



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

"RE-FORMATION"

This month we will be doing some remodeling here at church, but not of the building, rather of our lives. We WILL dedicate our newly completed walkway on October 8th, but because October 31st marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation we will dedicate the entire month to looking at how God is continually re-forming our lives and his Church for his glory. We will do this by using, in concert with God's word, Robert Munger's little book, My Heart, Christ's Home. You can pick up a free copy for your family at the information booth or church office.



The Reformation that was begun by Martin Luther and carried on by John Calvin, was a call to the Church to do some serious self-evaluation about some practices that had led the Church away from its true identity and calling to proclaim the pure truth of God's word. The same kind of reformation needs to take place in our life together all the time so that we may shine like the lights Jesus Christ died to make us. Honestly, we don't always like this re-formation. We get pretty comfortable with how things are. But that doesn't mean it is for our best or for God's glory. Challenging as this kind of "re-modeling" can be, I know it is for the best for all of us and there is power in coming together to experience and encourage one another in this growth.

Another part of how God re-forms his Church is through leadership. We are in that time of year where the nomination of elders and deacons is needed. Please be praying about your role in this area and whether you or someone you are talking with may be called to serve in one of these leadership roles. See elder Alan Jones for more details on how to do this.

As I mentioned last month, God is also re-forming us for the next chapter of pastoral ministry. I know this is something we might want to put off. Things are going SO well. But to keep things strong we need to let God lead us. I told you about a search team last month, and a couple of you asked, "Who is on the team and who chose them?" Let me tell you: "We all are and we all did". Let me explain. As I mentioned to your session that approved the slate, the team was NOT put together in a typical Presbyterian fashion. That means we didn't appoint a committee to choose a committee! That is a refreshing part of being in ECO; we have a freedom to approach things as they fit us. After 22 years of shepherding in this pasture I simply started asking YOU for some ideas about who should serve. You may not have been asked directly, but trust me, simply by being with you and knowing you I knew what you were telling me. I've been doing a lot of praying and reading about this subject of pastoral succession. In fact the key books are ones I want you to read. They are available in the office and in the library. Next and The Next Searchbook are the primary books. Read them. Talk with the team and me about them. Pray as you read them and join in prayer with and for the team

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because we ALL are going to be involved in this search and PRAYER is the key. The team will be talking with you formally and informally as they get into their work.

We will receive the team much like we receive the budget; as one the session has chosen on our behalf, on October 15th at the end of worship in a special congregational meeting. The team consists of:

Barbara MacSween and elder Laurie Trotter-Bopko as co-chairs. They are joined by elders Paul Douglas, Shirley Parks, David Berger, Rob Scanland, Wil Euler, deacon Mary Berge, and Jennifer Crawley. Their process will be very open. We will all be needed to engage the best outcome.

God is in the business of making all things new. He will use our prayers and this team to bring this about for his glory and our joy. Let's rejoice in this as we engage this time of Re-Formation.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Bruce



To the Session, Bruce and All of You:

Thank you very much for the card of thanks accompanied with a dining card to Firkin. I gave up only a "title", not time and talent which I will continue to give. And I continue to work for the Presbytery of Nevada. The card is an honor and a memory to the late Ralph Hines who hosted Charlene and I there for lunch from time to time when working with the church's accounting system.

Again, thank you very much. Peace and Grace

Vern Manke

We send thanks with much gratitude for all the prayers on our behalf. My fall on July 1st suddenly changed our lives and set us on an uncharted course. Your many prayers held us up and guided us through the days and weeks. We have said our guardian angels were working overtime! Recovering enough to travel and the long days on the road would not have been possible without your prayers. Now, nine weeks post-fall, I am definitely seeing healing and recovery. Thank you for your prayers and thank God for His gentle healing.

Ray and Juli Wilson

Overflowing With Thanks

SAVE THE DATE! ~ Deacons Thanksgiving Meal, Sunday, November 19 after Worship Service

THE DEACONS' THANKSGIVING MEAL will take place on November 20. We will have one service at 10:00 a.m. followed by a congregational meeting. It is a wonderful time of thanksgiving, fellowship and great food! If you wish to do so, we ask that those whose last name begin with the following letters:

A-M bring potatoes or stuffing, N-R bring a dessert, and S-Z bring a salad.

Or just bring your specialty! The deacons will provide the turkey, ham, cranberry sauce, rolls & gravy. Please know you do not have to bring a dish to join us for this lovely meal. Please contact Sandy Hatchell, Deacon Moderator, with any questions.





THE KING'S KIDS



...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



BIBLE STORY: King Saul's son, Jonathan, saves David's life. They make a pact to always take care of one another's families, they hug and David goes far away. Later, Saul and Jonathan are killed in battle. The nurse for Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth, knows that they are in danger, for the new king could have them all killed if he wished. As she seeks to run away with the young boy, she drops him and he is crippled for life. David sends for him and tells him the story of his friendship with Jonathan and promises to take care of Mephibosheth for the rest of his life. WE are like Mephibosheth – unable to bring about our own Salvation, but the King of Kings has made the Way for us to be in His Kingdom!

KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE – FALL MEMORY VERSE(S):

“Be alert! Stand firm in your faith.
Be courageous. Be strong.
Let everything you do be done in love.”
1 Corinthians 16:13-14

KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.



This month, as King's Kids study continue our look God's Super-Heroes, we'll look at some Old Testament heroes. Then we'll take what we've learned from their examples of Faith-in-Action into God's City (our homes, our schools, our play-places) as WE become God's Super-Heroes!



HE KNOWS THE PLAN -

Often, I find I can end up chaining myself to a plan that is of my own device. I think I'm safe in saying that plan may not match what God has in mind for me. God is so much greater and has so much more insight into me and my needs than I can ever understand. He is so OTHER.

Jeremiah 29: 11 - 13 talks about God having plans for Israel (and by extension for us, too). Those plans are not to harm us but to prosper us. Does that mean material riches or getting our way? Not necessarily. But it does mean that we can trust the One who made us, because He wants the best for us and He knows us intimately. Even those of us who are running the opposite direction from Him. In trusting God, we begin to see what God knows we need. Even if it seems like things aren't going the way we think they should.

We need to seek Him and seek Him in such a way that we are available to Him. Not trying to fit God into a plan of our own making. In true surrender, we need to lay down our agendas, and lay prostrate before God in order to listen for His voice as He quietly shows us the way of His plan for us.

This is a re-forming of our human will. When our will is conformed to God's will, great things will happen in our lives. Not because of what we have done, but because of Who God is. There's a song that we will be using for an offertory special late in October called "Chain Breaker". The words talk about the prison in which we can lock ourselves when we rely solely on ourselves for our life's plan or listen to the world's voice instead of God's.



This is still a challenge for me. I need to surrender daily to God's plan for the moment, the day, the week, my life! What would the world be like if each person would do that?

Listening,
Karen




WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Please join us in welcoming our newest members. They are:
Carol Bauer, 213 La Costa Ave., Dayton 89403; **Ron & Lyla Dusing**, P.O. Box 11824, Zephyr Cove 89448; **Kyle Hamilton**, 2775 Kayne Ave., Minden 89423; **Karen Johnson**, 1756 Empire Ranch Rd., Carson City 89701; **Dave & Denise Laursen**, 1246 Sierra Vista Dr., Gardnerville 89460; **Christine Love**, 508 E. Telegraph St., Carson City 89701; **George & Connie Stanton**, 6455 Salk Rd., Carson City 89706; and **Howard & Tammy Tande**, 2690 Kayne Ave., Minden 89423.

We are so glad God has led you here!

Bible Quiz

It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books *doesn't* mention autumn?



- A. Matthew
- B. Jeremiah
- C. Proverbs
- D. Jude



Think big!

Be well-rounded.

Get plenty of sunshine.

Have a thick skin.

Give thanks for life's bounty.

Keep growing.

Be outstanding in your field.

Answer: A (See Proverbs 20:4, ESV; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12.)

DESERT SCHOONERS OCTOBER 24TH MEETING

The Desert Schooners will meet at 11:30 a.m. on October 24th in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. John Latiote will discuss the Highway Enhancement Project specifically the artwork along the new 580 freeway. All are invited to attend.

For information, please contact Carolyn Knutson at 775-720-0267.



WALKWAY DEDICATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH



Please join us on Sunday, October 8th as we celebrate the dedication of our new walkway. Thank you to everyone who helped make this project possible!



CONGREGATIONAL GIVING GENERAL BUDGET UPDATE

Through September 21, 2017

General Fund Giving YTD	\$ 444,732
Operating Expenses YTD	\$ 406,861
Walkway Received	\$ 127,293
Walkway Bal. Needed	\$ 10,973

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

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held after worship service Sunday, October 15th to receive the search team selected by your session for our next pastor.

Those selected are:

- *Barbara MacSween, co-chair*
- *Elder Laurie Trotter-Bopko, co-chair*
- *Elder Paul Douglas*
- *Elder Shirley Parks,*
- *Elder David Berger,*
- *Elder Rob Scanland*
- *Elder Wil Euler,*
- *Deacon Mary Berge*
- *Jennifer Crawley*

Please plan to stay for this important meeting in the life of our church.

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 stacey@fpccarsoncity.org.



Names omitted in online version for privacy.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 09-17-2017

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DEACON SUNDAY OCTOBER 15TH

Please join us after the service to enjoy good food, fellowship, and a wonderful time to get to meet and know your deacon. We would love to meet you also so do join us at this fun event!



2017 NOVEMBER TRUMPET DEADLINE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

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








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October Sermons

October's Theme is "My Heart, Christ's Home"

October 1: "The Study" Ephesians 3:14-20, John 15:4-5

October 8: "The Dining Room" I John 2:15-17, John 10:10

October 15: "The Living Room: Psalm 23, John 14:1-7

October 22: "The Workroom" Ephesians 2:10, John 15:5

October 29: "The Rec Room" John 15:9-12, Ephesians 2:8-9
Reformation Sunday



Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks back Saturday night before bedtime!

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