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Sermon Series
May 1-29:
***The Birth of
the Church***



Come to the Party

*On Sunday May 15 we will celebrate the birthday
of the Church-Pentecost. So, let's party!*

Pentecost was originally an Old Testament holiday called Shavuot or Festival of Weeks in Exodus 34:22 and Deuteronomy 16:10. The holiday commemorates the giving of the Law on Mt Sinai, 50 days following the first Passover and liberation of the Hebrews from Egypt. All Jews were required to gather in Jerusalem to celebrate this holiday, just as they were required to come to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover each year.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified during the Passover celebration. When He rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, Jews from all over the world were still gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost 50 days later. When the day arrived, God poured out the Holy Spirit on all followers of Jesus. And the Church was born.

So, let's celebrate! Let's invite our friends and family to join us in worship! Exciting things always happen on Pentecost, just look at what happened in the second chapter of the New Testament book of Acts.

*In Christ,
Pastor David*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4

EATING *with the* WORLD



VIP LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 11:30AM

Program:

Come hear a former New Yorker, Cathy Rodriguez (Pastor David's wife), tell of her "camino" through Spain.

Menu: Paella with green salad and crusty bread, Almond cake for dessert

Please call the church office, 468-9235, to let us know if you are coming and if you need a ride. Enjoy!



- 2 Riley Haselwerdt
- 3 Glenn Logan
- 10 Teresa Erickson
- 16 June Jacobs
- 17 Bill Davies
- Winnie Edgar
- Jack Nichols
- Roe Sandelin
- 22 Graciela Delgado
- 23 Linda Simmons
- Evelyn Wise
- 25 Francine Selim
- 28 Ann Denham
- 31 Robert Huff

Financial Update

First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah
Financial Summary as of 3-31-2016

As of March 31, 2016	Total \$\$
Income	\$ 179,621.00
Expenses	\$ 171,164.00
Difference	\$ 8,457.00

Balance in Checking Account	Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds	\$ 29,522.48
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$ 36,580.01
Total Balance in Checking	\$ 66,102.49

Balance in Savings	Total \$\$
CD's	\$ 44,015.68
Mutual Funds	\$ 22,702.06
One Time Special Gift in 2014	\$ 43,679.32
Total Balance in Savings	\$ 110,397.06

Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account

Missions	\$ 4,305.54
Hispanic Ministries	\$ 1,084.24
Hispanic MicroLoans	\$ 1,010.00
Mission Trip	\$ 1,517.86
Per Capita	\$ 60.00
Flowers	\$ 4.55
Deacons	\$ 0.30
General Memorial	\$ 22,494.84
Camperships	\$ 350.00
Building and Grounds	\$ 5.00
Compassionate Ministries	\$ 1,028.30
Senior Ministries	\$ 144.72
Youth Ministries	\$ 0.00
Children's Ministries	\$ 22.69
Vacation Bible School	\$ 28.42
Childrens Playground	\$ 4,443.50
PNC/Recruitment	\$ 0.00
Fellowship Meals	\$ 80.05
Total	\$ 36,580.01

A Sabbatical Thought

by Kelsey Ingalls

The church has given me twelve weeks during the summer of 2017 to take a sabbatical. I recently received a copy of a newsletter article written by a colleague of mine in the ministry. This article was very well written and I would like to share parts of it with you. I think the author does a wonderful job of explaining why it is important for pastors to take a Sabbatical.

“God blessed the seventh day and make it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation” – Genesis 2:3

Why did God rest? Walter Brueggemann would affirm that it was not because God was tired out, burned out, or fresh out of creative ideas. God rested because unlike other gods in our lives that demand incessant production and insatiable consumption, YHWH has a “divine commitment to relationship (covenant) rather than commodity [production]... That divine rest on the seventh day of creation has made clear (a) that YHWH is not a workaholic, (b) that YHWH is not anxious about the full functioning of creation, and (c) that the well-being of creation does not depend on endless work.”

Why am I taking sabbatical leave June-August 2016? Because: a) I am (trying) not (to be) a workaholic, (b) I am (learning to) not (be) anxious about the church being any less without me, and (c) the well-being of this wonderful congregation does not depend on my 24/7/365 presence. In that respect, sabbatical leave is an act of trust in my colleagues (ruling elders, teaching elders, and staff). It is also an opportunity for which I am deeply thankful to this congregation; the offer of sabbatical leave is just one of the many ways you show how much you value my ministry with you...

If you have any questions about my sabbatical leave, please don't hesitate to ask. I am looking forward to this time and would love to talk about it and share plans as the time gets closer. I am not sure what we will be doing next summer, but as plans are made you will hear all about it. Thank you for allowing me this time to rest, find a slower pace for life, and be with family.

MISSION News

UPDATES on our Mission Partners

> **Meals to go Fundraiser for Mission Trip:** With all expenses paid our total funds raised are: \$9,161.20!! Donations are still being accepted and appreciated. Our team is now focusing on the logistics of our stay and preparing for the work at hand. **THANK YOU** to all who are supporting us with your prayers, donations and hard work – we are excited to have this opportunity to work together to the Glory of God.

> **Nor Cal Ministries** day-shelter update: On Saturday, April 23rd a group of us from the church attended a Fundraiser dinner. We learned in more detail what the immediate and long-term needs will be to get the shelter up and running. They have secured a place for the shelter and are now taking their vision to the next step. Our Mission Committee donated \$500 as a one-time donation for start-up expenses and together with the Session are discussing our long-term support of this mission. If you would like to get involved and have a heart for the homeless in our community, contact them at norcalchristianministries.org, they would love to put you to work!

> **One Great Hour of Sharing:** Don't forget our OGHS offering will be collected on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th – Bring your fish banks (or checks) to church and let's join together with joy and thanksgiving to share our blessings with all those in need.

Save the date:

> **Chili Cook-Off** - Get your recipes ready – for the upcoming Chili Cook-off on **September 9th**. Our in house Chili Cook-Off will be held on Sunday, **August 28th**.

> **Petal for Protein:** On Sunday, **September 18th** our church will have the pleasure of hosting the Presbytery's bicyclists on their first stop in their five-day ride from Mendocino to Rockville. We will provide a refreshing snack, dinner and overnight accommodations (volunteers?) with a nutritious breakfast to help them with the ride ahead! Last year the coming together of 23 cyclists, friends and congregations throughout the Presbytery of the Redwoods to help struggling grass root food pantries, to provide enough protein based food for hungry people. At the end of the seven day, 429 mile ride, congregations, riders, families and friends raised \$33,643. Grants to eight food banks in our Presbytery totaled \$28,643 with 1,000 going to The Homeless Garden Project in Santa Cruz and \$5,000 donated to Valley Fire Relief in Lake County.

Childcare Worldwide®

Empowering Children in the Developing World

FPCU to Host Ugandan Kids Choir July 27

SAVE THIS DATE: On **July 27, 2016, 6:00 p.m.** we will be hosting The Ugandan Kids Choir, through Childcare Worldwide. If you did not get an opportunity to see the performances last year, you do not want to miss this one. The children who participate in this choir will delight you with their high-energy performance and infectious joy. They bring a message of hope—sharing the power of God's love through traditional music and dance.

The choir is made up of 10 sponsored children who come from the poorest parts of Uganda. The children are chosen for their enthusiasm, ability, and dedication—all of which make them potential leaders when they return to their communities.

They are eager to perform for you, and provide you an opportunity to help poor children in Africa and put an end to poverty, hunger and corruption.

Watch for more details as we get closer to their arrival.

May 2016

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	5	6	7
10:00 am Worship Celebration - Sanctuary 11:00 am Coffee & Birthday Celebration - BH 1:00 pm Preparing Interfaith Lunches 6:00 pm #SWAG -	9:00 am Church Staff Meeting 10:30 am Multiplicity - J 6:00 pm Cub Scouts - B	7:00 am Men's Bible Study - L 8:30 am Serendipity Bible Study - L 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Lifeline Screening 10:30 am Multiplicity - JR 5:00 pm SIPs Bible Study - L 6:00 pm AA - Cafe	10:30 am Multiplicity - JR 6:00 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm Bible Study w/David - L	10:00 am Precepts Bible Study - L 10:30 am Multiplicity - JR 6:00 pm - AA	10:30 am Multiplicity - JR	
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MOTHER'S DAY 10:00 am Worship Celebration - Sanctuary 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship - BH	9:00 am Church Staff Meeting 10:30 am Multiplicity - J 1:00 Worship Committee 6:00 pm Cub Scouts - B	7:00 am Men's Bible Study - L 8:30 am Serendipity Bible Study - L 10:30 am Multiplicity - JR 5:00 pm SIPs Bible Study - L 6:00 pm AA - Cafe Resource Council	10:30 am Multiplicity - JR 6:00 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm Bible Study w/David - L	10:00 am Precepts Bible Study - L 10:30 am Multiplicity - JR 6:00 pm - AA Boyscouts - BH	10:30 am Multiplicity - JR 1:30 pm PW Bible Study -JR	9:00 am Stitches from the Heart - L
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
PENTECOST SUNDAY 10:00 am Worship Celebration - Sanctuary 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship - BH 6:00 pm #SWAG - YR	9:00 am Church Staff Meeting 10:30 am Multiplicity - JR 1:00 pm Worship Committee 6:00 pm Cub Scouts - B	7:00 am Men's Bible Study - L 8:30 am - Serendipity Bible Study - L 10:30 am Multiplicity - JR 12:00 Family Council - L 6:00 pm AA - Cafe	10:30 am Multiplicity - JR 6:00 pm Worship Team	10:00 am Precepts Bible Study - L 10:30 am Multiplicity - JR 6:00 pm Session - L AA - Cafe Boy Scouts - BH	10:30 am Multiplicity - JR	12 noon SWAG lunch/pool party
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Mark your calendars for May 22nd



Summer Camp Bake Sale



We are thrilled to announce 11 of our children will be attending camp this summer!

In preparation for this adventure, the campers and their parents will be hosting a bake sale on May 22nd following the worship service.

Westminster Woods is a place where our kids can feel the presence of God in their surroundings, get to know other Christian children, and experience Bible study and worship songs without the distractions that often pop up in their daily lives.

As you can see from the details below, summer camp can be expensive, especially if you are sending siblings. Your support will help send these kids to camp!

Camp Costs:

Westminster Woods' Tiered Rate Program: Recognizing that families have different abilities to pay for camp, Westminster Woods has instituted a voluntary three-tier fee program. It is a 'free will' system; you choose the level that is comfortable and affordable for your family. All campers receive the same amazing experience regardless of the amount paid.

Tier I is our subsidized rate and does not reflect the full cost of operating summer camp programs ~ \$450 for a full week

Tier II is our partially subsidized fee for those who choose to pay a little more to cover camp costs ~ \$500 full week

Tier III more closely reflects the actual cost of camp, including the cost of maintaining our beautiful facility ~ \$550 full week



Building Life on the Rock of Jesus!

VBS is August 1-5 from 5:30-7:30 in the evening (dinner provided). The ages are 3-years-old through 5th grade.

Register online at: <http://goo.gl/forms/IU1SAqO8Xs>

Or

Email or Call Kelsey or Dory to enter info manually

Kelsey@fpcukiah.org 391-0021 or dhaselswerdt@yahoo.com 272-3918

Volunteers!

We have several gracious volunteers so far, so thank you abundantly to those who have committed your time to this ministry!

Our usual head count for VBS is around 50 kids! So....we still need more volunteers for the following opportunities:

Block Groups: Lead a small group of kids from one activity to another

Praise Team: Music leaders for the opening and closing portions of the evening

Space Missions Pad: Assist and encourage kids with their craft projects

Pirate Park Games: We are in need of both a leader and assistant(s) for this activity

Decorations: Preparing (anytime prior to VBS) and Setup (Sunday, July 31st)

#SWAG kids are totally welcome & encouraged to sign up as volunteers!!