

# Christ Presbyt



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# <u>Regular Worship Times</u>

Traditional: 9:30 am

Outdoor Contemporary: 11:00 am

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# Dear Friends,

I'm grateful for our church and our growing excitement about serving our community. That excitement is clear to me in great traditions like Vacation Bible School and the golf tournament/picnic; it's also clear in our willingness to take risks and try new things like our Pig Roast or Fourth of July community service at the gazebo. We continue our monthly Sunday evening communion celebration, too, with some great offerings in the months to come. Thanks for being a part of it all. And as you enjoy these events, don't forget to bring a friend!

Several of you have shared how an article I published last year was helpful for you, so I include it again (slightly edited) for your reference:

The Apostle Paul worked constantly to teach the meaning of following Christ and of our calling to make him known. He wrote to the church in Ephesus,

"[Christ] is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastor and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work, who are to build up the church, the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-12 NLT).

Paul is saying that all God's people are the ministers of Christ. All of us share in the calling to build up the church so that we can make Jesus known to the world.

What about the pastor? My job is to coach each of you for your particular callings so that we may come to "unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son, mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ" (4:13). In light of that, I'd like to help you understand my ministry as pastor, and how I can be of help to you personally. Here are some of the main ways I shepherd the flock at Christ Presbyterian Church.

# Preaching

The most important way I pastor our church is through preaching God's Word truthfully and in a way that connects to the mission of God and the real lives of the congregation. I preach about 45 times a year and occasionally share the pulpit with other preachers as well. Preaching is not inspirational talk, advice-giving or moralizing, but empowering people with the good news about Jesus and calling them to decision. I spend over twenty hours a week preparing for Sunday morning, and specifically, for the "preaching event." If you miss a sermon, you can download a sermon from our website, read the text online, or pick up a copy of the manuscript on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.

### Teaching

My sermons include solid teaching to build up the family of God, but of course, time is limited. I also teach in other venues around the church, such as my Pastor's Bible Study. I regularly teach both the Session and Deacons. I have taught Men's and Women's Studies, Confirmation class, New Members, and occasional adult education series. I also teach frequently in other settings in our church, such as in staff meetings or small groups. The purpose is that we might grow up in the knowledge of God and discover God's will for us.

### Counseling

I appreciate the opportunity to get to know people in a deeper way and to help them grow in Christ. I'm available for pastoral counseling, and meet with people every week. If you would like an appointment with me, please contact our church secretary Jessica, either by phone or by email.

### Emergency Pastoral Needs

If you have an emergency need, please call me any time. Although I appreciate that church members don't call me at home for regular church business, feel free to call my cell phone in an emergency (805) 637-5213. If you need pastoral support, call the church office during business hours or leave a message there.

### Hospital Visitation

I, along with our deacons, am committed to caring for people in times of hospitalization. I share these visits with them as we become aware of needs. If you know you are going to be in the hospital, please call Jessica in the office, let me know, or contact a deacon.

# Writing

Along with my regular preaching and teaching, I expand my ministry in our church through articles in our monthly newsletter. My articles are my reflections on Christian practice, and are a place for me to share my heart with you. You can pick up a newsletter in the church narthex on the first Sunday of the month.

In addition, I have written a book, *From Rebellion to Redemption: a Journey through the Great Themes of Christian Faith.* This lays out what we believe, and brings in a library's worth of readings from other voices in our tradition. A second manuscript is a devotional commentary on the book of Romans. I have also contributed devotional and curriculum resources for *Christianity To-day Press* and other publishers. You can get more information on these works in the church office.

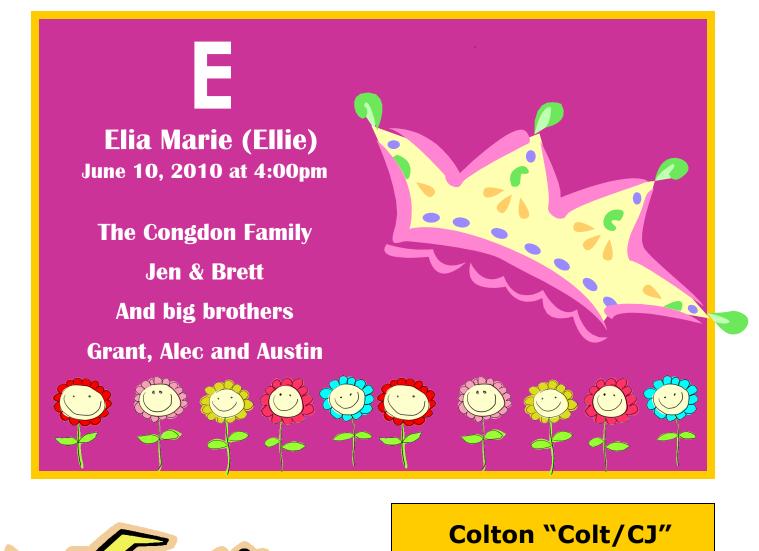
# Prayer

One of the most important ministries of the pastor is to pray for the church. I regularly pray for our congregation, asking for God's leading, and for its leaders, and for those the Lord calls to mind. No positive change is possible without a deep and growing connection to God in prayer, as we learn what he is calling us to and equipping us for.

# **Miscellaneous**

As a pastor, I am a member of Presbytery, and so have responsibilities for committee and general work there. I work regularly with several committees of our church, which usually meet in the evening, and actively supervise nine staff members. I am working on a second doctorate, which requires me to study, write, and occasionally teach. This keeps me fresh as I continue to learn. Lastly, I serve our community and beyond by conducting weddings and funeral services as invited.

My regular office days are Monday through Wednesday, with Thursday being sermon preparation day and Friday as my day off. If you have any questions about my ministry, or our church, or theology, or anything else, feel free to contact me. An easy way to do that is through email (revworking@yahoo.com), or to call the church office.





On June 6, 2010 Christ Church celebrated in the Baptism of Mitchell David Nitz. Son of Julie and David Nitz Welcome Mitchell!





On June 27,2010 The Baptism of Daniel Russell took place during the Contemporary Service. Congratulations Daniel, Rob & Lindsay!

Congratulations Greg McCandless!!! Greg was approved as our new Worship Elder.

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e-mail newsletter requests to: cpceditor @ sbcglobal.net or place them in Chimes mailbox in Fellowship Hall. Annual CPC Golf Outing

July 25, 2010

Again this year the church picnic will include a golf outing. This will be a 9- hole scramble format at Fowler's Mill with a tee-off



time of 1:00 PM. It is a no pressure, fun filled event with several special features and lots of prizes as well. Everyone should finish by 3:30, in plenty of time to get back



and enjoy all the and festivities there. at any skill level are come; singles, husand wives, father sons, and entire families playing together. It is

great fun for everyone. Participate in the scramble along with the church picnic and you'll have a great afternoon.

\*See Bill Gripp or Gary Stumpf for details

An Old Fashioned Picnic July 25, 2010

3:00pm (Golf Outing@1:00pm)

Invite your family and friends to a retro picnic! Bring a dish to pass and your favorite lawn chair. Beverages, burgers and hot dogs.

- Classic Car Show
- Pie Eating Contest
- Games and Prizes for all ages
- Most Unique Dessert Contest

Bring A Lawn Chair and Camera!



# Old Fashioned Picnic Schedule

1:00	Fowler's Mill Golf Outing		
3:00	Picnic Begins		
3:00	Corn Hole Competition Begins		
	(Teens & Adults)		
4:00	Most Unusual Dessert Judging		
	& Eating!!		
4:15	Jelly Bean Race (Children)		
4:45	Sack Race (Children)		
5:00	Corn Hole Competition Ends		
	(Winners Announced)		
5:10	Car Cruise - In Winner Announced		
5:15	Pie Eating Contest (Teens & Adults)		
5:30	Pie Eating Contest (Children)		
5:45	Golf Scramble Winners Announced		
6:00	Airplane Competition		
	(Children w/ Adult Teams)		
6:30	Balloon Pop Race		

Throughout the afternoon:

Car Cruise-In Campfire

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Kick Ball

Volley Ball

Yard Games

# VBS 2010 sails off into the sunset

Vacation Bible School 2010 was once again a huge success. It was so wonderful to see so many young children together learning and celebrating God's Word. This year's program High Seas Expedition - Exploring the Mighty Love of God attracted 62 children, two-thirds of which were children from our community.

# A few of the highlights this year include:

Bill and Tina Fischer did such a wonderful job with the Bible Exploration stories this year. I am not sure who had more fun the children or the adults. For Thursday night's program, they created a summary of all the lessons learned during the week and the parents could go to the Youth Room and experience a little of the fun and learning.

Two CPC teens, Jonathan Moritz (games) and Anne McCaslin (teacher) held major roles this year. It was great to see the next generation get involved at the next level.

The Thursday Night program went well as usual. We have several future choir members in the Preschool Class.

The children, under the direction of Debbie Brooks, created ten God Loves Me blankets which were sent to the children of Africa through World Vision. A coloring book was purchased to accompany the blankets.

Over two hundred non-perishable food item were collected for the Geauga Hunger Task Force food cupboard located at CPC.

All in all, it was a wonderful week even with the rain. On behalf of the Children & Youth Committee, I thank each and every one of you for all you have contributed to the VBS program over the past eight years. It is time for me to step aside to allow someone else to experience the blessings this mission has bestowed on me.

# Have a wonderful summer!

Beth

Thank you to all the VBS 2010 volunteers for your thoughtfulness. I am enjoying the beautiful Petunia vine planter and the gift card. I am so blessed to have all of you in my life.

Beth Bouchek



On June 7, Deacons met with 10 Members present . Pastor Randy led us in devotions. He spoke about technical aspects for us, and spiritual gifts we have to share. God is love, and we share His love. Pastor spoke from 1Corinthians 13, and 1John 4. God wants us to know our own spiritual gifts and His love will never pass away. Perfect love will cast out fear! We closed in prayer.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

<u>Correspondence</u>: We received Thank you's from WomenSafe, Beth Bouchek, and the Geauga Jail Volunteers Group.

**Session Rep.:** Bill Fischer reported on Session's "Vision for Our Church". What the plan is for our Fall 2010 Services is, and Pastor vacation time.

College Students: Alex Dawson is in S. Korea.

Flowers: Flower balance is \$213.68

**Food:** Janet McIntee is home from Holly Hill. Meals are being made for her during her home recovery.

<u>Outreach:</u> Connie Wilkerson has moved to Assisted Living in Minnesota. See Page #21 for *her new Address*. Outreach is coordinating efforts to make soups, here at CPC, and freeze them. They will be delivered to shut-ins when needed. See Page#17 to help.

**<u>Old Business:</u>** We are updating the CPC Mailing/Phone information.

Donations: \$420 Total.

# Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Albrecht

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11* 

# Congratulations to our 2010 High School Graduates

We honored five high school graduates this year at Christ Presbyterian Church: Joel Gear, Sammy Martillotta, Zak Stone (Not pictured), Allison Tyree, and Jennifer Wajahn. In a survey, we asked them to answer 4 questions:

- What were special moments you had at Christ Church and/or the people that have influenced you.
- What are some special memories from high school?
- What activities did you enjoy in high school?
- What are your future plans?

# Here's what they said...





**Sammy Martillotta** graduated from Notre Dame Cathedral Latin. His most special memories at CPC were attending Vacation Bible School. He counts Mrs. Kemp and the Russells as people who have influenced him here.

Winning a state championship for baseball is one of his special memories from high school.

Activities he enjoyed during high school included baseball, hanging out with friends, and attending school athletic activities.

His future plans involve attending Miami University where he will be studying Accounting and Finance.

<u>Allison Tyree</u> graduated from West Geauga High School. She will always remember Vacation Bible School and going through confirmation class as special moments at CPC. Mr. Sarver got her interested in the Special Olympic program which she still loves to volunteer with. She will never forget his passion for that program which has in turn, influenced her.

Some of her special and fun memories from high school include all of the activities that she participated in like going to State twice in track, going to regionals in soccer, and her friendships in basketball. She really enjoyed hanging out with her friends and family too.

Activities that she enjoyed during high school were sports like playing – soccer, basketball and track and also participating in Destination Imagination and Student Council.

Allison's future plans this fall are attending West Virginia University where she will study engineering and run track for them.



**Joel Gear** graduated from West Geauga High School. His special moments at CPC included the mission trips. The Louisiana mission trip in 8th grade was one of his favorites and most powerful mission experiences, although the Chicago and Boston mission trips were very far up there in personal importance to him as well.

Attending high school football games and sitting in the student section, being on the Lego robotics team as well as first robotics team, and driving around with friends and generally hanging out are some of his special and fun memories from high school.

He very much enjoyed high school track and field, high school wrestling, the Lego robotics team, and being first robotics team at Tri-C as his activities in school.

His future plans begin by attending Bowling Green State University for a year and then transferring to Ohio State where he will finish up a BS in computer science and a minor/possibly major in mathematics. Depending on how he feels at the end of that process he will gain a MBA and then a master's in computer science. And possibly pursue a PHD in computer science after the masters. His goal is to be doing something involving the mixture of computer science and business after college.

**Jennifer Wajahn** graduated from West Geauga High School. Her "godparents" Uncle Bill and Aunt Mim along with the Ryes are some of the people from CPC that have most influenced her over the years. Her special moments here include Vacation Bible School, Confirmation Class, being "Angels" in the Christmas Pageants, and all the times at the Gripp's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Church Parties (especially all those desserts!)

She has quite a few special memories from High School including friends, playing Varsity soccer (2 years along her big sis Caitlyn) and beating Mentor and winning districts and the CVC Championship, hanging out with friends like Allison Tyree and Casey Poe, and working really hard and getting accepted into her 1st choice for college.

She enjoyed activities during high school like Varsity soccer all 4 years, Premier Soccer for 6 years, Destination Imagination for 7 years, Student Council, Vice President of her junior class and then vice president of her senior class too, National Honor Society, and volunteering weekly for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.



Her future plans include attending the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) and will be pursuing a Pre-Med Major. And she would welcome any and all mail!

It was an honor to recognize the graduating seniors on June 13. As you continue on in your education and career pursuits we hope that you will always remember your church family here at Christ Presbyterian Church. Remember we are here for you, that we love you, and we will be praying for you. Congratulations to all of you and God Bless! **Andrea Milnar– Youth Ministries**  Session approved the nomination of Greg McCandless as our new Worship Elder. Greg was then approved at a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 27, and installed in his new position on the same day.

Pastor Randy will be out of the pulpit part of July for study and vacation time. Special guest speakers and preachers will be giving the sermons on those Sundays. He will also be attending an off-site Bible study in early August.

We will be hosting the CPC Pig Roast again as an outreach event in Chesterland on August 29. The event is scheduled from 2:00 -6:00 PM, with a worship service scheduled at the conclusion of the event. Once again, it will be a free event! Rally Day will be the launch of CPC's programs and services for our members.

We will hold our annual Joint Elders and Deacon's meeting on August 10, 2010. Part of the meeting will be to calendar events throughout the next year.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, CPC enjoyed our outdoor worship service at Chesterland Gazebo. Approximately 100 people attended. Due to it's success, the Gazebo has been requested for next year on July 3rd.

Jim Hart said we are currently ahead with revenues over expenses by about \$2,000 YTD.

Sam Martillotta requested he move from Elder for Personnel to Adult Ministries. We will now seek to fill the Elder for Personnel position.

# Revised Policy for Continuing Education and Study Leave:

Study for staff is to be approved in advance by the Pastor, in consultation with the appropriate Elder, and is to be reported to Session. Expenses are to be within budget limits unless authorized by Session.

Study leave for Pastor is to be reported in advance to the Session. Session may question the suitability of the study content as to its value to CPC.

# Revised Policy for Pastor Sunday Worship Preaching Schedule:

Pastor is expected to preach every Sunday of the year, except for the following:

One month vacation (currently four Sundays)

Two weeks continuing education (currently two weeks)

Four church related Sundays (to include the following):

- Guest speakers even though the Pastor participates in the worship service
- Pulpit exchange
- Preaching at other churches
- Visiting other churches
- Tres Dias weekend retreat as Spiritual Director
- Participating in CPC national or international mission trips
- Other CPC business such as teaching a Sunday school class

Respectfully submitted, Alan Lupas, Clerk of Session

# Outreach

This month, I want to continue building on the theme that I started in this article last month:"Living into other people's lives."

At the end of August, CPC will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Pig Roast" out on our own front lawn. This event is specifically designed to allow us, as a church, to live into other people's lives. It is an event designed to allow us to engage our surrounding community, regardless of our abilities to do certain tasks or to commit certain amounts of time. We are, of course, asking for people to volunteer to cook burgers, serve pork, set-up and to clean up afterward. If you can't do any of that or, even if you're volunteering in one of those ways, there is something just as important that needs done. We need *YOU* to show up!

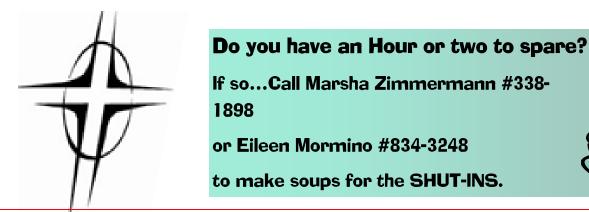
Part of "Living into other people's lives" is the idea of simply being *present*. The whole idea of the Pig Roast is sharing a meal with the rest of our community. It is a fine and necessary thing to provide service but, as most of the men who go to the City Mission, the real heart-work happens in the personal interaction that happens most easily while eating together.

This will involve inviting, perhaps *bringing*, our friends, neighbors, co-workers and even our families – especially those who would not normally darken the doors of a church, and then being intentional to just be around them. It will also involve being aware of those who don't come with someone from our church family and being willing to step out of our normal groups and cliques to make them feel welcome, to engage them in conversation, to live into their lives.

It is important to remember that the Pig Roast is an event designed to allow us to *demon-strate* God's love to our community by both serving and sharing in life, to do outreach. The idea is to engage people in a way that makes them wonder about what makes us tick. For those of us concerned that people hear the message along with seeing it in action, there will be subtle *declarations* of God's love (evangelism) in the music performed and opportunities will hopefully arise, naturally, through the conversations we have. Also, everyone in attendance will be invited to come and hear Pastor Randy proclaim God's love at a special evening service in the pavilion.

None of us should feel nervous about how to act or what to say. As Christians, we have the Spirit of the Lord living within us; we have the Power of God to accomplish the tasks, to have the conversations, which He brings our way. We won't need to force conversations in a spiritual direction, or worry if they don't go that way, if we trust that seeds can be planted in silence and that it is the Father who makes them grow!

(Next month, we'll begin a series on the differences between *outreach* and *evangelism* and how they both contribute to *missional living*.)

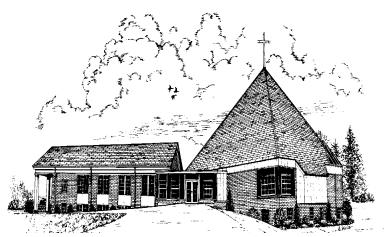


We have an opportunity to help low-income children with school supplies for the upcoming school year. Our community is sponsoring a "Help Me Learn" day.

There will be a box available in the Narthex to drop off any school supplies, backpacks or calculators. If you would like the Deacons to purchase items on your behalf, make checks payable to Christ Presbyterian Church with "Deacons – school supplies" on the memo line.

The deadline for bringing the supplies to the Church is August,1st. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Bouchek at 440-338-1926 or Marsha Zimmermann at 440-338-1898.





E-mail events to: <u>cpceditor@sbcglobal.net</u>. OR Chimes mailbox in Fellowship Hall.



August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 9:15am CM	3	4	5	6	7
	10:15am Boot Camp	9am Prayer Group	10:15am Boot Camp			8am Men's Fellowship
	<b>7:30 Men's</b> Group	6:30pm CWT	6:30pm Boot Camp			9am CWT
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	10:15am Boot Camp	9am Prayer Group	10:15am Boot Camp			8am Tres Dias
	7:30 Men's Group	6:30pm Eld./ Deacons 6:30pm CWT	6:30pm Boot Camp			9am CWT
15 7:00pm Communion Service	16 10am staff 10:15am Boot Camp 7:30 Men's Group	<ul> <li>17 9am</li> <li>Prayer Group</li> <li>6:30pm CWT</li> <li>6:30pm Boot</li> <li>camp</li> </ul>	18 10:15am Boot Camp	19	20 <u>Chimes</u> Events & Article deadline	21 8am Men's Fellowship 9am CWT
22	23 10am staff 10:15am Boot Camp 7:30 Men's Group	24 9am Prayer Group 6:30pm CWT 6:30pm Boot Camp	25 10:15am Boot Camp	26	27	28
29 2pm-6pm Free Pig Roast	30 9am Boot Camp	31 9am Prayer Group				
	10am staff 7:30 Men's Group	6:30pm CWT 6:30pm Boot Camp				

On June 13, seven members from the Confirmation class and the Youth Group arrived at our house. During the next few hours, they washed some windows, edged the walk & drive, trimmed the hedge, pulled debris from the stream out back, weeded the pachysandra bed and removed dead limbs from trees.

They worked enthusiastically and diligently under the guidance of Andrea & Eric Milnar. We are fortunate and proud to have such fine young people in our church.

Thank you, Chris Stone, Josh Ebersbacher, Anne & Eric McCaslin, Jonathan Moritz, and Kelly & David Douglas. Since they reflect their parent's example, we would like to thank them also. Finally, we would like to thank their benefactors, Joanne & Bob Graham.

God Bless all of you, Irene & Hal Clyde Dear Friends and members of CPC,

I am home now. It has been seven months since my health problem started. It will take time to have complete recovery. I cannot say or do for you except to say thank you for your prayers, visits, meals and loving concern. I could feel all the prayers and I know God heard them on my behalf. Thanks to Frank for cutting the grass. That sure helped my daughter. Thanks to all the ladies for the meals. Thanks to Pastor Randy for his visits and prayers. Thanks to all!

In God's Love, Janet McIntee



I'd like to thank all of the people at CPC who prayed for me, sent cards and called on the phone. This church has a presence about it that is just awesome when it comes to helping people get through tough times. Sue and I are both in awe at the response from the whole church. Thank you and God bless all of you.

Sue and Chuck Scott



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have no internet access, use Karen Perko's mailbox in Fellowship Hall.

1. PIG ROAST SET-UP CREW

4. DESSERT BAKERS

3. PIG ROAST CLEAN-UP CREW

EALL JASON @216-481-8360

2. PIG ROAST "CHEFS"

(Income – Expenses)

-\$11,929.60

\$ 2,438.50

220.83 14,147.27

# **CPC Financial Update** 2010 Operating Budget

Actual Expenses

\$77,454.50

21,585.49

20,819.45 \$119,859.44

Month	Actual Income
Jan-Mar	\$65,524.90
April	21,806.32
Мау	<u>34,966.72</u>
	\$122,297.94

Reserve as of Jan 1 \$ 12,866.64 \$ 15,305.14 **Operating Fund Balance** 



# Love Books?

Love to Organize?

Then this "job" is for YOU! The job involves purchasing and processing books, rotating books from the downstairs library to the satelite library in the Fellowship Hall, and reshelving returned books. No experience necessary. Marianne Richards will train you on the system that is in place.

Please contact Marianne at mariannerichards@roadrunner.com or 440-543-7497.

# What is Christ Presbyterian Church?

We are a family called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We do this through calling others to personal faith in Christ, equipping them as His disciples, and inviting them into loving relationships. In all we say and do, we seek to demonstrate the love of God.

# Find out more about us

We warmly invite you to join our church family and hope you will let us know how we can support you. Please call the church office, or indicate your desire on the blue attendance pad on Sundays.

> For Prayer requests, call Dee Eichele @ 440.729.9973 or <u>HappyD304@msn.com</u>

# How to contact us

Church office hours are 9:00am-4:30pm Mondays through Thursdays.

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