



# THE PULSE

## A Monthly Look Into Ministry at CPC

### Ministry Moments

The rain and cold didn't dampen the fun at the annual Fall Festival and Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, Oct. 29. Although the festivities had to be moved indoors at The Commons, CPC family and friends enjoyed food and fellowship; inflatables, balloons and pumpkin decorating for kids; and games in the gym and youth room.

Bluegrass music from "The Nopartanuthins" provided atmosphere as attendees sampled a variety of chilis. Cook-Off prizes went to Jessy Delaplane (best tasting), Kyle Fulton (most unusual) and Mike Gordon (biggest kick).

"We are so thankful we were able to move the Fall Festival indoors," said Pastor Tony Howard. "We had lots of things to do and room to do them at The Commons. This event is one of our favorites because it is a great opportunity to connect as a church and reach out to our community."



### CPC Discovery Classes Address Relevant Cultural Topics by Lynn Norfleet

While many know about CPC's Sunday School offerings for children and youth, they may not be aware that there are also classes for adults during the 9:00 hour on Sunday mornings. Covering a wide range of topics ranging from books of the Bible and theological concepts, to marriage and parenting, to Christian perspectives on popular movies, Discovery Classes typically meet in the Cafe and Fireside Cafe.

Two eight to ten-week classes are scheduled at a time, sometimes accompanied by a "Welcome to CPC" class for those interested in learning more about or pursuing membership in the church. All classes are led by pastors, counselors, and ministry or seminary staff. Pastor Tony Howard coordinates and often leads these classes.

Currently, the two Discovery options offer perspectives on issues of current relevance. "Secularity," led by Tony and Matthew Kaemingk, looks at how Christians should interact with an increasingly secular society; and "The Promised Land," led by Pastor Owen Tarantino, examines the geographical and spiritual concept throughout scripture and has addressed recent events in Israel.



## CPC Up Close

### Mark Ivancic

It is fitting that music is what drew Mark Ivancic and his wife of 44 years, Kathy, to CPC. In December 2013, the couple, who had both been involved with worship teams and other performing groups around the area, attended a Phil Keaggy concert at the church. They began attending regularly the following year. And for the past eight years, Mark has played guitar as part of CPC's worship team.

Mark, who also serves as a deacon, is part of a Lifeline and Men's Bible Study, and is involved with several charitable organizations. He played the trumpet through high school and into college, and later, started playing the guitar and bass with rock and country bands. After a brief hiatus from music, Mark returned to his musical roots upon his retirement as business manager for Barnes Jewish Hospital.

"The best part of being a part of CPC's worship team is worshiping God through music and being with other believers who also love God with music," Mark said. "Heaven is going to be a loud, rocking place."

## CPC Discovery Classes (cont.)

"Opportunities for adults to learn and grow in their faith are vital to the church because we can open the Word of God and connect it to everyday life and to questions they have now," Tony said. "So when we plan the classes we offer, we look for books of the Bible and topics that can offer insights and challenges to adults at all stages of their walk with Christ."

Tony continued, "As adult Christians, we are called to be salt and light to those around us. We work, vote, and have a voice in the governments, schools, corporations, and other institutions of our society. We are also called to disciple our families and decide the church's priorities. So we believe having classes for adults is vital to Christian ministry and spreading the gospel."

