



THE PULSE

A Monthly Look Into Ministry at CPC

Ministry Moments

Cool weather and rain moved CPC's Fall Festival and Chili Cookoff indoors on Sunday, Oct. 26. It didn't dampen the fun, however, for the many individuals and families who came together for the annual celebration at The Commons.

While favorites like the petting zoo and pony rides could not make the transition indoors, children enjoyed inflatables and pumpkin decorating, as well as games in the gym and youth room. Bluegrass music from "The Nopartanuthins" provided the atmosphere as attendees sampled a variety of chili recipes and other foods. Cookoff prizes went to Joe Eisenbraun (best tasting), Kyle Fulton (biggest kick) and Faith Brugner (most unusual).

"While we definitely prefer to have church family and friends enjoy the Fall Festival outdoors on the church campus, we know the weather this time of year is unpredictable." "We are so thankful to have the option to move it indoors at The Commons," said CPC's Support Ministry Director Kristen Dunn.



Retirees Find Community in JOY Ministry

by Lynn Norfleet

There's nothing "retiring" about CPC's JOY Ministry. Director Anne Bucaro, with help from Larry and Margie Heintz, plan monthly luncheons, outings and entertainment for a very active group of seniors, including concerts, river cruises, and most recently, a Prohibition Tour in Alton, Illinois.

Originally called the Builders Ministry, JOY was created more than 20 years ago to provide opportunities for connection with others in the church in the same life stage. While adults of all ages would find the ministry's activities enjoyable, they are designed for those who are retired and able to attend daytime events.

Outings and activities range from pure fun to educational and inspirational.

Among Anne's favorites is a trip to the Churchill Museum at Westminster College in Fulton, MO, the site of Winston Churchill's famous Iron Curtain speech (which the group will do again in April 2026). "And my favorite of the pure fun variety is our Oldies Night, with dancing to music of the 50s, 60s and 70s, performed by an in-house band of musicians and vocalists led by Pastor Adam Delaplane," Anne said.



CPC Up Close

Tyler & Tracey Alcorn

After moving to Chesterfield and connecting with CPC in 2006, Tyler and Tracey Alcorn can't imagine their lives since then without their involvement in the church. Their two daughters, Annie, a junior at Mizzou, and Caroline, a senior at Marquette HS, grew up at CPC and the family treasures the multitude of friendships made here over the past nearly two decades.

Tracey, a former middle school teacher, and Tyler, who worked in statewide politics before beginning his current career in asset management, have served together as Lifeline leaders and 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday School shepherds. Tyler is also a CPC elder, while Tracey volunteers with Women's Ministry and at The Commons front desk.

Both Missouri natives, the Alcorns met while students at Mizzou and recently celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary. "Our family has always felt so welcomed and cared for here, and we give thanks often for the impact that CPC has had on each of us," Tracey said.

Retirees Find Community (cont.)

Whether listening to a concert or speaker, touring a historic town, lunching aboard a yacht, JOY's day trips are enjoyable as much because of the company as the subject or destination. Up to one hundred retirees have taken part in some of the ministry's in-house events, while most trips are limited by bus capacity at 56, and are usually full.

"JOY events are a great entry point for CPC members to invite friends and neighbors, and then perhaps invite them to church," Anne noted. "It has been so exciting to watch the Lord establish, shape and continually transform this ministry to better serve our current population and to use it as an outreach to the community."



Remembrance Service

Sunday, Nov. 23 | 12pm in The CPC Cafe

Lunch and Childcare Provided

Contact CJ Norton for more information cjn@chespres.org

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A Time of Worship & Giving Thanks
Thursday, Nov. 27 | 10:00am