



# St. John's Presbyterian Church

## The Carillon

Volume XXI, No. 9

September 2011

**ST. JOHN'S  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**  
1070 W. Plumb Lane  
Reno, NV 89509  
Phone: 775.826.0990  
Fax: 775.826.0994

### Inside this issue:

Special Messages	2
Pastoral Message	3
Session Highlights	4
Stewardship	5
Deacons' Dialogue	6
Mission In Action	7
Family Promise	7
SJ Children's Center	8
Calendar	9
Upcoming Events & Church Officers	10
SJ Book Club	11
Christian Education	12-14
Presbyterian Women	15
Music Program	16
New Officer Training	16
Mariners	17
Men's Bible Study	17
Appreciation	18



**Join Us!**

### Annual All-Church Picnic on Sunday, September 11th

On Sunday, September 11th, we will welcome the start of fall with a repeat of our successful Annual All-Church Picnic. After the worship service, we will once again be providing grilled hamburgers and hotdogs with buns and all the condi-

ments. The congregation has begun signing up for side dishes and desserts at the display in the narthex.

We have invited new members (see article below) and our Children's Center teachers and kids,

as well as their families. Please join us! It's not too late to sign up.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine York (624-2696), Fellowship and Nurture Committee Moderator.

### Welcome, New Members!

Mark your calendar for this very special upcoming event—September 11th, 2011.

No, it's not about the infamous terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and Flight 93, although those horrific events will always be especially remembered on this date.

Rather, this September 11th happens to be the day of the Church Picnic, where new members who have joined St. John's between January 2009 and September 2011 will be the center of attention. This is probably the very first time that St. John's new members will be so honored not only individually, but

also as a group.

Please, everyone, make a special effort to join the picnic and give our new members a warm St. John's welcome!

— Rolando Magdamo  
Moderator  
Welcoming and Evangelism Committee



### Thursday Prayer Group at St. John's

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" (Corrie ten Boom, *Clippings From My Notebook*)

Members and friends of St. John's meet Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for prayer and a bring-your-own brown

bag lunch in the Geneva Room. Join us as we support our Church and its parishioners in prayer.

### Sunday Child Care Reminder!

Infant care through two years of age is available Sunday mornings during the worship service. The Nursery is located in D-100, across the hall from

the Geneva Room, heralded by the 'Nursery' banner outside the 'D' wing doors. St. John's Nursery Care Directors, Erma Scott and Brooke

Dutton, as well as trained youth, are ready and willing to take care of your little ones.



### Communion Sunday, September 4th, 2011

The Holy Eucharist will be observed on the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 4th, and will be offered to those who are unable to attend worship by the Elders and

Deacons. If you know someone who may need Home Communion brought to them, please contact Marian Stroh (825-1224) or call the Church office (826-0990).

**NOTE:** The small cups in the center of the bread trays contain gluten-free wafers. Also, only non-alcoholic grape juice is served.



### The Carillon

A monthly newsletter of:

St. John's Presbyterian Church  
1070 W. Plumb Lane  
Reno, NV 89509  
775-826-0990  
Fax: 775-826-0994

A written copy of articles, releases, and items to be published must be turned in to the Church office or submitted electronically to the Editor (MS Word.doc preferred) by the 20th of each

month, for the following issue.

If you are not receiving *The Carillon* by mail and would like to, contact the Church office at 826-0990. Also, please advise us if you would like your name removed from the mailing list.

*The Carillon* as well as the weekly bulletin are also available on the Church website at:

[www.stjohnschurch.org](http://www.stjohnschurch.org)

#### Carillon Staff:

Kat Parker, Editor  
775-849-3245

[kbregand@mba.berkeley.edu](mailto:kbregand@mba.berkeley.edu)  
[Carillon@stjohnschurch.org](mailto:Carillon@stjohnschurch.org)

Maria Winchester, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor  
[office@stjohnschurch.org](mailto:office@stjohnschurch.org)

Numerous volunteers, without whose help this publication wouldn't be in your hands.

## “The Parable of the Squirrel” by Pastor Tom

When we consider the past, we often remember how good things were. We usually conveniently forget how bad some of the things were. When the present seems uncertain we often turn back to what felt secure. A couple of years back on my way to church on Sunday morning a squirrel ran out in front of me. I slowed down to give him time to cross the two-lane street. Then I proceeded on. Unfortunately, a second later I felt a bump under my car and looked in the rear view mirror and saw Mr. Squirrel jumping about five feet in the air and then landing at the side of the road. Dead. Can you imagine what it is like to go and lead worship after killing a squirrel? I felt terrible. Reflecting upon the demise of that poor squirrel, I thought about why squirrels often dart out in front of us and then just as rapidly dart back toward the direction from which they came. They probably sense the uncertainty and danger of where they are going and know that the place from where they came was safe. For safety reasons they are more comfortable with the past

than with the adventure of moving ahead. Actually, the danger of returning to the place from where they began their trek is much greater (and can be fatal) than continuing on the path where they were headed.

One of the challenges of a congregation like ours is to move ahead into the uncharted future and not turn back to the place where we are always comfortable and seemingly safe. From a theological standpoint, we follow an ever-creating God whose Spirit came to the first church and blew like a mighty wind through their little pre-conceived ideas.

I know that we all have memories of how it used to be when the sanctuary was packed and everything at church was **PERFECT!** So what happens to a church filled with tradition when we determine that we want to be faithful followers of this ever-creating God who blows in and turns everything on its head?

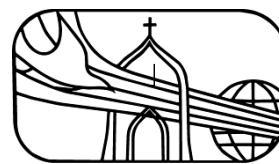
It's unsettling, yes, but it's also a fundamental exercise of discipleship to follow Jesus faithfully and to

hold our traditions loosely. With our years of tradition, we have the unique opportunity to honor tradition and history while still making room for the rushing wind of God's imagination.

Because our congregation is so unique in facilities, setting, and history, we consistently face opportunities to redefine ideas, tweak typical approaches, and try new forms of ministry. For example, our congregation, like any other, is filled with people recovering from surgery or welcoming new babies. Like all good church folk, we enjoy Wednesday We Feed, concerts by the Sierra Nevada Children's Choir, programs put on by our Children's Center, and special musical programs.

Because we know why we do things a certain way, we have the rare gift of clarity around our mission, vision, and identity. I am wondering whether we could explore new ways to use our facility to reach out to our community. Could we explore a

**Continued on page 11**



*“We follow an ever-creating God whose Spirit came to the first church and blew like a mighty wind through their little pre-conceived ideas.”*



## News Highlights From St. John's Session

St. John's Session held its regular monthly meeting on August 23rd, 2011. Following are some highlights from the meeting.

- Elected the following to serve as members of the entities indicated:
  - Ryan Hansen was elected to serve as the vice-moderator of the Christian Education Committee.
  - Cathryn Perdue was elected to serve as the vice-moderator of Stewardship and Finance.
  - Anne Sigurdson was elected to serve as the vice-moderator of Welcoming and Evangelism.
  - Brooke Dutton was approved as the coordinator for Middle School Youth Connection.

### Thank you for your service.

- St. John's Session welcomes new members:
  - Jenny Soebackir by Reaffirmation of Faith on Sunday, July 24th, 2011.

### Welcome, New Member.

- St. John's Endowments Committee awarded twelve Seminary students scholarship grants, from the 50th Anniversary Endowment Fund, for the

2011-2012 school year.

- Approved the Stewardship and Finance Committee's request to set "Stewardship Commitment Sunday" for November 6th, 2011.

- Dr. Baughman and Elsie will be returning to Chicago for the baptism of their granddaughter, Kirstin Anne Marriott, on September 4th, 2011.

- Dr. Robert Stover will be filling the pulpit on Sunday, September 4th, 2011, in Dr. Baughman's absence.

- Presbyterian Women will have a Potluck reception for Dr. Sharon Stanley following the worship service on September 18th, 2011.

- The Presbytery of Nevada will be holding its 2011 fall meeting in Carson City, at the First Presbyterian Church, on September 19-21, 2011.

- St. John's Annual Congregational meeting will be held on September 25th, 2011, following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new officers and adopt changes to the by-laws in accordance with the new Book of Order.

**Vital Statistics** as of press time for the September 2011 issue of *The Carillon*.

- **Active Members:** 362 members in 246 households as of August 23rd, 2011.

- **Communion:** 120 Communicants were served on Sunday, August 7th, 2011 (117 were served at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, and three Homebound were taken Communion).

- **Births:** Two births have been recorded since the last issue of *The Carillon*.

- Kirstin Anne Marriott, born June 29th, 2011; granddaughter of Dr. Tom and Elsie Baughman.

- Georgia Ramseth, born July 20th, 2011; granddaughter of Doug and Pam Ramseth.

- **Deaths:** The death of Anne Stroh, Bob Stroh's mother, on July 12th, 2011, has been recorded.

- **Baptisms or Weddings:** No Baptisms or Weddings have been reported since the last issue of *The Carillon*.



## Endowment Committee Announces Scholarships

The Endowment Committee is happy to announce that they were able to give 12 seminary students \$500 scholarships from the 50th Anniversary Endowment Fund. Those students and their seminaries are: Paul Both, Dubuque;

Nicole Cooley, Louisville; Jeffery Courter, McCormick; Scott Dennis, Pittsburgh; Deanna Drake, McCormick; Jon Paul Draskovic, Pittsburgh; Amber Ellington, McCormick; Jeachul Kang, Columbia; Kyle Kyzer, Columbia; Stephanie Levan,

McCormick; Christopher Mergener, McCormick; and Darren Belajac, Pittsburgh. It is wonderful that we are able to help these students.

— Ralph Voss



**Table 1. General Fund Balance (Month Ending July 31st, 2011)**

	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Cumulative
Beginning Balance					<b>72,475.52</b>
Receipts	23,361.77	31,843.26	208,472.97	222,902.82	208,472.97
Transfers & designated receipts	3,417.75		54,344.42		54,344.42
Supported disbursements *	(3,417.75)		(54,344.42)		(54,344.42)
Disbursements	(28,283.49)	(36,001.93)	(235,031.07)	(271,937.58)	(235,031.07)
Ending Balance	(\$4,921.72)	(\$4,158.67)	(\$26,558.10)	(\$49,034.76)	\$45,917.42

\* Expenditures that are supported by either revenues or contributions; not part of the General Fund budget

**Table 2. Capital Improvement Fund (Month Ending July 31st, 2011)**

	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Cumulative
Beginning Balance					<b>307.55</b>
Receipts	5,094.69	5,303.69	35,487.83	37,125.83	35,487.83
Transfers In	-	-	8,658.04	-	8,658.04
Disbursements	(4,667.44)	(4,667.44)	(41,539.12)	(34,381.08)	(41,539.12)
Ending Balance	\$427.25	\$636.25	\$2,606.75	\$2,744.75	\$2,914.30



Deacons

## Deacons' Dialogue

As we head into the fall, the Deacons would like to remind the congregation that volunteers are needed to sign up for flowers for the sanctuary on Sundays. Although we have artificial flowers to fill in, we have heard that the congregation prefers cut flower arrangements.

People are invited to sign up on the Flower Calendar in the narthex. Flower arrangements can be purchased (\$35) or can be brought from

home. There are plenty of glass flower vases in the kitchen that can be used for arrangements. Flowers must be dropped off on Friday. If necessary, arrange them in a vase with water, put them in the refrigerator, and put a note by the sanctuary door so that the head usher may get the arrangement out and put it in the sanctuary in the spot you requested when you signed up. If you deliver your flowers on Sunday, they must be in

the proper location by 10:00 a.m. Please write legibly on the Flower Calendar so that the Church office can contact you regarding your dedication and where you want the arrangement placed.

### Keep Deacons Informed—

Remember, Deacons need your eyes and ears to help them keep track of people who need our service. (St. John's Deacons are listed on page 10 of *The Carillon*.)

## Stewardship Thoughts—Love Your Neighbor

"There is plenty of work for love to do."

Alexander McCall Smith

Jesus tells us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. He quoted the Old Testament prophet Micah: "What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). How do these admonitions apply to our daily lives and to our charitable contributions?

Our neighbors are not just the family next door and down the street. They include the folks half a world away who produce our clothes and our

electronics for a pittance, as well as the outcasts and the miserable in our midst. Doing justice requires that we share our plenty with those who live in poverty. Being kind means that we should give help to our neighbors willingly and out of love. Walking humbly with our God means that we should look up to God and not look down on our less fortunate neighbors, for they are God's children too.

In our attitudes and in our actions we can demonstrate love for our neighbors. In our conversations we can show respect for those who are

different from us. In our volunteer work we can stand beside and assist those who need help. In our monetary contributions we can support organizations (both Presbyterian and other) that extend our love and compassion beyond our physical reach. In our prayers we can remind ourselves of the needs of others as we ask for God's mercy on them.

We have been abundantly blessed by God, and we should return thanks through active love for all our neighbors.

—Ken Meyer, Moderator  
Stewardship Committee

*"There is plenty of work for love to do."*

—Alexander  
McCall Smith

## Mission Committee

### Blankets Plus—

This is advance notice for Blankets Plus, a Church World Service (CWS) project special collection in early October. It provides blankets, tents, food, tools, seed, etc. for destitute areas.

### Crop Walk—

Another CWS project to end hunger is the Crop (hunger) Walk. This project involves a walk downtown along the Truckee River with sponsors. It will take place on Sunday afternoon, October 16th, and is a special mission project for all ages.

### Backpack Project—

Many hands provided and stuffed 100 backpacks for a church blessing last Sunday. The backpacks will go to local needy school children.

### Mission in the Philippines—

An appeal for contributions in support of two missions in the Philippines is being made by the Mission Committee.

### The Mabinay Project:

The requested assistance is for \$1,800 to help restore a dwelling to house a student pastor. This particular church is to be a model for what the local Presbyterian missionary calls "small church sustainability". Essentially, this means the addition of a revenue-generating component to the church program. There are at least 40 churches in the area that are too poor to afford even part time clergy services only.

**Casa Esperanza (House of Hope):** The requested assistance is

for \$1,450 to purchase apparel, bedding, school supplies, etc. that have not been budgeted by the City. This is a crisis intervention center for sexually abused girls, most of them 10 to 17 years old.

Whatever amount you donate will be much appreciated. Special envelopes for Mission can be found in the pew racks in the sanctuary. If you use a check, please make it out to "St. John's Presbyterian Church," memo "Phil. mission". If you use cash, please write "Phil. mission" on the envelope.

If you have any questions, please call Rolando Magdamo (425-2615).

Once again, thank you all very much.



## Family Promise Sign-Ups

St. John's is hosting Family Promise guests the week of October 16-23. Look for the sign-up whiteboard in the narthex in September. Many opportunities for volunteering are available, such as preparing dinners, hosting for two hours in the evenings, staying overnight (9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.),

doing laundry, or buying perishable supplies that are needed during the week.

Please contact any member of the Family Promise Coordinating Committee if you have questions or you want more information about the work of Family Promise here at St.

John's or in the community. Committee members include Debbie Handke, Marlene Hansen, Lynn McLaughlin, Pam Ramseth, June Rosta, Dee Russum, and Maria Winchester. Call the Church office (826-0990), if you need a contact number.



## St. John's Children's Center

It is the beginning of the school year. August 29th was the first day of school. All the classrooms are prepared, and all the children are excited about starting, or going to their 'bigger' class.

The new school year also is a sad time for the staff to say 'good-bye' to the children who are too old for our Before/After school program and those who are going on to first grade. Many of these families have been

with us over nine years.

The Center is feeling the impacts of the economy. It is going into the new school year with all of the rooms except infant/toddlers only 70% of our enrollment. Thank heavens we have added the infant/toddler to our program. If you know any families who are looking for full- or part-time childcare for preschoolers or Kindergarteners, we still have room.

The Center families are

being invited to be part of the Annual All-Church Picnic on Sunday, September 11th. This will be a good time to meet our families and maybe pique their interest in making St. John's their church family. The St. John's Welcoming Committee along with St. John staff members were here the first day of school with coffee and doughnuts to welcome everyone back to school as well.

Warmly,  
Miss Donna



## Vacation Bible School Thank You

"Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus Was a Kid" Vacation Bible School was a great success. We had 72 students registered from age 3 up to 5th grade. Thank you to all the volunteers, 33 in all, who really worked hard all week. The volunteers included:

Music—Allison Goodenow, Gabi Kortemeier  
Mary's House—Shonee Hansen, Kelsie Baughman  
Synagogue School—Betty Squires, Jenny Bledsoe  
Bead/Dye Shop—Janean Priest, Hannah Flynn  
Carpenter Shop—Ray Bledsoe, Carson Mullins  
Food Market—Brooke Dutton, Wyatt Hansen  
Fun and Games—Lindsey

Goodenow, Anders Hansen

Tax Collector/Time Keeper—Laura Engel  
Photographers—Anna Engel, Kamilla Engel  
Registration—Maria Winchester

Sound—Tom Baughman  
Tribe Leaders—Abree Hansen, Cassie Leonard, Madison Priest, Rachel Dutton, Morgan Priest, Cheyannah Rowe, Eliza Engel, Brandon Lopez, Emily Swackhammer, Sean Leonard, Anika Kahn, Juna Priest, Beth Kollman, Brianna Peacock

We could not have had such a wonderful week without the help of our terrific volunteers. Each

person did an awesome job helping, many in more than one area as the need arose. In addition to being here each morning from about 8:30 until 12:30, most of the volunteers also came before the week began to help transform Martin Hall into Hometown Nazareth and then also helped clean up and put things away when VBS was over. I overheard many of them saying, "Next year I'd like to ..."

Thank you to all of you for a wonderful Vacation Bible School 2011.

— Elsie Baughman  
VBS Director



# September 2011

## St. John's Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>4</b> 10:30 am Worship and Communion Service</p> <p><b>11</b> Blood Pressure Sunday 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship Service 11:30 Annual All Church/School Picnic 5:00 pm Eastminster Bell Choir 5:00 pm High School Youth Connection 6:00 pm Potluck 6:00 pm Bells of the Cross 7:00 pm Middle School Youth Connection 7:00 pm High School Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b> Labor Day <b>St. John's Children's Center—Closed</b> <b>Church Office—Closed</b></p> <p>9:30 am AlAnon 6:15 pm Meditation Group</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Cawson Library Fall Hours</p> <p>Sundays—10:00 a.m. to Noon (closed during worship service)</p> <p>Wednesdays—9:30 a.m. to Noon</p> </div>	<p><b>6</b> 1:00 pm AlAnon 6:00 pm Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band</p>	<p><b>7</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am PW Coordinating Team 2:45 pm Elementary Together Time 5:30 pm Wednesday VwE Feed</p>	<p><b>8</b> 11:30 am Prayer Group 4:15 pm Sierra Nevada Children's Choir 7:00 pm Building and Grounds Comm.</p>	<p><b>9</b> 1:00 pm Rebecca Circle 6:30 pm Choir Picnic</p>	<p><b>10</b> 11:00 am Memorial Service for Marilyn Shirley</p>
<p><b>11</b> Blood Pressure Sunday 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship Service 11:30 Annual All Church/School Picnic 5:00 pm Eastminster Bell Choir 5:00 pm High School Youth Connection 6:00 pm Potluck 6:00 pm Bells of the Cross 7:00 pm Middle School Youth Connection 7:00 pm High School Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8 am—5 pm Lifeline Screening 9:30 am AlAnon 9:30 am Together Time 1:30 pm SJ Book Club 4:30 pm Geneva Choir 5:30 pm Christian Education 6:15 pm Meditation Group 7:00 pm The Compassionate Friends of Reno</p>	<p><b>13</b> 1:00 pm AlAnon 5:30 pm Personnel Comm. 6:00 pm Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band 7:00 pm Deacons 7:00 pm Stewardship Comm.</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 12:00 pm PW Luncheon 2:45 pm Elementary Together Time 5:00 pm SJCC Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b> 11:30 am Prayer Group 4:15 pm Sierra Nevada Children's Choir</p>	<p><b>16</b> Flipper Mariners—Picnic at Stanley Lake</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>
<p><b>18</b> Special Guest—Dr. Sharon Stanley from F.I.R.M 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Eastminster Bell Choir 6:00 pm Potluck 6:00 pm Bells of the Cross 7:00 pm Middle School Youth Connection 7:00 pm High School Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b> Nevada Presbyterian Meeting—Carson City, NV 9:30 am AlAnon 2:00 pm Presbyterian Women of Nevada Nevada Presbytery Meeting—Carson City, NV 4:30 pm Geneva Choir 6:15 pm Meditation Group</p>	<p><b>20</b> Nevada Presbyterian Meeting—Carson City, NV 9:00 am Presbyterian Women of Nevada Presbytery Meeting—Carson City, NV 9:30 am Together Time 1:30 pm Martha Circle 1:00 pm AlAnon 6:00 pm Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band <b>Carillon Submissions Due</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> Nevada Presbyterian Meeting—Carson City, NV 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 2:45 pm Fellowship and Nurture Comm. 5:00 pm Fellowship and Nurture Comm.</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:30 am Mary Morning Circle 11:30 am Prayer Group 4:15 pm Sierra Nevada Children's Choir</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 4:00 pm Discipleship Mariners</p>
<p><b>25</b> 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship Service 11:30 am Congregational Meeting and Potluck 5:00 pm Eastminster Bell Choir 5:00 pm High School Youth Connection 6:00 pm Potluck 6:00 pm Bells of the Cross 7:00 pm Middle School Youth Connection 7:00 pm High School Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>26</b> 9:30 am AlAnon 9:30 am Together Time 4:30 pm Geneva Choir 6:15 pm Meditation Group</p>	<p><b>27</b> 10:30 am Midweek Bible Study 1:00 pm AlAnon 6:00 pm Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band 7:00 pm Ruth Circle 7:00 pm Session</p>	<p><b>28</b> 7 am Men's Bible Study 2:45 pm Elementary Together Time</p>	<p><b>29</b> 11:30 am Prayer Group 4:15 pm Sierra Nevada Children's Choir</p>	<p><b>30</b> 12:00 pm Senior Singles Luncheon</p>	

## Upcoming Events at St. John's

- **September 11th** — Annual All-Church Picnic
- **September 14th** — Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering Luncheon
- **September 18th** — PW Hosts Dr. Sharon Stanley, FIRM Missionary; Potluck reception after the service
- **September 19th-21st** — PW Nevada Presbytery Meeting, Carson City
- **September 25th** — Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck
- **October 8th and 15th** — New Officer Training (Deacons and Elders)
- **October 9th** — Annual Chili Cook-Off



## 2011 Church Officers

### Elders:

Ann Anderson  
Susan Day  
John Dutton  
George Griffith  
Ryan Hansen  
Joan Jeffers  
Rolando Magdamo  
Lynn McLaughlin  
Ken Meyer  
Cathryn Perdue  
Richard Priest  
Anne Sigurdson  
David Stover  
Ralph Voss  
Elaine York

### Clerk of Session:

Ray Bledsoe

### Deacons:

Jan Peck (Moderator)  
Caroline Asikainen  
Elsie Baughman  
Laura Engel  
Erin Etnyre  
Suzanne Griffith  
Dan Hansen  
Reena Khan  
Peggy Meyer  
Kat Parker  
Pam Ramseth  
June Rosta  
Ron Scovill  
Mary Sherman  
Rubyanna Staunton  
Marian Stroh  
Barbara Voss  
Carolyn Williamson

### Deacons (cont'd):

Amy Willoughby  
Maria Winchester

### 2011 Session Committee Moderators:

Building & Grounds—John Dutton (626-4455)  
Children's Center—Ann Anderson (691-7602)  
Christian Education—Joan Jeffers (827-4355)  
Fellowship & Nurture—Elaine York (624-2696)  
Mission—George Griffith (829-0197)  
Nominating—Joan Jeffers (827-4355)  
Personnel—David Stover (856-4823)  
Stewardship & Finance—Ken Meyer (453-1957)  
Welcoming & Evangelism—Rolando Magdamo (425-2615)  
Worship—Ralph Voss (852-9141)

## September Participating Elder Assignments

<b>September 4th</b> —	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	George Griffith
<b>September 11th</b> —	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Susan Day
<b>September 18th</b> —	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	John Dutton
<b>September 25th</b> —	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	George Griffith

## “The Parable of the Squirrel” by Pastor Tom (continued from p.3)

new way to think about our space, engage in relationships with partners who might be interested in sharing resources with us, expand our congregation's mission and presence in the community by cooperative, creative stewardship? Well, maybe we could!

When we apply creative stewardship to our congregational situation, we suddenly find things we used to think of as liabilities transformed into invaluable assets. All of these gifts and so many others punctuate the life of our congregation, but we keep hearing mes-

sages that tell us the way we do church is not the way of the future, and that our best option is to do away with old traditions and get on with doing church in a more modern way. Perhaps a better option is changing direction or refocusing. In sailing, we change direction to take advantage of the wind.

When we shift our direction or perspective, it becomes readily apparent that the gifts and potential of our ministry setting are numerous, glorious, and unique! Here we sit, with years and years of tradition undergirding us,

ready to move and be and explore everything God has for us. We have been given tremendous, richly wonderful gifts for sure. Perhaps we should cross the road and move ahead into the uncharted future and not turn back to the place where we are always comfortable and seemingly safe. The demise of Mr. Squirrel should be a warning as well as an encouragement. Changing our perspective can be risky but also adventuresome, as we shift in the direction that God is calling us rather than always turning back to what is seemingly safe and secure.



## St. John's Book Club

At 1:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12th, the members of St. John's Book Club will meet in Clawson Library to discuss *In the Company of Others: A Father Tim Novel* by Jan Karon.

From *Publishers Weekly*: “Father Timothy Kavanagh, the moral center of the beloved Mitford series, hops the Atlantic for a long anticipated vacation in the Irish countryside. He and his wife settle in at Broughadoon, a B&B run by Liam and Anna Conor

in County Sligo. Father Tim is happy to be reacquainted with his ancestral homeland. He's particularly taken with Catharmore, a sprawling 19th-century estate that was Liam's childhood home. When their stay is extended because of an injury, the Kavanaghs pass the time reading up on Catharmore's history, helping out around the grounds, and getting to know the area's many colorful characters. Father Tim assumes the role of confidant and adviser to the Conors and

their extended family, investigating a burglary, helping unburden Liam and Anna of long-held secrets, and aiding Liam's alcoholic mother to recover her lost faith... Though it's not the ideal entry point to the expansive world of Father Tim, fans will relish this new chapter in his life.”

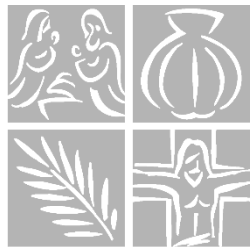
Join us for a stimulating and enjoyable discussion. Nilsine Hansen will provide refreshments. If you have any questions, please contact Kat Parker (849-3245).



### Clawson Library Fall Hours

**Sundays—**  
10:00 a.m. to Noon  
(closed during worship service)

**Wednesdays—**  
9:30 a.m. to Noon



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Fall Christian Education Classes—Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

#### Children's Classes —

Children's classes will use a PC(USA) lectionary module. (3—4 year olds, K—2 grades, 3rd—4th grades). Grades 5—6 will use the Covenant People curriculum, Old Testament Survey course.

#### Middle School—"Just Eating? Practicing Our Faith at the Table"

A PC(USA) Presbyterian Hunger Program Curriculum, this class aims to shape a way of life with food that flows out of a deep understanding of how food connects us with God and all of Creation. Food is a basic need, but it is also the stuff of reconciliation, healing, transformation, comfort, courage, and justice. We will study how Jesus used

food in his earthly ministry. Using the Christian practice of the Eucharist as our starting point, we will explore what it means to eat well in relationship to our bodies, other people, and the earth. "When the body of Christ gathers to share food and drink, God is there and is moving to transform us."

#### High School—

This class, focusing on Missions, will be taught by Ryan and Shonee Hansen. More information will be in the Sunday bulletin.

#### Adults—"Feasting on the Word"

This PC(USA) lectionary study is designed to deepen your understand-

ing of God's word. Adults see the world through the filter of life experience and life transitions. They enter Bible study and worship bringing with them this variety of views. *Feasting on the Word* will engage adults in a deeper exploration of biblical texts. The class will reinforce and expand on the Scriptures read and proclaimed in worship, enhancing Christian faith. Education and worship can be mutually supportive in helping God's word in Scripture come alive in the Sunday morning experience. We hope to help you put your faith into action and grow in your self-understanding as Christians.

### What Is the Lectionary?

A recent *Horizons Magazine* article by Mary Austin, "Lectionary 101" (May/June 2011), gives an explanation about the lectionary. Simply put, the lectionary is a calendar for reading the Bible. At St. John's Church, we generally have two or three readings each Sunday that follow the lectionary. Presbyterian churches follow the three-year Revised Common Lectionary with

four suggested readings for each Sunday—Old Testament, the Psalms, New Testament, and the Gospels. The readings repeat on a three-year cycle. Each new year begins on the first Sunday of Advent and focuses on one of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, or Luke, with the Gospel of John read in the "special" seasons. The lectionary scripture readings for each week were chosen

to fit the liturgical season, and to illuminate each other. They share a common theme, although sometimes the connections are easier to figure out than other times. There is also a two-year daily lectionary available for personal and small group Bible reading (*Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* and [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)).

## Together Time Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy working with children? We need more volunteers for Together Time.

Together Time is a weekly outreach of St. John's when volunteers share a Bible story, song, and a prayer with the Children's Center classes.

Three groups of classes come to the sanctuary on either a Monday or Tuesday morning at 9:30 for a 15-minute Bible story time. It is a joy to spend this time with these precious children. Each volunteer is asked to share in this rotation for about one hour every five or six

weeks.

If you would like an opportunity to share in this outreach ministry of our church, please speak to Elsie Baughman (elsie.baughman@att.net or 972-467-9284).



## WWF Is Back, Starting Wednesday, September 7th!

Wednesday We Feed begins again Wednesday, September 7th, at 5:30 p.m. It is an ongoing fundraiser the middle school and high school youth have been offering for many years. The youth make all the pizza and bake delicious cookies or brownies from scratch.

Money raised by WWF is used for youth mission

projects. As in years past, the youth will be deciding on a group it wants to support; then the youth will create and implement a service project. It is always a time for hands-on service. One year they refurbished a church's youth room, doing lots of cleaning and painting, work that was much appreciated by the church and its youth.

The cost is \$4.00 for children and \$6.00 for adults, with a family maximum of \$17.00.

So, on the first Wednesday of each month come support St. John's youth mission work and enjoy some great pizza and homemade cookies!



## Church Mission Study Task Force

Session has approved the creation of a Church Mission Study Task Force to determine how congregants view the needs of St. John's and where they see our church going. As Nominating Committee

Moderator, Joan Jeffers has been given the responsibility of identifying those wishing to serve on the Task Force.

If you would like more information or would like

to serve on this Task Force, please contact Joan Jeffers (826-4355 or joan.jeffers@gmail.com). The Nominating Committee looks forward to hearing from you.

## Memorial Service for Marilyn Shirey

On Saturday, September 10th, at 11:00 a.m., there will be a memorial service

for Marilyn Shirey, who passed away on June 25th. Following the ser-

vice, luncheon will be served.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Mid-Week Adult Bible Study

Join Pastor Tom as he leads us in a study of the book of Ephesians on Tuesday mornings. This six-week class will use the Bible to illustrate God's incredible redemptive purpose—from before the foundation of the world to its consummation in the fullness of Christ. Ephesians empha-

sizes the Church as the body of which Christ is the Head. It falls into two main parts of three chapters each:

- Chapters 1-3: Paul tells believers what they ARE in Christ
- Chapters 4-6: The apostle tells believers what they are to DO because they are in Christ.

The study begins **Tuesday, September 27th**, at 10:30 a.m. At 11:30, please stay for half an hour and bring your own brown-bag lunch. Join us for an inspiring bible study and Christian fellowship.

### Job Vacancy—Full-Time Interim Director of CE

If you feel God is calling you to this ministry, we would love for you to consider serving in this position. The job description will be posted outside the Pastor's office on the bulletin board and on the Youth Connection bulletin board across from the CE Office. If you are aware of anyone in the community who is

interested in this position, you may forward a job description to them or ask them to contact the Church office.

It is St. John's intention to fill this position on a permanent basis. We are aware, however, that identifying the right candidate could take some time. The interim posi-

tion is to handle the duties while the search for the permanent position is on-going. Although it is difficult to determine how long the interim appointment will last, we will offer a three-month guarantee as a minimum, with renewals possible. This is consistent with PC (USA) guidelines for Interim appointments.



### Teachers, Teachers, Teachers

We are still looking for Sunday Church School teachers and teachers' helpers. If you have been looking for a ministry, this is one that is in dire need of your participation. Know that in doing this, you are fulfilling one of Christ's exhortations: "And he gave some as apostles, and some as

prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and **teachers** for the equipping of the saints, for the work of service to the building up of the body of Christ, until we all attain the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God" (Ephesians 4:11-13a).

If you feel God is leading you in this direction, please contact Joan Jeffers (826-4355), Elsie Baughman (972-467-9284), or Brooke Dutton (626-4455).

## Presbyterian Women's Events

### **PW Coordinating Team—**

The PW Coordinating Team will meet Wednesday, September 7th, at 10:00 a.m. All Circle leaders need to attend.

### **PW Missionary—**

On Sunday, September 18th, we will host Dr. Sharon Stanley, our PW missionary to the Hmong Laotian people living in Fresno, at the morning worship service.

### **PW Nevada Presbytery Meeting—**

The PW of the Nevada Presbytery will be meeting in Carson City on September 19th-20th. Call Betty Squires for details (829-0354).

### **PW Fall Gathering—**

Throughout the year,

from September to June, PW has four luncheons called Gatherings for all our Circles. On September 14th, the PW Fall Gathering will be hosted by Martha Circle, with Ruth Circle greeting. It will feature Elsie Baughman presenting an overview of *Confessing the Beatitudes*, our 2011-2012 Horizons Bible Study.

### **Lydia Circle—**

This new Circle will commence in the fall. (Chair: Elsie Baughman)

### **Martha Circle—**

Will meet on Tuesday, September 20th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Clawson Library. Lorna Crittenden will lead Lesson I. (Chair: Suzanne Griffith)

### **Mary Morning Circle—**

Will meet at Classic Residence (3201 Plumas) on Thursday, September 22nd, at 9:30 a.m., to study Lesson I. (Chair: Joyce Field)

### **Rebecca Circle—**

Will meet Friday, September 9th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Geneva Room. Lou Pitts will lead Lesson I and provide refreshments. (Chair: Lou Pitts)

### **Ruth Circle—**

Will meet on Tuesday, September 27th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Helen Engeseth (3324 Susileen Dr., 322-8850). We will study Lesson I, and our CAAW item is deodorant. (Chair: Dee Russum)



## Community Events in September

### **Immaculée Ilibagiza— “Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust”**

On Saturday, September 17th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Immaculée Ilibagiza will speak about peace, faith, and forgiveness as a 1994 Rwandan genocide survivor. The lecture will be held at the Truckee Community Recreation Center. Tickets: adults \$30, children \$20.

### **Sound 4 Light—Music of Taizé**

An ecumenical service of prayer, music, and veneration in candlelight will be presented by Shanti Shanti on Friday, September 9th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Immaculate Conception Church, 2900 N. McCarran Blvd., Sparks. For more information, please call 358-5977 or 762-8779.

### **Good Shepherd Clothes Closet—**

Is in need of:  
Men's socks (new)  
Men's underwear (new)  
Travel-size toothpaste,  
toothbrush, shampoo  
Razors  
Men's shorts and jeans  
(gently used)

Place donated items in the yellow barrel in Martin Hall. Thank you!

## Summer Music Program Thanks

Many thanks to the following musicians, who provided special music for worship in August and September!

Cheri Boskie

Jennifer Day  
Tom Day  
Morgan Etnyre  
George Griffith  
Allison Goodenow  
Lindsay Goodenow

Rolando Magdamo  
Chris Steinkellner  
Amber Sady  
Kevin Sady  
Genie Mathews  
Rick Vaughn



## Fall Music Program Rehearsal Schedule

Music programs will begin on September 11th and 12th with a slightly different schedule. All those with an interest in singing or ringing handbells are welcome and encouraged to join us! Contact Sue Goodenow (851-2716) with any questions.

**Chancel Choir**, a choir for high school to adult singers, rehearses Sunday mornings, 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. Chancel Choir sings for most worship services from September through May.

**Bells of the Cross**, a handbell choir for adult ringers, rehearses 6:00-7:00 on Sunday evenings.

**High School Bell Choir** is a new group that is forming to accommodate our growing number of talented high school handbell ringers. They will rehearse on Sunday evenings, 7:00-8:00, following the high school Youth Connection.

**Eastminster Bell Choir** is a handbell choir

for ringers in 6th-8th grade. They rehearse Sunday evenings, 5:00-6:00, prior to middle school Youth Connection.

**Geneva Choir** is a choir for singers in 2nd-5th grade. This year we are making a special effort to include St. John's Children Center participants in Geneva Choir, so the rehearsal time has moved to Mondays, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Rehearsals will begin on **September 12th**.



## Fall Music Program Kickoff

The fall music kick-off potluck will be held at the home of Rew and Sue Goodenow (10070 Rain-

tree Court, 851-2716) on Friday, September 9th, at 6:30 p.m. All participants in the music programs

and their families are invited. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

## New Officers Training Classes

As we look toward preparing for 2012, we have scheduled new officer training for all incoming Elders and Deacons, and any other Elders or Deacons who wish to attend.

Training will be held Saturdays, October 8th and 15th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. These two sessions, taught by Rev. Tom Baughman and Elder Ralph Voss, Moderator of

the Worship Committee, are required for ALL new Elders and Deacons who will take office in 2012. Please call Ralph Voss (852-9141), if you have any questions.



Mariners

## Mariners

### **Anchors Aweigh—**

• Skippers Rew and Sue Goodenow (851-2716).

### **Barnacles—**

Will meet on Friday, September 2nd, at noon in Martin Hall. Mauvine Barnes, M.D., will present a history of women in the medical field during the last 75-plus years. Luncheon will be provided.

• Skippers Don Garrett (787-3992) and Tom Boyer (323-4513).

### **Discipleship—**

Will meet at the home of Tom and Norma Seltz (824-0911, 4675 Lakewood Ct.) for a lamb kabob potluck on Saturday, September 24th, at 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP.

• Skippers Rick and Ann McElreath (851-2495).

### **Flippers—**

Will gather for a potluck picnic at the Stanley Lake gazebo on Friday, September 16th. Hosts: Bob

and Joan Jeffers, Bob and Pat Hammond.

• Skippers Ken and Peggy Meyer (453-1957).

### **Senior Singles—**

Will meet Friday, September 30th, at noon in the Geneva Room, to study the book of Isaiah. Bring your own lunch.

• Skipper Betty Squires (829-0354).



MEN'S BREAKFAST

## Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

We have now begun our study in the first letter of Peter, "the Apostle of Jesus Christ". This letter, written two thousand years ago in Rome, is useful in living a Christian life as well as facing difficult times. Peter talks about

how "aliens" should live on this earth while passing through. The schedule is as follows:

Sept. 7—I Peter 2:1-10

Sept. 14—I Peter 2:11-25

Sept. 21—I Peter 3:1-7

Sept. 28—I Peter 3:8-4:6

Bring a friend and join us for this time of fellowship and study from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays at Lili's Restaurant, 2325 Kietzke at Franktown Corners. For more information, call George Griffith (829-0197).

## Who Anointed Jesus? Class by Dr. Tom Butler

The Gospel According to John (12:1-8) tells us that Mary of Bethany anointed the feet of Jesus and then dried His feet with her hair. Why did she do that? What did it mean to Jesus? What did it mean to Mary? What did it mean to the disciples?

Dr. Tom Butler will offer a short course based on his book, *Let Her Keep It:*

*Jesus' Ordination of Mary*, to address those and similar questions. He will demonstrate how Mosaic oracles taken directly from the first five books of the Old Testament were woven into the Gospel According to John. Deciphering these "signs" leads the students to a radically new understanding of the Fourth Gospel.

The public is invited to take a spiritual and intellectual journey with Pastor Butler each Wednesday evening, starting on September 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Sparks United Methodist Church, 1231 Pyramid Way (corner of Pyramid and Oddie Blvd.). There is no registration fee.



ST. JOHN'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1070 W. Plumb Lane  
Reno, NV 89509

Phone: 775.826.0990  
Fax: 775.826.0994

**We're on the Web!**  
[www.stjohnschurch.org](http://www.stjohnschurch.org)

## Notes of Appreciation from Scholarship Recipients

### From Christopher Mergener—

“My heart was filled with gratitude and joy as I read your letter.... I feel God’s grace has touched me once again, and I want to thank the committee for awarding me this grant money. It is truly appreciated! ... I look forward to getting started with my seminary studies in a few short weeks and following the call that I have felt for many years. Thanks

again for helping this call become a reality in my life.”

### From J. C. Kang—

“I deeply appreciate your grant and love for me. I promise to show my gratitude by faithful ministry and by seeking to become a great pastor for the glory of God and for the reconciliation of God’s children. Thank you so much. May God bless your church!”

### From Nicole Cooley—

“Thank you for your generous grant of \$500 to help fund my theological education. I am looking forward to serving as an intern ... in Louisville this year as well as studying in New Testament Greek and continuing with Hebrew. It looks to be a full and interesting year, and I am deeply appreciative of your support. Thank you.”

**Return Service Requested**  
**Dated Material**

**St. John's Presbyterian Church**  
**1070 W. Plumb Lane**  
**Reno, NV 89509**



**Non-Profit Org.**  
**U.S. Postage Paid**  
**Reno, NEVADA**  
**Permit #123**