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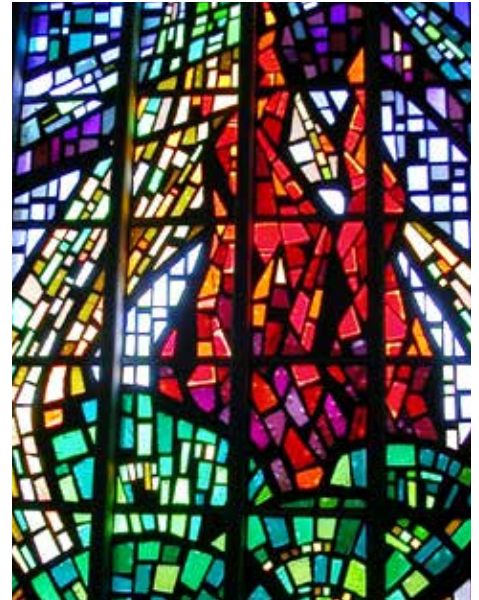
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"THINGS THAT ABIDE"

THE PRESBEAT

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New Members Class Every Sunday in February



During the month of February we will have a series of New Members Classes. The classes are for anyone

who would like to learn more about the life and ministry of our congregation. Members and non-members are invited to join us for whichever classes you choose.

The classes will be held every Sunday following the worship service in the Library. Lunch and child care will be provided. The classes will finish before 2:00pm.

Those from the class who wish to become Active Members of the congregation will have the opportunity to do so on Sunday, March 5. One does not need to attend all of the classes in order to become a member.

Here is the schedule for the classes:

Feb 5 "What does It mean to be a Christian?"

Feb 12 "What does it mean to be a Presbyterian?"

Feb 19 "What does it mean to be a Member of a Church?"

Feb 26 "What does it mean to be a Member of this Congregation?"

If you are interested in joining us please contact the church office at (707) 468-9235.

*In Christ,
David*

news from your **SESSION**

Session News *Missions*

Michele Young, Elder

Cents-Ability Report and Reminder

Don't forget to bring your Cents-Ability offering to church on Sunday February 5th. Last year we collected \$531.11 in only 7 months! Remember all your money is used to help feed the hungry in our area. Thank you for helping with your prayers and donations.

YOU ARE INVITED

TO: MISSIONS PLANNING MEETING

WHERE: CHURCH LIBRARY

WHEN: FEBRUARY 8TH, 11AM

Come help us plan our year in Missions, and be a part of this exciting ministry!

Financial Update

As of December 31, 2016	Total \$
Income	\$ 276,562
Expenses	\$ 253,662
Difference	\$ 22,900
Balance in Checking Account	Total \$
Non-Designated Funds	\$ 58,959
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$ 38,431
Total Balance in Checking	\$ 97,390
Balance in Savings	Total \$
CD's	\$ 44,168
Mutual Funds	\$ 23,804
One Time Special Gift in 2014	\$ 46,255
Total Balance in Savings	\$ 114,227
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account	
Missions	\$ 931
Hispanic Ministries	\$ 544
Hispanic MicroLoans	\$ 1,010
Mission Trip	\$ 3,043
Centsability	\$ -
Per Capita	\$ -
Deacons	\$ -
Flowers	\$ 5
General Memorial	\$ 25,775
Camperships	\$ 1,228
Building and Grounds	\$ 200
Compassionate Ministries	\$ 1,315
Pastor Appreciation	\$ -
Senior Ministries	\$ 12
Adult Ministries	\$ 3
Youth Ministries	\$ -
Children's Ministries	\$ (16)
Childrens Playground	\$ 4,346
Vacation Bible School	\$ -
Fellowship Meals	\$ 35
Total	\$ 38,431

Session News *Finance*

Randy Huffman, Elder

2017 Per-Capita Contribution

What is the Per Capita rate for FPCU and are we required to pay?

Per Capita 2016 General Fund: \$24.98

Per Capita 2016 Building Fund: \$ 5.00

TOTAL: \$29.98 per member

Per capita is not mandated, but we are obligated to pay for all active members. Therefore, we ask that you please reimburse the First Presbyterian

Church of Ukiah this amount in addition to your regular pledge. Simply write "Per Capita" in the memo section of your check and drop in the offering plate. *Please see article on following page for an indepth explanation.*

2017 Per Capita Contribution to the Presbytery of the Redwoods

What is Per Capita?

Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Said another way, it is a Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund — part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Because every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system should be shared by everyone as well. Per capita funding is how we mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.

What does Per Capita fund?

For example, some funding provides the costs of bringing together :

- Commissioners and advisory delegates to the General Assembly
- necessary tools to develop and administer ordination exams to seminarians preparing to become future pastors

Per Capita also funds (some examples):

- work in the area of vocation, helping all Presbyterians discern their sense of God's call in their lives
- information, advice, and counsel to presbyteries and pastors whose members have immigration issues
- the expenses of the Moderator and Vice Moderator of the General Assembly as they travel across the church to attend church anniversaries, presbytery meetings, retreats, ecumenical gatherings, and so forth
- a Presbyterian presence at ecumenical groups and gatherings in this country and worldwide, which extends our mission efforts and our work for peace and justice far beyond what we can do by ourselves and promotes Christianity



Ash Wednesday
March 1, 2017

Lent is the time where we prepare ourselves for Easter. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This celebration celebrates new life, forgiveness, joy, and grace. Yet, to fully understand the beauty and joy of Easter, we take some time to reflect on the brokenness of life. The season of Lent is when we reflect on our need for salvation and grace. Ash Wednesday is the start of the Lent. It is the day we remember that we have come from ashes and it is to ashes that we will someday return. But this time is not all dark and morbid. We reflect on Ash Wednesday knowing that Easter is soon to come.

This year Ash Wednesday is on March 1st. We will have a service at the church at 6:00 to celebrate Ash Wednesday as the beginning of the season of Lent.

The service this year will be an intimate, contemplative service, much like Taize, but a little different. We will have Communion together and also share in the imposition of ashes.

Blessings, Pastor Kelsey

FPCU offers an e-prayer ministry – a group of people who pray for those who have prayer concerns. This is not a prayer-chain – all prayers are treated with confidentiality and not shared or discussed with others. If you are not part of this ministry and would like to be, please read the policy (included at the end of this newsletter) and return to the church office to be placed on the e-prayer email list.

If you have a prayer concern and wish to request prayer from our e-prayer group, please contact Caroline Crowley (ccrowley60@gmail.com, 462-8460) and she will forward your request to the prayer group.

your Board of DEACONS

the helping hands of the church



Moderator:	Kim Huffman
Secretary/Scribe:	Cherie Alton
Nominating Rep:	Sandra Applegate
E-Prayer Coordinator:	Caroline Crowley
Sonshine:	Marie Pera & Sharon Ruddick
Greeters & Ushers:	Debbie Holland & Myrinda Head
Communion:	Debbie Brutocao and Ray Carlson
Meals:	Myrinda Head
Memorials:	Debbie Brutocao, Marie Pera, Sandra Applegate
Interfaith Lunches:	Debbie Holland
Helping Hands & Flowers:	Jaunita Coddington
Kitchen Supplies:	Tom Desroches
Stitches from the Heart:	Caroline Crowley
Kitchen Organization/Cleaning: (new committee):	Sharon Ruddick, Tom Desroches, Debbie Holland, Jaunita Coddington

This is what your Deacons Do: (Brief Description)

Prayer Ministry – Taking incoming prayer request and distribute via email.

Nominating Committee – Represent Deacon's on Nominating Committee – Usually meets 2 months each year.

Sonshine Ministry – Write cards to members that are sick or mourning.

Meals – Organize when needed.

Greeter & Ushers – Make calls to schedule people for each Sunday and organize ushers for each month to hand out bulletins and offertory.

Communion – Prepare bread and juice for Communion on each 1st Sunday and each Sunday during Lent. Coordinate with Pastors for dates to go and serve communion to our shut-ins.

Memorials – Primary contact for Pastor/Family. Organize cookies, punch/coffee and other to help.

Christmas/Easter flower delivery & Visitation – Coordinate recipient's names from office and delivery for flowers during Christmas & Easter. Schedule visitation to shut-in once a quarter.

Interfaith Lunches – Coordinate sack lunches for 4 weekends through-out the year. Purchase supplies; make lunches and deliver for hand-out.

Helping Hands – Work with church office to help find volunteers to help our members with minor chores.

Purchase Deacon kitchen supplies (including coffee, cups, plates, plastic utensils and napkins).

Scribe – Responsible for taking minutes at each meeting, writing up and distributing before next meeting.

Chair – Responsible for setting agenda items, leading meetings, lead contact for Pastors on Deacon issues.

Prayer Shawls - Coordinating group of women who knit, crochet, or quite prayer shawls to handout to the sick, depressed, births, weddings, etc. This group usually meets the 2nd Saturday of each month.

February Birthdays:

- 2** Gay Sibley
- 3** Marge Moynahan
- 5** Cleda Erickson
- 10** Al Nicolaisen
- 12** Gavyn Young
- 13** Jeffrey Royle
- 15** Kris Guadagnoli
- 17** Sean Sessoms
- 26** Shelly Mack
Joyce Sarber

VIPs

LUNCHEON - FEBRUARY 15

All those 70 and over! Please join us at the VIP Luncheon, **Wednesday, February 15th, at 11:30 am.**

Our program will be:
"Famous (and not so famous) Love Letters"

We will feast on Beef Pot Roast, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls and Strawberry/Banana Pudding for dessert.

Please call the office if you need a ride. Otherwise, just come as you are and enjoy fellowship time sharing a delicious lunch (no need to RSVP).



NorCal Christian Ministries

NorCal Christian Ministries continues to meet in our fellowship hall three mornings a week on a temporary basis. So far, things have gone very well. The people are respectful and grateful for a warm, dry place to go, and to get a nutritious morning meal with hot coffee. There is Christian music playing, discussion about Jesus, and lots of listening ears. They also chip in cheerfully to help Tony clean the facility thoroughly before they leave for the day. They even have a few "kitchen angels" from FPCU who come cook a hot breakfast once a week (you know who you are)!! Praise God for how He is ministering to our homeless community!

They do have a few need-requests. For anyone who is interested in helping with donations, you may drop them off at the church office. Just be sure to label them "NorCal".

Please prayerfully consider the following:

PRAYER REQUEST:

- Permanent Location
- Funding
- No Violence
- No Evil
- Safety

NEEDS REQUEST:

- Volunteers – Early Shift (7am – 11am)
- Coffee
- Gas Cards for Mobile Ministry Van
- Bus Passes
- Warm Gloves, Hats, Coats
- Men's Work Boots
- Men's Undergarments & Socks
- Grant Writer (There are grants available to faith-based organizations. We just need someone who can find and apply for them.)

NEWS & Thank Yous

1

Last month, some people from our church family put together a care package of cookies to send to Austin Head and his platoon. He sends his thank you...His platoon was so thankful for all the cookies and packages. Here are some of their quotes:



Staff Sergeant Bo Kim - Tell your mom and all the women of the church thank you for the support and great cookies during the holidays.

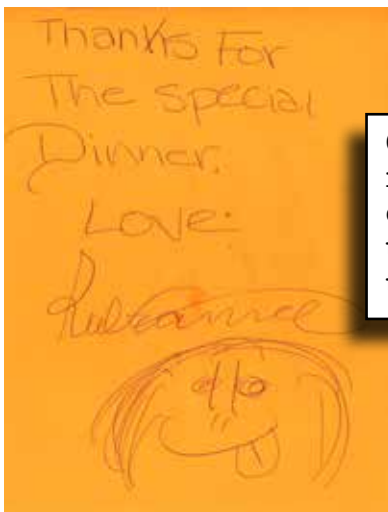
Staff Sergeant Jaime Adams - These cookies and treats definitely improve the morale of everyone over here away from family.

Thank you to everyone for your love and support. The Marines demolished the cookies and appreciated and enjoyed every crumb. Thank you for making their Christmas away from home a bit more enjoyable.

Sincerely,
Austin and the rest of the Sierra Battery



2



One of the people who come here in the mornings for NorCal Minintrie wrote this note to the "kitchen angels". I heard a "thank you" from several of them this morning. They really are very appreciative.

3

We are pleased to let you know that the Pedals for Protein event (held last September) was able to provide a grant of \$2500 to the Ukiah Food Bank to provide quality protein food for families, children, homeless and seniors. PTL!!!



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LARRY D. BALLENGER
2889 SAN PASQUAL ST. PASADENA, CA 91107



Dear friends and family,

The pastors in the picture above are all Kenyans who participated in the pastors training seminar which I taught in Olooltoto, Kenya, in 2014. What a great bunch of men they are! The majority of them came to know Christ through the ministry of one of the six Kenya Hope centers which have been established in the Maasai region in the last twenty years. They have been educated in the Hope Center schools which are built with church contributions, and then sustained with the assistance of the Kenyan government. On Sundays, there are churches worshiping in the school buildings, and nearby there is a medical clinic and usually a water well, providing a community gathering point for these historically nomadic Maasai people

Some of the pastors in the picture with me have had a few courses in a Bible training institute in Kenya. Some have had no theological or biblical training at all. But they love the Lord, and they are building growing congregations of men, women and children who worship energetically in the school classrooms in Olooltoto, Ilkerini, Mutulu, Kisumu, Orkarkar, and the desperate Nairobi slum region of Kibera.

When I went there in 2014 I was able to offer some biblical principles of pastoral care, servant leadership, finances, time management, and balancing pastoral and family life. Then, I taught an amazing Bible survey curriculum called Chronological Bible Training, helping these pastors to understand and pass on the full arc of biblical truth, from the Creation to the Ascension.

The truth is, we barely got started in 2014, and now the sponsoring mission, Kenya Hope, of Hudsonville, Michigan, has invited me to go over again and pick up where we left off. After some prayer and consideration, and after meeting face to face with the Kenya Hope team and co-teacher Dr. Steve Holman, I have felt a clear signal from God to go back. Judy is totally with me in this decision.

The present plan is to fly to Kenya on February 26, and teach the African pastors for eight days, March 1-8, with time in middle to worship and preach in the churches in Oloolii, Olooltoto, and Ilkerine. (All of these villages are in the vicinity of Narok, Kenya, at the edge of the Rift Valley, in Maasai country.) Following the pastor's conference I hope to stay for a few more days, sharing with the pastors and their families and congregations, staying in their boma (houses) and getting to know them one on one.

I am enthused and humbled about reconnecting with the lovely people and with these energetic pastors again. I loved the work of teaching them before. I trust that this trip will be just as productive in strengthening the churches.

I appreciate your interest and prayer support.

In Christ,
Larry Ballenger

FEBRUARY 2017

Key to rooms: L = Library JR = James Room BH = Bromley Hall
N = Nursery YR = Youth Rm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			7:00 am NorCal Ministries - B 1:30 pm PW Bible Study -JR 5:30 pm Board Retreat 6:00 pm Worship Team	7:00 am NorCal Ministries - B 1:00 pm ABC Program 6:00 pm - AA - Cafe		
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First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah (FPCU)

Prayer Ministry Policy

Our Purpose: To provide for an avenue for church family members and friends of the congregation to request for prayer, either confidentially or publicly.

Our Goal is to use our prayer ministry in a God-honoring way, and to share Christ's love to all those with prayer concerns.

Psalm 121: 1-2 "I lift my eyes up to the mountains. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

Statement of Policy:

The Prayer Ministry is an effective and accessible way for friends and members of our church family to share their prayer concerns. There are two (2) different prayer groups through which prayer may be requested:

- **Confidential Prayer:** Sometimes a person may want prayer, but does not wish their concern to be shared publicly or printed in the bulletin. The Confidential Prayer group includes the Pastoral Staff (Pastors and Office Manager) and Ruling Elders.
James 5:14 "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."
- **E-Prayer:** Prayer concerns that are not confidential will be shared as an e-prayer. The e-prayer group includes the Pastoral Staff, Ruling Elders, members of the congregation, regular attenders, and friends of the congregation. *Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

Prayer requests will be shared via email and not by phone. ***It is understood that e-prayer is not a "prayer chain". Prayer requests are not intended to be passed along to others.*** The prayer ministry is simply an invitation for those members to join in the ministry of prayer – to uphold each other when in need of healing, for prayers of praise, or other prayer concerns.

Submitting Requests:

1. Prayer requests are given to the Prayer Ministry Coordinator. The Coordinator will help to determine with which group to share the prayer concern, whether it's confidential or e-prayer.

2. If the requestor is asking prayer for someone else, permission must be granted by that second person. The second person should also determine from which group s/he wants to request prayer.
3. The Coordinator will include in the prayer request email the name of the requestor, the person for whom the prayer is for (if not for themselves), and specific details of the request. Each request will also include scripture and a reminder that e-prayer is not a “prayer chain”, but simply an invitation to join in the ministry of prayer.
4. Requestors should follow up with the Coordinator with periodic updates when possible.
5. Requests for prayer may also be submitted by completing the request form in the Sanctuary Registration Pads and dropped in the offering plate. These will be given directly to the Pastor(s), who may make the determination to share with the Confidential group.
6. **It is required that all participating in the Prayer Ministry will review and re-confirm participation on an annual basis.**

We strive for a high level of confidentiality. Although, in making a request one must be made aware that we cannot guarantee communication will remain confidential.

Name (printed)

email address

Signature

Date