



First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah

2016 Annual Report

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PASTOR

Rev. David Rodriguez

“God Is Good-All The Time”

Some of you are old enough to remember the call and response that was popular at Christian camps:

Call: God is good.

Response: All the time.

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As I look back on this past year, it is obvious to me that God is good. All the time.

The Lord provided for all of our financial needs and He even blessed us with thousands of dollars more than we had expected. As a result, we have been able to not only pay all of our bills, we have carried over money into 2017. God is good. All the time.

The Lord has blessed with new members in 2016 and we will have a new members class at the start of 2017. God is good. All the time.

The Lord has comforted us in our grief as several of our members went to their Heavenly home in 2016. God is good. All the time.

The Lord has enabled us to show hospitality to the homeless here at our facility. God is good. All the time.

Our ministries to children and young people are thriving under the leadership of Pastor Kelsey. God is good. All the time.

The Lord has led us to reach beyond our church walls and show others His love during mission trips and community outreach events. God is good. All the time.

In 2017, we will have more opportunities to celebrate God’s never changing love as the world continues to change around us. In the midst of transition, the Holy Spirit will speak to the hearts of those who come and go, transforming lives.

People throughout our community are longing to experience the Lord’s forgiveness, salvation, and life-changing transformation. You can enable this to happen by letting others know that God is good. All the time.

PASTOR

Rev. Kelsey Ingalls

This year was filled with blessings and growth.

Some highlights from programs at the church include having a blast at our Summer Youth Retreat, getting to know lots of regular and new faces at VBS, sending a record number of kids to Westminster Woods for summer camp, watching Hangout continue to grow and shift, taking a mission trip to Lake County, watching nearly 100 kids hunt for Easter Egg and hosting their families for lunch at the church, being part of several baptisms on Easter morning, and celebrating the weddings of former youth group members.

I also got the chance to learn and grow professionally through attending two Preaching Pastor's Conferences, spending some rest and study time on retreat, and being part of a Missional Leader's Cohort through the Presbytery.

This year was also filled with saying goodbye and looking into the future.

We had to say goodbye to church members as they went to be with the Lord. It was an honor to be part of their memorial services and minister to their families.

In a very different way, we have started the long transition of saying "goodbye for now" to Pastor David. We look forward to being part of his work in the mission field with the Navy and await his return next year.

As we look into the future we are revamping a couple of our Children's Ministries programs, searching for ways to join God in our community, and looking forward to welcoming Dan Christian as the Temporary Head of Staff.

STATISTICS

Clerk of Session, Warren Pribyl

BOARD MEMBERS

ELDERS: Gayle DeVries, Ron Tyselling, Shirley Lewis, Chris Gordon, Randy Beckler, Dory Haselswerdt, Michele Young, Karen Golden, Randy Huffman

DEACONS: Debbie Holland, Debbie Brutocao, Caroline Crowley, Ellen Chinn, Dona Huff, Nancie Garcia, Kim Huffman, Marie Pera, Juanita Coddington, Tom Desroches, Barbara McLean, Myrinda Head

NOMINATING: Shirley Lewis (Elder, Chair), Don Huff (Deacons); Congregation: Perry Crowley, Cherie Alton, Wilma Pribyl

CORPORATE OFFICERS (Ruling Elders): President, Shirley Lewis; Vice President, Randy Beckler; Secretary-Treasurer, Gayle DeVries

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTIC

MEMBERSHIP: 12-31-2016: 155

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: Sunday Morning Service: 90

DEATHS: Mary Vogel, Virginia Fitch, Esther Barlow, Charles (Chuck) Pittman, Evelyn Hiatt, Margaret Sweeley

MOTIONS APPROVED BY SESSION OR CONGREGATION

- Changed the two Annual Congregational meetings to: 1) Not later than the first Sunday in December; 2) Not later than the last Sunday in January.
- Memorandum of Understanding between FPCU and Nor Cal Christian Ministries for use of church facilities (Bromley Hall, Bromley bathrooms, one Bromley classroom, kitchen) beginning 12-13-16.

Resource Council Committees

TEMPORARY PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (TPNC)

Shirley Lewis, Chair

The purpose of the Temporary Pastor Nominating Committee was to research, interview and recommend a temporary pastor to Session for the period of time Pastor David Rodriguez is mobilized, approximately one year. The Session appointed Shirley Lewis as Chair, with Warren Pribyl, Karen Golden, David Head and Perrine Kirchen as members. The TPNC recommendation to Session (Daniel Christian) was approved December 15, 2016.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Randy Beckler, Elder

Building & Grounds (B&G) is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of our church facility. We have all church work days every other month. We invite and are appreciative of all the help provided by our church family.

B&G is responsible for approving how the church and manse buildings are used. This year the fee schedule was modified to allow “free” use to church members (individual use), and revised the fees to be more reasonable for outside groups. We also modified the storage shed to make better availability for manse residents. And we “opened our doors” to partner with NorCal Christian Ministries on a temporary basis to give our homeless community a place to come in out of the cold and get something to eat and learn more about our Lord Jesus Christ.

FINANCE

Randy Huffman, Elder

Finance Committee Members: Randy Huffman (Chair), Cindy DeVries (Treasurer), Pastor David, Denise Beckler, Lenord Swope

As of December 31, 2016		Total \$\$
Income	\$	276,562
Expenses	\$	253,662
Difference	\$	22,900
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds	\$	58,959
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	38,431
Total Balance in Checking	\$	97,390
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$
CD's	\$	44,168
Mutual Funds	\$	23,804
One Time Special Gift in 2014	\$	46,255
Total Balance in Savings	\$	114,227
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account		
Missions	\$	931
Hispanic Ministries	\$	544
Hispanic MicroLoans	\$	1,010
Mission Trip	\$	3,043
Centsability	\$	-
Per Capita	\$	-
Deacons	\$	-
Flowers	\$	5
General Memorial	\$	25,775
Camperships	\$	1,228
Building and Grounds	\$	200
Compassionate Ministries	\$	1,315
Pastor Appreciation	\$	-
Senior Ministries	\$	12
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Youth Ministries	\$	-
Children's Ministries	\$	(16)
Childrens Playground	\$	4,346
Vacation Bible School	\$	-
Fellowship Meals	\$	35
Total	\$	38,431

PERSONNEL

Shirley Lewis, Elder

The purpose of the Personnel Committee is to assist the Session in fulfilling its responsibilities for the persons employed by the church and to provide support and counsel to the staff.

2016 Accomplishments

- Presented to the congregation 2016 recommendations for Pastors' 2016 Terms of Call January 31, 2016. The congregation approved recommendations.
- Trained new officers in the Safe Church program. Gave annual report to Session in March.
- Reviewed changes in state and federal employment laws for needed revisions to Employee Handbook.
- Encouraged professional growth and development of staff;
- Researched, reviewed, and presented Session with a proposed 2017 salary and benefit budget, which included recommendations for Pastors' Terms of Call.
- Chair was members of the Sabbatical team for Pastor Kelsey's application for the 2016 Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program.
- Conferred with the Pastor(s) on any important issues of concern; and
- Performed annual performance for Head of Staff.

Family/Outreach Council Committees

ADULT MINISTRIES

Karen Golden, Elder

- In February/March the Adult Ed Ministries (AEM) worked with Pastor David to help facilitate a New Member's Class for people who were interested in finding out more about First Pres and possibly joining. The AEM was responsible for setting up the room and getting the materials for the class.
- During the summer the AEM organized classes for the book "Apprenticeship With Jesus" that David & Kelsey were using as the basis for their summer sermon series.
- Selected an Advent Devotional Guide to give to people of the church who wanted it
- Choosing a Lenten Devotional Guide for next year's Lenten Season

CHILDREN / YOUTH

Dory Haselswerdt, Elder

- #SWAG met weekly throughout the year plus had monthly special events (game nights, ping pong, clay bible story sculptures, etc.)
- Hangout met weekly January – April, then resumed in September for monthly meets.
- Sunday School and nursery were open all year (no summer break)
- Many activities during Sunday School, Hangout, #SWAG, and VBS were focused on missional work, such as Thank You cards, tangible gifts for neighbors or non-profits, holiday (Valentines, Veterans Day, Christmas) cards for soldiers, shut-ins, VIPs, and Nor Cal Ministries clients, decorating Cents-ability cans, and assembling and handing out gifts during worship (Mother's/Father's Day), and so on.
- March - Easter egg hunt + neighborhood luncheon in Bromley with children's ministry opportunities displayed on wallboard
- May - bake sale fundraiser for camp
- June - Youth Sunday 6/5
- July - Westminster Woods (15 kids went from our church)
- Aug - VBS and #SWAG youth retreat
- October - LOGOS training
- Nov - Westminster Woods # SWAG weekend
- Dec - neighborhood caroling and Christmas Eve service

FELLOWSHIP

Chris Gordon, Elder

- Monthly: Birthday cakes for Coffee Hour
- VIP's Luncheons
- Feb 14th - March 20, 2016 - Sunday Lenten Lunches
- March 6 -20, 2016 - New Members Class Lunches
- August 27, 2016 - Kayaking the Russian River
- September 25, 2016 - Family Picnic Luncheon
- New Year's Eve Campership Fundraiser / Party

MISSIONS

Michele Young, Elder

We had a busy and successful year in 2016, thanks be to God! Here are some of the highlights:

- We supported Kayla Holland, Alfonso Ucan Family, Bethy Mack in their various ministries and mission trips.

- April: attended a fundraiser dinner for NorCal Christian Ministries and committed to support this ministry. This relationship has developed into hosting their clients three mornings a week here at FPCU. PTL!
- Also in April we had a fundraise for our Mission trip to Lake County and Habitat for Humanity and raised the money to, not only fund the trip, but also give a donation of \$5,000 to Habitat for Humanity for their ongoing Lake County projects.
- June we joined with Habitat for Humanity for a week to help with several ongoing projects
- We decided to, once again, add One Great Hour of Sharing and the Cents-Ability programs to our ministry list.
- We hosted the Ugandan Kids Choir, Brent Vernon Puppeteer, Presbytery's Petal for Protein.
- August we had our in-house chili cook-off and with our winning chili we participated in the community cook-off.
- October we participated in the Pumkinfest and enjoyed connecting with our community
- November brought the Shoebox ministry and Charity Christmas Faire. We are thankful for Shirley Lewis and Wilma Pribyl for leading and organizing these ministries which were both a huge success.

Thank you all for helping by donating your time, talents, money and prayers to all these events and ministries. A BOG thank you to my missions Committee members: Kelsey Ingalls, Jaunita Coddington & Kitty Sandelin, along with honorary members Wilma Pribyl & Shirley Lewis.

WORSHIP

Ron Tysseling, Elder

The Worship Committee for 2016 consisted of Pastor David, Pastor Kelsey, Denise Beckler, Sharon Rudick, and Ron Tysseling.

Over the past year we have enjoyed the music of several special guest musicians: organist Tom DeLay; harpist Anna Maria Mendieta, who also performed at the 9th Annual Christmas Sing-Along, along with over 30 people in the community choir; and finishing the year on New Year's Day with violinist Holly Fagan who, along with her husband, are new attendees of our congregation.

The Committee is also thankful for the Worship Team who have led us in worship with readings and prayer as well as the beautiful and inspiring music they have shared with us, and also for Myra Drury who has stepped in on the organ during times when Denise is on vacation and other special services.

2016 marked our 9th Annual Christmas Carol Sing-along. We featured several special guests, including Anna Maria Mendieta (harpist), Tom DeLay on organ, soloist Carole Hester and over 30 people in the community choir. Special thanks to Carole who teamed up again with

DEACONS

Nancie Garcia, Moderator

St. Francis of Assisi, an ordained deacon in his time (1200's), said, "We ought to be servants." And so the Deacons of FPC Ukiah aim "to be the Father's children who do His work." This past year we worked hard serving in these primary areas:

- Hosting weekly coffee hour and monthly birthday cake celebrations during Sunday fellowship time
- Organizing and conducting memorial receptions as needed (4 times this year)
- Preparing communion monthly, weekly during Lent, and on Stewardship Sunday
- Sending get well, condolence, and thinking of & praying for you cards & notes (65+ sent)
- Setting up/serving/clean-up of church pot-lucks
- Arranging for greeters & ushers for Sunday worship services
- Coordinating and sending prayer requests & praises through email (approx. 80 this year)
- Leading Stitches from the Heart (18 prayer shawls, 32 items for OCC). Added this year, we are part of a partnership making and providing lap-ropes & afghans for veterans (9 this year). Praise God for this wonderful, growing ministry!
- Ordering & organizing the kitchen supplies & products used by the many various groups at FPCU
- Providing meals to church family individuals when needed for short-term assistance
- Helping Hands in many miscellaneous ways (home & hospital visitations, driving to appointments, phone calls, taking food to shut-ins, sewing, helping with milestone celebrations, and more)
- Visiting and serving communion to our shut-ins (monthly)
- Delivering Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies to shut-ins and lonely elderly
- Coordinating, preparing, & distributing Interfaith Lunches to the hungry (75 sack lunches 4-5 weekends)
- Kitchen organization and cleaning
- Helping organize and conduct the Maundy Thursday soup supper
- Setting up the Christmas sing-a-long cookie/cider reception
- Writing newsletter articles and brochure information
- Representing Deacons on church nominating committee
- Baking! Cookies, cornbread, and goodies galore for the many events and activities!

Your 2016 Deacons:

Debbie Brutocao
Nancie Garcia
Barbara McLean

Tom Desroches
Kim Huffman
Caroline Crowley

Dona Huff
Jaunita Coddington
Debbie Holland

Ellen Chinn
Myrinda Head
Marie Pera

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN in the CONGREGATION

Jaunita Coddington, Moderator

This has been a somewhat quiet year for Presbyterian Women, although we did fully plan and were in the process of promoting a fundraising luncheon for the Lake County Fire Victims. It was at this point that we were invited to join in the efforts with the Mission Teams effort as they promoted their amazingly successful Dinner-to-Go. It was a tremendous success!

PW continues to promote a monthly Bible Study/Book Study meeting the 2nd Wednesday, at 1:30 in the Library. Currently we are enjoying an uplifting study called “*Outrageous Joy*”, which is hilariously fun, joyful and spiritually uplifting! All of you ladies are welcome to join our fun. We’ll begin a new Bible study in the spring and you can help choose which it will be.

PW Financial Report, 2016

Balance forward from 2015		\$2,405.29	
Receipts			
3/31	Refund, ½ catering deposit	\$125.00	
7/18	Rummage sale Thurs/Fri	1502.00	
	Rummage sale Sat	768.70	
7/27	Rummage sale	8.00	
9/22	Rummage sale	50.00	
	Total Receipts	\$2,453.70	\$4,858.99
Disbursements			
3/31	12 copies “Outrageous Joy”	\$ 47.64	
4/14	FPC “Kayla Holland” mission	300.00	
	FPC Habitat for Humanity, Lake County	500.00	
6/13	FPC Memorial Fund:		
	Esther Barlow	\$10	
	Mary Vogel	\$10	20.00
7/5	Ukiah Daily Journal, rummage sale ad	35.01	
7/12	Cash, for rummage sale	517.00	
8/20	FPC, Youth Camperships	500.00	
8/23	Alkare Storehouse, Bethy Mack	300.00	
11/29	FPC Memorial Fund:		
	Margaret Sweeley	\$5.00	
12/20	FPC Memorial Fund:		
	Margaret Sweeley	\$5.00	10.00
	Total Disbursements	\$2,237.59	\$2,621.40
	Year-end Balance on Hand		\$2,621.40