



Presbeat



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I am writing my last Pastor Presbeat. It seems like just a few months ago that I was writing my first. This is what I wrote for our Easter 2017 Presbeat. "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."

Fifteen months later I look back and am extremely proud and blessed of the ministry, love and outreach we have done together. We have brought Christ's love to the orphanage in Uganda and Djibouti, VBS, Easter egg hunt and lunch, support during the deadly fires in October, Christmas sing-a-long, Pedal for Protein and Operation Christmas Child to name just a few.

You have inspired me and I will take Ukiah with me to my next church. You have made Michelle, Tessa and me feel welcomed and loved. We were remembering some fond memories of being in Ukiah. Tessa in summer camp, Grace Hudson Museum and Sun house, Michelle and I picking up golf again on the Ukiah course and shopping at Goodwill for a few kitchen supplies for the manse.

I look forward to seeing you back in Ukiah for visits and maybe see some of you at Beso over the summer. If you are coming please let us know!

Joy and Peace, ~ *Daniel*



"ALMOST HOME"

I'm almost back to my home in Ukiah. I can't wait.

Since I've returned from Djibouti, I've been reconnecting with my family and doing work for the Navy. Fortunately, all of this has been happening in Hawaii.

We've spent a lot of time at the beach and in the water as a family. My grandson, Wendell, loves the ocean. He just went back home to Colorado, so I'm sure he'll be missing it.

My new job as a reservist in the Navy is Deputy Fleet Chaplain for US Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor. During World War II, Admiral Chester Nimitz was the Commander in Chief of US Pacific Fleet.

Right now, there is a major exercise going on titled, RIMPAC or Rim of the Pacific Exercise. Twenty-five nations have sent ships to participate. So far, over 25,000 Sailors have descended upon Hawaii. As you can imagine, all of us chaplains are very busy.

I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

In Christ, *David*

Pastor David & Cathy will be back home with us later this month. His first day at the pulpit is July 29th. Welcome home David & Cathy!!

POUND PARTY FOR PASTOR DAVID & CATHY

What is a Pound Party? It's where you bring a pound of sugar, flour, pasta, rice, chocolate, or whatever, to help stock up the kitchen of a new neighbor's cupboards, or in our case, our returning pastor. We will gather the goods and have them already in their new home when they arrive.



Everyone can all join in on this. On Sunday mornings, look in the foyer on the tree branch for items that can be included in the stock. Please choose whatever item(s) you would like to donate and bring to the church office. The deadline for collection is Sunday, July 22nd.



Meet Alexis Moore, our new Director of Youth / Families Ministries!

I am a Bay Area native and graduate of Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA, where I received my B.A. in Fine Arts. After college, I spent time teaching arts and crafts at Mount Hermon Christian Conference Center in Santa Cruz, CA. I have also worked at a shelter in Bakersfield, CA, for teenage girls who had been commercially sexually exploited and needed help healing from trauma. Recently, I lived on an educational, organic farm in Philo, CA, that helped at-risk youth develop social and emotional skills. My favorite activities include painting, journaling, listening to podcasts, eating ice cream and drinking kombucha.

Welcome, Alexis, to FPCU! We look forward to getting to know you as you begin your ministry with our children and church family!

Message from Personnel (Jerry Garcia, Elder): July is a beginning and a homecoming for us at FPC UKIAH. A new beginning for our new Director of Youth & Family Ministries, Alexis Moore who is running at full speed to see that Summer VBS is on track with our help and support. You can find out more about Alexis on our webpage. Then there's the homecoming for Pastor David & Cathy Rodriguez as they return to their ministry here in Ukiah after their leave of absence serving our nation and spreading the love and word of our Lord. It's going to be a great month!!

Church Family Directory Event

We are updating our FPCU Church Directory! Soon, you will be receiving an email and/or phone call inviting you to join this event.

August 21 & 22 are the session dates for your pictures for the 2018 Church Family Directory. Online sign-ups are available now at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yzdx21ps/>

If you are not able to sign-up online, beginning July 8th, on Sundays after worship there will be a sign-up table to assist you in scheduling your appointment. You can also call the office and we will make sure you are included.

For participating, each family will receive one complimentary 8x10 photo and a free directory. You will also have the opportunity to purchase additional photograph packages.



There are several photo options available:

- **Celebrate your family across generations:** Be photographed for the directory PLUS gather your family for a special group photograph – include your children and grandkids, etc. Your family guests don't have to be FPCU members and will not be included in the directory. *(Schedule early while there are plenty of available appointments to accommodate your group on your preferred day.)* Each family will receive an 8x10 complimentary photo of their individual family. The generational image is not complimentary, but you will receive a \$10 coupon to use toward any purchase.

Note: to schedule your generational pictures, please contact the church office for reservations. Please do not schedule generational sessions online.

- **Pets Are Welcome:** Pets are part of your family, do include them in your family photo. Count your pet as 'a person' when you schedule online.
- **Can't schedule your session on August 21 or 22?** No problem... We have a Visitor Card (available in the office or at the Sunday morning sign-up table) with information on how you can contact Lifetouch directly to participate in a location nearby.
- **Family & Friends Invitation Card:** Invite your friends or neighbors to join in this event. They can schedule their own family sitting, will not be included in the Church Directory, AND will receive one complimentary 8x10 photo. Invitation cards are available in the church office and at the Sunday morning sign-up table.

Remember, for participating, each family will receive one complimentary 8x10 and a free directory.

Online Scheduling is available now! <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yzx21ps/>

~~ Youth & Children's Ministries Roe Sandelin, Elder ~~



Summer Camp at the Woods....

This year we are sending 11 kids to summer camp at Westminster Woods. Camp dates are July 8-14, and 15-21. If you would like to send letters to our campers, please contact the office for mailing details.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- **Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for August 6 through 10.
 - **Online Signups are ready!** <https://vbspro.events/p/events/fpcuvbs>
 - **VBS planning and preparation** will be in full swing July 23 through August 4.
WE NEED YOU!!!!... to help get VBS off the ground. Contact Alexis if you can help!
- **SWAG (our junior high- senior high group)** has changed its meeting schedule for the summer. We meet each Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., same location, same good fun! This change gives all involved more weekend time with families during the busy summer season.

~~~ MISSIONS Michele Young, Elder ~~~



Don't forget to bring your Cents-Ability offering to church on the first Sunday every month. The collection is taken during communion. Baskets are in the front for your convenience. If you need a collection container to keep at home, you can pick one up in the narthex. Remember all your money is used to help feed the hungry in our area. Thank you for helping with your prayers and donations.

We are Building an Orphanage!

Phase 2 Completed ~ Phase 3 will begin this July/August.





We will be hosting the **Pedal for Protein (P4P)** fund raising event on Sunday August, 19th. Patty Sanders will be here as our guest for a minute for mission during worship and will have a lot of wares available for purchase in the fellowship hall directly after church with all proceeds going directly going to Pedal for Protein.

Last year FPCU, through our Presbytery and P4P, was able to make a donation of \$2500 to our local food bank. More information is at the end of this newsletter. Register now to join in on the ride!

Save the date... Next meals-to-go event is September 21st. Funds will go toward Phase 4 of Uganda project and local missions.

Care Packages for Orphans... Many of you have asked if we will continue this ministry. We are waiting for Pastor David's return, and to find out who might be our willing liaison. More info about this in August.

SHOEBOX RECYCLING PROGRAM: Please keep the gently used shoes a'coming! Receptacles are in the church foyer. We use the money earned from this ministry to buy new shoes for school age children in our community who have a need. If you know of a family or child that might benefit from our Shoes for You program, please contact the church office to let us know.

IN HOUSE CHILI COOK-OFF

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH

Join the fun... make some chili, come taste some chili and vote on your favorites! We will be looking for some creative booth theme ideas for the Community Chili Cook-off (Friday, September 7) so please submit your booth themes by Sunday, August 19th.

Never fear, we will be having sign-up sheets available soon!





Discover how God used an Operation Christmas Child shoebox in my life...



Appreciation & 2018 Kickoff Lunch

Date: Saturday, July 21, 2018

Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Place: First Presbyterian Church
Corner of Perkins and Dora, Ukiah, CA

Please join us for a free lunch in appreciation of your participation in Operation Christmas Child. Enjoy Yves's presentation and learn about the 2018 Collection Year.

Please RSVP by July 14 to Shirley Lewis, 707-391-9942.

YVES DUSHIME was born to a family of eight in a refugee camp in Congo. His family fled from the ripple effects of the Rwandan genocide and moved from Rwanda to Congo, Kenya and Togo.

Yves was 11 years old and living in Togo when he received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. He saw his favorite item, a scarf, as a promise from God that He would deliver his family from their life as refugees. Yves now lives in upstate New York and uses his scarf often. Through Operation Christmas Child, he realized God is able to use simple gifts to plant seeds of hope. To hear about God's faithfulness in his life, and to hear how Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes transformed his entire community, please join us for a special time of Yves sharing his testimony.



Flowers for the Sanctuary: It's fresh flower season! Do you enjoy making flower arrangements? Do you have flowers in your garden that you would like to "show off"? If so, you are invited to bring flower arrangements on any Sunday. We have several places where flowers could be placed on display. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Lewis or the office.

~ **Congregational Care / Fellowship** Lenord Swope, Elder ~



July – The Month of Celebrations

By the time that you are reading this we may have already celebrated Daniel Christian's ministry to us during the past 14 months. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time with Daniel, Michelle, and Tessa. Our farewell potluck was a themed event and as I write this I am guessing one or two of our members took Daniel Christian up on one of his favorite potluck dishes – green Jell-O with pineapple. Kudos to all who participated – sharing dishes, sharing their favorite

memories of Daniel, Michelle, and Tessa, and the Session and the Deacons for the setup and cleanup.

With our Fourth of July celebrations frequently we think of our veterans. July 29th, we get to rejoice with our favorite veteran, David & Cathy, as they return to Ukiah. We will enjoy reconnecting, learning what adventures they have experienced in their time away from Ukiah. Of course, we will celebrate in the Presbyterian fashion – Potluck one or two weeks after they return to Ukiah.

As part of our reconnecting with David & Cathy, we are having a pound party – garnering various food stocks so that when the Rodriguez' return to the manse, they won't have to immediately dash to the grocery store. See article on page 2 for the particulars on the pound party.

**VIP's are taking a
summer break.**

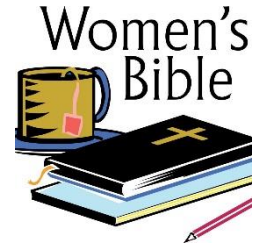
See you in September!

Remember - we meet the 3rd
Wednesday @ 1:30am

SUMMER

PW Bible Study

Ladies, do you have the summer doldrums? We have a women's Bible study 2 x a month Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 1:30 in the library. Currently, we are reading from the Book of John. We often arrive at 12 noon and walk the few blocks to downtown Ukiah for a 'girls lunch', then arrive back at the church in time for the 1:30 study time. We will continue to have these special times throughout the summer months and you are invited to join us. Planning on missing a week or two, that's okay too; come when you can.



Questions? Or need a ride? Give Jaunita a call: 263-5534.



You're invited to a **Retirement Party** for **Gayleen Desroches** on August 18th, 1-5 pm, at the Ukiah Senior Center.

Please RSVP (707) 462.3709 or (707) 367.8651

Congratulations Gayleen!

To my Church Family,

Thank you for your love and support through prayers, cards, and loving comments regarding my mom's passing to be present with the Lord last month. It was so comforting to me and my family. ~ Love, Shirley



Notes from the Session Meeting, May 17th

Motions / Decisions:

- Approve to create a new church directory
- Approve a bid of \$15,260 (Valley Paving) to repair / seal the church parking lot
- Approve Warren Pribyl as Commissioner-elect to 5/18 Presbytery meeting

Council – Committee Reports:

Family Council:

- **Children/Youth:** Slight increase in number of volunteers; last Hangout is 5/23. “Thank you dinner” for volunteers/spouses on 5/30.
SWAG: there is a core of active jr/sr higher. Discussions to determine another meeting night to accommodate the needs of volunteers. Westminster Woods: a smaller contingent of youth attending camp this summer (older youth not interested)
- **Worship / Music:** 5/20 Pentecost, youth will participate in all aspects of the service.
- **Missions:** Transferring Designated Funds (Hispanic Microloans) to Compassionate Ministries, where they will continue to be available as loans to the Hispanic community. This move was done due to there not being an Hispanic program for a number of years and the committee agreed it made better sense to combine the two “like” programs. Uganda Orphanage: Sale of tri-tip dinners/donations: \$7,500 after expenses. \$7k for phases 1-3, including new road, with \$500 ‘seed money’ for phase 4.

Resource Council:

- **Finance:** Ramos Property: Meredith Lintott has agreed to legally represent FPCU to resolve the Ramos Charitable Trust. Meredith outlined the legal issues/challenges as well as solutions. She is willing to wait until the property has been transferred to the church and the lot sold prior to receiving payment. Finance Reports look favorable due to the Director of Youth/Families position not currently filled.
- **Buildings / Grounds:** Next meeting 5/31, workday is 6/2.
- **Personnel:** Committee has conducted a successful interview with one candidate for Director of Youth/Families Ministries.

Next Meeting: July 19th (if needed) and August 16th.

Session Members:

*Randy Beckler, Kevin DeVries, Jerry Garcia, Karen Golden, Randy Huffman,
Shirley Lewis, Roe Sandelin, Lenord Swope, Michele Young*

As of May 31, 2018		Total \$\$
Income	\$	99,122
Expenses	\$	82,291
Difference	\$	16,831
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds	\$	87,878
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	48,961
Total Balance in Checking	\$	136,839
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$
CD's	\$	44,312
Mutual Funds	\$	25,487
Other Savings	\$	62,574
Total Balance in Savings	\$	132,373
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account		
Missions	\$	-
Hispanic Ministries	\$	-
Hispanic MicroLoans	\$	1,010
Mission Trip	\$	1,564
Missions Fundraiser	\$	5,315
Centsability	\$	129
Shoes 4 You	\$	89
Per Capita	\$	1,320
Deacons	\$	30
Flowers	\$	-
General Memorial	\$	28,194
Camperships	\$	500
Buildings and Grounds	\$	5,020
Compassionate Ministries	\$	982
Singalong	\$	704
Senior Ministries	\$	-
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Youth Ministries	\$	-
Children's Ministries	\$	28
Childrens Playground	\$	3,876
Vacation Bible School	\$	-
Fellowship Meals	\$	197
Total	\$	48,961

Congregational Member Meeting:

Sunday, July 8th following worship.

Purpose: to approve Pastor David Rodriguez Terms of Call

Did we miss your birthday last month???

Please contact the church office or email Denise, denise@fpcukiah.org so that we can send a card and celebrate with you!



Happy Birthday!

7/2 Bernice Damon	7/14 Perrine Kirchen	7/25 Dave Holland
Kelsey Ingalls	7/21 Ethan Haselswerdt	7/26 Diego Manzo
7/5 Addison Huff	7/22 Jaunita Coddington	Marilyn Stobie
7/6 Helen Nicolaisen	Bryce Kirchen	7/30 Bob Schultz
7/8 Randy Beckler	7/24 Alan Grass	7/31 Cherie Alton
7/10 Meliah Singleton		

Event Calendar ~ July



Sun weekly	10:00am	Worship Celebration
Mon weekly	6:30pm	Cub Scouts
Tue. weekly	7:00am	Men's Bible Study
	8:30am	Serendipity Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Spanish AA; NAHOP
Wed. weekly	6:00pm	Worship Team rehearsal
		SWAG Youth Group
Thurs. weekly	1:00pm	ABC Program
	6:00pm	Spanish AA

...additional events for the month

7/1	10:00am	Centsability / Communion	7/12	12:30pm	ABC Program
	11:00 am	Farewell Potluck for Pastor Daniel & family		6:30pm	Boy Scouts Leadership
7/2	10:30am	Worship Committee	7/14	9:00am	Stitches from the Heart
7/4		4th of July Holiday – Office is closed.	7/17	12:00pm	Family/Outreach Council
7/7	7:30am	Cursillo planning meeting	7/19	6:00pm	Session
7/8	11:00am	Congregational Meeting	7/21	11:00am	Operation Christmas Child
	11:15am	Missions Committee			Kick-off luncheon
7/11	1:30pm	PW Bible Study	7/25	1:30pm	PW Bible Study
			7/26	12:30pm	ABC Program
				5:30pm	Deacons

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

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



Join the 5th Annual Northern California Ride

September 16-21, 2018

RIDE SIX DAYS—Humboldt County

As you explore by bicycle the magnificent coastal redwoods of Humboldt County – to explore and soak up the silence and grandeur of the forests unlike any others in the world. Ride through State and National Parks including Humboldt Redwoods National Park on the Avenue of the Giants scenic road.

Not riding! Come spend Sunday September 16th afternoon or at Camp Mattole with the P4P team.

Saturday, September 29, 2018

RIDE ONE DAY—Santa Rosa

A recreational ride for all rider levels with 6 mile, 12 mile and 25 mile routes. Trails provide views of Santa Rosa Creek, farms, vineyards and open space. These paved, off-street trails are perfect for casual cyclists and families. For children a bike rodeo will be held at the start and finish at Knox Presbyterian Church in West Santa Rosa. Free for kids, just bring a can of protein food! Pedal for Protein t-shirts included for pre-registered riders and lunch. See website for details.

Ride to help feed hungry people
& have fun too! Ride to
support food pantries
with healthy protein food

The Pedal for Protein ride is hunger in action with our mission to feed hungry people in Northern California to fight the root causes of hunger.

Ride, make new friends & enjoy the comradery.

NEW for 2018

2—Rides, 2—Locations

This ride is the best value in California. See the website for details. Six day ride limits the total number of riders, so sign up today!

Enjoy this California landmark ride through beautiful Northern California while you Pedal for Protein for your local food pantry.

To Register for the Ride or to Donate;

www.imathlete.com/events/PedalforProtein
www.imathlete.com/donate/PedalforProtein5

The ride is organized by The Hunger Task Force of the Presbytery of the Redwoods,
Patty Sanders, Ride Director, Email: PattyRedwoodsHAE@sbcglobal.net

100% is donated to support local food pantries & food justice projects





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J. HERBERT NELSON, II
STATED CLERK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATEMENT BY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) STATED CLERK
The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II

June 16, 2018

As Presbyterians gather for the meeting of our 223rd General Assembly, we are mindful of the many issues of justice, peace and compassion we face, both as citizens of the United States and members of the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

While we face issues of peace on the Korean peninsula, tragic injustice in the Middle East, and the spectre of climate change in our nation and our world, there is nothing of more urgency than the tragedy that is unfolding at our borders, where children are ripped from their parents and placed in holding cells, while their frantic parents scream in agony at the separation.

What has this nation become? How have we wandered so far from Jesus' kind admonition, "Let the little children come to me ... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs"? How can this be happening in a nation in which so many claim the traditions of Christianity, Judaism and Islam and the critical importance of families to the fabric of our lives together?

Perhaps the most egregious aspect of this policy is the willingness of the highest legal official of our nation to suggest that if a mother has fled violence in her own country to save herself and her children but has not had a chance to make a proper petition for safety in the U.S., she should be taught a lesson by having her children taken from her. It is almost incomprehensible that these acts should be used as a warning to others who would come.

What makes matters worse is the audacity of quoting the Apostle Paul's admonition to believers in Romans 13:1 to obey the law (presumably whatever the law says), while ignoring the higher scriptural demand that "love is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10).

The crisis of tens of thousands of desperate people coming to the United States for relief seems almost overwhelming. But as the officials of our government attempt to address the crisis, we cannot afford to tarnish the highest values of our nation. We must not punish desperate parents

by tearing their children away from them, leaving the parents without access to the children or assurance of their welfare.

In the name of God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Stop!

In the faith we share,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Herbert Nelson, II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "N".

Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)