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"HOW TO GIVE TO GOD"



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

The Bible tells us how God wants us to offer our money to Him. Whatever we give to the Lord is to be given cheerfully. In II Corinthians 9:7, the English word, cheerful, comes from the Greek word *hilarion*. This is also where we get our English word, hilarious. In other words, God loves it when we give to Him hilariously.

In reality, we are no different. Imagine it is your birthday and someone gives you a gift saying, "Here is your rotten, lousy birthday present. It cost too much and I wish I could have spent the money on something for myself instead. Happy Birthday." How would you feel? You would probably feel horrible and say, "I think you should keep the present." However, it is quite different when someone gives you a gift and says, "I can't wait to see you open this. I had such fun looking for it and buying it for you. Happy Birthday!" That's a present you would enjoy receiving.

When we give our money to God, the Lord wants our attitude to be cheerful and full of joy. "Here's my offering to you, Lord. I can't wait to see what you do with it!"

God wants you to enjoy giving. After all, this is how the Lord feels about giving to us.



In Christ ~ *Pastor David*



Happy November FPCU Families!

Fall is in full swing and so are our children, youth, and family ministries here at church!

This past month the 6-12th graders got the exciting opportunity to go Blackbird Farm in Philo for a whole weekend of fun learning about farming, gardening, and how to be good stewards of our planet! We washed horses, fed cows and donkeys, held chickens, created compost, made apple juice, and learned about how God cares for us, too! We also made planters out of soda bottles that are now hanging around our church as part of our efforts to create our own community garden!

Our youth group also took a field trip to the Ukiah Food Bank to learn more about ways we can give back to our community through gardening and producing healthy, organic food. Hopefully our new little snap pea plants will produce soon, so we can share our hard work with folks throughout our community.

A few of us took a trip to another farm nearby as well for an afternoon of fun and play in a pumpkin patch. We traveled through a corn maze, went on a hay bale ride, and bonded over pizza!

As usual, youth group has been happening on Mondays nights from 6 to 7:30pm (for the 5th through 7th graders), and on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30pm (for the 8th through 12th graders). During this time, we have been talking about caring for our garden, creating a safe space for each other at church, and what it means to be a Christian. We have also indulged in s'more making in our outdoor fire pit!

This coming month we will continue to hold Youth Group weekly, as well as the Nursery, Sunday School, and Donuts & Devotionals (a Bible study for grades 6-12) on Sunday mornings. In addition, we have the opportunity to take another trip to Blackbird on November 10th for their annual Winterfest! Here we will learn more about making homemade items using organic and sustainable materials! Plus, there will be a whole lot of yummy food. We would love to have you join us!

For more information about Children and Family Programs, contact me at 707-391-9460 or alexis@fpcukiah.org

In Christ ~ *Alexis*

~ ~ ~ MISSIONS Michele Young, Elder ~ ~ ~



Don't forget to bring your Cents-Ability offering to church on the first Sunday every month. The collection is taken during communion. Baskets are in the front for your convenience. If you need a collection container to keep at home, you can pick one up in the narthex. Remember all your money is used to help feed the hungry in our area. Thank you for helping with your prayers and donations.

Meals-to-go Fundraiser

~ Friday, November 2nd!

Don't forget to pick up your meals! The Fundraiser will fund local mission projects in our church and community (*Nor Cal Christian Ministries, Jail Ministry & Camperships to name a few*).



Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

PUMPKINFEST 2018

Thanks to all who volunteered to make this years' PumpkinFest great family fun! This year we focused on some of the projects our church missions has been involved in. We decorated our backdrop with our Uganda Orphanage project which gave people an idea of our involvement in world missions; gave out many fliers advertising our youth and family ministries and our upcoming "Meals To Go" fundraiser which benefits local community mission projects. Of course we gave out candy and prizes too! All-in-all, our hope was to let people and families know what a loving and caring congregation we are and that First Pres Ukiah is a great place to meet Jesus!

Thanks again to all who made this a success – Cathy Rodriguez, Shelly & Kevin Mack, Kitty & Roe Sandelin, Ryan and McKaylie Young (and friend Neveah), Nancie & Jerry Garcia, Myrinda & David Head, Karen Golden, Barb McLean, Bryce Kirchen, Lenord Swope, Gayle DeVries and Dory Haselswerdt.



CARE PACKAGES ...

CHRISTMAS LOVE FOR THE ORPHANAGE IN DJIBOUTI

Pastor David brought back with him some craft items from the orphanage in Djibouti. These items were made by the children of the orphanage and the money collected from these sales will go to help young

girls stay out of the sex trades. Just three dollars can help keep a child stay safe for a whole week! Look for the Christmas Tree decorated with the jewelry made by these young girls in the Narthex in early November. We also have cards for you if you would like to give a donation in someone's memory/honor as a special Christmas gift this year. What better way to share the Love of Christ this Christmas! We will continue to collect Peanut Butter, Beans and chewable vitamins for the orphanage as well.

COME BAKE WITH US

It is always lots more fun to bake with friends! On Monday, November 5 we plan to have another baking party to make cookies for the troops! We will meet at the church at 2:00 and bake away. Then on Wednesday, November 14 at 1:00pm we will pack them up and send them off! We would love for you to join us for the baking party but if that is not possible you can still bring your baked cookies by the church to be included. Let's spread some cookie cheer! Save your pringle cans for the next shipment too!

Operation Christmas Child - 25 Years, 1993 - 2018

Twenty-five years ago, the first Operation Christmas Child "OCC" shoeboxes were given to children in Bosnia. To mark this important anniversary Franklin Graham celebrated in the best way possible: bringing shoeboxes and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children and their families in January to the Dominican Republic.

There will be an "OCC" presentation during the October 21st worship service "Minute for Missions". There will be shoeboxes available along with labels, informational materials, and sign-up sheets for Collection week.



National collection week is from Monday November 12 through Monday November 19 (*see calendar on last page for collection hours*). The daily schedule is also posted on our FPCUkiah.org webpage and November bulletins. All ages can help during collection week and we encourage friends and families to help out.

May God be praised and the teaching of Jesus go forth in this ministry.

VIP Luncheon

**Holiday VIP on Wednesday,
December 5th, 11:30am – 1:00pm**

All those Very Important People age 70 and over are invited to a luncheon on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

December's menu:

Ryan's Rice & Chicken Casserole, jello salad,
& surprise dessert.

Program to be announced.



A Picture Worth a
Thousand Words...

Thank you, Austin,
for
your service to our
country!



The Ukiah Stole of Many Colors

Internationally to locally, 1st Presbyterian Church of Ukiah has an impact. Our recent gift to Pastor Daniel of the stole is a spiritual gift tangible and intangible. As people recall, it took a few months to get to know Pastor David, and similarly it took a few months to get to know Pastor Daniel. Pastor David, in a recent sermon, elaborated on spiritual equipment; for Pastor Daniel that stole equipped him in his new ministry at 1st Presbyterian Church, Oakland. The stole acted as plumage – eliciting lots of questions drawing the congregation closer to him and him to his congregation. “Friends, may it be so for each of you and also very much so for me.”

It is a Navy tradition to pipe someone aboard ship – typically used for more senior officers.

On November 4th, we get to pipe Rear Admiral Endel Lee aboard the pulpit of the USS FPCU. He, too, served as Director, Office of Religious Affairs for Combined Joint Task Force, Horn of Africa (I am sure Pastor David consulted with Endel on all the tourist must-see destinations in Djibouti – likely a very short list) So during coffee hour after worship, let’s show Admiral Lee, a native of Tanner Williams, Alabama, the Redwood tall version of Southern hospitality.

Pipe the Admiral Aboard





Mark your calendars for
Sunday, December 16th @ 3:30pm
for our 2018 Christmas Carol Singalong.

What is the singalong all about? Well, it's a time where we fill the sanctuary with people from our community (and even beyond!), who want to sing Christmas Carols. Last year, and years past, our sanctuary has been standing-room-only!

Why has it been so successful? I believe for two reasons: the days of neighborhood Christmas caroling is a thing of the past – I think people miss that and long for that old tradition. But mostly, I believe it's because it is designed and led by the Holy Spirit.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says: *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”* In October 2007, I woke in the middle of the night with a vision being played out in my mind – in full detail! I was stunned – what an amazing way to bring people the message of Christ's birth! Then, I wondered how on earth can I pull something like this off in only two months?! But I took a step in faith, and with lots of help from Carole Hester, we were able to pull together a choir, arrange for special guests, and organize an event of singing Christmas Carols together as a community. The sanctuary was packed! How could it not be? This was God's choir! This year, the singalong is still in His hands and is our 11th year. Praise God for His faithfulness!

Our featured guest this year are “4Euphs4Him”, a euphonium quartet, directed by Marshall Merklin. Also joining us this year are Jim Howlett, Les Boek, and Gayle Harris.

Rehearsals for the choir have also begun – it's not too late to join in. At this point, it might be challenging if you don't read music, but if you learn quickly by ear, please do come sing with us.

The rehearsal schedule is:

12:30 Sundays at the Presbyterian Church (corner Dora/Perkins Streets)
November 11 (no 11/4 or 18)
November 25
December 2, 9
12/14 @ 5:30pm 'dress' rehearsal
12/16 event – Call at 2:00 pm, event at 3:30

If you have not experienced a Christmas Carol Singalong yet, maybe this is the year to come.

Serving Christ with you ~ *Denise*

Did we miss your birthday last month???

Please contact the church office or email Denise, denise@fpcukiah.org so that we can send a card and celebrate with you!



Happy Birthday!

11/2 Danna Johnston	11/6 Meredith Lintott	11/18 Debbie Brutocao
Shirley Lewis	11/8 Shannon Phelan	11/22 Bob Rogers
11/3 Kevin Hamilton	11/11 David Rodriguez	11/29 Dona Huff
11/5 Trudi Gernert		

Event Calendar ~ October



Sun weekly	10:00am	Worship Celebration
Mon weekly	6:00pm	Jr High Youth Group
	6:30pm	Cub Scouts
Tue. weekly	7:00am	Men's Bible Study
	8:30am	Serendipity Women's Bible Study
	11:00am	Prayer Time ~ Sanctuary
	5:00pm	SIPs Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Spanish AA; NAHOP
Wed. weekly	6:00pm	Worship Team rehearsal
		Sr High Youth Group
Thurs. weekly	1:00pm	ABC Program
	6:00pm	Spanish AA

...additional events for the month

11/2	4 – 6pm	Meals-to-Go	11/12	12 – 3:00pm	Shoebox collection
11/4		Cents-ability / Communion	11/13	3 – 6pm	Shoebox collection
		Daylight Savings Time Ends – “fall back”	11/14-18		Alexis Study Leave
		one hour	11/14	10:00am	Shoebox collection
	2:00pm	Ukiah Symphony		1:00pm	Cookie-packup/send off
11/5	2:00pm	Cookie-baking Party	11/15	10am-1pm	Shoebox collection
11/6		Election Day – Be sure to Vote!!	11/16	10am-1pm	Shoebox collection
11/7	10:30am	Worship Committee		5:30pm	Red Wagon Craft Faire
	5:30pm	Hangout Kids Club	11/17	9:00am	Red Wagon Craft Faire
11/8	12:30pm	ABC Program		9am-noon	Shoebox collection
	6:30pm	Boyscouts Leadership		1:00pm	Private Wedding
11/9	1:00pm	PEO Fund raiser setup	11/18	11:15am	Harvest Feast Potluck
11/10	8:00am	PEO fund raiser		1-4pm	Shoebox collection
11/10	9:00am	Blackbird Farm Winterfest	11/19	8:30-11:30	Shoebox pickup/deliver
	9:00am	Stitches from the Heart	11/22-23		Office Closed for Thanksgiving
11/11	12:30pm	Singalong rehearsal	11/25	11:00am	Hanging of the Greens
11/12		Office Closed		12:30pm	Singalong rehearsal
		<i>(Observance of Veteran's Day Holiday)</i>			

Our Calendar is also available online @ <http://fpcukiah.org/calendar/calendar/>

(Note: if using a phone, view in landscape orientation to view properly)