



# Presbeat



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## *Resurrection Appearances of Jesus, Part 2*

*Jesus is alive! And Jesus is transforming us into the people He created us to be.*



This Easter season we have seen some of the amazing ways in which Jesus is giving new life to His people. For example, 14 people have committed to becoming new members of the congregation. We have also seen 4 people baptized.

Before I was mobilized and deployed by the US Navy to serve as a Navy chaplain in Djibouti, I preached a series of sermons on some of the Resurrection appearances of Jesus in the Bible. We looked at how Jesus showed Himself alive to Mary Magdalene (John 20:1-18), to the disciples (John 20:19-29), to some of His followers in the town of Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), and then to over 500 people at one time (I Corinthians 15:1-11).

In the coming weeks I'll preach another series of sermons on some more Resurrection appearances in the Bible. Jesus also showed Himself to His brother James (I Corinthians 15:1-11), to Stephen (Acts 7:54-8:3), and to Paul (Acts 9:1-19).

Please look up these passages of Scripture in the Bible and prayerfully reflect on them. The Men's Bible Study is working through the Book of Acts, so we'll be studying about how the Lord appeared to Stephen and Paul. *(About nine men meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 am which is phenomenal. Presbyterians typically don't believe in God until after 8:30 am.)*

*Jesus is alive and He's transforming us into the people He created us to be.* I encourage you to look for the presence of the Resurrected Lord in your own lives. You will see Him as well.

In Christ ~ *Pastor David*

# Happy Spring FPCU Families!



I hope everyone had a joyful Holy Week and Easter Celebration!

Here at First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah, we spent the Easter season rejoicing together through soup lunches, an exciting Easter Egg Hunt, and even **BAPTISMS!** That's right, **FOUR** members of our church family were baptized Easter Sunday, including a young baby and three students from our youth programs. What a cause for celebration!!!



Our Easter service was full of families happy to be here joining us in worship. Many of them came to our **EASTER EGG HUNT**, where we hosted over 150 people for the event, many who joined us in a special lunch in Bromley Hall afterwards.

We also held our fundraiser for World Vision at the end of April, in which our youth encouraged one another to fast from food for 30 hours to learn more about world hunger. At the end of our fast, we had a wonderful church-wide potluck and bake sale, filled with lots of yummy food!



As we look forward to the month of May, we will continue to hold **YOUTH GROUP** on Monday 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 will also be holding **HANGOUT**, our monthly program for Pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Hangout is held the first Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 7pm. Our next Hangout is May 1st, 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 stop by and see how well our plants are growing in our new Youth Group garden!

For more information about Children and Family Programs, contact me at 707-391-9460 or [alexis@fpcukiah.org](mailto: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*

## We're sending out an S.O.S. ~ Elder Roe Sandelin

In a nostalgic moment one evening last week I was watching a documentary on the Swedish music group ABBA. One of songs that played was titled SOS. A part of the lyrics, **“When you're gone, how can I even try to go on?”** made me think about our Youth and Families program. “What?” you say.

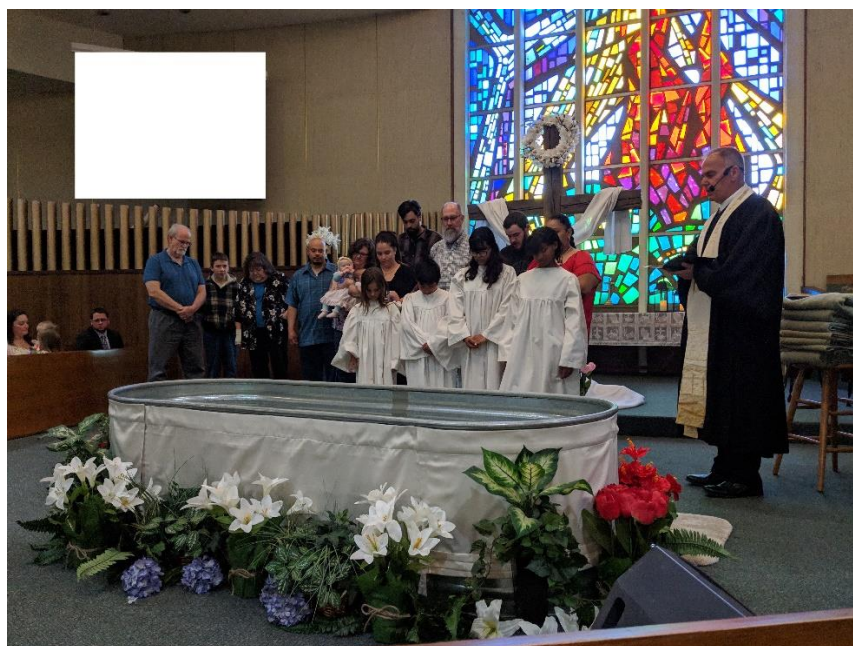
Let me explain.

First, the title: SOS. These three letters stand for the internationally known expression SAVE OUR SOULS. Immediate help is needed! Back to the lyrics. The song is expressing worry because someone very close is missing.

- During our Sunday Worship Service have you noticed the increasing number of kids coming forward for the children's message with Alexis? Our Youth Program is growing! This is very good.
- Did you notice on Easter morning there were members of two new families getting baptized? This is very good.
- Other families have chosen to return to our congregation after a time of absence. This is very good.

The point of this bit of rambling is simple. Our Youth and Families Program is growing and it needs help, immediately and on-going. Alexis has some very good help with current programs, AND much more is needed!

It has long been an expressed desire of our congregation to reach out to young families, to grow our numbers, to bring God's love to our community. Please consider investing your time in this saving work. God offers an amazing reward when you do so.



(Receiving new members and baptisms ~ Easter Sunday)

# Missions-Elder Mark Smith

We continue to receive letters of thanks for our contributions. This month, we received a note from Ukiah Valley Christmas Effort thanking us for the \$500 donation that we made.

Thank you for your donations for One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday. We received \$350. Monies raised by OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world. The three ministries that they support are:

## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

- Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees.
- Receives 32% of funds raised.

## **PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM**

- Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
- Receives 36% of funds raised.

## **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**

- Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.
- Receives 32% of funds raised.



The Missions Committee Team (as well as many others) have been busy working on our various ministries. We had a very successful Meals-to-Go fundraiser and were able to raise \$2800. I'd like to identify and thank all who helped. Kitty & Roe, Wilma, Tom & Gayleen, Michele, Jerry, Shirley and Kathy worked on food preparation. Len, Kevin D., Jerry and Roe took care of the meat prep. (*Editor's note: we sold 36 full and 64 half meals!*) Kathy and I sold five tickets to folks outside the church, who had not had the meals before and we got rave reviews. We'll do it again this fall.

Thanks to your Cents-Ability offerings in the baskets and at the Lenten Lunches, we have raised \$320 so far this year!

On May 5, Shelly Mack will be presenting a Minute-for-Missions to discuss our support of the Uganda Orphanage and update us on the mission trip scheduled for next January. In support of this ministry, we will begin collecting your "gently used" household items (furniture, appliances, etc.) shoes and clothing. These items will be sold at a rummage sale on June 8 to raise funds for the January mission trip.

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9 AM, we will be working on the first Packing Party of the year getting the food packages assembled for the Caritas Orphanage as well as the troops in Djibouti. Thanks for your ongoing support of this ministry by donating peanut butter, beans and pectin based chewable vitamins for the children and cookies for the troops.

May God and the teachings of Jesus go forth in these ministries.

## *Celebrations of the Resurrection, Baptism and Church Membership.*

We were blessed during Holy Week by God's presence during the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Then came the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday by scripture, song, sermon and the baptism of one infant, reaffirmation of baptism by full immersion of one of our youth, and baptism by immersion of four of our youth. We were blessed to welcome fourteen new members to our congregation. We anticipate baptisms and the welcoming of additional members this year. To God be the Glory – Amen.



### *VIP Luncheon*

**VIP on Wednesday,  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30am – 1:00 pm**

All those **VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE** age 70 and over  
Are invited to a luncheon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month

*Menu: “last before summer BBQ”  
Hot dogs with all the trimmings & dessert  
Program: TBA*



The **Spring Tea** has been changed to our first-ever Autumn Tea, **OCTOBER 5!** Mark your calendars now for this fun event. We'll have a planning meeting following worship on Sunday, September 8 for more planning and great ideas.

Think early Fall; autumnal colors; new ideas for savories and cookies; entertainment -- what would you like?

Share your ideas; we'd love to hear them!

Jaunita & Wilma



## “HE JUST KEEPS GOIN’...”

See what former Pastor Larry Ballenger is up to... read about his update on his and Judy’s life and his new call at Arcadia Community Church: “He Just Keeps Goin’...”

<https://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/2019/04/11/looking-about-in-mendocino-county-2/>

# FOR RENT

If you have a room, granny unit, or apartment for rent,  
there is an 89-year-old man who is  
interested in being a renter.

Please let the church office know by calling:  
(707) 468-9235.

# Introducing our new Communications Committee...

**Members:** Alexis Moore (Elder & Chair), Perry Crowley (Website Admin), Denise Beckler (Office Manager/Presbeat Editor), Carole Hester, Celeste Bracewell. We are still 'forming' the job description and goals of this committee, but our hope is to improve communication and information-sharing within our church and throughout our community.



Early bird registration is open for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pedal for Protein rides.

Click on our new website for links for information, registration, and donations. A huge thanks to Christie West for creating our new [Pedal for Protein](#) website.

Let's ride! Early registration discount right now thru May 5 for the 7 day ride! Registration also open for one day rides in Humboldt and Santa Rosa.



**Enrolling for Fall 2019**  
Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Before and After School  
Childcare Available

- Small class sizes
- Christ-centered academic education
- Music, Spanish and Computer instruction
- Tuition credits available

**Call to arrange a visit**  
**(707) 485-8778**

8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley – across from Broiler Steakhouse  
<http://www.deepvalleychristianschool.org>



Deep Valley Christian Education Center



**GOLF**  
*TOURNAMENT*

BENEFIT FOR



at

**Brooktrails Golf Course**

24860 Birch St, Willits, CA 95490

**Saturday, May 11, 2019**

**8 a.m. – Registration**

**9 a.m. – Tournament Begins**

**Four-Person Scramble**

**Shotgun Start**

**Price: Players - \$40 (non– BGC member)**

**\$25--(BGC member)**

**includes green fees, lunch, drink ticket**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> cash prizes**

**Putting Contest Available**

**Closest to Pin Contest Available**

**Baby Pool Target Contest**

for information and to pre-register for tournament  
contact Donna Rice at (707) 459-2752 or Tom Peters at (707) 367-5747







For the first time in history, John Bunyan's epic masterpiece, hits the big screen! Journey with Christian as he travels from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. Experience the friends and foes he meets along the way and the ultimate choice he must make to reach the King.

**This movie will be shown in its entirety at FPCU on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm.**

**It's free to everyone, with a free-will offering at the end.**

*About the Story ...*

Based on John Bunyan's epic masterpiece, **THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS** is one of the most popular books of all time, and one of the most important stories of our faith! Second to the Bible in total copies and translations, the story was written by John Bunyan a pastor, imprisoned for sharing his faith.

This powerful allegory helps families understand the spiritual journey is the most important journey in life, as well as the importance of sticking to the path, even when the journey gets difficult. See more about the film at [www.pilgrims.movie](http://www.pilgrims.movie)



**SUPPORT THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS AND RECEIVE A FREE IBOOK BASED ON THE MOVIE!**

Dear Friends,

When you make a donation in support of The Pilgrim's Progress you are helping launch the film to the global missions' community. We anticipate *The Pilgrim's Progress* will soon become the second most watched film on the mission field (second only to The Jesus Film).

Your support will be used in the translation and distribution of the film to ministries and missionaries around the world. Translations have begun and we have a goal of 100 key languages that will reach 90%+ of the world's population (1st and 2nd languages).

Our commitment remains, The Pilgrim's Progress is ALWAYS free to the missionary. When you make a donation, I invite you to accept my free gift of our new Pilgrim's Progress Interactive Book, based on the movie. I trust this will inspire your family on the straight path.

# Nor Cal Christian Ministries...

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PO Box 1502 Ukiah, CA 95482  
(707) 481-8398

## Local organizations making a difference

Adventist Health Ukiah Valley Street Medicine program continues its partnership with Bombas Socks to distribute specially designed socks to homeless and at-risk populations. This is the second delivery to Mendocino County which included over 3,500 pairs of socks ranging in size from youth to adult.



Pictured here are Bombas socks recipients **Tony Huerta** with Nor Cal Christian Ministries and **Brady Nord** of the Mendocino County Office of Education.

*(Editor's note: some of you may remember Brady Nord – he was our Summer Youth Intern in 2009. Blessings to both Tony and Brady for the work you are doing in our community!)*



## Connections *Community Prayer Time*

Consider joining us once a month for our Connections Community Prayer Time, a time when the Body of Christ gets together to pray for our community and to seek ways to introduce Jesus Christ to those who have not heard the good news of the gospel.

- **When:** 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - second Thursday of every month
- **Where:** Center for Hope, 150 Luce Avenue, Ukiah
- **Who:** The Body of Christ (non-denominational)

Come join us as we pray, and together we will see how God transforms the Ukiah Valley!

## NCCM Volunteer Opportunities

- Serving breakfast
- Clothing closet
- Talking with guests, listening, mentoring
- Office work
- Mobile ministry

*... and many more. Call today to find out how you can be involved! (707) 481-8398*



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### **Project Sanctuary's Crisis Counselor Training**

Project Sanctuary is accepting applications for our annual domestic violence and sexual assault crisis counselor training. Training begins June 6, 2019 and is one evening a week and two Saturdays, completing Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, in Ukiah office.

#### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO:**

- Answer crisis calls from home when the office is closed
- Assist clients and staff during office hours
- Promote awareness through community outreach

Visit [www.projectsanctuary.org/volunteer](http://www.projectsanctuary.org/volunteer) to download an application.

Contact Mary at 462.9196 for Ukiah

Contact Vicki at 961.1507 for Fort Bragg



**PROJECT  
SANCTUARY**

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention and Support

## Session Meeting: March 21<sup>st</sup>

### SESSION DECISIONS / ACTION ITEMS:

- Ordain/install David Head as Deacon
- Use of Children's Playground designated funds to purchase items for the youth room/activities.
- Youth bake sale as World Vision fund raiser
- Approve George Phelan and Robert Conover to preach 4/28 and 5/5.
- Purchase of drum kit.

**Pastor's Report:** Co-conducted funeral service for Elvina Pardini with Rev. Larry Ballenger. Served communion with Alexis on 3/14 to several congregants.

### Director of Youth/Families Report:

- Youth groups, youth choir, Sunday Morning Nursery, Sunday school, and Donuts/Devotionals are going great.
- Hangout was 3-6-19, with Dory leading (no assistant), and a small turnout (10).
- Plans are underway for a trip to Blackbird Farm, 4-6-19, followed by a stop at Hendy Woods.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be 4-13-19 at McGarvey Park beginning at 10:00 AM, followed by lunch at FPCU.
- The 30-Hour Famine is scheduled for 4-27-19 to 4-28-19 at FPCU, with the participants learning about world hunger. Following the 4-28-19 worship service a congregation-wide potluck is being planned to break the fast.

### RESOURCE COUNCIL

- **Finance:** Three reports were presented to Session: 1) The General Fund Income-Expense Report noted that the projected February income of \$18,210 actually came in as \$20,037, while the projected budgetary expenses of \$21,445 were actually one \$18,292. 2) The Designated Funds Income-Expense Form noted two changes from January: the drawing of funds from the Compassionate Ministries line item and the increase in the Per Capita Giving line item (Jan., \$63.00, Feb., \$1,371). 3) The Pres Beat Summary indicated that FPCU year-to-date comparison of income to expenses indicated a deficit of \$1,570 (income, \$41,229, expenses, 42,799). At the same time the church account balances are positive: checking, \$132,059; Savings, \$140,953; designated checking, \$40,461.

As of March 31, 2019		Total \$\$
Income	\$	68,712
Expenses	\$	62,811
Difference	\$	5,901
<b>Balance in Checking Account</b>		<b>Total \$\$</b>
Non-Designated Funds	\$	102,007
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	44,065
<b>Total Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>146,072</b>
<b>Balance in Savings</b>		<b>Total \$\$</b>
CD's	\$	44,416
Mutual Funds	\$	25,229
Other Savings	\$	78,650
<b>Total Balance in Savings</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>148,295</b>
<b>Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account</b>		
Mission Trip	\$	3,043
Missions	\$	1,402
Missions Fundraiser	\$	4,230
Centsability	\$	80
Shoes 4 You	\$	108
Pedals 4 Protein	\$	-
Pass-Through	\$	-
Per Capita	\$	421
Deacons	\$	356
Flowers	\$	-
General Memorial	\$	28,437
Buildings & Grounds	\$	-
Compassionate Ministries	\$	1,177
Pastor Appreciation	\$	-
Singalong	\$	468
Fellowship Meals	\$	270
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Youth Activities	\$	25
Children's Activities	\$	10
Camperships	\$	215
Children's Playground	\$	3,820
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>44,065</b>

- **Buildings and Grounds:** Next meeting will be 4-4-19. The next workday will be 4-6-19. The Session discussed the initial draft of the Church Key Distribution Plan. Further discussion and evaluation of the plan will take place.

## FAMILY / OUTREACH COUNCIL

- **Worship and Music:** Shirley, committee chairwoman, presented a proposal from the committee for FPCU to purchase a used drum set.
- **Communication:** The individuals who have agreed to serve on the committee with Alexis are Carole Hester, Denise Beckler, and Perry Crowley.

**Ramos Property Update:** The Ramos Family has signed the papers and returned them. The court date is set for 4-12-2019. Following the court date, the next step needs to be choosing a realtor.

**New Business** The discussion regarding the **Goals and Objectives** for 2019 will be left until a later Session meeting. The “dishwasher issue” will be initially dealt with by a committee consisting of Elders, Deacons, and members of the congregation, with the Session kept informed of the committee’s progress.

## *Session Meeting, April 7<sup>th</sup>*

### SESSION DECISIONS / ACTION ITEMS:

- Accept 12 individuals into membership (Easter Sunday)
- Approve 2 infant and 1 youth baptisms (Easter Sunday)

The next Session meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

**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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## *Did we miss your birthday???*

Please contact the church office or email Denise, [denise@fpcukiah.org](mailto:denise@fpcukiah.org) so that we can celebrate with you!



## Happy Birthday!

5/2	Riley Haselswerdt	5/17	Winnie Edgar	5/23	Linda Simmons
	Alexis Moore		Jack Nichols	5/25	Francine Selim
5/3	Glenn Logan		Roe Sandelin	5/28	Ann Denham
5/8	Jakob Larson		Ali Schwarm	5/31	Bob Huff
5/10	Teresa Erickson				

## Event Calendar ~ May



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

5/1	5:30pm	Hangout Kids Club	5/16	6:00pm	Session
5/3	5:30pm	Red Wagon Craft Faire	5/17		Presbytery – Travis AFB
5/4	9:00am	Red Wagon Craft Faire	5/18	3:30pm	Partnership Scholars
<b>5/5</b>		<b>Communion / Cents-Ability</b>	5/19	11:15am	Missions Committee
		Rev. Robert Conover preaching		<u>2:00pm</u>	<u><a href="#">Pilgrim's Progress movie preview</a></u>
5/7	10:30am	Worship Committee	5/21	11:30am	Family/Outreach Council
	5:30pm	Christian Education Committee	5/22	1:30pm	PW Bible Study
5/8	1:30pm	PW Bible Study	5/23	12:30pm	ABC Program
<b>5/9 – 16</b>		<b>Denise on Vacation</b>		5:30pm	Deacons
5/9	12:30pm	ABC Program	5/25	9:00am	Cookie baking/packing party
	6:30pm	Scouts BSA	<b>5/27</b>		<b>Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed</b>
5/11	9:00am	Stitches from the Heart	5/30	5:30pm	Buildings/Ground Committee
5/12	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	5/31	7:00pm	Men's Poker / Women's Bunko
5/14	10:30am	Communications Committee			<i>(looking for Bunko hostess for this month)</i>
5/15	11:30am	VIP Luncheon			

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

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

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