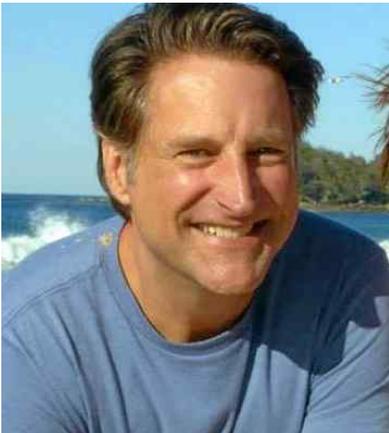




# Presbeat

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Dear Friends,

It is joyous and sad to say goodbye to the Ingalls Family. We appreciate them and will miss them beyond words. I am happy for them and know their new life in [REDACTED], is going to be an exciting adventure!

At our church we will be going through some changes. The session and congregation are beginning some conversations about the future position of Youth and Family Minister. We will be talking about the position being an associate pastor or a director position. We will talk about our hopes, prayers and goals for our Youth and Family Ministry. Thanks to Kelsey, Dory, Maryann and the many volunteers who have built an exciting Youth and Family ministry.

The session, youth ministry leaders and I are in conversations about the more immediate needs of our programs and how to best support them. The one thing for sure is that we need the congregation to be supportive and excited and willing to volunteer. Volunteering to help in youth ministry is fun and easy. Even I can do it. All it takes is the gift of your presence and a fun and loving attitude toward children and Christ.

Let's keep the conversation going! I am positive that with all of us we can listen to God's call and be led to the place where our Youth and Family Ministry will be even more vibrant and strong.

Thank you, Kelsey and the Ingalls family, for leaving this wonderful legacy.

In Christ, *Pastor Daniel*



## “Snip-its” from Pastor David in Djibouti

David’s mailing address:

CAPT David Rodriguez, CHC, USN  
Religious Affairs CJTF-HOA  
PSC 831 Box 0015  
FPO AE 09363

7/10: Care Packages Arrived! We took them to the CARITAS-Djibouti orphanage today. The

kids appreciate everything we bring them. There is a refrigerator with a freezer and we filled it with the Otter Pops. The picture of the day room has about 30 kids sleeping on the floor. There is a TV and a DVD player but the only DVDs they had were Bollywood movies.

The staff is looking forward to showing the age appropriate movies you sent.



In Christ, *Pastor David*



## “Care packages for Djibouti”

David reports that there are about 150 kids in the orphanage (and a whole lot more troops!). We are a small church so we will be collecting items by theme over the next few months. We will, of course, accept any items you would like to donate and send them to

David to distribute either to the troops or the orphanage, but our hope is that, by collecting based on theme, we can collect enough of each item to meet the needs of as many children and troops as possible.

### For the Orphanage for August:

- School Supplies (pencils, pens paper, notebooks, crayons, chalk, level 4/5 reading books [English], flash cards [alphabet/math], coloring books, ELS books for beginners.
- Snacks: hard candy

### For the Troops for August:

- Toothpaste, dental floss (or picks)
- Any snacks.

Bins for these items are in the narthex, or you can drop your donations to the church office during office hours. We are mailing our second round of packages soon!

Thank you so much for supporting David’s mission work overseas!

## ***“Godspeed and God Bless ...”***

Last month we said farewell to Pastor Kelsey and her family where Kelsey has taken a new call. Her last day in the office was July 31<sup>st</sup>, and the month of August she is on vacation. They plan to be moved into their new house by the second week of August.

Kelsey & family... thank you for your ministry at FPCU and we wish you all the best!!

God bless you always!



## ***Stitches from the Heart Update***

I am so excited and thankful for the prayer shawl ministry and for the women in the group who have made and completed so many prayer shawls to be given to families. They are such a blessing to me and others. This ministry began about 3 years ago and since has blessed families with 127 shawls, (births, weddings, healing, illness and losses). We also made hats, scarves and gloves for Operation Christmas Child and items to be placed on the Christmas tree.

Our ministry has had the wonderful opportunity to reach beyond the walls of the church. We have connected with a group of women from Napa and Sonoma counties to make lap blankets and prayer shawls for our Vets. Every three months Lillian Wohlfarth, from Cloverdale, travels to the different county locations and picks up the blankets and shawls made for the Vets and delivers them to the San Francisco Vets Hospital, Ukiah and Santa Rosa Clinics and the Yontville VA Home. She has received many thanks of appreciation and gratitude for the shawls and blankets.

We have received so many cards from recipients that have said how special they have felt receiving the shawls/blankets, that words cannot explain. One recipient wrote: To the members of “Stitches From the Heart” and First Presbyterian Church, Thank you so much for all the prayers during the illness of my sweetheart. An extra big thank you for the incredibly beautiful prayer shawl. It has been such a comfort in this trying time. It is an amazing gesture of love and support...I can’t thank you enough.” This is what makes this ministry so fulfilling.

Also, someone has donated 5 large tubs of yarn. I know that we won’t be able to use all of this so I am **reaching out to the congregation**. If you are a knitter, crocheter and usually make hats or scarves for the Christmas tree, I encourage you to pick up some for your craft. Just give me a call so we can connect.

If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry come join us in the church library the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 9am-Noon. If you don’t know how to knit or crochet, we have women who can teach you. You don’t have to commit to coming each month. You can make these from the comfort of your home, then donate them to the ministry. You can reach me at 462-8460.



*“...and pray in the Spirit, on all occasions with all kinds of prayers & requests”*

Ephesians 6:18

Many Blessings ~ Caroline Crowley, Deacon

**Cents-Ability Reminder**

Don't forget to bring your Cents-Ability offering to church on Sunday, August 6th. The collection is taken during communion, baskets are in the front for your convenience. Remember all your money is used to help feed the hungry in our area. Thank you for helping with your prayers and donations.

## CALLING ALL CHILI COOKS

**Time to dig through those recipes and  
chef's hat!  
Let's see what you got!**



**put on your**

August 20th.

Our in house Chili Cook-off is coming Sunday, August 20th. There are always opportunities to join in the fun so look for the sign-up sheets to see where you might lend a hand. We are having a second contest to see who can come up with the most creative theme for the community chili cook-off September 8<sup>th</sup>. Submit your ideas on paper to Michele Young and the congregation will then vote on what theme they like best along with the chili! Just to give you an idea - last year our theme was tailgate chili and we decorated our booth with tailgates and wore Ukiah Wildcat jerseys.

**PEGGY ARENDT** will be joining us for worship on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Peggy is our missionary with "Evangelical Free Church of America", [www.EFCA.org](http://www.EFCA.org) We are so pleased to have Peggy as our guest, and to hear about the work she is doing. As many of you know, Peggy grew up here in Ukiah and attended this church with her family. Let's give her a warm "welcome home" as she shares with us how God is working in her life through her ministry.

### COMMUNITY SHOE RECYCLING REPORT

We now have our boxes filled and have called for pick-up! They will be sending us another 5 boxes to fill so keep those shoes coming! Thank you for helping to provide shoes for those in need.

### Fourth Annual Pedal for Protein (P4P) September 17 – 23, 2017



This is a very important Redwoods Presbytery fundraising cycling event. The money raised helps food pantries along the northern coast and valleys of California to provide protein rich foods such as peanut butter, canned tuna, chicken, eggs and Greek yogurt for hungry families, seniors, homeless persons and children.

The first three P4P rides, together, raised just under \$100,000. So the impact is huge. Every dollar donated goes to Food Banks in Redwoods Presbytery and a smaller portion to the Presbyterian Hunger Program for international hunger and food justice projects.

The 2017 cycling event includes a six day loop starting at Westminster Woods in Occidental on September 17. The cyclists travel through St. Helena, Vallejo and Sonoma, and will see beautiful redwoods, fertile valleys, farmlands and vineyards.

People can also join for one or two days along the way. Or, choose 10 or 28 mile rides on bike trails or less traveled roads around Santa Rosa on Saturday, September 23.

### What you can do

1. Sign up to ride. For more information or to join the 2017 P4P, go to:  
<http://www.imathlete.com/events/pedalforprotein>
2. Support Pedal For Protein by participating in your church's fundraiser for this event on August 13, 2017.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – planning ahead – 2017!

National Collection Week is November 13 – November 20<sup>th</sup>. Collection “times” will be posted in the breezeway and on our website soon.



Once again, our church will serve as a relay center. There will be preprinted decorative shoeboxes from Operation Christmas Child available in late October. Coming Soon: Plastic shoeboxes will be available for individual purchase starting this fall. Please check the website [www.samaritianspurse.org](http://www.samaritianspurse.org) for more information.

**Changes effective in 2017** – No candy of any type or toothpaste will be allowed in shoeboxes. And the suggested shipping donation has been raised to \$9.00 per shoebox.

The time is now to shop the back to school sales for paper, pencils, crayons, scissors, and other school supplies. There are lots of craft and other ideas on how to fill shoeboxes on the Pinterest website. Suggested filler items are soccer balls with pump, stuffed animals, toys (puppets, trucks, etc.) dolls (baby or Barbie type, etc.) musical instruments, t-shirts, flip flops, etc. Non-liquid hygiene items include toothbrushes, bar soap, soap containers, combs, brushes, washcloths, etc.

The receiving children especially enjoy personal notes and photos.

*The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 146 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoeboxes are the first gift they have ever received.*

**Youth retreat dates have been changed to  
Wednesday – Friday, Aug. 16-18**

Check-in Wednesday @ 6pm ~ Check-out Friday @ 11am

It's not too late to volunteer!

## Why is the Cross draped in green?



The draping of the Cross is following the liturgical calendar. Currently the Cross is draped in green to symbolize the renewal of vegetation and generally of living things and the promise of new life. The cross will be draped in green until the beginning Advent, when it will be draped in a royal blue. Royal blue is the color of royalty to welcome the coming of a King. It can also symbolize the night sky in which the star appeared to announce the birth of Jesus. The Cross will be draped in white for Christmas Day to symbolize purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. With the start of Lent, the Cross will be draped in purple that can symbolize pain, suffering, and therefore mourning and penitence. It will be draped once again in white on Easter and throughout the Easter season until Pentecost when it will be draped in red to symbolize the presence of God.



Buildings & Grounds meeting:  
Thursday, August 3 @ 6pm

ALL church work day: Saturday, August 5, 8:00 – 11:30 am. Pastries will be provided. And all hands are invited!!!

Thank you to our **AMAZING & CREATIVE Buildings & Grounds Committee** for their hard work making our stage useful and presentable for the purpose it was designed. (Removing all excess clutter/storage). They also have constructed additional new shelving in our back storage room to allow consolidation and access for those who use it. More shelving is planned for a future date.

Grateful ~ Deacons Kitchen Committee  
Sharon Ruddick, Tom Desroches & Jaunita Coddington

**LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED...** to the newest Bible Study starting, Weds., August 9, 1:30, in the library (or any other room that is cool). We'll use the Serendipity Bible as a guide, nothing to purchase, nothing to read in advance; simply come 'as you are', reading together, and as a group, answer a few of the suggested questions. The Book of John has been suggested, but maybe you have a different favorite. So bring your Bible, or choose from those in the library and join this great group as we study God's Word. I'll see you Aug. 9th, and we'll be inspired! For more info, you may contact Jaunita Coddington @ 263-5534.

<b>As of June 30, 2017</b>		<b>Total \$\$</b>
Income	\$	122,234
Expenses	\$	138,310
Difference	\$	(16,076)
<b>Balance in Checking Account</b>		<b>Total \$\$</b>
Non-Designated Funds	\$	35,380
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	43,011
<b>Total Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>78,391</b>
<b>Balance in Savings</b>		<b>Total \$\$</b>
CD's	\$	44,237
Mutual Funds	\$	24,264
Other Savings	\$	52,603
<b>Total Balance in Savings</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>121,105</b>
<b>Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account</b>		
Missions	\$	3,331
Hispanic Ministries	\$	494
Hispanic MicroLoans	\$	1,010
Mission Trip	\$	3,043
Centsability	\$	51
Per Capita	\$	-
Deacons	\$	61
Flowers	\$	-
General Memorial	\$	25,775
Camperships	\$	1,258
Building and Grounds	\$	200
Compassionate Ministries	\$	885
Singalong	\$	454
Senior Ministries	\$	-
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Youth Ministries	\$	76
Children's Ministries	\$	29
Childrens Playground	\$	4,346
Vacation Bible School	\$	10
Special Grants	\$	1,933
Fellowship Meals	\$	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>43,011</b>

# DREAMS OF HOPE NEWSLETTER



## Update on our new afternoon program "The Grateful Recovery Group"

Hi, my name is Paul Otto. I joined the Board of Nor Cal Christian Ministries approximately 3 months ago and now help facilitate, with Tony, The Grateful Recovery Group. It is a great privilege to be able to share a cup of cold water and fellowship with Jesus. (*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.....,The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'* Matt 25: 34-40). Nor Cal Christian Ministries, under the Directorship of Tony Huerta, opened "The Grateful Recovery Group" on May 16<sup>th</sup>. We meet Tue, Wed, and Thur from 1:00 - 4:00 PM at New Life Community Church.

The Grateful Recovery Group is built on a "Membership Model". People who participate need to be willing to do the following: 1) be clean and sober for the past 24 hrs., 2) participate weekly in a "home group", 3) be committed to a program of recovery and 4) give back in some way to the group or to others. Our goal is to live out love and respect for each person in the group as God has shown and demonstrated his love to us.

I recall the first time I was struck by the plight of the poor and God's love for them. It was a class that I was taking while attending Denver Seminary in 1972. The class was taught by a man who served in the inter-city of Denver. After taking us down to walk through parts of the "slums" he opened up the scriptures to us and gave us some insight into the heart of God as it relates to the poor. See Ps. 140:11-13, Prov. 14:31, Isaiah 58:6-8, Jer. 22:16, Matt. 25:31-46, for a small sample. I believe God has given us the poor so that we might practice the love He has shown us. In 1 John 3:17, He simply states, "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"

We are excited as we work to understand and do what God has called us to do for the poor and needy. Please pray for wisdom as we try to sort out the most beneficial way in which to proceed. At times I find it hard to see in what manner God would have us go. It seems that each person who comes does so with so many issues and so much pain that it is hard to know what to address first. Of one thing I am confident, He does want us to do something! I am convinced that above all it is to first love them.

I am excited to be part of a multiple church out reach for the poor and homeless. The Board of NCCM has a goal that there will be representation on the Board from at least 10 different churches. John 13:35 Jesus tells us it is by our loving one another that others will see what it means to be his disciple.

Thank you for your participation with us in caring for those that God loves and has entrusted to us. He has called us to be His hands and feet in demonstrating his love to them. If you would like further information as to how you can be involved please call Tony at 707-481-8398.

## Ways to help and be God's hands and feet:

A new way to get involved with the ministry and Center is sign up for eSCRIP. It is as easy as 1-2-3...

- Step # 1 Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
- Step #2 Click on Sign up
- Step #3 Enter N.C.C.M. group no. 500826056

Each and every time you make a purchase at LUCKYS or FOOD MAXX or any of the 10,000 other merchants, a portion of your total purchase price is donated to N.C.C.M.

If you would like volunteer information, please email Tony at [tony1203@comcast.net](mailto:tony1203@comcast.net) or (707) 481-8398. Donations can be mailed to: NCCM P.O. Box 1502 Ukiah, CA 95482 (*Note: or donations can be made to NCCM through FPCU – just write “NCCM” on the memo line.*)

## Thank You and Thoughts:

We would like to thank those who have donated water for the summer. Thank you to all our volunteers and all of our board members. We would like to welcome our newest member, *Marty Wattenburger*

Thank You Jaclyn Ramirez, LVN and the street medicine team for having a clinic at the center every Tues 8AM-9AM. Thank you for your Outpatient Care!

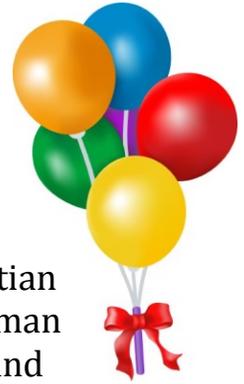
## Volunteer Opportunities

- Greeting guests at the door
- Clothing organization
- Regular morning shifts
- Being there to talk to guests
- Assist with fundraisers
- Helping as needed

**“It is more blessed to give than to receive”**

**Act 20:35**

*Did we miss your birthday???* Please contact the church office or email Denise [denise@fpcukiah.org](mailto:denise@fpcukiah.org) so we can send you a card and celebrate with you!



## Happy Birthday!

8/1 Patti Longstreth  
8/2 Myrinda Head  
8/3 Martha Vega  
8/4 Mary Vickers  
8/7 Ron Tysseling  
8/8 Donne Ingalls

8/8 Eduardo Vega  
8/9 Jerry Garcia  
8/11 Maggie Singleton  
8/12 Nancy Gilmore  
8/18 Barbara McLean  
8/23 Austin Haselswerdt

8/26 Tessa Christian  
8/26 Randy Huffman  
8/29 Debra Holland  
8/30 Andrew Snyder  
8/31 Linda Logan

## Event Calendar ~ August



Sun weekly	6:00pm	#SWAG Youth Group
Mon weekly	5:30pm	Cub Scouts
Tue. weekly	6:30am	NorCal Christian Ministries
	8:30am	Serendipity Bible Study
	6:00pm	Spanish AA; NAHOP
Wed. weekly	6:30am	NorCal Christian Ministries
	6:00pm	Worship Team rehearsal
Thurs. weekly	6:30am	NorCal Christian Ministries
	1:00pm	ABC Program
	6:00pm	Spanish AA

## ...additional events for the month

8/2	10:30a	Worship committee			
8/3	4:30p	Tutoring	8/12	9:00a	Stitches from the Heart
	6:00p	B&G meeting	8/13		Pedals4Protein – Minute for Mission
8/5	8:00a	All Church Work Day	8/14	4:30p	Tutoring
8/6		Missionary Peggy Arendt in worship	8/15	12noon	Family/Outreach Council
		<b>Communion / CENTSABILITY</b>	8/16	6:00p	Youth Retreat check-in
8/7	4:30p	Tutoring	8/17	all day	Youth Retreat
8/8	6:00p	Resource Council	8/18		Youth Retreat – check-out at 11am
8/9	11:00a	Missions Committee	<b>8/20</b>	<b>11:00a</b>	<b>Chili Cookoff!</b>
	1:30p	PW Bible Study	8/24	5:30p	Deacons
8/10	4:30p	Tutoring	8/30	11:45a	ROMEOS
	6:00p	Boy Scouts			



Our Calendar is also available online @ <http://fpcukiah.org/calendar/calendar/>  
(Note: if using a phone, you may need to turn it to landscape orientation)