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The "I Am" Statements of Jesus

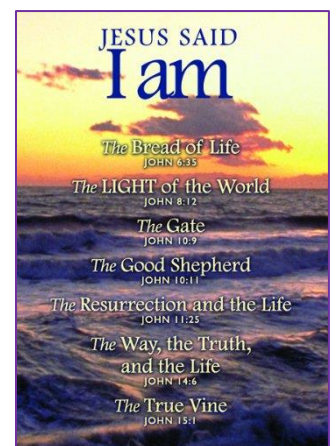


On Ash Wednesday, March 6th, Christians around the will begin celebrating the season of Lent. This is a 40-day season of preparation for the greatest holiday of all, Easter. For the next 40 days we have the opportunity to reflect on our need for God's forgiveness which He pours out to us from the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We also have the opportunity to reflect on the new life that God gives us through the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

During Lent we will be reflecting on the statements that Jesus made that started with the phrase, "I am..". I will be preaching on what Jesus meant when He said: "I am the living water", "I am the way the truth and the life", "I am the vine", I am the good shepherd", "Before Abraham was, I am", and "I am the resurrection."

Also this month, I will be offering New Members Classes, which 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.

I am looking forward to seeing what God will be doing in our lives as we spend time with Him during Lent.



In Christ ~ *Pastor David*

Happy March FPCU Families!



I hope everyone is able to stay warm and dry amidst all of the heavy rain we have been having!

This past month we had a number of joyful events and celebrations take place at First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah. All month long we have been learning about love in its various forms in **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). Our students took the 7-Day Self Love Challenge, in which they practiced looking for moments each day that brought them gratitude and joy. We have also been talking about how to love others and how to have better relationships that represent how God sees and loves us!

Last month, we also held our super special **GALENTINE'S DAY SLEEPOVER**, a time for our girls to celebrate female friendships! We bonded through nail painting, face masks, silly games, and eating yummy food. It was a great time for the middle and high school girls of FPCU to get to know each other better!

In early February, we also threw a **WORK PARTY**, where we got a bunch of projects completed around FPCU. From cleaning out the Junior High Room, to building our planters, to planting seeds for our garden, we had a great time improving our beautiful church! Our plants are even already growing, check them out in the Café the next time you are at church!

HANGOUT, our monthly program for Pre-k through 5th graders has also returned for the year! Hangout is held the first Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 7pm. Our next Hangout is March 6th, 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 & DEVOTIONALS** (a Bible study for grades 6-12) on Sunday mornings, as well as **YOUTH CHOIR** on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6pm. Please join us for these exciting ministries, and don't forget to check out our new wall of photographs in Bromley Hall to see memories from all of our past fun events!

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*

*Daylight Savings Time
begins Sunday, March 10th!*





We received many letters of thanks for all the generous contributions that were made from our various Missions Ministries. Here is a list of those grateful organizations and the amount that we contributed:

- Target Truth Ministries (Jail Ministry) \$300.00
- Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church, Adult Mission Trip \$500.00
- Nor Cal Christian Ministries \$1,200.00
- The Alkare Foundation, Orphanage's in Mexico and Africa \$500.00
- The Presbytery of the Redwoods, Hunger Task Force, Cents-Ability \$884.75
- Presbyterian Church (USA), Shared Mission Support \$333.76

We also received an email from Redwoods Presbytery that monies from Cents-Ability were used to feed a group of Marin County Coast Guard families who were not payed during the recent government shutdown.

Looking ahead, we have several Designated Fund Missions this year. Monies raised by these ministries are used for our various local and world-wide support activities.

We have set the first Meals-to-go fundraiser for Friday, April 5th. Tickets are now available for our delicious drive-by tri-tip meals that afternoon. Tickets are available from the office, Kitty Sandelin, Mark Smith, or Michele Young.

On Palm Sunday (April 14), we will have One Great Hour of Sharing. For over seventy years, Presbyterians have joined together in this ecumenical effort to share God's love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry, and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities. We will have special One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes in the pew racks for your convenience. This offering will be taken during communion.

On May 18, we will be having our first packing party of 2019 that assembles the food packages in support of the Caritas Orphanage and troops in Djibouti. Thanks for your ongoing support of this ministry by contributing Peanut Butter, Beans and pectin based chewable vitamins (*such as SmartyPants available at Costco*) for the orphans and homemade cookies for the troops. Now is the time to start baking and freezing cookies. We hope to deliver them by the 4th of July to show our appreciation to their service. If you don't have room in your freezer, bring them to the church and we will freeze and store them. We use Pringle's cans to ship the cookies, so any used cans are appreciated.

We have set Saturday June 8th for a rummage sale to support our Uganda orphanage mission trip. This mission trip is scheduled for January 2020. The orphanage building construction is completed. Planning is underway to assemble and ship a modular solar electrical generating system to the orphanage next year as well. Please start collecting your gently used clothing, shoes and other household items (small appliances, etc.) to support this rummage sale.

The bicycle fundraiser Pedal-for-Protein is scheduled to begin in Orick on September 21 and terminate in Santa Rosa on September 28. The money raised from this ministry goes to supply food banks within our Presbytery. Ride Director, Patty Sanders will be presenting a minute for mission in June. Given the route, we may be asked to house the riders for a night as we have in the past.

We have been so successful with these activities because of your generous contributions.
May God be and the teachings of Jesus go forth in these ministries.

VIP Luncheon

**VIP on Wednesday,
March 20th, 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: Potato Bar

Program: "Do You Know Your Potato"



Spring is just around the corner...

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!

The date is Saturday, May 11th, from 1 to 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.

Jaunita & Wilma, Co-Chairs.

Note from Finance Committee:

We are in line with our projection of income and expenses for January. We were expecting to have more expense in January than income, due to the fact that we had three payrolls in January. This happens twice a year, all other months are two payrolls.

Please don't forget to submit your per capita if you are a member. The \$31.43/member is not mandated but is something that we ask if each member can pay. Our church pays this for each member (regardless if we receive contributions for this) to the larger Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Session minutes: January 18, 2019

SESSION DECISIONS / ACTION ITEMS:

- 2-Board retreat: 2/23/2019

Pastor's Report: Conducted Memorial services: Teddi Jeannie Lawson, Barbara Steadman Rones; Philip David Moynahan.

Director of Youth/Families Report:

- **Youth Groups:** 5th-7th grade group (Monday) is presently meeting in the library due to logistic issues with Boys Scouts meeting at the same time in Bromley. A situation we will work around through June, then try to reevaluate the situation. 8th-12th grades continue to meet on Wednesdays. Roe and Alexis are developing new "topic series" for each month (Jan., New Year; Feb., Love; March, Earth Month; April, Easter), while at the same time scheduling monthly guest interviews.

- **Sunday Morning Nursery/Sunday School/Donuts and Devotionals:** All three phases seem to be running fairly smoothly.
- **1/3 Work Party** – 4 students assisted in cleaning up the Jr. High room and refrigerator. An initial idea put forward: convert the Junior High room into a Meditation/Worship space for church-wide use.
- **Youth Choir:** Initial practice was 1/16, with 6 youth attending. Practices will take place before youth group, 5:30-6:00 pm (Denise directing).
- **Hangout** starts up again 2-6-19, 5:30-7:00 pm. Leadership continues to be an issue.
- **Galentine's Day 2/16:** Sleepover for Youth Group girls grade 6-12, celebrating female friendships through fun and girly activities.
- **Youth Group Planters:** On a workday to be determined (2-2) the youth will assist in the building and filling

RESOURCE COUNCIL

- **Finance:** Presented three reports to Session: 1) Summary; 2) Income/expenses as of 12-31-18; 3)2018 budget; 4) 2019 budget. Together the reports showed that in 2018 income was \$248,223 while expenses were \$233,270, leaving a surplus

As of January 31st, 2018		Total \$\$
Income	\$	21,022
Expenses	\$	24,507
Difference	\$	(3,485)
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds	\$	90,052
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	39,156
Total Balance in Checking	\$	129,208
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$
CD's	\$	44,401
Mutual Funds	\$	25,229
Other Savings	\$	66,826
Total Balance in Savings	\$	136,457
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account		
Mission Trip	\$	3,043
Missions	\$	1,250
Missions Fundraiser	\$	76
Centsability	\$	83
Shoes 4 You	\$	89
Pedal 4 Protein	\$	-
Per Capita	\$	63
Deacons	\$	23
Flowers	\$	-
General Memorial	\$	28,087
Camperships	\$	215
Buildings and Grounds	\$	-
Compassionate Ministries	\$	1,569
Singalong	\$	479
Senior Ministries	\$	-
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Youth Ministries	\$	-
Children's Ministries	\$	40
Childrens Playground	\$	3,876
Vacation Bible School	\$	-
Fellowship Meals	\$	260
Total	\$	39,156

of \$14,953. The church did not have to use the 2017 surplus of \$15,384. The surplus on 1-1-19 is \$30,337.00. The budget for 2019 has an estimated income of \$245,00 and expenses of \$276,551, leaving a shortfall of \$31,551. The Session and committee, however, are “moving ahead in faith” that, with the new youth program developing, strong pastoral leadership, and involved and enthused congregation “growth” will flourish in 2019.

- **Buildings and Grounds:** Next meeting 1-31-19. The next workday 2-2-19.
- **Personnel:** There is an adjustment to David’s Term of Call that requires adding the budget plus the manse credit to equal the board of pensions plus SECA.

FAMILY / OUTREACH COUNCIL


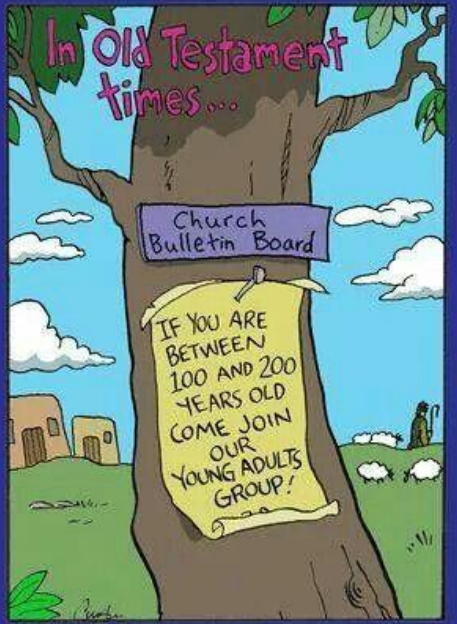
- **Worship and Music:** Will work with Buildings and Grounds on signage problem/project.
- **Christian Education:** Attempting to reach out to former leadership personnel to see if they will continue. 2-month planning sessions are being implemented. Work is underway to find an assistant for Alexis. “Break-fast” plans for a 30-hour famine on 4/27
- **Congregational Care / Fellowship:** Lenten lunches every Sunday in Lent will be planned.

Congregation Meeting minutes: January 20, 2019

- Cindy DeVries, treasurer, review the financial report, noting the positive surplus from 2018. Cindy also reviewed the 2019 approved budget noting the increase from 2018 resulting from increase in youth/family ministries (potential hire of Children’s Assistant), return of Pastor David, enlarging worship team (adding paid musicians); also noted availability of 2-year surplus and commitment-vision to church growth for the future.
- Congregation approved Pastor Terms of Call: 2% salary increase and additional \$1805 added to reduce telecommute days from 15 to 10 days, with benefits increased accordingly effective January 1, 2019.

The next Session meeting is March 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

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Update from Nor Cal Christian Ministries....



Dear FPCU Church Family,

THANK YOU so much for the warm knit hats and scarves. One of our volunteer families came and distributed them one cold morning during our time together as we shared a light breakfast and encouraging word. Our clients were so grateful to receive them. God bless you as we serve our Lord Jesus Christ together.



Save the Date!

Everyone mark your calendars and invite your friends to NCCM's 4th Annual Fundraiser Banquet to be held Saturday, April 6th, at 6:00 pm at Redwood Valley Community Church.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to get together with your brothers and sisters in Christ, have a great meal, and be able to serve the Lord by giving to this most worthy ministry.

For more information about hosting a table or to RSVP, please call Tony Huerta at (707) 481-8398 or you can email him at tony1203@comcast.net.

Redwood Valley Community Church
951 East School Way
in Redwood Valley

See you there!

YOU ARE INVITED

Nor Cal Christian Ministries
4th Annual Fundraising Banquet



Saturday April 6th 6:00 pm
Redwood Valley Community Church
951 East School Way Redwood Valley

Please contact Tony Huerta to RSVP!
(707) 481-8398 or Tony1203@comcast.net

~Adult only Affair~

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!

3/1 LaRee Rogers	3/7 James Denham	3/15 Sherry Budke
3/2 Wilma Pribyl	3/10 Carolyn Barrett	Joanne Lanz
3/3 Jim Barrett	Dory Haselswerdt	3/30 Bob Gernert
3/6 Jaden Haselswerdt	3/13 Jaden Gibson	3/31 Rusty Noe

Event Calendar ~ March



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

3/3	Communion / Cents-ability offering		3/19	11:30am	Family/Outreach Council
3/5	10:30am	Worship Committee	3/20	11:30am	VIP Luncheon
3/6	6:00pm	Ash Wednesday Taize'	3/21	6:00pm	Session
		Hangout / Youth Group	3/23	10:30am	Interfaith Lunches
3/7	5:30pm	Deacons		4:00pm	Ukiah Symphony rehearsal
3/9	9:00am	Stitches from the Heart	3/24	11:15am	Lenten Lunches
3/10	11:15am	Lenten Lunch			New Members Class
	6:00pm	Young Adult Group		12:00pm	Ukiah Symphony
3/12-17	Alexis Vacation			1:00pm	Interfaith Lunches
3/13	1:30pm	PW Bible Study	3/27	1:30pm	PW Bible Study
3/14	12:30pm	ABC Program	3/28	12:30pm	ABC Program
	6:30pm	Scouts BSA	3/29	7:00pm	Men's Poker/Women's Bunko
3/17	11:15am	Lenten Lunch	3/31	11:15am	Lenten Lunch
		New Members Class			New Members Class

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

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