

The Friendly Visitor

Culver City Presbyterian Church
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**Mark Your Calendars
for**

HOLY WEEK 2010

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7:30 pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 6323 W. 80th St., Westchester, 90045. www.covla.org
Relive the night when Jesus revealed the New Covenant to his disciples and instituted the Lord's Supper. A combined choir from CCPC and Covenant will be singing a beautiful anthem.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 2, 7:30 pm – A service of “The Seven Last Words” from the Passion Narrative. Choir members from Covenant and CCPC will reunite to sing some beautiful anthems during one of the most moving of all Christian services.

Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 4, 10:30 am – The greatest day of the Christian year!! Communion Service and Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt.



**CCPC Youth Group
Goes the Distance for
Hunger**

World Vision's 30 Hour Famine is a worldwide movement of students who are serious about serving God and fighting hunger - **all on an empty stomach**. For 30 hours, participants get a taste of hunger by not eating - something

more than a billion people around the world experience every day. And by doing fundraising activities, community service projects, and learning more about the **facts of world hunger**, students are changed in amazing ways as they help others and save lives.

On February 26-27, the CCPC Youth Group experienced what it feels like to go hungry by participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. As they felt the pangs of hunger, the group explored what can be done to help those in need of food around the world. When the group broke their 30 hour fast at 2pm on the 27th, they were fully aware how hunger affects both the mind and body. Church families provided a lunch for the youth group who were so grateful for the feast.

Thank you to Melanie Bomar and the Youth Group for keeping up the fight to eradicate hunger, and to all of you who donated a total of \$565.00 to World Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

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COVENANT WITH PARTNERS IN NICARAGUA



Representatives of the Presbytery of the Pacific have made three trips to Nicaragua over the past several years in preparing for and developing a partnership with a community in Nicaragua. The latest trip, January 23—30, 2010, produced a Covenant which the Presbytery approved following a presentation by several members of the recent travel group. By its approval, the Presbytery of the Pacific is in partnership with the communities of Nueva Vida, Abangasca, Goyena, and Trohilo of the Leon district

of Nicaragua. The Covenant says, the partners “having sensed God’s call to partnership as a new way of relating to our brothers and sisters in Christ, come together with the desire to serve and experience mutual transformation.” The Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua (CEPAD) has been instrumental in developing this relationship. More information about the Nicaragua partnership will be available at a gathering on April 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

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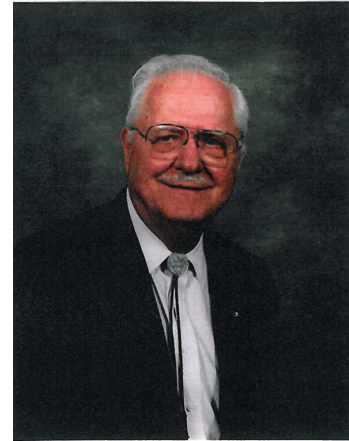
(Editor’s Note: CCPC commissioned Rev. Heidi Worthen Gamble to travel to Nicaragua last January to aid in composing the covenant. We are grateful to Heidi and the other representatives from our presbytery who were able to complete this important document during their visit).

Thank you CCPC!



Remember the Advent Giving Tree? In February the Wet Set (young families group of CCPC) delivered 24 boxes of diapers and 19 backpacks and diaper bags filled with pajamas, layettes, and toiletry items to foster children. *Thank you all for your generous support of our Advent Gift Drive!* We also want to give a big thank you to the Mission and Peacemaking Team who provided a scholarship. These are valuable lessons for our children to understand what it means to live a life of faith and service in Christ’s name.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF L.B. KILMAN



NOVEMBER 12, 1908 – MARCH 16, 2010

L.B. Kilman was born November 12, 1908 on a cotton farm in Jacobia, Texas. When he was 17, his mother died and his father moved away leaving L.B. on his own. Shortly thereafter, he married LaVea Jenkins to whom he was married for 60 years. L.B. worked for Hughes Aircraft/Tool Company, Aircraft Division/Hughes Helicopters in Los Angeles for 28 years and was Chief Electrical Engineer on the Spruce Goose. He also owned a chain of TV and appliances sales and service stores (he was known as “Mr. TV”); owned AEA Corp (designing and manufacturing specialized relays for aircraft); real estate broker; ran a school for real estate salesmen, brokers and contractors; owned and operated over 300 apartment houses; and ran a Christmas tree lot! LaVea died in 1987, and in 1991, L.B. married Mercedes. They made their home living on a golf course in Rancho Bernando where L.B. took up golf at the age of 82. When Mercedes died in 2002, L.B. moved to Culver City to be near the youngest of his four granddaughters. In 2004, L.B. met the third love of his life, Juanita, and though they never married, he considered Juanita his wife.

L.B. was active at CCPC becoming ordained as an Elder and serving on session. He also attended and led a men’s bible study group. L.B.’s family requests that donations in his memory be made to the Music Ministry of CCPC.

Session Highlights



Session Highlights is a brief summary of actions and discussions of the Session for the benefit of the broader church family. Session meetings are always open and the full Session records are available for review by church members.

At its stated meeting on March 14, 2010, your church Session...

- Received and approved the annual statistical report for 2009
- Received a report regarding the Presbytery's review of the 2008 session minutes and church register
- Shared moments of gratitude to God
- Received a report on the March 9 Presbytery meeting
- Re-elected Dianne Tyau as Clerk of Session, Tracy Cluss as Treasurer, and David Kim as President of the Corporation
- Received a Worship Committee report from its March 7 meeting.

Administration - David Kim and Maribah Thoms

Building and Grounds - Ann Cohen

Christian Education - Kathy Dean, Randy Overbeck and Maribah Thoms

MAPT - Dianne Tyau

Meetings and Minutes - Randy

Overbeck and Dianne Tyau

Nominating - Ruth Machnov

Stewardship - Ann Cohen and David Kim

Worship - Coni Amlie, Kathy Dean and Ruth Machnov

Rev. Jason E. Gamble, Moderator of Session

The next stated meeting of Session is scheduled for Sunday, April 11, 2010.

/Elder Ann Cohen



DINNER DANCE GALA

May 1, 2010 at the
Skirball Cultural Center



This year St. Joseph Center's gala will feature a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, dinner, and entertainment. The theme "Voices of Hope" celebrates the success and achievements of St. Joseph Center's clients as they strive to overcome the cycle of poverty and attain stability and self-sufficiency.

St. Joseph Center will honor David Arquette with the prestigious "Hope Through Empowerment Award." David is committed to eradicating hunger in his own community and across the country. He is a regular volunteer at St. Joseph Center's food pantry and he advocates for systemic change as the national spokesperson for Feeding America, the country's top facilitator of donations from food producers to regional food banks.

For ticket and/or sponsorship information, please call 310-396-6468 x336.

Grand Opening of New Thrift Store

St. Joseph Center's Thrift Store finally re-opened at its new Santa Monica location--[1828 Lincoln Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90404](#).

The hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm. Parking is available at the rear of the building and on the street. Expect to find outstanding bargains on great merchandise including Jimmy Choo and Prada shoes along with BCBG and Bebe clothing and accessories. Donations are accepted that are of high quality and in good, saleable condition. Drop off donations via the rear entrance.



Spring is here! I love this time of year because it's a time of renewal and fresh

starts.

Come to youth group to renew and grow in God. Here's what's happening in April:

Thursday, April 1st- It's no April Fool's joke! Come to my new house for a movie night. Come over at 6:30 and don't mind the mess. We're still remodeling. Our new address is 235 W Hillsdale Street Inglewood 90302.

Sunday, April 4- Happy Easter! We're taking off from YG so you can be with your families.

Sunday, April 18- Meet in the Upper room from 6-8pm for our next lesson in John.

Coming Up:

Meet in the Upper room in May on the 2nd and 16th.

Thurs, May 27- Indoor rock climbing

Peace-
Melanie Bomar
Youth Director
310-621-8738
oldm1@aol.com

Deacon's Corner :-)

The Tooth Fairy at CCPC



The Deacons are in the process of collecting toothbrushes for distribution to organizations which provide services to the homeless.

This is a refinement of our long running dignity bag assembly. In discussions with the organizations, we have identified that toothbrushes are one of the items which are always in demand. It's very likely that your dentist might be willing to donate some toothbrushes to this mission on your next cleaning visit. Look for more details on the Tooth Fairy program in the coming weeks.

Deacon Activity Focus: Culver West

A long standing ministry which the Deacons have been involved in is the monthly worship service at the Culver West Convalescent Hospital. Our Deacons gather with the patients

in the community room and participate in a worship service aimed at sharing the Good News to those who are not able to get to church by themselves. It is a wonderfully uplifting experience to participate in these services! Our Deacons take turns in leading the service, and each brings their own special gifts to the worship. There is usually a good selection of music provided by some of the very talented musicians at our church who freely give of their time to bring joy into the lives of those at Culver West. Our Deacons have had a great deal of support and encouragement from the Culver West staff, who help to gather those residents who are interested in attending the service from their rooms to the community room. If you ever wanted to get a sense of really sharing Christ's word to others, please make it a point to attend one of the Culver West services. It's every third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. I think you'll find that you will be greatly rewarded.

Lenten Food Drive Update

Our Lenten Food Drive is in full swing! As of March 21, we have accumulated and delivered 50 bags worth of food to the St. Joseph Center Food Pantry. We will be collecting food donations through Easter Sunday and our goal is to deliver 60 bags of grocery items to the Food Pantry. With your help, we can get there. Such contributions make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors less fortunate than ourselves. Thanks for your support of this worthy ministry!

Invite some friends for coffee

Enjoy the delight of sharing a cup of coffee or juice with your church friends by hosting a Coffee Hour. It's easy to do, and a lot more fun than you might imagine! The Deacons help by preparing the coffee and juice and will even assist in kitchen cleanup! You just need to decide what you would like to bring to share with everybody. It can be as fancy or as simple as you wish! Reserve your date on the Coffee Hour sign-up board behind the serving tables.

DEVOTION FOR APRIL
Submitted by Kathy Dean

"Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know the man!' At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly." Matthew 26:74-75

"He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" John 21:17

"So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added." Acts 2:41

As we know, Peter denied knowing Jesus after Jesus' arrest during Holy Week. And not just once, but three times! We know that Jesus does forgive Peter for his statements of denial, because after the resurrection, in John chapter 21, he has caused their fishing nets to overflow with fish. To emphasize this forgiveness of the three denials, Jesus asks Peter, three times, if he loves him, and then gives Peter instructions as to his next task, to feed Jesus' sheep.

Jesus forgives Peter and immediately gives him a command for work to be done. We may think that when we sin and then repent and are forgiven, then that is all there is to it. Not so. Once forgiven, we are then filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to do God's work, just as Peter was.

On Pentecost Peter preached an amazing powerful sermon and brought 3000 people to believe in Jesus. Without being forgiven he could not do this. God doesn't just forgive us so we can feel better. He forgives us because he loves us and because he wants us to be Christ's body here on earth.

Since Peter, who actually denied knowing the Lord after being so close to him in the flesh during his three years of ministry, was forgiven, and then went on to be a powerful witness – what might not God do with us?

We are never too sinful to be forgiven if we repent and ask for forgiveness. And once

forgiven, God has tasks for all of us. We are never too old or too young, too inexperienced or too jaded. God used Peter mightily and he will use us as well.

Thank you, Lord, for your amazing forgiveness of Peter, and of all your children. Help us to realize the power you put in us as your dearly loved forgiven people, and to live out that power for your kingdom. Amen.

Happy Birthday in April to...

- 8 - Ora Marsh
 - Richard Schneidmiller
- 9 - Tracy Cluss
- 11 - Moka Mofor
- 13 - Ron Sheppard
- 14 - Timothy Overbeck
- 22 - Julius Abiedu
 - Shannon Moryl
- 25 - Walter Hood
- 29 - Heather Sheppard
 - Wayne Mitchell
 - Heidi Sheppard

In our prayers...

*Norma Hood
Carine Ndamfeu and family
The family of L.B. Kilman
Lois Bradshaw (Clare Burr's mother)
Lorraine Norvell*



Happy Easter

