

## ***TIME AND TALENT PROGRAM***

Wow, have you noticed the increased fellowship activities at CPC over the past four months? Maybe you actively participated in one or more of the special Time and Talent Program (TTP) events. If you haven't been part of those events, there are several more planned over the next few months.

Very special thanks are extended to the energetic crew of Ted Otto, Suzanne Quigley, Marcy Irvin, Georgia Mazzolla, & Bud Caton for their VISION of TTP and their skills in developing, organizing, and overseeing the inaugural Time and Talent programs. These programs are designed to increase CPC's reach into our greater community and to generate additional support for our church benevolence ministries.

We had a very successful Easter Egg Sale. Stories are circulating on who purchased (and maybe consumed) the most peanut butter, coconut, or butter cream Easter Eggs. But as they say, what happens at CPC stays at CPC! We're betting this event will be just as popular next Easter season too!

And how about the mid March Bake Sale? Did you sample any of the freshly baked and tasty cookies, fudge, or bread? Many did and no one walked away disappointed. (I'm betting the consumption of Deacon donuts was lower this week when compared to others, as a result.)

Did you catch Bob Prechtl's **brief** but informative reminder on ways to include CPC in your financial planning? Whether (living) donations include gifts of appreciated stock in lieu of or in addition to regular pledging, or if one is driven to bequeath funds to the church after death, CPC's Trustee Commission members can be contacted for additional, confidential planning information.

In April, we held a very memorable lunch gathering with the local legend Henry Heim as our guest speaker. Mr. Heim is a decorated veteran of WWII & the Korean Conflict who flew 78 combat missions and is a 1944 recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross. Nearly 50 attendees were able to learn more about his military experiences. And, it should be noted that Marcy led a crew of 6 dedicated CPC members in a full day's worth of food preparation, set-up, and cleanup, the day of the presentation.

Other notable TTP related activities over the past few months includes the "Two Guys Who Will Do Almost Anything for Money" and the "Company Matching Contributions" provided by some area employers for employee's volunteer service hours. For the "Two Guys" program, volunteer labor skills have been lent to various CPC members for such things as exercise equipment unpacking, relocation, and set up services, dry wall repairs (not related to the equipment move!), and other services. Recipients of these services are not charged any fees but are encouraged to donate to the CPC TTP Benevolence Fund. Company contributions to CPC for volunteer services has been noted for one CPC member who has tabulated just a portion of their volunteer time for CPC and submitted their work certification to their employer who in turn donated funds to CPC for benevolence application.

What's happening next? Well how about a CPC favorite? A lunch after the 11 a.m. service on Sunday May 23 will be serviced by Marcy and her willing assistants from the I&S Commission (and a few other volunteers, too.) Can we plan on seeing you? C'mon join us for good conversation, Bar-B-Q, and the trimmings. Bring a friend. See a neighbor.

The Time and Talent Program is in its early stages of development. Do you have ideas that should be considered for future events? Ever hear of a "quarter auction", how about a spring fundraiser where your "thinned" out perennials are donated to the church and sold to others as a CPC fund raiser? Suggestions like these can be shared with members of the Time and Talent team listed above for further consideration.

As mentioned in an earlier CPC newsletter, "The success of TTP will be based on all CPC members' willingness to give of their time and talents for the betterment of themselves, CPC, and those in need." Let's be successful!