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"New Members Class coming soon..."



Several families have been asking about a New Members Class. It is a blessing to see people wanting to make a deeper connection with God's flock here. This is a result of the hospitality of the congregation. Your loving welcome to new people. Your openness to include them into the life and ministry of the congregation. Your care and concern during a time of pain. You are a blessing to them from God.

The New Members Classes will take place on the following Sundays after the worship service: March 17, March 24, March 31, and April 7. Lunch will be provided. Children are welcome and child care will be provided during the class. We will be meeting in the church library from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. On Easter Sunday, April 21, those who would like to join the congregation and/or be baptized will have an opportunity to do so.

Thank you for your many acts of hospitality.

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." ~ Hebrews 13:2

In Christ ~ *Pastor David*



Happy February FPCU Families!



It is officially the best time of the year, the time we all get to celebrate God's most wonderful gift: the gift of LOVE!

God's love has been abundant so far in First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah's ministries this year! We've started the year off strong by resuming **YOUTH GROUP** (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). We have spent our time together talking about the New Year and how we hope to grow our relationships with God in 2019! We also took a fun field trip across the street to see a student in their theatre production at SPACE. It was wonderful to see our students supporting each other in their creative endeavors!



We began an entirely new program, our **YOUTH CHOIR**, which meets on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6pm. Youth Choir has turned out to be a great outreach program for our kids and families. We have already helped lead worship on Sunday and we are busy preparing for our upcoming performances!

We have a lot of fun activities happening in our Youth and Children's Ministries this coming year! This month, we are hosting a **WORK PARTY** on February 2nd at 8am to finally build our planter boxes so we can begin to grow food for people in our community!



I'm excited to announce that in honor of the month of Love, we are holding a **GALENTINE'S DAY SLEEPOVER** for all of our 6-12th grade girls! We will be gathering from 6pm on February 16th to 11:30am on February 17th for a time of bonding and creating stronger female friendships with each other! We are going to eat pizza, watch a movie, put on face masks, and talk about what it means to be a good friend!

HANGOUT, our program for Pre-k through 5th graders will return to us on Wednesday, February 6th from 5:30 to 7pm. Please join us for a free dinner, crafts, and a great Bible lesson!

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. February is going to be a great month, I am so excited to talk all about the joy God's love with our students!

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*

Personnel Update ~ Jerry Garcia, Elder

2019 offers us some challenges as we move forward. We have set aside funds in the budget to hire a Children's Assistant to work alongside our Director of Youth & Families. Our children's programs are growing (nursery, Sunday school, Hangout, etc) so, in order to 'keep up with the kids', we need to help Alexis 'keep up with the programs'! We're accepting applications now, so if you know of someone who may be interested, please ask them to contact us for an application (church office, Alexis, Pastor David, or Jerry). We have also set aside funds to enhance our worship team with more musicians. As we move forward into 2019, we hope to expand both our youth/children's ministries and worship experience to be welcoming and engaging for, not only our faithful church family, but also for new young adults and families.

YOUTH & FAMILIES MINISTRIES ~ ROE SANDELIN, ELDER

Our Youth and Families program here at First Presbyterian reaches beyond the traditional kinds of programs we usually think about. One of those programs involving youth is the Scouts BSA (*Boy Scouts of America*). A number of adult and youth church members are involved in this worthwhile program. On January 26, the Yokayo-Logger District held its Annual Recognition Dinner. The cities of Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg, Boonville, Cloverdale and Lakeport make up the Yokayo-Logger District of the Redwood Empire Council. District Chairman Randy Huffman announced important recognition awards for two members of our congregation.



Perrine Kirchen was awarded the District Award of Merit. This is the highest award that can be given at the Boy Scout District level. Perrine was recognized for her service as an adult leader with Ukiah Troop 75 and for her outstanding efforts and success leading the Popcorn Sales Fund-raiser for the district. She is affectionately known as our "Popcorn Colonel". Her son, Bryce Kirchen, is an active member and Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 75.

Randy Beckler received the Spark Plug Award. This award is presented to adult leaders who are recognized for their on-going high-quality efforts for the advancement of Scout ideals and objectives. The Scout BSA organization can be a powerful engine for the development of excellent core values, life skills and leadership in its youth members. A powerful engine requires spark plugs to run smoothly. Randy is a special part of the Yokayo-Logger organization. He is the father of Perrine Kirchen.



Nomination for Unit
"Spark" Plug Award

I would be remiss if I didn't add that Office Manager/Music Director Denise Beckler is Perrine's mother, Randy's wife and Bryce's grandmother. (*Incidentally, Zach Beckler – son/brother/uncle – is an Eagle Scout*) Thank you for your service Beckler family!

We are welcoming more and more young adults with young children and babies into worship on Sunday mornings. You also read in Jerry's Personnel article that we will be expanding our worship team to include more musicians. As our church family grows, we want to be able to provide an experience that will be fulfilling and hospitable to everyone.



So, with that said, we will hear more squeaks, rattles, young voices and crying babies. Our hope is to keep them in worship, so let's reserve the rocking chairs in back for those times when the little ones need a little extra TLC. Soon we will have a sign on the back wall designating that area specifically to families with young children. THANK YOU in advance for honoring and loving our young families! Praise God they're here to worship!



Pray for those who govern us...

Lord God Almighty, we pray for this nation of many peoples with all its diversity.
Teach us how to be a government of, for and by the people.
May those who govern: mayors, county board members, state elected and appointed officials;
and those who serve at all levels of governance in our nations' capitol, yearn for wisdom,
act with great courage and have a heart that is humbled by the task of serving well
the people they are called to represent.

**Hear our prayer, calling for wisdom, intelligence courage and compassion.
In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. ~ Amen**

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world

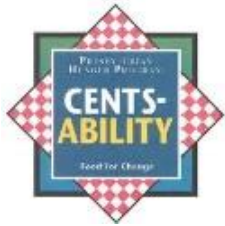
~ Elder Mark Smith

Capt. Robert Carpenter (*Pastor David's replacement as Director of Religious Affairs – Horn of Africa*), sends his THANK YOU to 1st Pres, for the check we sent for the Caritas bracelets. The check was written in the amount of \$500.

As David said in his 2018 Annual Report, each dollar enables a girl to have food and lodging for a day.

Praise God for the work he is doing through Caritas and FPCU!

The New Year brings a new Elder to the Missions Committee ~ Mark Smith. Thank you, Michelle, for your leadership over the past three years. I am happy to be working with this well-established group that includes Michele Young, Wilma Pribyl, Kitty Sandelin, Shelly and Kevin Mack, Jaunita Coddington, and new members Randy Beckler and Kathy Smith. We met on January 27 to discuss our various tasks for the upcoming year that support our numerous ministries. Here is a summary of some of the activities that we discussed...



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:

These fundraisers fund local mission projects in our church and community, including Christian Ministries, Jail Ministries and support of the Uganda Orphanage, to name a few. We will continue to have our Meals-to-go fund raisers and a sub-committee will also be discussing changes to the meal package to assure quality and value. Thank you all for supporting this important ministry!

Care Packages and Packing Parties:

The Care Packages support the Caritas orphanage in Djibouti and military personnel. In the past we have raised money from the sale of craft items made by the children of Caritas, as well as jewelry. We have made donations in someone's honor at Christmas time in support of this ministry.

The Packing Parties are a quarterly activity that assemble the food items that we send to support the Caritas Orphanage. We will continue to collect Peanut Butter, Beans and pectin based chewable vitamins (*such as SmartyPants available at Costco*). We also bake cookies in May and November to include in the packages. We much appreciate your empty Pringle cans to store the cookies.

Uganda Orphanage:

As a result of our contributions the construction of the new orphanage is complete. We will be continuing to support this orphanage. A group of six, including Kevin and Shelly Mack are traveling to the orphanage in early 2020. There are also plans for the shipment and installation of a modular solar electrical generating system next year.

In June, we plan to have a rummage sale to support those activities.

Pedal-for-Protein:

This bicycle fundraiser happens in September each year. Money raised goes to supply food banks within our Presbytery. Our local food bank received a check for \$2,500 for 2017 & 2018!



Operation Christmas Child:

Last year was the twenty fifth year for this ministry. Shoeboxes with various items for children are collected in November of each year. The boxes have been shipped to Bosnia and the Dominican Republic to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to the children and their families.

Shoe Recycling:

There is a bin in the Narthex to collect shoes in good condition. The shoes are sent to a company that ships the shoes to 50 countries around the world. We are paid by the pound for the shoes. Thank you for your contributions.

Other Activities:

We also support NorCal Ministries, Target Truth Ministries, Student Ministries and Interfaith Lunches.

We have decided to 'table' the Pumpkinfest, Chili Cookoff, and Christmas Charity Faire this year to allow more time and energy to focus on our other ministries. As much as we want to 'do it all', we just are not able to!

**** May God be praised and the teaching of Jesus go forth in these ministries. ****

VIP Luncheon

**VIP on Wednesday,
February 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: Soup Buffet with French bread and cherry dessert in honor of George Washington
Program to be decided...



Spring is almost here...

Another Spring Tea is in the planning stages, so put on your spring bonnets and let's come up with some great ideas that will make this Tea our best yet!

Suggested date is Saturday, May 11, before Mother's Day, and the theme for our tea could be based on that, or Spring, or ??? 1-3 pm.

As before, we will need suggestions for entertainment; donations (sign-ups) for both cookies and for baskets. We'll need folks in the kitchen to brew the coffee and tea; servers; advertisement in local papers and posters; ladies to dress and set the tables with your gorgeous plates, cups, saucers, and teaspoons. Centerpieces too would be nice. How about hall decor? That's needed too. So many things to discuss and not too much time.

We have a number of suggestions regarding purpose: carpet replacement in Library; sound abatement in Cafe; carpet replacement in James Room, to name a few.

Can we meet after church Sunday, February 17th? Grab some snacks and coffee and we'll meet in the Library. Jaunita & Wilma, Co-Chairs.

Preparedness Training



The City of Ukiah is offering a training designed to build the skills and tools to keep you and your family safe and ready to respond to disasters.

Topics include: Emergency Alerts/Management, Community Resilience, Evacuation Planning, Decision Making in a Disaster, Neighborhood Safety, Communication Planning. Visit their website for more information: www.cityofukiah.com



2019 Per Capita Contribution

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

Per Capita 2019 General Fund: \$26.43

Per Capita 2019 Building Fund: \$ 5.00

TOTAL \$31.43 per member

Per capita is not mandated, but we are obligated to pay for all members. Therefore, we do 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.

What is Per Capita and why do we pay?

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

Session minutes: December 21, 2018

Pastor's Report: Officiated the wedding of Nik Perry and Gabriella Holl at FPCU; Juanita Coddington, Deacon and I served communion to shut-ins; performed a baptism at the First Presbyterian Church of Hollister.

Director of Youth/Families Report:

- **Youth Groups:** As many as 11 students have attended on any given night, and a third supervisor will need to be added if the number continues to grow. There will be no meetings between 12-24-18 and 1-7-19. The team is planning new "topics" series for each week and hoping to introduce guest interviews.
- **Hangout:** 12-19-18: Attendance including parents was about 30. Announced the need for parent volunteers. For the present time Hangout will continue meeting monthly. Hangout will not meet January 2019, but will start meeting again in February 2019.
- **Volunteer Meeting:** 12-9-18: Great attendance at the meeting. Went over rules, consequences, volunteer expectations, opportunities, etc.
- **Youth Group Christmas Party:** 12-14-18: The party was held at Roe and Kitty Sandelin's home. 11 students and 5 leaders attended. Everyone enjoyed the food, Calendar games, and white elephant present exchange. Some parents stayed after the party to socialize.
- **Upcoming Events and Activities:** A short 5 minute kid's Christmas pageant will be part of the Sunday morning worship service, 12-23-18. Plans are underway for a boy's game night and a girl's Galentine's Day Party. Work is beginning on planter boxes for the outside of the church. Initial thought/discussion is underway regarding a 30-hour famine activity.

As of December 31st, 2018		Total \$\$
Income	\$	248,223
Expenses	\$	233,270
Difference	\$	14,953
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds	\$	86,727
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	38,281
Total Balance in Checking	\$	125,007
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$
CD's	\$	44,375
Mutual Funds	\$	26,389
Other Savings	\$	65,041
Total Balance in Savings	\$	135,804
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account		
Mission Trip	\$	3,043
Missions	\$	1,235
Missions Fundraiser	\$	55
Centsability	\$	-
Shoes 4 You	\$	89
Pedal 4 Protein	\$	-
Per Capita	\$	-
Deacons	\$	4
Flowers	\$	-
General Memorial	\$	27,272
Camperships	\$	215
Buildings and Grounds	\$	-
Compassionate Ministries	\$	1,735
Singalong	\$	479
Senior Ministries	\$	-
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Youth Ministries	\$	-
Children's Ministries	\$	-
Childrens Playground	\$	3,876
Vacation Bible School	\$	-
Fellowship Meals	\$	274
Total	\$	38,281

SESSION DECISIONS / ACTION ITEMS

- 1/6 & 1/13 ordination and/or installation of new officers.
- Received 2017 Financial Review

RESOURCE COUNCIL

- **Finance:** Presented two reports to Session: 1) Income-Expense as of 11-31-18, indicating income was \$224,504 and expenses were \$213,379, leaving a surplus of \$11,125. 2) Full Calendar View of 2018 against 2018 Budget and 2018 Estimate, indicating that with the use of the 2016 surplus (\$15,000) income and expenses for 2018 will balance out \$260,384.

FAMILY / OUTREACH COUNCIL

- **Worship and Music:** City of Ukiah will not allow flashing/moving signs to be put up (example: Episcopal Church on Orchard St.). FPCU will continue with the banners. A plan has been developed to have a "Healing Service" at the end of the morning worship service, the first Sunday of the month beginning 1-6-19. All currently serving elders and past elders are encouraged to participate.

- **Missions:** The net amount from the Meals-to-Go fundraiser was \$2,300. The committee distributed the money to the following organizations: Nor Cal Christian Ministries, \$500; Target Truth Ministries, \$300; Ukiah Valley Christmas Effort, \$500; FPCU camperships/ scholarships, \$1,000.

Session minutes: December 30, 2018

PURPOSE: The purpose of the meeting was to instruct, examine, and approve Elders and Deacons, Class of 2021.

MSA to ordain / install as Elders and Deacons of FPCU, Class of 2010

- Alexis Moore and Mark Smith for Ruling Elders
- Betty Hook for Deacon.

The next Session meeting is February 21 @ 6pm.

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



January 13, 2019

Dear First Presbyterian Church, Ukiah

I want to thank you for the gift of wonderful warm hats, scarves and gloves. We are overwhelmed with blessings and I assure you we will get these items out to our guests right away, so they can stay as warm as possible in this cold, damp winter we are having.

Thank you so much for always thinking of us and the less fortunate in our community. We think of you warmly, as our partners, as we carry out the Great Commission in Ukiah.

Love and prayers,

Tony Huerta, Executive Director, Nor Cal Christian Ministries

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**** By the way ~ NCCM has enough clothing for now, but they can always use coffee, creamer, sugar, toilet paper and personal toiletries. Feel free to drop items in the tub under the table in the fellowship hall (near the entrance).**

Did we miss your birthday last month???

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



Happy Birthday!

2/2 Gay Sibley
2/3 Marge Moynahan
2/5 Cleda Erickson

2/13 Jeffrey Royle
2/15 Kris Guadagnoli
2/19 Kathy Smith

2/26 Shelly Mack
Joyce Sarber
Molly Schultz
John Schnare

Event Calendar ~ February



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
	5:00pm	SIPs Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Spanish AA; NAHOP
Wed. weekly	5:30pm	Youth Choir
	6:00pm	Worship Team
		Sr High Youth Group
Thurs. weekly	6:00pm	Spanish AA

...additional events for the month

2/2	8:00am	All Church work day	2/14	6:30pm	Scouts BSA
		Presbytery – San Anselmo	2/16	6:00pm	Galentines sleepover
2/3		Communion / Cents-ability offering	2/17	11:15am	Spring Tea meeting
2/5	10:30am	Worship Committee	2/18		President's Day Holiday – Office closed
2/6	5:30pm	Hangout Kids Club	2/19	noon	Family/Outreach Council
2/9	9:00am	Stitches from the Heart	2/20	11:30am	VIP Luncheon
	noon-7	private birthday party	2/21	6:00pm	Session
2/10	6:00pm	Young Adult bible study	2/22	7:00pm	Men's Poker / Women's Bunko
	11:15am	Missions Committee	2/27	1:30pm	PW bible study
2/13	1:30pm	PW bible study	2/28	12:30pm	ABC Program
2/14	Valentine's Day			5:30pm	Deacons
	12:30pm	ABC Program			

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

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