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"Opportunities for Healing"



The Session has decided that a great way to begin the new year is to spend time together in prayer. So, on the first Sunday of the month, the elders and I will remain in the sanctuary following the worship service to pray with anyone who would like prayer.

The Lord tells us in James 5:14-15: *"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven."*

Some are looking for healing in their bodies. Some want healing for their souls. Others are seeking healing for their minds. Whatever your concern, we will anoint you with oil and ask the Lord to heal you.

We will do this on the first Sunday of every month. However, we are available to pray for you at other times as well. Feel free to give us a call and we'll set up a time to get together.

In Christ ~ *Pastor David*

Happy New Year FPCU Families!



I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas full of joy and festivities! Here at First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah, we spent the month of December having a great time celebrating the birth of Christ during Youth Group, Hangout, and our Sunday ministries!

To celebrate Christmas, we held not one, but TWO Hangouts in the month of December, including a really fun Parent Night in which all of our family members got to participate in some holiday caroling and goodies! We also held a White Elephant Party for our Youth Group, where everyone got to eat special treats and take home a silly present. Finally, to help us learn more about the Nativity story, all of our students participated in an adorable pageant put on for all our grown-ups here at church!

As we leap into the new year, we will continue to resume Youth Group on Jan. 7th at our regular times 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. In addition to sharing snacks and playing games, we are going to begin a new series on developing healthy characteristics and habits that we can try to work on together!

As usual, we will continue to hold the Nursery, Sunday School, and Donuts and Devotionals (a Bible study for grades 6-12) on Sunday mornings. Please join us for these fun and joyful ministries, and stay tuned for more announcements about our upcoming events and activities. We have a bunch of exciting things in the works for 2019. It is going to be a wonderful year here at FPCU!!!

For more information about Children and Family Programs, contact me at 707-391-9460 or alexis@fpcukiah.org. You can also find us on Facebook at "First Presbyterian of Ukiah Youth Activities" and on Instagram at @fpcuyouth

In Christ ~ *Alexis*

*** Looking for Volunteer** to work in the office
One day/week... answer phones, do bulletin, birthday
cards, copying, other general office tasks.
Please see Denise if interested.





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.



Christmastime ... a Time of Giving & Sharing

This season of Advent we had many opportunities to share our resources and enjoy our ability to give and receive. We made cookies to share with those far away from home and for those without a home. We sent 12 boxes of homemade goodies to our troops and to the children at Caritas Orphanage, along with some much-needed protein/vitamin packages. Our goal for 2019 is to continue this ministry on a quarterly basis. We also sent \$500 to the Caritas Orphanage in Djibouti from the bracelets we sold to help those children stay safe from sex trafficking.

From November's Meals to Go Fundraiser:

- We donated \$500 to NorCal Christian Ministries along with your donations of socks and underwear for the homeless community.
- \$300 to Target Truth Ministries – This Ministry is led by Pastor Gerry Burney who brings the love and message of Jesus to those who are in jail.
- \$500 to Ukiah Valley Christmas Effort bringing gifts and food baskets to those in need.

As we look forward to the New Year may we remember how truly blessed we are and continue to follow Jesus example to “Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you” (Matthew 5:48)

VIP Luncheon

**Holiday VIP on Wednesday,
January 16th, 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.

Menu: Ham, scalloped potatoes, jello salad, surprise dessert.
Program to be determined, but we know you will enjoy it!



Just bringing to your attention....

Occasionally the Manse garbage bins have been used and/or relocated to the church premises.

Reminding everyone that the church garbage should not be taken to the manse bins. Please put all church garbage and recycling in the church bins only.

There will be a Congregational meeting on
Sunday, January 20th, immediately following worship to:

- 1) Present the 2019 Budget,
- 2) Approve the Pastor Terms of Call for 2019,
- 3) Present the 2018 Finance Report and Annual Report



The Church Family Directories are here! If you participated in our photo sessions, then you will receive one for free. Drop by the office to pick yours up. If you were not able to participate in the photo event, we do have extras for \$3 purchase.

Session minutes: November 15, 2018

Pastor's Report: Deacon Jaunita Coddington and I served communion to members. David Willis Freeman went to be with the Lord on 11-4-18. I participated in a "Returning Warrior Workshop" as a Chaplin, presenter and facilitator through the US Navy in Hawaii.

Director of Youth/Families Report

- **Youth Group**
 - Grades 5-7th on Mondays from 6 to 7:30pm.
 - Grades 8-12th on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30pm.
 - Have had as many as 10 students on a given night, will likely need to add a third supervisor if number continues to grow.
- **Sunday Morning Nursery/Sunday School/Donuts and Devotionals**
 - Going mostly smoothly as normal
- **Hangout, 11/7**
 - Held second Hangout of the year, had about 20 students
 - Still working on finalizing job description and posting it for a Children's Ministry Assistant/Intern
 - We intend to hold two Hangouts come December on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
- **Winterfest, 11/10**
 - Annual Winterfest at Blackbird Farm, was postponed because of the poor air quality from the fires.
 - Will be rescheduled for a later date.
- **National Youth Workers Convention, 11/14-11/18**
- **Volunteer Meeting, 12/2**
 - Hosting an all-volunteer meeting after coffee hour to discuss ways to approach discipline and redirection for our students while at church.
 - All volunteers, as well as parents, are welcome to attend.
- **Potential Youth Christmas Party?**
 - Hoping to get a volunteer to let us use their home for a youth party/white elephant gift exchange.

As of November 31st, 2018		Total \$\$
Income	\$	224,504
Expenses	\$	213,379
Difference	\$	11,125
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds	\$	85,625
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	42,062
Total Balance in Checking	\$	127,687
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$
CD's	\$	44,375
Mutual Funds	\$	26,389
Other Savings	\$	65,172
Total Balance in Savings	\$	135,936
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account		
Mission Trip	\$	3,043
Missions Fundraiser	\$	2,599
Missions Fundraiser	\$	84
Centsability	\$	184
Shoes 4 You	\$	89
Pedal 4 Protein	\$	-
Per Capita	\$	-
Deacons	\$	26
Flowers	\$	-
General Memorial	\$	29,244
Camperships	\$	-
Buildings and Grounds	\$	-
Compassionate Ministries	\$	1,975
Singalong	\$	704
Senior Ministries	\$	-
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Youth Ministries	\$	-
Children's Ministries	\$	-
Childrens Playground	\$	3,876
Vacation Bible School	\$	-
Fellowship Meals	\$	236
Total	\$	42,062

Session Action items:

- During the December 20 Session meeting we will also have a Christmas party.
- Max Murphy, associated with Campus Crusade for Christ has asked to make a presentation during the 11-25-18 worship service. Approved by consensus.
- Approved the proposed 2019 budget of General Fund income and expenses as presented being \$245,000 in income (giving and building use) and \$274,305 in General Fund expenses as explained on the attached document "October 31, 2018 Year to Date Activity Notes First Presbyterian Church Ukiah" incorporated hereto as part of these minutes.

- Approved to add Molly Schultz as additional signer on checking account.

RESOURCE COUNCIL

- **FINANCE:** Financial summary through 10-31-18 indicated income of \$198,607 and expenses of \$194,211 leaving a favorable income to expenses of \$4,396. Session gave Cindy their appreciation of her presentation/work.
- **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** (“B&G”): The next B&G meeting will be 11-29-2018 at 5:30 at the church. The next work day has been changed from 12-8-2018 to 12-1-2018. The B&G Christmas Party will be held at Kevin DeVries home on 12-8-2018 at 6:00 PM.
- **PERSONNEL:** The process of developing a job description and position opening advertisement is still ongoing for Assistant to direct Hangout and Sunday School/Nursery.

FAMILY COUNCIL

- **WORSHIP AND MUSIC:** Hanging of the Greens (11/25); Taize’ service 12/5; Piano refurbish completed (\$1800 plus minor repairs upcoming)
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** see Director Youth/Fam. Above; Meeting 12/2 to discuss ways to approach disciple and redirection for our students while at church. This important meeting is for staff, volunteers, and parents. The goal is to have a common theme in all areas of Christian Education regarding respect for leaders and discipline.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ramos Property – Our attorney as prepared a rough draft of the court petition to put the property in the name of the church with the approval of the Ramos family. Once the petition is approved by the Mendocino County courts, we can proceed with listing the property on the market.

Session minutes: November 25, 2018

PURPOSE: The purpose of the meeting was to choose the Ruling Elders to recommend to the congregation for election as corporate officers of FPCU for 2019.

After discussion it was **MSA** that the following Ruling Elders be recommended to the congregation for approval to serve as corporate officers for 2019: President, Kevin DeVries; Secretary, Lenord Swope; Treasurer, Randy Beckler.

January Session Meeting: Thursday, January 17th, 6:00pm.

2019 Session Members: *Randy Beckler, Kevin DeVries, Jerry Garcia, Randy Huffman, Shirley Lewis, Alexis Moore, David Rodriguez (ex-officio), Roe Sandelin, Mark Smith, Lenord Swope*



Dear First Presbyterian Church, Ukiah

On behalf of our Board, volunteers, and our guests, I want to express our deepest appreciation for nominating us as your designated charity for this year's Christmas Sing-along. Your gift is so helpful, and so appreciated! We do thank you for supporting NorCal Christian Ministries, and we still look back with much gratitude for allowing us to run our program in your Great Hall, for so many months. Warm relationships were forged, and we are so grateful for your generosity.

The Hope Center has been open in our new location since mid-May, and we are ministering daily to people right off the street. They need so much, and your donation will help us continue to meet their needs. Thank you for your prayers and help, to assist the less fortunate in our community.

NorCal Christian Ministries is a registered non-profit, Tax ID #47-4486446. Thank you for partnering with us!

Tony Huerta, Executive Director, Nor Cal Christian Ministries

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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!

1/1 Drew Snyder
1/11 Josh Kirchen
1/15 Michele Young
1/16 Janet Noe

1/20 Debbie Cummings
1/21 Carol Connerton
1/22 Cathy Rodriguez

1/22 Joe Luiz
1/23 Nancie Garcia
1/26 Chandra Hamilton

Event Calendar ~ January



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

...additional events for the month

1/1	Happy New Year! (Office is closed)	
1/5	11:00am Barbara Rones Memorial	1/16 11:30am VIP Luncheon
1/6	Communion / Cents-ability / Healing	1/18 6:00pm Session
1/9	1:30pm PW Bible study	1/19 all day Day in Al-Anon
1/10	12:30pm ABC Program	1/20 Congregational Meeting
	6:30pm Boy Scouts	1/21 Martin Luther King Holiday
1/12	9:00am Stitches from the Heart	(office is closed)
	11:00am Phil Moynahan Memorial	1/23 1:30pm PW Bible study
1/13	11:15am Missions Committee	1/24 12:30pm ABC Program
1/15	12:00pm Family/Outreach Council	5:30pm Deacons

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

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

MENTOR TRAINING



One-day training – Learn how to change lives!

No cost. Lunch and training materials included.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019 9 AM – 5 PM

Have you ever had the desire to help a person but did not know how to go about it?

Have you been encouraged to disciple/mentor others but you were not sure what that really meant?

If so, there is an opportunity and resource for you to be trained with tools and experience to disciple/mentor others.

NorCal Christian Ministries is offering a one-day training to give people motivation, knowledge, tools and experience in being a mentor. This training is for those who want to move beyond just thinking about being a mentor, to actually beginning the process.

NorCal Christian Ministries

Location: Center for Hope, 150 Luce Ave. Ukiah.

Confirm registration: tony@norcalchristianministries.org

For more information: Contact Tony Huerta at 707-481-8398.

REGISTER EARLY – Space is limited!