You may wonder, and very legitimately, why the Menaul School is the featured lead article in the Chimes this month. What on earth connection does Community Presbyterian Church have with a school in New Mexico? Well fear not, there is a connection. As many of you know, each December we collect an offering called the Christmas Joy Offering which is sent to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). One half of this offering collected goes to Presbyterian related ethnic schools such as the Menaul School and the other half goes to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. The monies in this latter half are used to assist pastors, missionaries, and church workers who are in special need. This year our Christmas Joy offering received a total of $1933. The Menaul School is a recipient of portions of the first half of the Christmas Joy offering. We thought you might like to get a flavor of what this school is doing and what it is all about.

The school, situated on 32 park like acres in Albuquerque, was founded in 1896 by a Presbyterian minister, Rev. James A. Menaul, specifically to serve Spanish speaking boys from New Mexico. In 1934 Menaul School became co-educational. Throughout the years, Menaul, as a school grounded in the reformed Christian tradition, gained a reputation for educating good students with excellent values, ethics and moral character.

Today, Menaul School offers education to students in grades 6 through 12, with boarding facilities for students in grades 9 – 12. The curriculum is a college preparatory academic program with an emphasis on preparing
students for success in college, teaching them to engage the world as lifelong learners and ethical leaders in service to the community, and respecting the Christian tradition.

Menaul School has graduated more than 3,000 students. Today 98% of Manual graduates go on to higher education.

Menaul School accepts students from all cultural, religious and socio-economic backgrounds. Fifty percent of students receive financial assistance and more than sixty percent are self identified as racial and ethnic minority persons.
Recently our Presbyterian Women received a letter from a volunteer at the Menaul School encouraging us to continue collecting labels and box tops for education. The General Mills Box Tops for Education program pays Menaul School ten cents for each box top submitted. Since Menaul has begun submitting box tops, the school has raised over $30,000 from this program. They also participate in the Campbell’s Labels for Education Program, which lets the school buy classroom supplies in exchange for labels. Most recently they acquired a video/data projector for use in their science classrooms. They have also been able to get musical instruments, maps, globes and sports equipment through this program.

Consequently, Presbyterian Women of CPC would like to renew its efforts to collect labels and box tops for education to be sent to the Menaul School. There will be a basket placed on the credenza in the Narthex for you to contribute these box tops and labels. Below are listed some of the products whose manufacturers are participating in this program.

V8 Juices        Pepperidge Farm Products        Post Bran Flakes        Post Raisin Bran
Glad Storage Bags Honey Bunches of Oats        People Magazine        Time Magazine
Prego Italian Sauces Wolfgang Puck Sauces        Emerald Nuts        Campbell’s Soups
BIC Pens          Wolfgang Puck Soups          SpaghettiOs          Dannon Products

Contributed by Darlene Elliott, PW Moderator and Chris Kirkland

More From CPC Presbyterian Women

On Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014, the Presbyterian Women will be serving their annual Lenten Soup Supper one hour prior to the Ash Wednesday church service. This is a free soup supper. The entire congregation is invited to be the guests of our CPC Presbyterian Women.

Contributed by Marilyn Johnson, PW Publicity Chairperson
Session Report for January

Eleven elders from Classes of 2014 and 2015 met in the Stevenson Music Room on the evening of January 21 for a Meeting of the Session with Pastor Mike as Moderator. Also present were Elders Darlene Elliott and John Muller, from the outgoing Class of 2013, plus Deacon Moderator Dorinda Ross.

Deacon Ross told Session that she expects great things in 2014 from the Deacons with fresh outlooks and their increased number. The new role of Mission passed on from Session will be coordinated by Deacon Sue Vaughn.

Pastor Mike reflected that he and the Session need to do a more complete job of training new officers, so they can understand the principles and tasks they agreed to when they were ordained and/or installed. Digital copies of the PCUSA Constitution (Part 1: Book of Confessions and Part 2: Book of Order) were distributed to all Elders and Deacons. Each elder was asked to prepare and submit in February a job description or task list of what they understand they will be responsible for in their ministry group. A review of these lists will expose what tasks are missing and which tasks have duplicate coverage. Elders are encouraged to forget the “committee” approach and replace it with a ministry team or group attitude. Teleconferences between our Revitalization Team and our NEXT Coaches are occurring every two weeks. Pastor Mike and John Muller expect to attend a national NEXT conference during the last week of March.

Treasurer Fran Eagan distributed financial statements for December 31 and remarked that church expenses were down and contributions were up for the month of December, resulting in a December 31, 2013 deficit that was about $3,000 smaller than the forecast contained in the budget. Preschool finances are in very good condition.

The Clerk reported that CPC membership is 131 after eleven members were removed by Session following two years of failure to participate in worship or other CPC activities or to support CPC with a contribution. December average Sunday worship attendance was 109. Communion was served to 114 persons on January 5. Communion was received approximately 1,500 times during 27 services at CPC in 2013.

Preschool Elder Barbara Ward reported that enrollment increased by 14 students this past month and some new parents have already inquired about fall enrollment. The enrichment program is growing. Kindergarten readiness testing was held and vision screening is scheduled later in January.

Worship Elder Julie Boyd reported the Lenten theme will be From Dark to Light. The Congregational Meeting and Potluck Lunch will be held February 9, beginning at 11:45 am. Ash Wednesday is March 5, Maundy Thursday is April 17, and Easter Sunday is April 20 this year. Elder Frances Bucklin reported the CE Ministry Group on February 1 will offer the children and their parents an off-site experience with ceramics.

Facilities Elder Paula Centeno reported that an anonymous donation was received to buy five new benches to replace those on the front patio and two smaller ones to replace those in the Kindergarten enclosed play area downstairs. The benches should be received in 4 to 6 weeks.

The Stewardship Ministry Group reported that ninety-seven percent of pledged contributions were received in 2013. The cost of contribution envelope boxes has escalated significantly. Most contributors use only a few of the envelopes from their box, and some people discard them all. The Stewardship Group decided to discontinue purchasing and distributing contribution envelope boxes for 2015. Packets of attractive, pre-printed envelopes for General Fund and Deacons Fund contributions will be provided for anyone requesting them and the envelopes will also be available from the pew rack.
The two Classes of elders were adjusted to make them more nearly equal. The Class of 2014 now includes Frances Bucklin, Julie Boyd, Paula Centeno, Fran Eagan and Barbara Ward. The Class of 2015 now includes Sue Ellen Bunch, John Hourian, Chris Kirkland, Ann Ludwig, David Ludwig, Don Seapy and Kristen Tetherton. Al Jessen was elected as Clerk of Session for 2014.

Al Jessen, Clerk of Session

New Community Presbyterian Church Officers for 2014

Corporate Officers

President – Barbara Ward
Secretary – Al Jessen
Vice Presidents – Frances Bucklin*, Sue Ellen Bunch*, Chris Kirkland*
Treasurer – Fran Eagan

*to be elected by the Congregation on February 9, 2014

Church Officers

Elders

Moderator – Mike Vaughn
Clerk of the Session – Al Jessen

Class of 2014

Ministry Team

Class of 2015

Ministry Team

Julie Boyd
Frances Bucklin
Paula Centeno
Fran Eagan
Barbara Ward
Worship
Christian Education
Facilities
Finance
Preschool
Sue Ellen Bunch
John Hourian
Chris Kirkland
Ann Ludwig
David Ludwig
Don Seapy
Kristen Tetherton
Finance
Facilities
Communications
Outreach
Outreach
Worship
Human Resources

Deacons

Moderator – Dorinda Ross
Secretary – Larry Collins

Class of 2014

Class of 2015

Larry Collins
Ryan Eagan
Nan Fryer
Donna Kirk
Carol Leonard
Luanna Rugh
Josie Morrow
Chris Powers
Dorinda Ross
Karen Seapy
Marilyn Thorpe
Sue Vaughn
Ruth Willett

A Milestone for the PW Book Club

The CPC Book Club, which meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Terri Tremarki-Beck is celebrating, because this June it will be reading its 100th book since its inception in 2003. The Club reads a variety of books each year—fiction, non-fiction, historical novels, popular fiction, and classics. All women are welcome.

Contributed by Terri Tremarki-Beck

The Chimes

February, 2014
February Birthdays

Stephan Theodorou  February 3
Jacob Roess        February 3
Nicholas Roess     February 3
Kayla Noble        February 4
Richard Zodnik     February 9
Ryan Rodriguez     February 10
Donald Seapy       February 11
Donna Kirk         February 12
Barbara Ferguson   February 14
Susan Grukowski    February 18
Dorothy Butler     February 19
Ruth Willett       February 19

February Anniversaries

Richard and Susan Zodnik  February 7  54 years
Andrew and Donna Sheaffer  February 14  43 years
Ron and Julie Dull         February 18  48 years
Leonard and Luanna Rugh    February 18

Happy Birthday!