



# Presbeat



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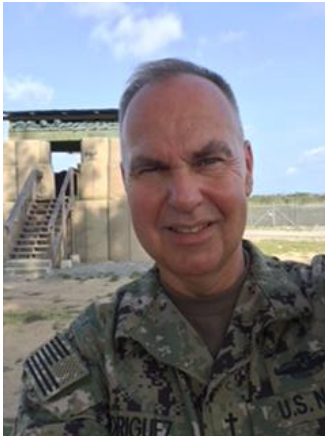
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## "Have You Ever Seen a Miracle?"

At my former church in Hollister, I taught a Sunday School class for middle school students before the worship service. During one of the classes, a student asked me, "Why doesn't God perform miracles anymore?" I responded that God is doing miracles all the time. God always has and God always will. I then asked her if she'd like to meet someone who has experienced a miracle from God and she said she would. So, I told her that I'd arrange for an introduction.

When we finished the class, we started the worship service and during the time for prayer requests I said, "Some of the young people in the church are wondering if God still does miracles. Have any of you experienced a miracle such as being healed from cancer or a heart attack? Has anyone had their marriage healed? Have any of you seen Jesus in the flesh? Have any of you heard the voice of God? Have any of you had God speak to you in a dream? Have any of you had God change your life? If you have, please stand up." Everyone in the congregation stood up. Then I asked the people in the congregation to tell their stories of God's miracles to the young people of the church.

While I've been away in Djibouti with the US Navy, I have seen and experienced many miracles from God. So, during the Sundays in August, I will tell you my stories of God's miracles. I'm also looking forward to hearing the stories of God's miracles in your lives.

In the telling of these stories, we will strengthen each other's faith in God's miraculous involvement in our lives and in our world. And in so doing, we'll see even more miracles.

Jesus said, "Everything is possible for one who believes." Mark 9:23

In Christ, *David*

Dear church family,

David and I want to thank you for welcoming us back so graciously. We appreciate the thoughtful ways that you prepared the manse for our return. From cleaning to filling the cupboards, refrigerator and freezer with essentials, from lovely art work to sweet smelling soaps in the bathroom, we felt your care.

We are thankful for each gift and for the person who shared it with us. We are happy to be back. And we are excited to see the work of God in each of us and through each of us.

Blessings and love, *David and Cathy*



## *Children and Youth Ministry Updates*

There are so many exciting things happening for the children in our congregation! In July, I had the pleasure of spending a week at Westminster Woods Summer Camp in Occidental, CA, with a handful of our very own students! During the week, we went swimming and hiking and spent time enjoying the great outdoors. I personally counseled a cabin with eight girls, six who belong to First Pres Ukiah, all who went home having heard about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and God's beautiful and unconditional love!

This experience would not have been possible for many of our students if it weren't for the camperships that FPCU provided for them! Once again, thank you so much for generously helping get our students to camp.

Coming up this month we are hosting Vacation Bible School for our little ones, grades pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup>. Continued prayer for VBS would be appreciated and be sure to invite any children in your life to this exciting week! Registration can be found online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/fpcuvbs>. VBS is August 6-10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30pm, and dinner will be included.

This summer, we have been hosting Youth Group on Wednesday nights for grades 5-12<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30pm. Fall programming schedules will be announced shortly, so stay tuned for word on when children and youth activities will resume in the fall. Our Youth Ministry is also in the works of planning some exciting retreats for our students, so prayer for those events as well would be wonderful.

### **Please pray for all those affected by the fires.**

Some of you have asked "What can I do to help?" There are a couple ways:

- Alexis and the youth group are collecting 'thank you' cards to send to the firefighters. You can jump on, too. Give your cards to Alexis and she will get them to the firefighters. Cards really do make a difference in their lives!
- We anticipate the possibility of the need for temporary housing within our congregation. If you have a guest house or rental that may possibly be available during emergencies, please contact the office so we know who we can reach out to in the event of a temporary need.

We will keep you posted in others ways we can help!

## Personnel Update:

The Dog Days of summer have begun and all of our personnel readily moves forward with the grace of God to be good shepherds in spreading His word. Pastor David has returned from active military duty to his church home here in Ukiah. We are blessed and appreciative of his safe return. He served our nation and our congregation in many honorable ways. He is an example of what makes America Great! A welcome home potluck is planned for Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, after worship.

Our new Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Alexis Moore, has been hard at work getting to know the congregation while recruiting help for upcoming events. Please volunteer to help in her success in building our youth ministry.

The night time security position is in the works as I type and should be in place by the distribution of the Presbeat.

Blessings ~ Jerry

## Church Family Directory Event

We are updating our FPCU Church Directory! By now, you may have received an email and/or phone call inviting you to join this event.

August 20 - 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/ydxx21ps/>

If you are not able to sign-up online we do have a sign-up table on Sunday mornings after worship 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 20, 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. The Visitor Cards are available in the church office and at the Sunday morning sign-up table.
- **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.

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

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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 3 Underway ~ accepting donations for Phase 4**



We continue to receive donations for this project and are so grateful for your generosity.

Personal note from Pastor John: *"We also bring our thanks to you and to say that if we had gold, we would give it to you. We and the children, we thank you so much. Send our thanks to all Church members plus mum Renee and Kirk."* (Renee & Kirk are from Alkare)

## **Meals-to-go Fundraiser ~ Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

Mark your calendars and spread the word! This fundraiser will complete funding for phase 4 of our Uganda orphanage project and also help our local missions in our church and community.

# IN HOUSE CHILI COOK-OFF

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>

Join the fun... make some chili, come taste some chili and vote on your favorites! We will also be voting on booth themes for the Community Chili Cook-off (Friday, September 7). Look for sign-up sheets on Sundays if you would like to help, there are always lots of opportunities to volunteer and we always have a great time working together.



COMMUNITY CHILI COOK-OFF COMING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

We need lots of help to pull this off. We need Chili cooks, volunteers to set-up, decorate booth, clean-up and serve chili. This is a great opportunity to get involved with our community and have a good time in the process!

## PUMPKINFEST COMING OCTOBER 13 AND 14

Another great community event – more details next month.



## SHOE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Thank you for continuing to support this ministry by donating your old (but good ) shoes to someone who is in need. There is a large bin in the church narthex for your convenience. Keep them coming!

We will be hosting the **Pedal for Protein (P4P)** fund raising event on Sunday August, 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

We will have all the information you need to register on August 19<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in participating in the ride! You may also register online to ride and/or donate at:

[www.imathlete.com/events/PedalforProtein](http://www.imathlete.com/events/PedalforProtein)  
[www.imathlete.com/donate/PedalforProtein5](http://www.imathlete.com/donate/PedalforProtein5)



## Operation Christmas Child Appreciation and 2018 Kickoff Lunch

Did you miss this Operation Christmas Child Appreciation and 2018 Kickoff Lunch?  
If you did, you missed hearing from a recipient of a Christmas shoebox.

What an incredible testimony to hear how this ministry has, **and IS**, changing lives!

If you would like to read more (including a video) of his incredible story, please click:  
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-stories-yves-and-a-scarf/>



National Collect Week is November 21 – 19 and our church will again be a Relay Center. The goal for Lake and Mendocino counties is 3000 boxes. More information and Gospel Opportunity boxes will be available in October. The church's OCC team is comprised of Caroline Crowley, Nancie Garcia, Shirley Lewis, Francine Selim and Diane Yanez.



## A Time of Celebrations – One Complete – Soul Food to Come

A good time was had by all at our farewell potluck for Pastor Daniel, while it did not include green Jell-O with pineapple (Pastor Daniel would classify this as a sin of omission rather than commission) there was an abundance of Tri-Tip and other dishes upon which to feast. Michelle was looking forward to a return visit to Mendocino to use their gift certificate at Chop Chop in

Ukiah as well as riding the Skunk Train. Other gifts from congregation members included Hoyman pottery, a beautiful glass butterfly, and carefully selected bottles of wine. Of course, we all got to see Michelle drape Daniel's stole on him so that he will truly have a piece of Ukiah in his next ministry.

Speaking of food we are glad to have Pastor David (also glad to have Cathy back) back to lavish us with some Soul Food – his first message is July 29<sup>th</sup>. Oh yeah, we also will have food for the body in the form of a potluck welcoming David and Cathy back. Please bring a dish to share on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, after worship.

We were blessed with Pastor Daniel's ministry to us and we look forward to being blessed with Pastor David's weaving into his sermons his experiences in Africa and Cathy sharing her experiences during the past 15 months.

*Pastor Daniel sends his greetings to everyone at FPCU... he misses you and prays for you. They also thank you for your prayers for Michelle's healing as well as for his ministry call. Michelle is relaxing at home, while Daniel manages the restaurant. He has had some invitations to preach and has also turned some down. He is as busy as he would like to be... for now! Both are thankful for this time of 'stay-cation' to reconnect as a family and enjoy the rest of the summer.*

Dear FPCU,



Thank you for your heartfelt generosity as you choose to bless the work in Nalugazi, Uganda. The Alkare Foundation is blessed to have you come alongside us as we provide funds and spiritual support to these wonderful people. Shelly and Kevin (Mack) have been such a blessing and we give thanks for them and also for your commitment. May God bless you richly. ~ *Renee Afman, COO; Alkare Foundation*



**Thank you** to all who helped get the manse ready for David & Cathy's return home: Shelly Mack, Jerry & Nancie Garcia, Francine Selim, Randy & Denise Beckler, Shirley Lewis, Jim & Ann Denham, Roe Sandelin... and all of you who purchased items for the pound party to stock their kitchen. They felt right at home the minute they walked in the door.



School begins on Wednesday, August 29. We are still accepting enrollments for Preschool through Fourth Grade. Please contact Sandy Peters at (707) 485-8778 for more information.

**Giant Gym Sale at Deep Valley Christian School across from the Broiler Restaurant (8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley)** - on Friday, August 17, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, August 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thank you for your generous donations and support. We will be accepting more donations after Labor Day for our October 5 and 6 sale.

*Did we miss your birthday last month???*

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



## Happy Birthday!

8/1 Patti Longstreth	8/9 Jerry Garcia	8/26 Tessa Christian
8/2 Myrinda Head	8/10 Baylee Flowers	Randy Huffman
8/3 Martha Vega	8/11 Maggie Singleton	8/28 Oliver Myers
8/4 Mary Vickers	8/12 Nancy Gilmore	8/29 Debbie Holland
8/7 Ron Tysseling	8/15 India Ramseier	8/30 Andrew Snyder
8/8 Donne Ingalls	8/18 Barbara McLean	8/31 Linda Logan
Eduardo Vega	8/23 Austin Haselswerdt	

## Event Calendar ~ August



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

8/1	10:00am	Worship Committee		
8/2	5:30pm	Buildings/Grounds		
8/4	8:00am	Church Work Day		
8/5		<b>Centsability / Communion</b>		
8/6	5:30pm	VBS		
8/7	5:30pm	VBS		
8/8	1:30pm	PW Bible Study		
	5:30pm	VBS		
8/9	5:30pm	VBS		
8/10	5:30pm	VBS		
8/12	11:15am	Pastor David & Cathy Potluck		
			8/16	6:00pm Session
			8/20	2:00pm Church Directory Photos
			8/21	2:00pm Church Directory Photos
			8/22	12:00pm Church Directory Photos
				1:30pm PW Bible Study
			8/23	12:30pm ABC Program
				5:30pm Deacons
			8/26	11:15am In-house Chili Cookoff

**Our Calendar is also available online @ <http://fpcukiah.org/calendar/calendar/>**  
 (Note: if using a phone, view in landscape orientation to view properly)