, is a bit of found luck. Berger said they wanted to use Basalite pavers rather than solid concrete. "That creates a lot of texture in what would otherwise be a mundane surface," he said. A design including a cross is in the sidewalk, created using pavers of varying colors.

The remaining sidewalk sections opened up a fundraising opportunity for the church. "It evolved into members being able to purchase pavers and inscribe them," said Berger.

Berger is working with Gary Gladwell, F & G Construction, on the project, which is about 40 percent through its design and permitting. The estimated cost is about \$85,000. The church has about a third of that pledged, said MacDonald, and construction will start once half has been raised, probably next spring. The addition only connects to the church's later additions and not to the older sanctuary, dating back to the 1860s and paid for in part by the efforts of Mark Twain, was deemed unusable.

Berger met with city planning staff as well as a couple members of the Historical Resources Commission before submitting the plans to the commission. That helped ease the way, said Berger, because they pointed out criteria required for lighting the cross that he incorporated into the design. The plans went before the commission last week, which unanimously approved the project, although none of the new construction touches the older church building.

"The city has been absolutely fabulous at all levels," said Berger.

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2017 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our 2017 stewardship campaign will be coming your way in October. Our theme this year is "Giving to Jesus so that ALL are filled" Matthew 15:32-39. You will receive a brochure, pledge card and an envelope to mail your pledge card back to the church, or to be placed in the offering plate.

If you do not receive a letter by mid-October please pick one up in the narthex or come by the church office and pick one up. Your pledges help the session to set our budget for the new year.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions please contact Stewardship Elder Grace Speicher, Elder Bob Stroh or Charlene Rodman.

Thank you.



THE KING'S KIDS: OCTOBER



...Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Luke 18:16

V.B. X. MISSION OFFERING: FIRST LOVE, KENYA

We received a sweet note, thanking the King's Kids and YOU for our gift of \$885, which covers all expenses for them to plant their special garden and to help build the Daraja House (a home for kids who have "agedout" of the orphanage, but who need a home as they transition into adult life in Kenya.

Thanks again for your generosity in Jesus' Name!

"WAY-TO-GO TOURS" (Summer Sunday School)

As I write this, 28 of us are preparing to travel to the Holy Land. What a WONDER it is to walk in Jesus' land! And what a JOY to share this experience with our kids! (One 5th grader said a few years ago, as the REALITY of Jesus' life & sacrifice for us came real, "You are showing us PHOTOS!" - not just sketches in a Bible story-book!) Here are the places we traveled to, as we looked at Jesus' love for everyone – including US!















Middle photos:

Top photos:

as Messiah

Servant

Bethsaida: Jesus healed the blind man

Jordan River: Jesus was baptized;

Judean Wilderness: Jesus was tempted;

Nazareth Synagogue: Jesus declared Himself

Capernaum: Jesus healed the Centurion's

Capernaum: Jesus healed the man lowered through the roof

Sea of Galilee: Jesus calmed the storm

Pool of Bethesda: Jesus healed the paralytic







Lower photos:

Sea of Galilee coastline: where Jesus taught and healed and loved people;

Jericho sycamore tree: Jesus met Zacchaeus

Samaria: Jesus healed 10 lepers – only one thanked Jesus

KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE

King's Kids will continue our journey through the KING'S BOOK, the Bible.

We'll *experience* first-hand God's faithfulness, and the story of His Redemption,

as we experience HIM, His Story, and Community.

We'll be looking at the God's faithfulness in the life of Moses and his leading God's people out of Egypt.

JUST SAY JESUS -

Have you ever gotten yourself stuck and felt like there was no way out? I have and for me that has been one of the most difficult things to go through in life. Despair and even depression can set in if I don't switch gears quickly when it happens. But the Bible tells us we don't have to despair. We have an advocate, the Holy Spirit, sent from Heaven. In fact, we can call on Jesus, just by speaking His Name! One of the church signs I have seen recently says, "prayer is like calling home every day". Even if it's only a one word prayer.

There's a song out there that talks about this:

Just Say Jesus Mikey Howard, Cliff Williams, Ian Eskelin

Life gets tough, and times get hard
It's hard to find the truth in all the lies
If you're tired of wondering why
Your heart isn't healing
And nothing feels like home
Cause you're lost and alone just screaming at the sky

When you don't know what to say Just say Jesus
There is power in the name
The name of Jesus
If the words won't come
Cause you're too afraid to pray
Just say Jesus

Whisper it now, or shout it out
However it comes out, He hears your cry
Out of nowhere He will come, you got to believe it
He will rescue you
Just call out to the Way, The Truth, The Light

When you don't know what to say Just say Jesus....

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Paul says we don't have to be frustrated and feel like there's no hope, for the Spirit will help us in our weakness (Romans 8: 26 -27). We have Jesus, Who walks beside us (even when we're not aware of it). Our challenge is to live believing He is God! Let's journey together with Jesus and know that He hears us even when we're afraid or don't know how to pray. Let's make sure we say "Jesus".

Gratefully, *Karen*

REMINDER:



CONGREGATIONAL GIVING GENERAL BUDGET UPDATE

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Through September 14, 2016

General Fund Giving YTD

\$ 359,094

Operating Expenses YTD

\$ 369,893

Thank you for your continuing generous support of God's work through First Presbyterian Church of Carson City!

DESERT SCHOONERS October Meeting

The Desert Schooners will meet at 11:30 a.m. on October 25th in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Jamie Wheeler will give a presentation and tour of Ecuador. All are invited to attend.



For information please contact Norma Summey at 775-267-1917.

Attention Travelers & Address Movers

Each month we mail our Trumpet newsletter to keep you informed about the activities of the church? When you leave the area for a period of time the Post Office returns your newsletter to the church and we are required to pay for its return. At that time we take you off the mailing list until we are notified of your return. That notification sometimes doesn't happen and you are then missing out on the church news. Please notify us before you depart as a "snowbird" so we can either forward your Trumpet to the new address or stop it for the time that you are away. We appreciate your help with this as you make your travel plans throughout the year. If you are moving it is also important to call the office or email your change of address to char@fpccarsoncity.org.

Thank you, Office Staff



GraceWorks is again partnering with FISH this year to bring a Thanksgiving meal to all those in need in Carson City. Most of that outreach takes place on Thanksgiving Day Nov. 25th in conjunction with The Carson Nugget. Last year for the first time GraceWorks helped to extend that outreach to those that are shut-in or not able to come to the noon Carson Nugget Thanksgiving meal. A small number of folks delivered meals and in several cases joined those served in a time of fellowship. We are hoping to expand that ministry this year and are asking for your help. Do you know someone, or a family or a setting that we could serve on Thanksgiving Day? Would you be willing to be part of this ministry and help GraceWorks spread the good news of the Gospel by joining your friend or neighbor in a

time of fellowship? Please help us to identify those that are not able to make it to the Nugget, who need a Thanksgiving meal and might be willing to share it with one of us.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 9TH

Congregational meeting is called for October 9 at 9:05 a.m., during the announcement time, to vote on the following addition to the by-laws of the First Presbyterian Church of Carson City. This is a civil matter and required by law so that we are in compliance with IRS regulations. It makes provision for what to do with remaining assets should a church dissolve.

The addition would be as follows:

c. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.



Names omitted in online version for privacy.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 09-18-2016

Please pray for these families: Names omitted in online version for privacy.

Active Duty Military: Names omitted in online version for privacy.

In Memoriam: Names omitted in online version for privacy.

Please pray for family and friends.



Names omitted in online version for privacy.



Get Your Flu Shot!

Carson City Health & Human Services (CCHHS), in partnership with Carson City Senior Center, are offering the seasonal flu vaccine again this year on October 7, 2016. The clinic will be held at the Senior Center, 911 Beverly Dr., Carson City, Nevada in the Joshua Tree Room, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. The flu shot costs \$25 for private pay; however they will bill Medicare, Medicaid and several private health insurance plans. Please bring your health insurance card with you on the day of the clinic.

No one will be turned away.



NOVEMBER 2016 TRUMPET DEADLINE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Have something to share? Please send articles to Dawn: dawn@fpccarsoncity.org

SCARVES OF LOVE

Scarves of Love will be collecting warm scarves for all ages throughout the fall and winter. Any questions, please call Carol Allen at 775-690-7598.



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7:00 PM Chancel Choir 8:00 PM Praise Team with Choir



Deacon Sunday—October 16th

The deacons will host coffee fellowship on October 16th. If you haven't already met your deacon this is a perfect opportunity to do so.

Save the Date

A congregational meeting will be held November 20, 2016, following one service at 10:00 a.m., for the purpose of electing elders, deacons & nominating committee. After the meeting the deacons will host their annual Thanksgiving potluck. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

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October Sermons

October 2 – "Being Forgiven" Luke 7:36-59 World Communion Sunday

October 9 - "What Soil Are We?" Luke 8:4-18

October 16 - "Who is This?" Luke 8:22-25

October 23 – "Demons? In Me?" Luke 8:26-39

October 30 - "Called Out" Luke 9:1-6



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