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## THE PRESBEAT

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# Easter Blessings

A blessed Easter season to all of you! I am grateful that we get to share this next year together. My first weeks have been exciting as I get to know each of you, and the dynamic ministries that we are doing! Pastor David, Pastor Kelsey, Denise, Roe and Jaunita are welcoming, gracious and supportive as I meet church members and make pastoral visits. As a pastor, what I love about Easter is that it is about God breaking the silence. God breaks the silence and creates life where there is death!

God is no longer silent, but God speaks! It is true that God acted through creation and made known God's message through prophets. In spite of all of that, God still remained silent, full of mystery, invisible, hidden behind a MASK that was all that could be seen.

Then something happens, something unique, something that never happened before!

God TAKES OFF THE MASK; and speaks clearly and directly. This happened in Jesus of Nazareth; this happened on Easter. Jesus isn't the messenger, he is the message!

To better live into the life-saving power of Easter, we need to encounter the Gospels on their terms. A carpenter from Nazareth with an enormous following enters Jerusalem during Passover. Jesus of Nazareth loved the fisherman, tax collectors, Samaritans, prostitutes, the blind; said another way, he loved the people who were born in the cracks of society and then fell through.

We can take refuge and comfort with the Gospel writers not being caught up in "getting the story straight", as if it were a newspaper article. Especially at Easter. The resurrection of Jesus is not something that fits everyone at the same time, as if it were a one-size-fits-all experience. Nor does our understanding of resurrection come to us all at once, wrapped up in a nice package of doctrine with supporting evidence. The resurrection of Jesus reveals itself as we are open to grasping it and being grasped by it".

Have a joyous Easter my friends.

Rev. Daniel





**from the desk of  
Pastor Kelsey**

*I have kept in the back of my mind a calling to go back to school and get my Doctor of Ministry degree (or DMin). I have thought for some time now that I will do this in the distant future, but due to where I am in my ministry, as well as my personal life, it has become clear to me that the time is at hand. I asked for the Session's blessing, which they gave, and I applied to the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary for their DMin program. I found out a couple of weeks ago that I have been accepted!*

*This program is designed to be done while in full-time ministry in a local congregation. Most of the work is done online, but I will need to take some study time to go out to Dubuque, Iowa each May for a one week intensive. The program includes three years of study and then another year or two to write a dissertation.*

*The theme for this particular program is looking at church revitalization through missional living. This means we will spend a lot of time looking at how we can spread the good news of the gospel by ministering to our congregation and helping them reengage with the greater Ukiah community. As many of you know this is where my heart lies.*

*Part of this program includes forming a group of members of the congregation who will be my support and help me with advancing much of what we are learning here at our church. I am not sure exactly what this group needs to look like, but I will ask that if you feel called to be part of this group to please pray about that and keep your ears open for when the group will be formed down the road.*

*Along the same lines, please pray for myself as I embark on this new journey. Please pray for the church as we walk this new road together. Also, pray for my family and for this new chapter in our lives. I would love to answer any questions or talk with anyone who would like to know more, just let me know!*

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Kelsey*

# news from your SESSION

Session News *Finance*  
Randy Huffman, Elder

<b>First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah</b>	
<b>As of February 28, 2017</b>	<b>Total \$\$</b>
Income	\$42,927.00
Expenses	\$40,287.00
Difference	\$2,640.00
<b>Balance in Checking Account</b>	<b>Total \$\$</b>
Non-Designated Funds	\$62,285.26
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$41,273.43
<b>Total Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$103,558.69</b>
<b>Balance in Savings</b>	<b>Total \$\$</b>
CD's	\$44,237.22
Mutual Funds	\$23,682.74
Other Savings	\$52,646.08
<b>Total Balance in Savings</b>	<b>\$120,566.04</b>
<b>Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account</b>	
Missions	\$0.00
Hispanic Ministries	\$494.24
Hispanic MicroLoans	\$1,010.00
Mission Trip	\$3,043.45
Centsability	\$94.29
Per Capita	\$959.66
Deacons	\$72.52
Flowers	\$4.55
General Memorial	\$25,774.84
Camperships	\$1,258.00
Building and Grounds	\$200.00
Compassionate Ministries	\$971.02
Singalong	\$954.01
Senior Ministries	\$0.00
Adult Ministries	\$2.58
Youth Ministries	\$0.00
Children's Ministries	\$24.36
Childrens Playground	\$4,346.30
Vacation Bible School	\$0.00
Special Grants	\$1,933.33
Fellowship Meals	\$130.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,273.43</b>

# news from your **SESSION**

Session News *Missions*  
Michele Young, Elder

## Update and Activities



### CENTS-ABILITY REMINDER

Don't forget to bring your Cents-Ability offering to church on Sunday April 2nd. Remember money collected for this ministry is used to help feed the hungry in our area. Thank you for helping with your prayers and donations.

### MINUTE FOR MISSION - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

*"Is this not the fast I choose?"*

One great hour of sharing helps us answer God's call.

The Christian season of Lent is historically marked with fasting, a traditional practice of giving up food and devoting yourself to prayer. But this isn't the only type of fasting the Bible talks about. Isaiah 58 describes a new kind of fast, not to give up bread but to share it. Isaiah calls us to "loose the bonds of injustice," to "let the oppressed go free," to "share bread with the hungry" and to "invite the homeless poor into our homes." We are called to offer help to those in need and restoration to those who have been broken down. One way we answer this call is through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. Our gifts to this Offering helped "loose the bonds of injustice" for Olga Pedraza and others like her who received support in accessing a job after a prison sentence and beating drug addiction. Self-Development of People invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, and injustice, and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills. By investing in those like Olga who have reformed their lives after prison, we help reduce the number of people who end up back in prison. Our gifts helped alpaca farmers in Peru whose livelihoods were threatened by the poisoning of their water sources. What began as an apparent need for assistance with irrigation grew into a partnership between these farmers and the Presbyterian Hunger Program to support a host of environmental initiatives. Environmental degradation and climate change are primary threats to the world's hungry and vulnerable, and the Hunger Program's work is part of our response. Gifts to the Offering also rebuilt 40 apartments and houses destroyed during the Syrian civil war, so that those made homeless by its violence could return to a home of their own. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has provided essential support to refugees throughout this crisis, including education for refugee children, emergency supplies for refugees journeying to new lands, and assistance for US congregations receiving refugees into their communities. Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing will do much more than these few examples. They will join congregations all over the country as we seek to answer God's call and make a difference in the lives of many more people. As we respond through our sharing, Isaiah 58 also provides a promise. As we respond to injustice, feed those who are hungry, and provide places for those without homes, our "light will break forth," and we shall be called "repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in." Please give generously. Let us Pray: God, your call to us is both great and challenging. May the gifts we share bring justice and help to those in need, and may your light break forth in our lives and in the lives of those served through our shared ministry. Amen. We will take an exit offering on Palm Sunday, April, 9th. Please give prayerfully as you are led by God.

# AROUND THE CHURCH

## April Birthdays:

- 1 Ellen Chinn
- 3 Ty Yanez
- 6 Isaac Hedges
- 8 Chris Gordon
- 11 Sharon Ruddick
- 13 Allija Christensen  
Donnie Johnston
- 14 Erik Sanchez
- 16 Bob Budke
- 19 Len Brutocao  
Diane Yanez
- 21 David Longstreth
- 22 Barry Squires
- 25 Bradley Singleton
- 26 Eric Singleton
- 27 Desmond Snyder
- 29 Gayle DeVries

# VIPs

## LUNCHEON - APRIL 19

All those 70 and over!  
Please join us at  
the VIP Luncheon,  
**Wednesday, April 19th,**  
**at 11:30 am.**

We will feast on  
Quiche, Salad and  
Sherbet 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).

## All-Church Work Day - April 8



April 8 - Easter Egg hunt  
10:00am - McGarvey Park

April 9 - Palm Sunday - 10:00am  
*'Family-friendly' service with palm fronds*

April 13 - Maundy Thursday - 6:00pm  
*Soup supper and Communion/prayer service*

April 14 - Good Friday - 6:00pm  
*Taize' Service*

April 16 - Easter Sunday - 10:00am  
*Celebrate our Risen Lord!*

# NEWS from NorCal Christian Ministries

Today (March 28) we served 45 meals. That is the most meals we've served since we've been open. Our numbers are growing we are averaging 30 to 35 guest per morning. Pastor Gerry Burney has been faithfully bringing a message almost every morning we've been open. Gerry is doing a great job!! As you know we want to give a hand up not a handout.

Two of our guests have found employment through our morning program. Jennifer was referred to Prodigal Thrift and Glen Dye hired her. And "D" is not only a guest/volunteer for NCCM but he's been working part-time at Moirs pool and spa.

We are so grateful for Chris and Pam who have been preparing a home cooked meal every Thursday. They have truly been a blessing to all our guests.

We are also so grateful to you, and the Pres Church, for welcoming us and providing a place for this community to find food, fellowship, and the Word of God. Thanks be to God!

*...and a side note from the office:* Tony and his crew have helped in return by keeping an eye out for pests (ants, etc), water leaks, they take the garbage bins to the curb, and have been thorough and diligent in keeping our church clean. They have been grateful guests. Bless you Tony for your leadership in this ministry.



## CARE PACKAGES for the Troops Overseas

The Mission Committee is collecting items to be sent to our troops overseas. This will be an ongoing mission opportunity. Items needed are: *Microwavable popcorn, hard candies* (soft ones melt), *Girl Scout Cookies* (travel well because of packaging and are sooooo good), *Starbucks Coffee, inexpensive DVD's, phone cards and Otter Pops*. Microwaves and freezers are available on base. They also appreciate *cards* (Homemade or otherwise) saying praying for/ not forgotten / thinking of them. Also *donations to help with the shipping expenses* will be appreciated. If you have a family member serving overseas, please contact Wilma Pribyl with their name and address. Items (labeled "For Care Packages") can be dropped off in the tub in the Narthex any Sunday.





## MEALS TO GO FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars for *Friday, May 19th*

Tickets are now available for our annual "Meals to Go" Fundraiser. Our fundraiser this year will benefit our local mission projects such as NorCal Christian Ministries, Church Camperships, Target Truth Ministries and our Care package ministry for military personnel. The meals include BBQ tri-tip, baked potatoes, salad, rolls and dessert. Tickets can be purchased for 4 meals @ \$50 or 2 meals (half meals) for \$30. Tickets are on sale at the church office, or Sunday's after service in Bromley hall.

Contact the church office at 468-9235 if you have any questions.



It's officially Spring! Time to clean out your closets and send your gently-used shoes for ShoeBox Recycling!

### WE ACCEPT

Gently-Used, Athletic Shoes, Casual Shoes, Dress Shoes, Work Boots, Soccer Cleats, Sandals, Heels, Flats, Loafers

### WE CAN'T TAKE

Damaged, Single Shoes, Metal Spikes, Flip Flops/Plastic Shoes, Slippers, Dress Boots, Winter Boots, Skates

### HAPPY RECYCLING!

Our collection box is in the Narthex.

# KIDS & Youth



## westminster woods

It's already time for our kids to register for summer camp at Westminster Woods! We will be going the week of July 16-22. In preparation, we have asked the youth to each do five hours of community service in exchange for their camperships. So, if you have a need that our kids can serve, please let us know. Our campers are ages 6-14. Thanks for your support!

HERO



## VBS - *Hero Central* June 19-23

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School! VBS will be in the evenings June 19th-23rd. Our theme this year Hero Central! We will be looking at the super heroes of the Bible and exploring how God is calling us to use our super powers of love and faith. As usual, we need lots of help and lots of kids! If you are able to help with VBS, either the week of or for set up/clean up, please let Kelsey know. If you know any kids who would like an invitation, there will be some available in the office. We are looking forward to a wonderful week growing closer to God!



# NEWS & Thank Yous

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## 2nd Annual NorCal Christian Ministries Fundraising Banquet



**Saturday April 22nd 2017  
6:00 PM**

**Redwood Valley Community Church**

You are invited to join us for Nor Cal Christian Ministries Second Annual Fundraising Banquet. Our guest speaker will be Jeff Gilman, the Executive Director of Redwood Gospel Mission Santa Rosa.  
RSVP: [huerta4@comcast.net](mailto:huerta4@comcast.net) or (707) 485-7711

Our Mission Statement:

*'To transform the lives of the poor and homeless through God's love.'*

## Community Easter Egg Hunt

April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
McGarvey Park  
(Corner of Dora and Clay)

Kids 12 and younger are welcome to participate.  
A simple lunch will be provided at the Presbyterian Church down the street following the event.

Free Event ~ All are welcome ~ Rain or Shine  
Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church



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# NEWS & Thank Yous

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Missions Committee and Church Family,  
THANK YOU SO MUCH for supporting me on my World Service trip. Thank you for enabling me in my passions and encouraging me in my dreams. It means the world to me to have the church supporting me IN SUCH A HUGE WAY. I am so grateful and so honored by your generosity. I can't wait to tell you all about my trip and all the things I learned and all the ways I was inspired by my team!

THANK YOU!  
Love Kayla

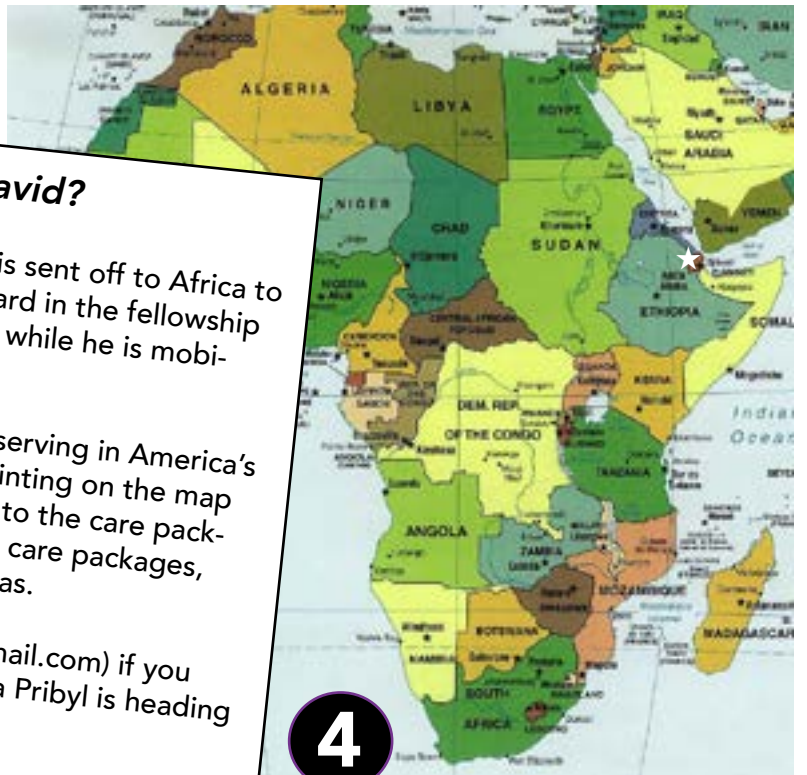
## Where In The World is Pastor David?

As Pastor David gets his head shaved and is sent off to Africa to actively serve in the US Navy, a bulletin board in the fellowship hall will be tracking his travels/assignments while he is mobilized.

We would also like to honor others actively serving in America's armed forces by posting a photo and pin-pointing on the map where they are stationed. This is in addition to the care package ministry that is up and running providing care packages, support and prayers for those serving overseas.

Please contact Shirley Lewis ([petewillrock@gmail.com](mailto:petewillrock@gmail.com)) if you would like to post a photo on the map. Wilma Pribyl is heading up the care package ministry.

God Bless Our Troops.



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# APRIL 2017

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>						
Kelsey on vacation April 17 -23			7:00 am NorCal Ministries - B  1:30 pm PW Bible Study -JR  5:30 pm Hangout 6:00 pm Worship Team	7:00 am NorCal Ministries - B  1:00 pm ABC Program  6:00 pm - AA - Cafe		2:00 pm Youth Game Day
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
PALM SUNDAY  10:00 am Worship Celebration - Sanctuary 11:00 am Lenten Lunch - BH  6:00 pm #SWAG - YR	9:00 am Church Staff Meeting 11:00 am Daniel Plan - L  5:30 pm Cub Scouts - B	7:00 am NorCal Ministries - B Men's Bible Study - L 8:30 am - Serendipity Bible Study - L 12:00 noon Family Council - L 5:00 pm SIPs - L 6:00 pm AA - Cafe Resource Council	7:00 am NorCal Ministries - B  11:30 am VIPs 1:30 pm PW Bible Study 5:30 pm Hangout - B 6:00 pm Worship Team	7:00 am NorCal Ministries - B  1:00 pm ABC Program  6:00 pm Maundy Thurs Dinner/Communion AA - Cafe	6:00 pm Taizé Service	10:00 am Interfaith Lunches
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