



Presbeat

First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah, CA
514 West Church Street; Ukiah CA ~ Office Hours Mon-Thurs, 9am-1pm ~ 707.468.9235
Pastor David Rodriguez, 707.391.3888
Pastor Kelsey Ingalls, 707.391.0021
www.fpcukiah.org "Like" us at www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurchukiah
Editor: Denise Beckler, Office Manager/Music Director
Volume 10, Issue 10 ~ November

"Are You Worried?"

During the past few weeks, I've been talking with a lot of worried people. Some are worried about the 2016 Presidential Election. Others are worried about finances. A few are worried about what will happen in the church while I'm away in Djibouti, Africa. And one guy (I won't say who, but you know who you are) is worried that the Sunday fellowship hour will run out of real sugar and he'll have to use the artificial sweetener that comes in "girly pink packets".

I know that real men don't use artificial sweetener that comes in girly pink packets and I wish I could guarantee that the Sunday fellowship hour will not run out of real manly sugar while I am in Africa. But I can guarantee that God will be with you, no matter what happens. So, why are you worried?

The same is true with the election, our finances, our health, our relationships, our congregation, our everything-else-in-life. God will be with us no matter what happens. So, why are worried?

In my own experience, I worry about things I cannot control. In time, I've come to realize that there are many things I cannot control, no matter how hard I try. And believe me, I have tried. And so I have decided to let God be in control of all of the things I cannot control. In the process, I have discovered that I am worrying far less than I used to worry. I'm even thinking about letting God control those things I can control. I'll let you know what happens.

In the meantime, there is a prayer that has helped many of us who worry. It was written by the Rev. Dr. Reinhold Neibuhr in 1933.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.

I hope this prayer will help you to give God the things you cannot control. May our Loving Lord grant us peace and free us from all anxiety.

In Christ, *Pastor David*

Our pastors are thankful to be serving our congregation, not only in worship but even more so in relationships. They also need their private space, as we all do. If you have church related business to discuss with them, we prefer you do not drop by their homes unannounced in order to do so. They are always available by phone or email for visits, appointments and emergencies, and their schedules are flexible. Their contact info is above. Thank you!

*I know it is barely past Halloween....
but Advent is just around the corner!*

*The church has many events to help you serve and celebrate during Advent and Christmas. Some of these are for youth and families, but many are for the whole church and the community. There are many ways to worship God, and this time of year we get to do that through all of these special events!
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Christmas Charity Faire will be after worship on Nov. 27th and Dec. 4th. Donate to local and international charity organizations in honor of loved ones for Christmas gifts. Come and get a jump on your Christmas shopping at this community event.

Nursery and **Sunday School** will take place every Sunday in December except Christmas morning. Christmas is on Sunday this year. Kids are welcome to come in their pajamas after opening presents and we will have one big family worship service. Merry Christmas!

Hangout will meet on Nov. 8th and Dec. 13th.

#SWAG will meet the first three Sundays of Nov. and the first two Sundays of Dec. The meeting on the 11th of Dec. will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange. All of the youth should bring a White Elephant gift (please spend \$10 or less) wrapped and ready for a gift exchange.

Christmas Caroling will be around the church's neighborhood on the 9th of Dec. Everyone is invited to join the youth for this event (kids under 12 will need parents present). Caroling starts at 6:30.

Christmas Sing-Along is at 3:30 on the 18th. This is a wonderful event for the whole community to attend. We will celebrate the season of Christmas through songs and hearing the story of that first Christmas long ago.

Christmas Eve worship service on the 24th at 5:30. This service will be very kid friendly and will close with candle light.

New Year's Eve will be spent at the church this year! We are having a celebration on New Year's Eve to raise money for the kids to go to camp next summer. The event will be in the evening and we will celebrate on New York Time (the event will be over soon after 9:00). Mark your calendars and help the kids go to camp!

In Christ, *Pastor Kelsey*

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 13th, immediately following worship.
Purpose: to elect Elders, Deacons, Nominating Committee and Corporate Officers for 2017

SESSION

Expectations for Temporary Pastor/Head of Staff from TPNC

Our committee, which is actually a Temporary Pastor Nominating Committee rather than an Interim Pastor Nominating Committee, has been given the task, by the Session, of finding a qualified candidate to serve in the role of Temporary Pastor & Head of Staff during David Rodriguez' one year of absence in service to our country as a United States Navy Chaplain. Unlike an Interim Pastor role, this person will fill the position temporarily while we await David's return. We think of this period as a time of transition, rather than one of preparing for change and a new start. For this reason, we have identified the following priorities we consider important to our search:

In filling this temporary position, it is the desires of the TPNC to:

- Maintain and grow in God's ministries and current thriving programs
- To do what is best for
 - The congregation
 - Pastor David and his family
 - Pastor Kelsey and her family
- Maintain continuity and growth
 - It is our hope that this person will provide us the necessary support and leadership for our existing ministries and programs to thrive. Our goal is to have a temporary pastor in place with experience and a track record for encouraging leadership within our congregation and the support of our staff to carry out their respective roles with confidence.
 - We want to continue with the momentum that has been developed under David's and Kelsey's leadership.
- Match the candidate with our congregation
- Implement a smooth transition when David leaves, while he is gone, and, so importantly, when he returns
- Maintain financial viability

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



The next VIP luncheon will be Wednesday, December 7th - Pearl Harbor Day. We are fortunate to have a Naval Reserve Chaplain, in full dress uniform, at the luncheon to discuss the life of a Navy Chaplain, along with some songs from that era.

Menu is meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and cake for dessert. Please contact the office if you need to ride to this exciting event. Come and join us!

MISSIONS

PumpkinFest

This year's theme of Dinosaurs and Pumpkins Galore was more like Dinosaurs, Pumpkins and RAIN Galore! Although it rained, it didn't seem to dampen the spirit of the event. I have to say a big **THANK YOU** to all volunteers: Jaunita Coddington, Kelsey Ingalls, Lenord Swope, Shirley Lewis, Gayle DeVries, Chris Gordon Karen Golden, Bob and Dona Huff, Bryce Gilman, Perrine Kirchen, Drew Snyder, Cathy Rodrigues, Debbie Holland, and Janet Noe. **A very special thank you** to Kelsey, Kitty Sandelin, MaryAnn and Desmond Synder who designed and painted the backdrop for our booth and made our space look so festive. Thank you all for your willing spirits and commitment to our church and service to our Lord.



Christmas Charity Faire ~ Many Charities/One stop shopping

Are there people on your Christmas list who don't need more "stuff" but to whom you would still like to give a gift? Come to our Christmas Charity Faire on November 27th and December 4th, during coffee hour, to make a purchase or donation to one of many charities in their name. Gift cards in the honoree's name will be available. There will be tables for both local and international organizations. Would you be willing to help staff a table? Wilma needs YOU!! Contact her at 462-4134.

Cents-Ability Report and Reminder

Don't forget to bring your Cents-Ability offering to church on Sunday November 6. If you need a can to collect your families offering, there is one waiting for you in the church narthex. Thank you for participating.

Operation Christmas Child and back to school.



Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week begins Monday, November 14th and runs through Monday November 21st. Dates and collection times are included in this newsletter. Our church has been a relay center for over 10 years. The sign up sheet for working shifts during Collection week will be in the fellowship hall starting Sunday, October 29th. Your help in promoting and assisting with the world wide ministry is greatly appreciated. OCC Team: Caroline Crowley, Nancie Garcia, Diane Yanez and Shirley Lewis.

Note: when assembling your shoebox, please remove any packaging as many of the countries do not have the means for collecting trash.

Collection Week: November 14 - 21 (please no drop-offs outside of these hours)

Monday	12-3pm	Friday	10am-1pm
Tuesday	3-6pm	Saturday	9am-12pm
Wednesday	10am-1pm	Sunday	1-4pm
Thursday	10am-1pm		

Monday, November 21st, 8:30 – 11:30am: we will pack up boxes for delivery to Santa Rosa

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HANGOUT has been blessed with a group of committed and welcoming table parents, and an even bigger group of committed and excited kids. We will meet again on **Tuesday, November 8th, from 6-7:30**. We would love more table parents, if you think you would feel energized by these kids. Their smiles can be super contagious!

So far, we have 5 kids from our youth group (**#SWAG**, grades 5-12) signed up for **Novemberbash at Westminster Woods Camp**! Thanks to the generous contributions to our campership fund this year, we were even able to provide some financial assistance to kids who couldn't attend camp otherwise. Please **pray thanks to God** for giving you faith in His promise to provide for you and these kids, so that they may have the unique experience camp offers. Pray for safety, hearts open to God's message, and fun November 4th-6th. #SWAG will meet two Sundays in November: Nov 13th & 20th

December dates to put in your calendars:

- Dec 4th & 11th - meet 6-7:30 for fun activities, friends & snack for grades 5-12.
- Dec 9th - from 5:30-8pm is our neighborhood Christmas caroling! Friends & family (church members, too!) are welcome to join us, however, if your child is 9 or younger, please plan to remain with the child. See you there!
- Dec 18th - meet 6-7:30pm is our annual white elephant gift exchange for #SWAG, grades 5-12. It's a great time to bring a friend!
- Dec 25th - meet us at 10am for our worship service, sing praises for the birth of Christ, and spend the day with loved ones. No SWAG - Merry Christmas!

WORSHIP

9TH Annual Christmas Carol-Sing!!!

Rehearsals for the choir have begun. We meet at 12:30 in the sanctuary:

Sundays 12:30: October 23 & 30, November 6, & 13, December 4 & 11

(No rehearsal November 20 & 27)

Friday, December 16 – 5:30pm: dress rehearsal on the risers

Sunday, December 18

Call 2:00pm – Event begins at 3:30

Need more info? Talk to Denise in the office. Be sure to mark your calendars, you won't want to miss it!

FINANCE

Season of Stewardship

Each should give what he has
decided in his heart to give, not
reluctantly or under compulsion, for
God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

During the next few weeks we will be preparing to make a financial pledge to God in 2017. We will have a series of sermons and we'll study the Scriptures to see what the Lord has to say to us about giving to Him cheerfully, thankfully, prayerfully, lovingly, and as an act of worship. Then on Sunday, November 20th, we will have the opportunity to present our pledge cards to the Lord during the worship service. For those of you who are unable to join us in worship on that Sunday, you can bring your pledge card to any worship service and present your pledge card to the Lord by placing it in the offering.

Making a pledge to God is a sacred event. In doing so we are committing ourselves to living our lives in such a way that God is glorified. When we make a financial pledge, we are committing ourselves to trusting God to meet our financial needs. We are also acknowledging to God that He is the source of all that we need. In addition, we are showing God that we are grateful for all that He gives us.

The pledge card is a tool for us to use as we make our financial commitment to the Lord. Since our giving is an act of worship, I encourage you to present your pledge card to the Lord in a worship service. The Session of the church will then use our pledge cards as tools in managing the 2017 General Fund Budget. However, the primary purpose of our pledge cards is to help us decide what financial pledge we will make to God in the coming year.

Also on Sunday, November 20th, we will have the opportunity to gather together for dinner to celebrate the many ways in which God is faithfully providing for all of our needs. I am looking forward to this time of thanksgiving and rejoicing together.

This is an exciting time in our relationship with God. Making a pledge to the Lord is an act of love that will draw us even closer to Him. Enjoy your time with God as you make this important decision.

Your Pastor, David Rodriguez

As of September 30, 2016		Total \$\$
Income	\$	172,384
Expenses	\$	196,343
Difference	\$	(23,960)
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds	\$	12,551
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	36,900
Total Balance in Checking	\$	49,451
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$
CD's	\$	44,168
Mutual Funds	\$	23,272
One Time Special Gift in 2014	\$	45,797
Total Balance in Savings	\$	113,236
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account		
Missions	\$	-
Hispanic Ministries	\$	654
Hispanic MicroLoans	\$	1,010
Mission Trip	\$	3,043
Centsability	\$	65
Per Capita	\$	-
Deacons	\$	(30)
Flowers	\$	5
General Memorial	\$	25,540
Camperships	\$	500
Building and Grounds	\$	894
Compassionate Ministries	\$	741
Senior Ministries	\$	12
Adult Ministries	\$	68
Youth Ministries	\$	-
Children's Ministries	\$	82
Childrens Playground	\$	4,346
Vacation Bible School	\$	-
Fellowship Meals	\$	(30)
Total	\$	36,900

Deacons

We fell a bit short of our round table cloths at our last event (100th Birthday Party)! If anyone has church table cloths at home, please return them!

From our Church Family



Dear Church Family,

I wish to thank the entire congregation for your prayers, words of support, love and well wishes during the past months for my mother, Elorene "Ellie" Malone, who went to be with the Lord on September 24th. I especially want to thank those of you that sent my family and me bereavement cards during this difficult time. Caroline and I are so very blessed and thank God and all of you for the love we have felt.

~ Perry Crowley

To ALL who made my 100th Birthday so special!!

My thoughts and humble feelings are so overwhelming I can hardly fathom the love shown to me! Looking back on my life, it is amazing to me that so much was accomplished. All just by me being who I am and how I think. If it touched any of you I have accomplished all I ever wanted. Thank you for being my friends and companions through this busy world.

~In gratitude, Don Rones





**Save the Date:
Saturday, December 3rd**



Did we miss your birthday??? Please contact the church office or email Denise denise@fpcukiah.org so we can send you a card and celebrate with you!

November Birthdays

2 Danna Johnston Roger Lewis	6 Zach Beckler 8 Shannon Phelan	22 Bob Rogers 25 Doris Chapman
3 Kevin Hamilton	11 David Rodriguez	29 Dona Huff
5 Trudi Gernert	18 Debbie Brutocao	

Event Calendar ~ November

Sun weekly	6:00pm	#SWAG Youth Group
Mon-Fri weekly	10:30am	Multiplicity
Mon weekly	5:30pm	Cub Scouts
Tue. weekly	700am	Men's Bible Study
	8:30am	Serendipity Bible Study
	5:00pm	SIPs Bible Study
	6:00pm	Spanish AA
Wed. weekly	6:00pm	Worship Team rehearsal
Thurs weekly	7:00pm	Spanish AA

...events for the month

11/3	1:00pm	ABC Program		
11/4-6		November Bash Westminster Woods		
11/6	12:30pm	Carol-sing rehearsal		
11/8	6:00pm	Resource Council		
11/9	1:30pm	PW Bible Study		
11/10	1:00pm	ABC Program		
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts		
11/11		VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY – Office Closed		
11/11-12		Presbytery Retreat Westminster Woods		
11/12	9:00am	Stitches		
11/13	12:30pm	Carol-sing rehearsal		
11/14-18		Kelsey on Study Leave		
11/14	12:00pm	Shoebox Collection		
	1:00pm	Worship Committee		
11/15	12:00pm	Family Council		
	3:00pm	Shoebox Collection		
	6:00pm	AAUW		
11/16	10:00am	Shoebox Collection		
11/17	10:00am	Shoebox Collection		
	1:00pm	ABC program		
	6:00pm	Session	11/21	8:30am Shoebox Collection
11/18	10:00am	Shoebox Collection	11/24-25	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
	1:00pm	PEO event setup		Office Closed
11/19	8:00am	PEO event`	11/27	11:00am Christmas Charity
	9:00am	Shoebox Collection		Faire
11/20	11:00am	Hanging of the Greens	11/30	11:45am ROMEOS
	11:15am	Harvest Celebration Feast		
	1:00pm	Shoebox Collection		

