

# Revelations

Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15202

**The Fifth Annual  
Pomeroy/Nelson Theologian-in-Residence**

**September 16 – October 7, 2007**

**Sunday Mornings—9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**

**Rev. Dr. Ron Cole-Turner**

H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



Stem cell research, cloning, and technologies of human enhancement blur the line between the human, the sub-human, and the superhuman. As never before, Christians need to think prayerfully about what it means to be human in a technological age.

Ronald Cole-Turner, M.Div., Ph.D., teaches at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, holding the H. Parker Sharp Chair of Theology and Ethics, a position that relates theology to developments in science and technology. His research focuses on genetics and biotechnology, particularly as they affect the meaning and the future of human life.

He is active in various science and religion organizations, having played a central role in organizing the International Society for Science and Religion, an honorary society which he now serves as one of the vice presidents. He also sits on the academic board of the Metanexus Institute.

Dr. Cole-Turner holds the MDiv and the PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary. His books include *The New Genesis* (1993), *Pastoral Genetics* (co-authored, 1996), *Human Cloning: Religious Responses* (ed., 1997), *Beyond Cloning* (ed., 2001), *God and the Embryo* (co-edited, 2003), and *Design and Destiny: Jewish and Christian Perspectives on Human Germline Modification* (edited, MIT Press, forthcoming 2008), as well as numerous articles and chapters in books. Prof. Cole-Turner lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Rebecca. They have two grown daughters, Sarah and Rachel.

Start the *New Program Year* challenged by Rev. Dr. Cole-Turner and take advantage of this marvelous opportunity in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall.



Dr. Cole-Turner will preach and officiate at the Lord's Table on  
World Communion Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.  
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

This is the fifth year of the Theologian-in-Residence program initiated by the late Elder Thomas Nelson who established the program in memory of his colleague and mentor, Elder Thomas Pomeroy, to invite professors to enlarge and enlighten our faith understanding as disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Sunday School Classes to Resume  
Sunday, September 9  
9:15 a.m.**

Classes for children, youth and adults.  
All are welcome!

# My View on Church Avenue

by Pastor Carol Divens Roth

Dear Friends,

Summertime and the livin' is easy, according to the song, but the summer of '07 contained lots of hard work and inspiring play that will have an impact on the future of Community Church.

I refer to more than the diligent work of the Pastoral Nominating Committee which has continued apace, despite torrential downpours, record-breaking heat, and vacation schedules. (Let's give a shout out to them!)

What I'm thinking about is a survey of young adults, 18-30, in mainline and evangelical Protestant denominations about their church affiliations. Some of the results were reported in the August 9 edition of *USA Today*. The survey found that about **one in four Protestant young people have left the church.**

However, my attention was captured by these findings concerning those who stayed or who have returned to church. They grew up with:

- ❖ both **parents committed** to the church;
- ❖ pastors whose **sermons** were **relevant and engaging**;
- ❖ church members who **invested in their spiritual development**

The director of the survey noted about those who have left the church, "Too many youth groups are holding tanks with pizza. There's no life transformation taking place. People are looking for a faith that can change them and be a part of changing the world." That's what grabbed me.

As far as parental commitment goes, we can do our utmost to provide ways to fulfill our baptismal promises to help families raise children in faith, and we can help to nurture parents' faith. Ultimately, though, we can only "build it," but we can't make 'em come. Relevant and engaging preachers – that's something for the PNC to work on (although "relevant and engaging" may mean different things to different folks.)

Let's get to something we can control more than any of the others: **investing** in spiritual development.

If you were here on Youth Sunday, August 12, or on Malawi Sunday, July 29, then you heard about the impact that the summer youth trips to Walpole Island, the Great Escape, and Malawi had on our teens and the adults who went with them. Holding tanks with pizza? No way. In reporting on their trips, the participants spoke of life-changing experiences. They had worship services in the rhythm to which their lives rock, they shared deep discussions about the intersection between their lives and their God, they had a chance to live with people who have little in the way of material possessions but who have a rich faith.

Don't forget Vacation Bible School. The children's sessions gave them hands-on connection with the Biblical stories. They loved it and they know they are loved here. I wish you all could have been at the adult portion. Lively discussion prevailed. I remember one young father exclaiming that this (all of us engaging the scriptures together) was how it should be. The gang of teachers was so enthusiastic about their preparation, I know we could have gone on for another week easily.

**Investing in spiritual development is your pledge that the baptismal covenant will be fulfilled**

- ❖ through giving money for trips, curriculum, staff, and gathering space,
- ❖ through giving talents of teaching and nurture and cheerleading,
- ❖ through the giving of time (ask Ed and Sandy Stauffer if the sleep they "donated" was worth it)

Your giving forms the future, shaping Christ's church. The whole church, including CPCBA may someday look very different from the way it does now. Wouldn't it be wonderful if it's so transformed and transforming that the church has to expand to make room for the "fourth one" to return!

Shalom,  
Carol

## Financial Summary Through July 31, 2007

	Actual to Date	Budget to Date	Over (Under)
Income	\$232,681	\$266,376	(\$33,695)
Expense	277,024	279,250	(2,226)
Difference	\$(44,343)	\$(12,874)	

Our actual deficit has only grown by approximately \$1,700 over the last two months which is good news. Thanks to all who are maintaining their pledges over the summer. Please keep those extra dollars coming as we head toward fall. It takes nearly \$10,000 per week to sustain our ministry regardless of the season.

## Insights of the Pastor of Visitation Your Rights As a Caregiver

- by Rev. Jean Henderson

Dear Community Church friends,

Tonight as I write my monthly column to you as Pastor of Visitation, my heart is full of tender memories.

Nine years ago tomorrow my only sister, Nancy, died at age 54 after an 8 year struggle with early-onset-Alzheimers. And nineteen years ago the day after tomorrow my Mother, Nancy Jane, died a relatively quick death from breast cancer complications.

Especially with my sister's illness, the whole issue of CAREGIVERS was ever present, since my brother-in-law Richard, who was still working, wanted to keep Nancy at home as long as possible.

A helpful organization to us was the National Family Caregivers Association ([www.thefamilycaregiver.org](http://www.thefamilycaregiver.org)). Here are some tips for family caregivers that may be useful for you or someone you love. I certainly appreciated them!

- 1) Caregiving is a JOB and RESPITE (time away) is your earned right. Reward yourself with respite breaks often.
- 2) Watch out for signs of depression in yourself, and don't delay in getting professional help when you need it.
- 3) When people offer to help, accept the offer and suggest specific things that they can do.
- 4) Educate yourself about your loved one's condition and how to communicate effectively with doctors.
- 5) There's a difference between caring and doing. Be open to technologies and ideas that promote your loved one's independence.
- 6) Trust your instincts. Most of the time they'll lead you in the right direction.
- 7) Caregivers often do a lot of lifting, pushing and pulling. Be good to your back.
- 8) Grieve for your losses, and then allow yourself to dream new dreams.
- 9) Seek support from other caregivers. There is great strength in knowing you are not alone.
- 10) Stand up for your rights as a caregiver and a citizen.

As always, should you wish to talk with me about this issue, just call me at 412-734-2263.

Blessings to you!

## Congregational Photo To Be Taken at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, September 9 in the Sanctuary

On Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> *before* the 10:30 a.m. worship service, Steve Mellon and Tim Miller will be taking a photo of the *entire* congregation from the loft at the back of the sanctuary.

The congregation is asked to be in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. A beautiful photo of the congregation, the altar and the Celtic cross is anticipated and will be included in the upcoming pictorial directory.

Realizing that on September 9<sup>th</sup> the 8:30 a.m. worship service will also be resuming, it is our hope that the sanctuary is as full as possible for the photo and that the 8:30 a.m. congregants will plan on staying after the 8:30 service, have some coffee and fellowship, attend an adult education class at 9:15 a.m. and return to the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. for the photo. (*Note:* Since fall is quickly approaching, bright fall colored clothing would certainly enhance the photo.)

Thank you so much in advance for everyone tweaking his or her schedules either coming to church early or staying a bit longer for a great congregation photo.



## Have Cases Will Travel... 2008 Stewardship Campaign to Begin in October

Most of our sturdy cases survived their travels last year and will be back this October as we use the same method of Travel Routes to cover the congregation for the financial stewardship effort. Not surprisingly, with the westward migration that has taken place, Masonic Village merits a route of its own now.

Our current Session will serve as Travel Agents this year and we'll focus on the spiritual aspect of stewardship now that we have the method down pat. If you weren't here to participate in the financial stewardship effort last fall, fear not, more information will follow.

Mary Witul, Leslie Miller and Kim Cuneo, Co-Chairs

## Youth Group Web Page Updated at [www.cpcb.com](http://www.cpcb.com) New Pictures and Video Online

With the new school year now upon us, the church website has a new addition provided by Jeffrey Houser, Jr.—a newly redesigned and updated youth section. The new section has pictures from the New Orleans mission trip, Walpole Island mission trip, Great Escape, and more! It also has a video section where you can find the Vacation Bible School video and a video recapping the youth's summer trips! And this is only the beginning the new youth section will become much more in the coming months, just wait and see!



To check it out go to [www.cpcb.com](http://www.cpcb.com) and click on "Youth" at the top of the page.

## Finish a Project Night (aka Craft and Scrapbooking Night!)

Join us in Fellowship Hall for monthly 'Finish a Project' Nights! Have a project you've been meaning to work on? Bring your knitting, scrapbooking, needlepoint, or whatever you 'craft'. Read, Write, Sort Pictures, Clean Out Your Purse, Do Your Bills, Play Cards, bring whatever project you've been putting off! Come and work on your Prayer Shawls! Or just come and chat. Join us in Fellowship Hall for a night of fellowship and fun. Feel free to bring guests!

Please RSVP to Susan Houser at 412-732-9599 or [gandycat@comcast.net](mailto:gandycat@comcast.net). It is optional to bring an appetizer or dessert to share; soda will be provided. If you have a talent you'd be willing to share for a 'beginner's class', please contact Susan so you can be added to the schedule!

### Upcoming Friday Evening Dates:

September 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30-10:30 PM

October 19<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-10:30 PM

## Top ten reasons for joining the Chancel Choir:

- by David Anderson, Choir Director

10. If, in your ignorance, you believe we are saved by good works, choir is indeed a good work.
9. Best seat in the house for people watching.
8. Save money on your church wardrobe. Participation in choir gets you free use of a choir robe and is anything more flattering to any body type than a choir robe?
7. Many people feel underappreciated in their day to day lives. You will never be underappreciated in the choir.
6. After 12 centuries, singing in a choir is still cool.
5. If you don't attend Thursday night rehearsals, which begin on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, from 8-9:30 PM, you might fall into the habit of watching the NBC fall lineup.
4. The Steelers have but one Thursday night game-it's on Thanksgiving and we're not rehearsing that night unless the choir sounds lousy in the combined Thanksgiving service with Heritage Presbyterian Church on Tuesday night November 20<sup>th</sup> at CPCBA.
3. You have wanted to try some kind of small group ministry but just haven't found the right one for you. Choir participation is small group ministry at its best.
2. You will have fun. I promise.
1. Betty Haughin will love you ... and Betty has pull with God.

## Interested in Joining the Church? New Member Exploration Class Set September 15—9:00 a.m.

If you are considering membership in Community Church, mark your calendars for the fall Exploration Seminar being held on Saturday morning, September 15. This informal session explores Christian faith, the Presbyterian tradition, and life in Community Church.



Enjoy this morning of fellowship and continental breakfast. . . make new friends. . . and consider a commitment to unite in membership.

Questions? Contact interim pastor Carol Divens Roth at 412-761-1233 or e-mail her at [cdivensroth@verizon.net](mailto:cdivensroth@verizon.net).

## Adult Retreat at Sandscrest Saturday and Sunday October 27 and 28

The time is right to remember *The Times of Your Life* Saturday, October 27, and Sunday, October 28, in a beautiful setting at the adult retreat at Sandscrest Center in Wheeling, WV.

The retreat will focus on "*telling time*," not as a frantic countdown, but as a spiritual gift. The programming will include reflections on God-time and how it differs from clock time, devotions with poetry and prayer, and small group discussion. Each participant is asked to bring one small object (e.g., photograph, keepsake, article of clothing) that relates to an important time in your life.

There will also be ample *time* to enjoy this elegant country estate, stroll the lawns and grounds, sit around the fireplace, and have fellowship.

The retreat begins at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and ends at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday following Communion. (Lunch will be on your own on Sunday and you can make it home *in time* to see the 1 p.m. Steelers away game.)

The cost for the retreat, which includes room and three gourmet meals, is \$56 per person. The cost is made possible through the sponsorship of the Fellowship and Evangelism Committee. Singles or couples are welcome to attend. Confidential scholarships are available through Carol. Forms can be picked up on the desk in the Narthex. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 10. For questions *anytime*, call or email Nancy Hamilton at 724-935-1754, [bigdog1@nauticom.net](mailto:bigdog1@nauticom.net). You can also contact retreat leaders Carol Divens Roth and Lyn Robertson at the church.

Sandscrest is a place of rest and retreat where you can recharge your spiritual batteries. To see more of this lovely mansion, go to [www.sandscrest.com](http://www.sandscrest.com). You can also check out the F&E bulletin board in the narthex.

# Sunday School Kickoff

September 9th, 9:00 AM

**All children Pre-K-5th Grade are welcome to join us for the Adventure!**

Our Adventures for Fall will begin with **Registration at 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 9th.**

Join us **downstairs**, where we will register, get nametags, and check out the Sunday School Opening Room during our opening time together.

Then each class will go to their Adventureland room for the day. This month, Teachers will greet you in the Drama Room, Games Room, "Kitchen" and Art Port as we learn The Creation Story.

**PARENTS: You are welcome to stay and check things out today.**

**Next Sunday our Pomeroy/Nelson Lecture Series for adults featuring Professor Ron Cole Turner from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will begin at 9:15.**

## Where do my children belong?

### During Sunday School time...

0-2 yrs. are welcome in the staffed Nursery.

3-5 yrs. Opening Program first, then on to your Preschool Classroom together!

K-5th Grade – Opening Program first, then on to your Adventure room for the day!



**During Worship time...**Children are always welcome and encouraged to stay with their family!

However, if that doesn't work for you...

0-2 yrs. are welcome in the 'infant' Nursery.

2-5 yrs. are welcome in the Toddler Nursery.

K-3rd Grade are welcome in Jr. Church following the Time With the Children in Worship.

Please don't hesitate to ask our Christian Education Director, Melanie Holcomb, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's church experience and education. Call her at 412-761-1233.

## The Junior Church Program

**...a small ministry with a big impact**

**Please help us continue this ministry!**

Since the beginning of "Jr. Church" here at CPCBA, volunteers have taught simple Bible stories to our children during the last half of the worship service. With easy to use figures of Bible characters and simply-worded stories, children have imagined, dreamed and wondered their way into the stories of our faith.

Some of these leaders have been teaching since their children were small. But as their children have grown into teenagers and adults, it is time for these parents to take on other responsibilities.

**Here is what it would mean to you to accept this call to take up leadership in their place;**

- 1/2 hour, 5 Sundays a year (no summers).
- Lessons are simple, all provided, and require no more than to look over the story and figures before the children arrive in your room.
- Clear, simple and specific training on Wednesday, August 29th, or another time TBA.
- Roughly 15 children each Sunday, K, 1st & 2nd.
- Time in September to watch a "Pro" in action before your first class. Melanie Holcomb will also be there to help on your first day.
- The meaningful experience of learning more about the Bible along with your child and sharing the love of God with those who still see the wonder and awe.



## Our Fall ADVENTURES

Ask our kids what they're learning!

**September: Creation**

**October: Noah and the Ark**

**November: Jonah**

**December: A Simple Miracle**



Please consider if this could be right for you. Call Melanie Holcomb with questions or to find out more, (412) 761-1233.

# Youth Group Kickoff Weekend September 7-9



## The Core Kickoff Party (6-8th Graders)

Friday, September 7th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at CPCBA

Come to the church and celebrate the start of the year with a great kickoff party. There will be lots of food, games, and good times. Don't miss out and Bring A Friend

## Currents Kickoff Picnic (9-12th graders)

Sunday, September 9th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. meet at CPCBA

We will gather at the church for a party and picnic. We're hoping to have a campfire, lots of games, hot dogs, s'mores, and a great time. Look for final details in the Youth Group newsletter. Bring a Friend!

## Our Family News

### ☞ Death ☜

Margaret Bordt  
August 4, 2007

## Prayer Shawl Thank you Notes-



*The following is just a few of the numerous thank you notes received by individuals who have been blessed by the Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you are interested in participating by making a shawl or if you know of someone who would benefit by receiving a shawl, please call Jean Henderson at 412-761-1233.*

Dear Friends,

It's been written that it takes a village to raise a child. Well let me add to that—it takes a community to help a person age. I am so grateful to every one of you who sent me cards, prayed for me and I am especially grateful to the prayer shawl ministry and Jean Henderson. The worst thing about being ill is the isolation. Thanks to my community of friends. I have not been alone thru this latest surgery.

God bless you all,  
June Weletz

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Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the beautiful "Prayer Shawl." May all of you be blessed!

Praying collectively for you!

With love,  
Joyce Decker



## Junior Choir and Handbell Choir Rehearsals to Begin Again

Junior Choir rehearsals resume **Sunday, September 9 at 11:45 right after church.** The Junior Choir always welcomes boys and girls in grades 3-6. The choir sings for morning worship about once a month and also learns to ring handbells. Members of last year's choir also sang at Reilly's Farm at Christmas time (and got a hayride around the farm with Santa Claus as well!) and participated in a Children's Choir Festival. There is a good group of singers from last year, but the 6th graders have graduated and another family has moved, so we need replacements for them as well as other new singers. So, if you are in grades 3-6, come join us on September 9th in the Choir Room downstairs after church. **Welcome!**

The Bell Choir resumes rehearsals **Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Choir Room. The Bell Choir is an intergenerational group whose youngest members are in 6th grade and whose oldest are ?? with other ages in-between. Bell groups are fun and a little different from other musical groups. You don't necessarily need to be able to read music, but it's a big help if you can count - especially to 4! CPCBA has three octaves of bells but not always the 11 ringers required for all three octaves. It would be wonderful if we could have 11 ringers this year, so we could achieve that goal. So if you're interested, enjoy being with your fellow "CPCBA-ers", and would like to be an integral part of our worship services come join us on the 6th at 7:00 p.m. **Welcome!**



## Thank You Note from Claire Wilwohl

To My Church Family & Friends,

It is hard to put into words the thank you I owe all of you for your concerns and prayers you have shown for me over the past couple of months—for food, flowers, cards, a prayer shawl, and visits that helped to cheer a sometimes gloomy day.

I will ever be thankful to each and everyone of you.

Yours in prayer and love,  
Claire Wilwohl

**Church Directory Photograph Appointments Coming to An End  
Only 4 Portrait Session Days Remaining  
—September 22, 25, 26 and 27**

**This is it!** If you missed the portrait sessions in July, there are only **four (4)** days left. Time is running out, and they're booking fast!

Dates for photography and proof-viewing sessions with *Life Touch* will take place in the Fellowship Hall on the following dates and times:

Saturday	<b>September 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	12:30 to 6:30
Tuesday,	<b>September 25<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30 to 9:00
Wednesday	<b>September 26<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30 to 9:00
Thursday	<b>September 27<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30 to 8:00

- ◆ **CPCBA members and prospective members (Friends of CPCBA** who worships with us regularly) may have their photos in the church directory.
- ◆ **Sign up for your photo session in one of three ways:**
  1. Sunday morning sign-ups will take place after each Sunday morning service in the Narthex through September 16.
  2. Go to the church web-site at **www.cpcba.com**, click on the directory link, and follow the *Lifetouch* directions to select an available date and time.
  3. If you are unable to get to the church to sign up or have access to the church website, you can **call Sandy Stauffer at 412-761-0704 or Gail Buchanan at 412-734-2050 to schedule your photo session.**

**REMEMBER, THOSE FIRST TO SIGN UP GET THEIR CHOICE OF TIMES!**

**It is important, especially when putting together a church directory that you notify the church office of any changes in your name, address, phone number and e-mail address.**

**First Fellowship Dinner of the Program Year  
Wednesday, September 19  
6:00 p.m.  
“Meet the Press”**

The Fellowship and Evangelism committee invites you to the first Fellowship Dinner of the season on September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be *Meet the Press*.

The main course/meat will be provided and those with the first letter of your last name A-H, please bring a side dish, I-P, a salad or fruit, and Q-Z, a dessert.

Please make reservations by signing the form on the desk in the Narthex or on the insert in the Sunday bulletin.



**Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon Directory**

- Interim Pastor .....Carol Divens Roth
- Pastor of Visitation .....Jean H. Henderson
- Christian Education Director .....Melanie Hughes-Holcomb
- Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries .....Todd Tracy
- Director of Music/Choir Director.....David Anderson
- Associate Music Director/Organist.....Barbara McKelway
- Administrative Assistant .....Mary Susan Anderson
- Hostess .....Claire Wilwohl
- Maintenance Manager.....Don Evanochko
- Clerk of Session .....Peter Herchenroether
- Treasurer .....Barbara Barcoucky
- Trustees, President .....Doug Simmons
- Deacons, Chair.....Kerry Crilley
- Junior Church, Coordinator .....Jan Davis
- Wooden Ladder Preschool.....Brenda Mellon
- Financial Secretaries:.....John Ferguson
- .....Royce Rice
- .....Deb Sadowski
- .....Dick Schneider
- Web Masters.....Susan and Marty Houser

**Committee Chairs:**

- Christian Education ..... Clair Cranville
- Fellowship & Evangelism ..... Nancy Hamilton
- Nominating Committee ..... Jennifer Knuth
- Outreach ..... Judy Hay, Kate Colville
- Property ..... Andy Kolenda
- Stewardship & Finance ..... Ross Dillon
- Worship ..... June Weletz

**Deacon Comfort and Joy Contacts**

(for meal assistance, transportation, grief support, etc.)  
Patti Timpani (412-766-1645) or Mary Witul (412-734-2772)

**Deacons Visitation Ministry**

Frank Somerville at 412-931-6584

(Please help the Deacons share the concern of our community by letting us know whether you, or a friend or family member, would welcome a visit. Requests can be made to any Deacon.)

**Church Office Hours are Monday-Friday—9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

† Phone: 412-761-1233; 412-766-1800 † Fax: (412) 766-1801 † E-mail: cpcba@verizon.net † Web site: www.cpcba.com  
Chapel is open daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for prayer and meditation.

**Community Presbyterian  
Church of Ben Avon  
Mission Statement:**

Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon aspires to a greater service of God through a ministry mindful of the needs of our congregants, neighbors and, through the Presbyterian Church (USA), the world community.

We actively bind together this community of Jesus Christ through warm fellowship, inspiring worship, nurture, learning and a long, rich tradition.

We are led by the Holy Spirit to use our abundant blessings and diverse talents progressively for evangelism, discipleship, stewardship and mission.

**Revelations**

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"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." Revelation 22:21



**Have YOU taken the CAT Survey yet?  
If not, it's time to make sure your voice is heard!**

Now is the time for you to take an even more active role in the future of Community Church! The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has asked all active members who are 16 years or older to participate in an important congregational mission study that is a critical part of the process of calling our new pastor. This survey, known as the Church Assessment Tool (or CAT), is available online through the church website or in printed form **through Monday, September 17. You must submit your completed survey by this date or you will miss the opportunity to participate.**

If you are able to take this survey online, you can find it by going to our church website at [www.cpcba.com](http://www.cpcba.com), and clicking on "Take Survey". The letter that you received in August from the PNC provided you with a protected password that you must use to access the survey. Please allow 30-45 minutes of uninterrupted time to answer the questions online.

If you choose to take the survey in paper form (not online), just stop in to the church office and pick one up. You can take it home and complete it at your leisure. However, **you must return it by Monday, September 17** or we will be unable to accept it.

The survey is completely anonymous online and in paper form— your name will not be attached in any way. If you have any questions, need to have a survey delivered to your home, or need some guidance as to how to proceed, please call any member of the PNC or the church office for assistance. We would like to make this process as easy as possible!

The results of this survey will provide critical information that will help guide our congregation into the future. It will help our church leaders gauge the strength and inclinations of our church through this transitional time as well as help guide the PNC in defining qualities we seek in a new pastor to ensure a good fit with our congregation. If you are an active member of Community Church, please participate in this important process. It is the best way to make your voice heard!

Members of the PNC:  
Walt Cronin, Kim Cuneo,  
Kristin Dillon, Ralph  
Fink, Judy Fockler, Joyce  
Grater, Herb McLuckie,  
Tim Miller, Lyn  
Robertson and  
Dave VanGorder

