

# First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah

# 2019 Annual Report

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### **PASTOR**

Rev. David Rodriguez

### "God Did It AGAIN"

Will God do it again? At the beginning of each new year we tend to wonder what the Lord will be doing in our midst and we hope that He will take care of us again. Hebrews 13:8 tells us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." On the one hand we believe that. On the other hand, we still wonder, "But what about in 2020?"

So, let's reflect on what the Lord has done in our midst in 2019 and we'll see that God did it AGAIN.

The Lord provided for all of our financial needs and He even blessed us with more than we had expected. As a result, we have been able to not only pay all of our bills, we have carried over money into 2019. God did it AGAIN.

The Lord has blessed us with new members in 2019 and we will have a new members class at the start of 2020. God did it AGAIN.

The Lord has comforted us in our grief as several of our members went to their Heavenly home in 2019. God did it AGAIN.

The Lord has enabled us to show hospitality to the homeless, the suffering, and the lonely. God did it AGAIN.

Our ministries to children and young people are flourishing under the leadership of Alexis and her faithful ministry team. God did it AGAIN.

Our men's ministry, Bible studies, women's ministry, small groups, fellowship groups, and young adults' ministries are all thriving. God did it AGAIN.

The Lord has led us to reach beyond our church walls and show others His love during mission trips, support to orphans in Djibouti and Uganda, and community outreach events. God did it AGAIN.

In 2020, we will have more opportunities to celebrate God's never changing love as the world continues to change around us. In the midst of transition, the Holy Spirit will speak to the hearts of those who come and go, transforming lives.

People throughout our community are longing to experience the Lord's forgiveness, salvation, and life-changing transformation. You can enable this to happen by letting others know that God will do it AGAIN.

### **Youth & Family Ministries**

Alexis Moore

2019 was an amazing year here at First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah for our Youth and Family Ministries! Throughout the entire year, we have been keeping our students engaged in learning about God during out weekly ministries, Hangout (for K-5<sup>th</sup> graders), Youth Group (6-12<sup>th</sup> graders), Sunday School, the Nursery, and Donuts & Devotionals. Our teenagers have loved coming to our ministries so much, they've started stopping by just to hangout here, as if it is a place they can call home.

This year, we once again put on some of our annual events, like the community-wide Easter Egg Hunt, which drew over 150 parents and children to our church for egg-hunting and a complementary lunch. During the summertime, we held our weeklong Vacation Bible School for Pre-K through5<sup>th</sup> Graders, which went so well due to our amazing and dedicated volunteers! Our junior high and high school student leaders even stepped up to help out with VBS, and gained community service hours that they put towards earning camperships for attending Westminster Woods Camp later that summer. For a couple of them, it was their first time attending a Christian summer camp!

Later in the year, we brought back Trunk-or-Treat to FPCU for Halloween, which was a great outreach event open to all members of the Ukiah community! Many people stopped by and picked up fliers for our ministries, in addition to all the candy we were giving out. During Christmastime, we also held our annual Nativity Pageant, which featured our students of all ages, from babies to teenagers! We ended 2019 with our White Elephant Party, where our teens gathered together to celebrate the end to another wonderful year.

In addition to our regular events, we held a number of extra activities for our Youth Group kids. During our 30-Hour Famine sleepover, we created homemade goods for sale at church, and in total raised over \$1200 for World Vision to help feed hungry kids. We also held a Galentine's Day Sleepover to celebrate female friendship, and we started a Girl's Book Club over the summer, where we read *Redeeming Love*, by Francine Rivers, together! Toward the end of the summer, we went to Van Damme on a camping trip, where we went hiking through the redwoods and swimming in the Mendocino ocean. Our year has also been sprinkled with other events here and there, like movie nights, Costco scavenger hunts, and many, many games of Sardines!

During this year, 5 of our students got baptized. Many more heard about Jesus and how much He loves and cares for them. As I said above, our kids are beginning to feel like First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah is their home, and its congregation, their family members. They really enjoy being here and around all of our amazing volunteers. I am excited to see how they and our ministries continue to grow in 2020.

### **STATISTICS**

### Warren Pribyl, Clerk of Session

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

**ELDERS:** Shirley Lewis, Kevin DeVries, Roe Sandelin, Lenord Swope, Randy Beckler,

Alexis Moore, Mark Smith, Randy Huffman, Jerry Garcia

**DEACONS:** Myrinda Head, David Head, Cherie Alton, Betty Hook, Diane Yanez,

Sandra Applegate, Sharon Ruddick, Tom Desroches, Kim Huffman, Marie

Pera, Meredith Lintott, Juanita Coddington

NOMINATING: Randy Huffman (Elder, Chairman); Sandra Applegate (Deacon

representative); Congregational Representatives: Barbara

McLean, Jean Davis, Molly Schultz

**CORPORATE OFFICERS:** President, Kevin DeVries; Secretary, Lenord Swope;

Treasurer, Randy Beckler

### **CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS**

**MEMBERSHIP AS OF 12-31-19:** 144

**AVERAGE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE: 86** 

**DEATHS:** Former members who were very involved in the life of the church:

Elvina Pardini, Raylene Beyer, Pastor Emeritus Al Damon; and active nonmember of the congregation, Don Rones

### **DECISIONS BY SESSION**

- 3-21-19: Purchase of drum set the cost not to exceed \$2,000.
- 4-23-19: Presbytery of the Redwoods General Mission Fund Commitment for 2019, \$4,800.
- 5-16-19: Use curriculum published by "Group" for VBS ad Sunday School.
- 6-23-19: Approve use of facilities by the Salvation Army.
- 7-18-19: Increase compensation for the Children's Ministries Assistant position from \$12.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour.

# Resource Council

The Resource Council consists of the following committees:

Buildings & Grounds – Randy Beckler, Elder Finance – Kevin DeVries, Elder Nominating– Randy Huffman, Elder Personnel – Jerry Garcia, Elder

### **FINANCE**

### **Finance Committee Members:**

Kevin DeVries, Cindy DeVries (*Treasurer*), Pastor David, Denise Beckler (*Office Manager*)

Thank you all for your faithful giving to First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah. It is incredible the generosity of each one of you and our ability to share the love of Jesus Christ with each other, our community and the world. We thought going into 2019, we would need to use \$31K of our reserves to meet our anticipated expenses. However, we continue to meet our expenses through our giving, without having to go into our reserves.

Income	\$ 267,357
Expenses	\$ 259,243
Surplus	\$ 8,114

Additionally we had income of \$25,102 in Designated Funds. We spent nearly all of this on a variety of programs. However, there remains a balance of \$42K. In addition to our more than \$100K in checking, we also have an additional \$141K in savings. Please find below the recap of our financial position at December 31, 2019.

### 2019 Year End Balances:

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As of December 31st, 2019		Total \$\$					
Income	\$	267,357					
Expenses	\$	259,243					
Difference	\$	8,114					
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$					
Non-Designated Funds	\$	102,307					
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	42,472					
Total Balance in Checking	\$	144,779					
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$					
CD's	\$	44,479					
Mutual Funds	\$	27,941					
Other Savings	\$	68,994					
Total Balance in Savings	\$	141,414					
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account							
Missions	\$	851					
Mission Trip	\$	1,459					
Missions Fundraiser	\$	6,487					
Centsability	\$	-					
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	-					
Shoes 4 You	\$	-					
Pedals 4 Protein	\$	-					
Pass-Through	\$	-					
Per Capita	\$	-					
Deacons	\$	-					
Flowers	\$	-					
General Memorial	\$	28,583					
Buildings & Grounds	\$	57					
Compassionate Ministries	\$	2,866					
Pastor Appreciation	\$	-					
Adult Ministries	\$	3					
Singalong	\$	(628)					
Fellowship Meals	\$	77					
Youth Activities	\$	154					
Children's Activities	\$	-					
Children's Playground	\$	2,405					
Camperships	\$	160					
Total	\$	42,472					

**General Memorial Fund expenditures:** For 2019, a total of \$1104 was spent on the purchase of a drum kit for Worship & Music. There were no other expenditures from this Fund.

2020 Approved budget is at end of this report.

### **PERSONNEL**

2019 year end report: Seemed like a usual year where we mixed personnel with different talents, ideas, and aspirations who worked together in a collegial manner led by the Holy Spirit to lead us in worship while they served us passionately in our faith. Through the diligent work of our Office Manager/Director of Music Denise Beckler, Alexis Moore, Director of Youth and Family Ministries, and Senior Pastor David Rodriguez we have been blessed with more than a usual year! We look forward to continued harmony and trust in sharing and spreading the good news of the word of the Lord.

# Family & Outreach Council

The Family & Outreach Council consists of the following committees:

Christian Education – Roe Sandelin, Elder
Communications – Alexis Moore, Elder
Congregational Life / Fellowship – Lenord Swope, Elder
Missions – Mark Smith, Elder
Worship – Shirley Lewis, Elder

### **Christian Education**

The 2019 year for our Youth and Families Ministry was one of ups and downs and ups (we are quite positive here). Our Youth and Families Director, Alexis Moore, has settled in to her position very nicely. We have enjoyed good success in growing those attending our various activities. Our community garden activities, annual Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, Coast Camp Out, Westminster Woods Church Camp and annual Youth Christmas Party were fun and successful in sharing our love of God with younger people in the congregation and the community at large.

Alexis and I strongly agree there is important work to do in establishing a Youth Adults (late teens, 20's, 30's +) Bible Study/Social group. As we move forward, we have discovered many challenges. We continue to look for the best combination of schedule, child care, Bible lesson content, and the group social dynamics. This project is well worth the effort!

The young people in our grade 6 through 12 Youth Group bring amazing energy and amazing distractions to the equation. You would not believe just how much time and energy gets consumed in the management of electronic devices! Alexis is amazingly talented in managing and interacting with this group. Patience and a strong witness for the Lord are particularly powerful skills. A special "thank you" to Pam and John Schnare for their active participation, each week, in this program.

This past year we had limited success in filling the Ministry Assistant position. We were blessed with short term work stints by Julia Rodriguez and Whitney Garcia. Both made very positive contributions to our Youth and Families programs. Sadly, the position remains unfilled. This position is important. Please continue to pray that God bring us just the right person to fill it!

We have established the curriculum for a full year for our Sunday School classroom. This helps with continuity of lesson content and makes it easier for teachers to prepare each week. A special "thank you" to Debbie Holland, Chris Gordon, Patty Longstreth, Gayle Kline, George and Shannon Phelan, and Dory Haselswerdt for teaching our young children about God's love for them!

Looking forward to 2020, I appeal to each and every one of you to look for new ways to help out with our Youth and Families Ministry. Everything you do will be used by God for His purposes. What you do now will certainly make a positive difference for our FPCU Family in the future!

### **Communications**

This year, the Communications Meeting formed and took on the task of publicizing events and activities to the greater Ukiah community! We ran articles in the local Ukiah Daily Journal, such as our 30 Hour Famine article, about our Youth Group fundraiser earlier this year. We also announced our Vacation Bible School in the Journal as well, to get families who hadn't previously come to our events interested in our ministries.

We also took steps to increase our online presence, like creating options for our congregants to give online. There are now two apps available for tithing online, Tithe.ly and Givelify. The former has been a helpful tool for registering students for Youth Group events, and we hope it will make sign-ups for future church activities easier and more stream-lined.

In the New Year, we have big plans to redesign our website! We are excited to provide newcomers and our congregants with a website that is easy to navigate with a modern design. Hopefully this will encourage online giving and the updated appearance will channel more young people to our church family!

### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE / FELLOWSHIP**

Greetings for the New Year! Our congregation acts locally and globally with our efforts to comfort the troops with cookie shipments and nutrition packages to the orphanage in Djibouti. Additionally, our church had a moment for missions from Indigo Funk and took a special offering to support his mission.

In December we partook of soul food with the youth participating lighting one of the advent candles & their presentation of the Christmas Pageant. The congregation had an additional helping of soul food with the Christmas Sing-a-Long which I believe that many Ukiah Valley residents have come to view that event as part of their tradition. I know that is the viewpoint of the harpist, Anna Maria Mendieta. Food for the body was not neglected as the Harvest Dinner allowed us the opportunity to enjoy each other's company and great food as well.

Our Presbytery had the honor of installing Reverend John Carrick as Pastor of the Fort Bragg Congregation with Pastor David and Elder Lenord taking part of the installation service. Our congregation also demonstrated support for our former Interim Pastor, Reverend Daniel Christian when James & Ann Denham, Tom & Gayleen Desroches, Cleda & Teresa Erickson, Jean Davis, &

Lenord Swope celebrated Daniel's installation as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Novato.

Alexis did a wonderful job organizing our October 31<sup>st</sup> Trunk-or-Treat. Lots of children eagerly made the rounds of many nicely decorated vehicles. Forth those that watched Saturday Night Live in the 70s, we had our own sequel to Land Shark of SNL – Car Shark. The event brightened everybody's spirits after the PG&E grid shutdown.

Our church continues to welcome our neighbors with The Scouts, The Salvation Army, and other groups who enjoy using our facilities. Reverend Budke summed it up "Our congregation is a very hospitable congregation

### **MISSIONS**

The Missions Committee would like to thank you for your donations of time, talents, money and prayers. As a result of your continued support, we continue support of our various global, national and local ministries doing a lot of God's work. Here is a summary of our accomplishments in 2019.

**Cents-ability:** Your contributions to the first of the month offerings and when the cans were placed on the tables during potlucks generated \$515. These monies are used to support food banks throughout the Presbytery.

**Pedal-4-Protein:** Ride coordinator, Patty Sanders presented a Moment for Mission in August requesting our support for the annual bicycle ride that generates funds for use by the area food banks (like Cents-ability). You purchased \$851 of Patty's items that day, \$412 of which came back to FPCU for our local food bank.

**Care Packages:** We continued to collect, package and send peanut butter, beans and chewable vitamins to the Caritas Orphanage in Djibouti and cookies for our military troops stationed nearby.

**Uganda Orphanage:** As a result of our two Meals-2-Go and rummage sales, we were able to raise a little over \$6,000 that were earmarked for this ministry. We also carried over about \$3500 from last year for a total of \$9500 to support our efforts. The money will be used to support the orphanage and send Kevin & Shelly Mack to the orphanage in January, 2020 and Pastor David in February, 2020. In the past, our funds helped pay to construct the orphanage. This upcoming trip will be the second visit for Kevin and Shelly who, in addition to spending valuable time with the kids and Pastor John, will be focused on assessing how we can best support Pastor John and his work at the orphanage, going forward. This will be Pastor David's first trip. He will be spending time meeting with Pastor John and other local religious leaders and visiting the Embassy to assist Pastor John in securing a Visa to travel outside of Uganda.

**Operation Christmas Child:** In the past, our church was the collection center for this annual event in the Ukiah area. This year, a new location was established. Our members continue to support filling shoeboxes with gifts for the children.

**Sweat Equity Mission:** This year we embarked on this new endeavor. Volunteers spent time working with local young couples who are constructing new homes with their own labor. Next year, we plan to travel to Lake County to assist the Hope Crisis Resource Network in their efforts rebuilding damaged or lost homes from the fires that have devastated the area since 2015.

**Other Support:** Separate from the monies raised for the various activities listed above, we also raised \$4350 to support various other local faith-based individuals and organizations. These include: Peggy Arendt, Nor Cal Christian Ministries, One Great jour of Sharing, Target Truth Ministries, Student Ministries, The Alkare Foundation, Presbyterian Church (USA) and Interfaith Lunches. We also donated \$500 to the Senior Center for purchase of a new oven.

I would like to extend my personal **THANK YOU** to the Missions Committee Members: Jaunita Coddington, Shelly and Kevin Mack, Kitty Sandelin, Wilma Pribyl, Kathy Smith and Randy Beckler for their generous contribution of time and resources in support of our important work serving God.

### **WORSHIP**

The Worship Committee for 2019 consisted of Pastor David (partial year), Alexis Moore – Director of Youth and Family, Denise Beckler – Office Manager/Music Director, Sharon Ruddick, Ron Tysseling and Shirley Lewis, Elder.

This past year we have enjoyed in worshiping God by:

- The music of our Worship Team and guest musicians.
- In February we had a special service of communion and prayer on the first day of Lent.
- We celebrated Lent including Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday that included a traditional Seder meal, Good Friday Taizé/Tenebrae Service and Easter celebration of the resurrection. On Easter we were honored to witness baptisms and membership.
- We have been graced with several outside pastors/speakers and our own Alexis Moore, Dr. Kevin Mack, George Phelan, and David Head from the podium. People in our congregation have also stepped up as liturgists.
- We celebrated the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-long with a capacity crowd under the direction of Denise Beckler and Carole Hester. A wonderful and delightful afternoon of lifting our voices and music to God.
- We celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ with a Christmas Eve service at 5:30. The evening service was especially well attended with music, readings, sermon and candlelight.
- This year we welcomed Dan Williamson and Lucas Kobal to our worship team.
- The Committee is also thankful for the Worship Team who have led us joyfully in worship with readings and prayer as well as the beautiful and inspiring music they have shared with us. We are thankful for those in the sound booth for their dedication and expertise, and for Tom & Gayleen Desroches who have volunteered to keep the pew cards supplied and the sanctuary tidied up.

## **DEACONS**

### Myrinda Head, Moderator

In 2019, we worked together in these areas of ministry to the congregation and community:

- Hosting coffee hour each Sunday
- Preparing communion
- Coordinate greeters and ushers for Sunday services
- Send out cards and notes of sympathy, thinking of you, praying for you
- Visiting and serving communion with our shut-ins
- Providing prayer shawls, scarfs and hats to those in need and lap blankets for veterans through our Stitches from the Heart Ministry
- Keeping our kitchen stocked with supplies and cleaning and organizing the kitchen
- Organize, set up and clean up for memorial receptions
- Prepare and deliver meals on a short-term basis for those in the congregation in need due to illness, loss, etc.
- Coordinate and prepare Interfaith Lunches 4-5 weekends a year to the needy in our community
- Delivering Christmas flowers and Easter flowers to our shut-ins
- Help with set-up/clean-up for various potlucks throughout the year
- Prepare and serve soup for Maundy Thursday
- Set-up/clean-up for the community Christmas sing-a-long cookie/cider reception
- Representing Deacons on Nominating Committee.

### **Your 2019 Deacons:**

Cheri Alton Myrinda Head
Sandra Applegate Kim Huffman
Jaunita Coddington Meredith Lintott
Caroline Crowley Marie Pera
Tom Desroches Sharon Ruddick
David Head Diane Yanez

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# of Sundays	5			52			
# of payrolls	2			27			
		2019	2019	<b>2020</b> Final	2018		
	December	Actuals	Budget	Budget	Actuals		
GENERAL FUND INCOME				-			
surplus from 2017 and 2018		-	31,467	-			
Unrestricted contributions	29,657	262,356	240,000	250,000	242,116		
Building use	1,020	5,001	5,000	3,000	6,107		
TOTAL INCOME	30,677	267,357	276,467	253,000	248,223		
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PASTOR		_	_	_			
Salary	4,257	55,660	55,344	59,312	49,108		
BoP Benefits	2,294	27,526	27,526	28,378	24,895		
Study Allowance	-	1,226	1,200	1,200			
Prof/Travel Allowance	550	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,534		
SECA	414	5,410	5,384	5,556	4,670		
Subtotal	7,515	92,523	92,154	97,146	81,207		
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILIE	S	-	-	-			
Salary	<b>3</b> ,200	41,198	41,600	44,582	17,672		
Health Insurance	773	9,278	9,192	9,272	4,928		
Study Allowance	-	120	600	600	1,396		
Prof/Travel Allowance	78	704	1,000	1,000	194		
Payroll Taxes	76	704	3,328	3,567	134		
Subtotal	4,051	51,299	55,720	59,021	24,189		
3456641	4,031	31,233	33,720	33,021	24,103		
Office Mgr/Music Director	2,823	36,053	35,992	38,573	35,165		
Facilities Maintenance/Security	180	375	2,340	1,944	822		
Children's Ministry Leader	-	1,006	3,120	3,888	-		
Payroll Taxes	475	5,988	3,316	3,552	4,105		
OTHER PAID POSITIONS TOTAL	3,477	43,422	44,768	47,957	40,092		
ADMINISTRATIVE							
Newspaper/Advertising	-	539	514	514	539		
Cell Phones	115	1,782	1,440	1,440	1,943		
Copier Expenses	254	3,723	3,900	3,900	3,474		
Office Supplies/Postage	654	2,404	1,980	1,980	1,944		
Website	8	828	956	1,206	696		
Internet/Phone	148	1,757	1,560	1,560	1,435		
Tech Equipment	-	260	1,000	1,000	1,234		
Per Capita	1,021	2,757	3,444	3,444	2,697		
Admin/Bank Fees	-	773	285	285	360		
Leadership Training	42	204	100	100	349		
Memorials/Funerals	-	72	200	200	99		
Compassionate Ministries	-	-	200	200	-		
Recruitment & Miscellaneous	-	370	200	300	288		
Subtotal	2,243	15,467	15,779	16,129	15,058		
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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS							
Church Utilities and Waste	802	9,609	9,900	9,900	9,210		
Repairs & Maint - Church	1,280	2,437	2,000	2,000	22,827		

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		2019	2019	2020 Final	2018
	December	Actuals	Budget	Budget	Actuals
Manse Utilities	394	4,309	3,500	3,500	3,518
Repairs & Maint - Manse	-	930	1,000	1,000	206
Janitorial Supplies	90	638	750	<i>750</i>	693
Cleaning Service	660	8,415	8,500	8,500	8,535
Comprehensive Insurance	-	8,675	9,200	9,200	8,627
Subtotal	3,226	35,013	34,850	34,850	53,616
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MISSIONS		_	_	_	
World Missions	133	1,333	4,100	4,100	2,983
Local Missions	267	2,698	5,301	5,301	4,012
Interfaith lunches	-	117	750	750	443
Subtotal	400	4,148	10,151	10,151	7,438
DEACONS		-	-	_	
Coffee hour/Communion	16	983	2,000	2,000	870
Deacons Supplies	24	890	1,000	1,000	756
Fellowship Meals	-	-	300	300	-
Subtotal	40	1,873	3,300	3,300	1,626
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES		_			
Children's Education and Events	-	1,117	1,500	1,900	980
VBS	-	530	800	700	385
Youth Education and Events	20	1,298	2,000	2,020	1,009
Camperships	-	636	4,500	4,300	2,750
Subtotal	20	3,580	8,800	8,920	5,124
ADULT MINISTRIES					
Young Adults			-	500	
Adult Events and Education	-	17	200	200	66
Subtotal	-	17	200	700	66
WORSHIP		-	-		
Supplies	_	422	385	385	720
Worship Guests	1,143	7,132	7,410	12,900	2,498
Music		469	7,110	750	743
Worship Tech/Maintenance	165	3,652	1,000	4,820	816
Worship Events/Activities	225	225	1,200	1,200	76
Subtotal	1,533	11,900	10,745	20,055	4,853
Total Expenses	22,506	259,243	276,467	298,229	233,269
Total Expenses vs. Income	8.171	8.114	(0)	(45,229)	14,954
Total Expenses  Total Expenses vs. Income	22,506 8,171	8,114	(0)	(45,229)	