



# Presbeat

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## *Spiritual Not Religious*



Dear Friends,

My wife Michelle and I own a restaurant in Novato called Beso Bistro. I share this because drinking wine is part of the job and I do this aspect of my job with lots of joy. Cleaning dishes, not so much. We were at a wine tasting event and we had just started tasting the whites. I was on my third tasting of a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc from the Marlboro region. It was crisp, light, refreshing, with hints of wild grass, grapefruit and sunflowers. I was writing down my wine notes, which consisted of a happy face if I liked it and a sad face if I didn't. My scoring may not be up to the standards of Wine Spectator, but hey, at least I was going to be able to understand them at the end of the evening!

A woman came over and asked, “You are a Minister?” I did a Homer Simpson to myself, “D’oh!” “Yes”, I answered. She had to first preface our conversation that she was “spiritual not religious.” I assured her I left my snake handling stuff in the car, and I hadn't thumped anyone on the head with my Bible in over a week. Now that that was out of the way, she took a sip of a wine, Chardonnay from Sonoma I think, and asked me, “What is the difference between a Baptist and a Presbyterian?” I was waiting for a punch line. None came. So I asked, “Are you a Baptist?” “No,” she said, and then went on to say how she didn't like Baptists.

I didn't ask what the Baptists ever did to her. I was about 45 seconds into my answer, and I was really getting warmed up and in all honesty I was impressed with myself, when I could see by her eyes that she was hearing, “Blah blah blah.” It was clear she was nowhere near as impressed with me as I was of myself. She cut me off and said, “Thank you,” then moved on to taste a Pinot Grigio from Italy with hints of mint, celery and wild mustard.

So alas, she had asked a spiritual and a religious question, but was not interested in sticking around for an answer, or at least my answer.

Mendocino County is a place where things religious and spiritual are of great interest. “Spirituality” has become a type of buzzword and catch phrase. We see manifestations of spirituality everywhere, from the workplace, college campus, salon and to the yoga studio.

I believe one way of talking with people who identify themselves as spiritual not religious and have little or no background, experience or practice in either, is before I open my mouth, I need to listen.

As a minister I spend much of my time in the spiritual and religious deep-end. On a daily basis I meet people and families who are facing end of life, death, loss of many kinds, fear, worry, safety and shelter. If spirituality is like a swimming pool, then getting wet is required. Not everyone has to jump in the deep-end. We first start by sticking our toe in, then our foot, then we run back, then next time we are up to our knees.

Spirituality when we allow ourselves to truly live into the depth of its meaning is the longing for transcendence and intimacy. I appreciate and recognize both as essential qualities in faith. Transcendence is believing that life extends beyond ourselves, beyond how much money we make, or what people think of me, beyond how self-conscious we are of our bodies, or that our teenage kids are embarrassed by the fact that we exist.

Intimacy is a core belief that deep within me lives an essence that not even a Madison Avenue marketing firm or political pollster can reach. Spirituality recognizes the link between the two. The depth of spiritual expression within our religious life is the opening of our life to the beyond and a hunger from the within. Growing in our faith isn't about making our life a little bit better. It is the audacious belief that God can make us anew!

In Christ, *Pastor Daniel*

*Ukiah Daily Journal article July 27, 2017*



## **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

Dear All:

Thank you for the Care Packages you've been sending. They are a blessing to our troops and to the orphaned street kids in Djibouti.

The kids now need protein. The orphanage, CARITAS Djibouti, feeds 80 of them breakfast and lunch every day. For breakfast they serve milk and bread. For lunch they serve pasta or rice, vegetables, and tomato sauce. These are the only meals they get. I tried to get the dining hall on base to give me the protein and fruit that

they are throwing in a burn pit so that I can take it to the orphanage, but the military lawyers say that if one of the kids gets sick, he could sue the government. I'm sure you're thinking the same things about this that I am.

Today, we took some dried beans and peanut butter to the orphanage. This will supply the kids with the protein and fat they need. It would also be good to give them children's chewable vitamins, especially since some of them appear to have rickets and scurvy. So, please send dried beans that can be cooked in a couple of hours. Also peanut butter, jerky, protein bars and children's chewable vitamins.

The volunteer staff at the orphanage is from Italy and when I talked to them about peanut butter, they asked me how to serve it. The Americans with me said that you spread peanut butter on bread and give it to the kids for breakfast. They had never heard of this before. We also told them that you can put peanut butter on apples and bananas and the staff started laughing. Then we told them that in the US, people eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and they wouldn't believe us.

We have started going to their orphanage every Tuesday because there's so much interest on the base and so many people want to go. It's a real morale boost for the troops. They know they're making a significant difference in the lives of the kids.

The medical folks in particular love to go. Last week, some dentists and dental hygienists went and held a dental clinic for the kids. They left them with tooth brushes and tooth paste. This was the first time they had ever brushed their teeth. One kid brushed his teeth for two hours. Instead of moving his tooth brush over his teeth, he held his tooth brush still and moved his head back and forth over it. Here's a web site with some pictures of the kids: <https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipOtSHebM9dGjodtgkaMSXfHk5MKDTSi-Ia8PXyUwUNmPI7sc8pEILUWsqMacRmow?key=SWZDaTJDC2ZLd1BOWjVnNkZKdW9Vc1ZQa1NXbIBn>

And also this article: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/combined-joint-task-force-horn-of-africa/service-members-local-children-benefit-through-religious-affairs-outings/1562249123799132/>

This morning, one of our military physician assistants was in the clinic at the orphanage and he had 3 of the young street kids sent to the hospital. One had an infection under his arm that was the size of a tennis ball. Another had tonsillitis. A third had a hernia and a fungal infection in his ear. The Minister of Health in Djibouti has told us that he does not want US military medical personnel to treat civilians in the country. He said that if we see a medical need, we are to give him money and he will take care of the need. Again, I'm sure you're thinking the same thing about this as I am. So, our US military doctors, surgeons, nurses and dentists who visit the orphanage do the first aid that anyone else can do and then recommend that more severe situations be treated in the hospital emergency room.

In the midst of all of these road blocks, I keep James 1:27 in mind, *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."*

We'll never give up on the kids. We'll keep working to find ways to overcome the road blocks so that these young orphans will have the medical care and food they need. And God keeps providing ways to do this.

Well, I've got to get back to saving the world. I miss you all. Thank you for being faithful servants of our Lord.

In Christ, *Pastor David*



## "Care packages for Djibouti"

We have planned Packing Parties to organize items and fill boxes to be sent to David. As you read from David's letter, the orphans need protein! So, for the kids, let's fill the care packages with peanut butter, nuts, dried beans, jerky, protein bars, etc. and also children's chewable vitamins. They also enjoy children's movies.

For troops, they always enjoy movie DVDs, any kind of snacks, and toiletries (tooth paste, floss, deodorants, foot powder, hair gel, skin lotions, bath gel, shampoo, women's products).

Bins are provided for your convenience in the narthex, or you can drop your donations to the church office during office hours. **Need help with ideas?** No problem! We have a tree in the narthex, with suggestions of things to purchase. Simply take a "tag" off the tree and buy/donate the item on the tag. Easy!



One more way to help is in cash donations to help off-set the shipping costs. The post office provides boxes free of charge, but we pay the postage. The good news is the postage is the same no matter the weight. Bad news is each box costs \$20. Last month we sent 5 boxes, and we expect to send more on the next shipment! PTL!! So, if you choose to give toward postage, please designate it to "missions" on your check memo and drop in the offering plate. If giving cash, use a pew envelope and write "missions" on the front.

**PACKING PARTY!!!** Please set aside the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm to help at the Packing Parties. For those of you who are table hosts for Hangout, we hope you will stick around and help pack after dinner is served.

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

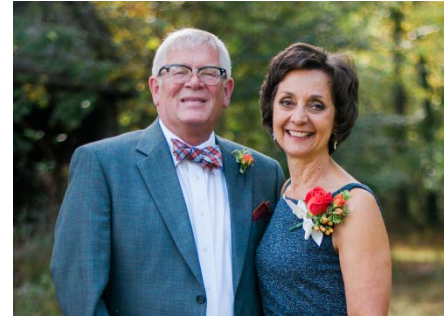
**THANK YOU, DENISE BECKLER!**

Denise, you are amazing. You have so many talents and truly represent FPC to us and to our Ukiah community. Thank you for all that you do. I am so thankful to you for all of your help and insights. They have been beyond helpful to this ministry.

~ Deacons 'Hands and Feet' Ministry

## Coming back to Ukiah...

Many of us remember Peter Thomsen, who served FPCU as Associate Pastor, and then Interim when Al Damon retired. On September 24<sup>th</sup>, we welcome back Peter Thomsen to preach. Peter served us for 9 years when he left in 1994. He and his wife, Betsy, and daughters, Heather & Karissa, lived in the Seattle area for 14 years, then moved to Bishop where Peter accepted a call at First Pres Church, Bishop.



Greetings, Dear Ukiah church family! Peter and I are so excited to be with you all the weekend of September 22-24. It's hard to believe that it's been 23 years since we moved away from Ukiah! There's been lots of exciting things happening in our family the last year. Kariss and her husband Jeff had a baby, a little boy named Nelson Oaks Forsyth, born August 1. Heather was ordained last September and then married Davin Tang in late October. Can you believe both our daughters and their husbands live in Winston Salem, North Carolina?



(L-R: Jeff, Karissa, Heather, Davin, Betsy, Peter)

Peter pastors First Presbyterian Church in Bishop, CA (yes, famous as the home of Schats Bakery) and I have a fun women's fashion business with Ruby Ribbon. Our Ruby Ribbon product line comes in sizes XS through 3X and features stylish fashions, comfortable Camis and shapewear and our new Ruby Ribbon Swim collection. Check it out at

[www.rubyribbon.com/BetsyThomsen](http://www.rubyribbon.com/BetsyThomsen). I hope many of you ladies will be able to attend the Ruby Ribbon show hosted by Debbie Holland on Saturday, Sept. 23, at her house 651 Bel Arbres Rd., Redwood Valley. We can't wait to see you all soon!

*~ Peter & Betsy Thomsen*



One of the things I have noticed about our church family is there are some really amazing people with some very interesting life stories. As Personnel Elder I intend to make it a personal goal to share some of these stories with you. It's my way of providing you with a conversation ice breaker, or getting inside the cover of a good book, or peeling back part of someone's "life onion". I hope enjoy the read.

*Meet MaryAnn Snyder.*

I first met MaryAnn when she was about to become a member of our church (late 2016). I didn't realize it then but MaryAnn had been quite active in youth activities in our church for quite some time and has



attended FPCU since 2012. Those activities take place mostly in the evening, usually Wednesdays and Sundays. MaryAnn works very closely with Session member Dory Haselswerdt in leading the Youth and Families Ministry at our church. She has been very instrumental in leading the design and construction of our Vacation Bible School stagecraft and decoration. She has a very creative mind for this kind of work.

Most Sundays for MaryAnn and her children Desmond (15), Drew (11) and Dane (8), are spent connecting with husband/dad Andy who is a Canine Officer with Ukiah P.D. on the night shift. Sunday mornings bring a rare weekend opportunity for all the family to spend time together before he goes to sleep in preparation for his next night shift.

MaryAnn moved to Ukiah in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Growing up for MaryAnn was often quite challenging. She was living on her own by age 16, and working multiple jobs to make ends meet. After high school MaryAnn studied fine arts at Mendocino College. For a time she worked at St. Mary's as the school Art Teacher. She currently owns her own business, Painting With MaryAnn. She prefers to use of acrylic paint in her art work.

She first met husband Andy in youth group at, what was then, Evangelical Free Church in Ukiah (the Burger King church). It was not love at first sight, but a little later in time they fell in love, married and started raising a very happy family. Currently, MaryAnn is home schooling her children. Desmond, Drew and Dane are well-mannered, bright and really fun to be around.

When she has the time she enjoys gardening, interior design and party planning. At her house social entertaining is an important activity. Three times a month is not uncommon. MaryAnn has a full life!

If you are at all interested in working with our youth and family programs, I know MaryAnn would welcome your help and support!

## ~ ~ ~ CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES ~ ~ ~

**Thank you to the congregation** for supporting and praying for our kids, and special thanks to Roe, Shirley, and Daniel for helping Dory & MaryAnn with the retreat. We played water games, painted and hid Kindess Rocks for community members to find, performed an Un-Talent Show (these kids are hilarious!), competed at ping pong, Roe's handmade ladder ball, and enjoyed each other's general silliness, chattiness, and welcomed new faces to our youth group. Our evenings closed with devotionals and campfire.



## Do you have musical talents?



We have some Youth (Jr High/High School ages) who would like to start a children's choir!! Would you like to help? We will meet Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:00pm during Hangout. While the younger kids are in Hangout, the older kids can come learn songs. If you want to get involved in this way, please contact Denise.

### Ongoing Programs:

#### #SWAG Youth Group

**Ages:** 5th - 12th grade

**Meet:** Every Sunday from 6-7:30pm

**What we do:** Play games, eat snacks, and get to know each other and yourselves during devotionals!

#### Sunday School

**Ages:** K - 5th grade

**Meet:** Every Sunday morning at 10am in the sanctuary for worship songs

**What we do:** Discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, through games, science, art, and Bible stories!

#### Hangout Kids' Club

**Ages:** Preschool - 5th grade

**Meet:** Every Wednesday (starting Sept 27th) from 5:30-7pm

**What we do:** Eat dinner, play games, make art, and learn & serve with weekly Bible adventures!

#### Nursery

**Ages:** Newborn - Preschool

**Meet:** Every Sunday, 9:45-11:15 (during the worship service)

**What we do:** Offer parents a time of focused worship and a safe & fun place for kids to play!

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### Special Event!

#### #SWAG ~ Ping Pong & Ladder Ball Tournaments!

Board games & snacks will also be provided - Bring a Friend!!  
Sunday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>; 5:30 - 8:30 pm

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**All of our children's programs are free!**

Prayers, volunteers, and donations are graciously appreciated!

## Not sure where you would fit in as a volunteer? Check out these ideas:

### **Sunday School**

We are looking for Sunday school teachers. We need 2 people, each month. You would review the lesson and gather the supplies. Feel free to use the older kids (5th & up) as your assistant teachers! The curriculum we are using for Sunday school and Hangout will be Deep Blue Kids by Cokesbury (same company who published our VBS program). This is a brief time and energy commitment, but SO important and valued that even the children who have "graduated" Sunday school still love to attend!

### **Wednesday Evening Hangout Volunteer Positions**

**Table Leader:** A table leader will need to arrive by 5:15 and will be done at 6:00. You will eat dinner with the kids and engage in conversation to get to know them better while keeping them seated. This position will last for 1 month at a time. Each table needs 2 table leaders.

**Cooks:** We will need 2 cooks per week. We will need you to arrive in time to have dinner on the table by 5:40. The cooks will choose, shop, prepare and serve dinner to the kids. Think simple... kids love corn dogs, pasta, wraps, grilled cheese with a side of fruit. Keep your receipts to turn in.

**Kitchen Helper:** This person would help serve dinner and help clean up the tables and sweep around tables after dinner. We would need you from 5:30-6:15

**Registration:** This position would be from 5:15 - 5:40. You would help parents fill out the correct paperwork and make sure the kids are signed in.

**Lesson Leader:** The lesson leader would read a bible story/ lesson to the kids and lead an activity. This position is very similar to teaching Sunday school. We would need you here 5:50-6:30. This position will last for a month at a time.

**Preschool:** We need 2 volunteers for this position. You will be babysitting 3-5 year olds in the Nursery. We will need you here from 5:50-7:00.

**Still have questions? Ready to sign up? Talk to Dory, MaryAnn or Daniel**

THANK YOU church family for the many ways  
you support Children & Youth Ministries!



## MISSION Opportunities...



**DO YOU HAVE AN EXTRA HOUR?** This is the perfect time to spend an hour volunteering in local schools; you'd be amazed at the huge difference it can make. One hour in the afternoon can help students who are behind. Children love to read to you; they are respectful and appreciative. So, lend a hand, and contact an elementary school to become a volunteer!

### Cents-Ability Reminder



Don't forget to bring your Cents-Ability offering to church on Sunday, September 3rd. 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.



### CHILI COOK-off Results

Our in house Chili Cook-off was held on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> and great fun was had by all. We had 5 wonderful chili's that made it very difficult to choose just one! But **Caroline Crowley** took home the win with her tasty chili! The winning theme of "Wizard of OZ" was submitted by **Maryann Snyder!**

A big **Thank you** to all who helped make this event a success; especially all the chili chefs: **Caroline Crowley, Randy Beckler, Sandra Applegate, Dory Haselwerdt, and Shirley Lewis.** And thank you to the **Deacons** for the yummy cornbread.

There are still opportunities to join in the fun for the **Community Chili Cook-off on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Michele Young if you can help.

### PUMPKINFEST IS COMING!

Another fun community event you don't want to miss! Our church will again be participating in the PumpkinFest held on Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22. We will have free games and prizes for the kids along with information about our wonderful church and all its activities. Look for the sign-ups sheets coming soon!



## 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

On Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, Patty Sanders from Presbytery's Petal for Protein joined us for a Minute for Missions and brought along the Pedal for Protein Fair trade sale. With the combined sales and donations from the “Bike Money Tree” we donated close to \$300! Also, Pastor Daniel and daughter Tessa are hoping to join the ride on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If anyone else would like to participate in the ride please contact Patty Sanders ASAP at [PattyRedwoodsHAE@sbcglobal.net](mailto:PattyRedwoodsHAE@sbcglobal.net) Thank you for your generous support.

## 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.

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.samartianspurse.org](http://www.samartianspurse.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 the 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.*

## Shoebox Collection Schedule:

Monday 11/13: 12 – 3pm

Tuesday 11/14: 3 – 6pm

Wednesday 11/15: 10am – 1pm

Thursday 11/16: 10am – 1pm

Friday 11/17: 10am – 1pm

Saturday 11/18: 9am – noon

Sunday 11/19: 1 – 4pm

Monday 11/20: 8:30 – 11:30 (pack up)

## September VIP Luncheon Wednesday, September 20 @ 11:30



All those very important people over 70 are invited to a spaghetti and meatball luncheon with salad and bread. A very special dessert, Tiramisu, will also be served. The program will be announced at a later date. Please call the church, 468-9235, if you need a ride. Hope to see you there!



## Redwood Empire Cursillo

*Have you ever heard of a Cursillo?*

The Spanish name, “Cursillo de Cristiandad” means “short course in Christianity”. Cursillo (pronounced Coor- SEE-yo) is a dynamic weekend of spiritual renewal that helps us to recognize Christ’s presence in our own lives and in the lives of others. Some people like to think of it as Christian Camp for Adults! Here in the Redwood Empire, Cursillo is an ecumenical weekend, held at the Angela Center in Santa Rosa. It begins Thursday evening and continues through Sunday afternoon. During a Cursillo weekend, there is great music, meaningful conversation, and plenty to eat. Five brief talks that reflect the heart of the Gospel message are given each day. Some of the talks are about Grace, Faith, Study, Obstacles to Living a Christian Life, Sacraments, and Being Christ in Your Environment. Group activities are held each evening in the chapel. The price is \$190. Partial scholarships are available for those who need financial help. To receive a brochure, or to learn more, contact Shannon Phelan (391-5058) or Chris Gordon (391-6821).



## Adult Bible Studies... Are you “plugged in”???

**Early Morning Men’s Bible Study:** A great morning snack and coffee greets this small group of “early-bird” men for their interactive lay lead Bible study. They strive to confirm their faith and look for a deeper meaning through a study of the bible and/or study guides. A deep level of understanding scripture is not required.

We start back up weekly on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 am in the church library with a study of the parables.

All men are welcome who would enjoy great conversation and a short bible study. Come and see how the Bible can give us guidance for our lives today. This is a drop-in Bible Study, come when you are able.



**Serendipity Women's Bible Study:** Using the Serendipity Bible for Groups, we alternate between Old and New Testaments, studying a complete book at a time (which is mutually agreed upon by the group), reading a specified portion each week. The study consists of answering the "cup" (ice breaker), "book" (about the text) and "heart" (life application) questions written in the margins of the Bible. Since the questions are found within the pages we're reading, we are literally 'all on the same page'. The passages are read together during our gathering, so there is no homework. We rotate the "facilitator" each week, and spend time sharing prayer requests, praises, and a light snack.

We meet at 8:30 am on Tuesday mornings in the library for an hour and we are open to anyone who may be interested in studying and fellowshiping with other women at FPCU.

**SIPs resume September 5th:** SIPs will still meet Tuesday evenings at 5:00 and we'll be doing using the Serendipity Bible (*see Serendipity Women’s Bible Study for description*). We'll be starting September 5th and choosing a book of the Bible for our study. As always, everyone is welcome.

**NEW FALL BIBLE STUDY FOR GAL:** PW has begun its new Fall Bible Study and you are invited to come. It's simple to participate: No study guides to purchase; you don't have to 'read ahead' and just think, no tests! (Easy Peasy). This great Bible study meets the SECOND and FOURTH WEDNESDAYS, @ 1:30 pm in the library. We are beginning the Book of John. Hope to see you there. Need info or have questions? Contact Jaunita Coddington 263-5534

*Thank you for your continued faithful commitment to our church.*

*We are behind in expenses through July, but we should catch up by the end of December due to our open AP position.*

*Please review your statement that will be sent to you soon, to ensure you are in line with your pledges.*

*We will have a Session Forum on September 17<sup>th</sup> to answer any questions on our finances.*

<b>As of July 31, 2017</b>		<b>Total \$\$</b>
Income	\$	152,415
Expenses	\$	167,170
Difference	\$	(14,755)
<b>Balance in Checking Account</b>		<b>Total \$\$</b>
Non-Designated Funds	\$	55,655
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	40,529
<b>Total Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>96,184</b>
<b>Balance in Savings</b>		<b>Total \$\$</b>
CD's	\$	44,271
Mutual Funds	\$	24,693
Other Savings	\$	53,218
<b>Total Balance in Savings</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>122,182</b>
<b>Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account</b>		
Missions	\$	300
Hispanic Ministries	\$	494
Hispanic MicroLoans	\$	1,010
Mission Trip	\$	3,043
Missions Fundraiser	\$	2,031
Centsability	\$	192
Per Capita	\$	-
Deacons	\$	47
Flowers	\$	-
General Memorial	\$	25,334
Camperships	\$	-
Building and Grounds	\$	200
Compassionate Ministries	\$	985
Singalong	\$	454
Senior Ministries	\$	-
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Youth Ministries	\$	76
Children's Ministries	\$	29
Childrens Playground	\$	4,346
Vacation Bible School	\$	-
Special Grants	\$	1,933
Fellowship Meals	\$	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>40,529</b>





## **MEETING MINUTES**

### ***Notes from the Session, July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting:***

**Pastor Report (Daniel):** During the month of July, I made pastoral visits/calls to (*various shut-ins and members of congregation*). I continue writing the weekly column for the Saturday Edition of the Ukiah Daily Journal. Considering “**JESUS ON TAP-BIBLE STUDY-FALL 2017**”. The ministry is designed to reach “seeker” church persons in our congregation and community. The program would be held in the evening at a local restaurant/pub. I will be on study leave 8-1-17 to 8-3-17.

#### **Council/Committee Reports:**

##### **Family Council:**

- Worship Committee: Pulpit supply is over budget at this time. Guest speakers: Peggy Arendt on 8/6; Peter Thomsen on 9/24.
- Youth & Children’s Ministries: Daniel summarized the conversation he had with Dory and MaryAnn, emphasizing the central role Dory and MaryAnn have in overall leadership of the youth programs. Daniel related the seemingly unintentional existence of parallel programs – church and youth – and the need to ‘cross pollinate’ the two. MaryAnn (guest) and Dory described the ‘workings’ of Hangout and SWAG, emphasizing the need for volunteers, especially during the Hangout dinner time. Everyone agreed volunteer training is needed. Dory discussed the difficulties in trying to staff the nursery on Sunday morning.
- Missions: Motions passed: 1) approving the Pedals for Protein fund raiser on 8/13 and 2) Continue Nor Cal Christian Ministries use of FPCU facility.
- Congregational Life: Discussed the farewell luncheon for the Ingalls family.

##### **Resource Council:**

- Finance: Distributed/discussed June finance reports – it appears income exceeded expenses at over \$2000.
- Buildings/Grounds: Next meeting is 8/3, workday is 8/5.
- Personnel: Discussion on what to do when Daniel is out of town: 1) session members rotate being on call; 2) on-call pastor (local, other denomination; out-of-town, Presbyterian). Expressed concern regarding Safe Church Requirements as we seek to increase the volunteer pool.

**Other Business:** To support and assist Dory (elder of Children/Youth Ministries) a motion passed to consider a job description for Part-Time Director of Family Ministries, but job description was not approved. By consensus, the session agreed that Dory and MaryAnn should continue in their leadership roles of this department.

Next regular meeting is September 21, 6:00pm.

***Session Members:*** Randy Beckler, Daniel Christian, Kevin DeVries, Karen Golden, Chris Gordon, Dory Haselswerdt, Randy Huffman, Shirley Lewis, Roe Sandelin, Michele Young

*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!

9/1 Barbara Rones	9/12 Sammie Davies	9/16 Donna Squires
9/4 Carol Cowles	Warren Pribyl	9/19 Mark Smith
9/9 Tom Desroches	9/13 Kitty Sandelin	9/22 Caroline Crowley
Marie Pera	9/15 Myra Drury	9/25 Shirley Lewis
9/11 Kim Huffman	9/16 Brent Ostovar	9/26 Finn Kaeser
Alice Oakley	Don Pera	9/27 Terri Grass

## Event Calendar ~ September



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
	5:00pm	SIPS 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

9/3	<b>Communion / CENTSABILITY</b>	9/19	Noon	Family/Outreach Council
<b>9/4</b>	<b>Labor Day – Office Closed</b>	9/20	11:30am	VIP Luncheon
9/6	10:00am Worship Committee	9/21	6:00pm	Session
9/8	6:00pm Community Chili Cookoff	9/27	11:45am	ROMEOS
9/9	9:00am Stitches from the Heart		5:30pm	Hangout Kids' Club
	9:00am MCJPA Health Talk		6:00pm	Packing Party (care pkgs)
9/12	6:00pm Resource Council	9/28	5:30pm	Deacons
9/13	1:30pm PW Bible Study			
9/14	6:00pm Boy Scouts			

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