



# Presbeat



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## *Easter in Ukiah - FINALLY!*



I am really looking forward to celebrating Easter with you this year. Last year, I led Easter services in Mogadishu, Somalia, with our military members. It was a bit surreal to preach about the Resurrection of Jesus in a Muslim country and hear gunfire outside our base. The year before that, I celebrated Easter at Fort Jackson, NC. We were given the only day-off from our military training for our mission in Africa. Now I'm home and I am blessed to be with you this Easter.

It seems like an eternity since I've seen an Easter egg hunt or a sanctuary decorated with Spring flowers or young believers being baptized. So, I'm really looking forward to all of that. But most of all, I am looking forward to being with you to celebrate the most important day in the history of the universe: the Resurrection of Jesus.

In Christ ~ *Pastor David*



# Happy Easter FPCU Families!



As we prepare for one of the most joyful Holidays of the year, we are also looking forward to a number of fun activities in our Youth and Family Ministries!

As usual, **YOUTH GROUP** is being held on Mondays nights from 6 to 7:30pm for the 5th through 7th graders, and on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30pm for the 8th through 12th graders. As we gear up for Easter, our middle and high schoolers have been learning more about the season of Lent, and how we can practice supporting each other as we walk through our Lent Resolutions!

This month in lieu of our usual monthly ministry for children called **Hangout**, FPCU will be holding our annual **EASTER EGG HUNT!** This year, our Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am at McGarvey Park and will be followed by a complementary lunch here at First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us for this exciting community event!



As we look toward the end of April, our 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders are preparing to complete a **30-HR. FAMINE** here at FPCU. From April 27-28<sup>th</sup>, we will gather together for a time of fasting and fundraising in order to help alleviate world hunger. Our hope is that we can all learn a little more about what it is like to go without food, and help gain support for World Vision as they work toward helping people around the world. Our fast will be broken following the Sunday service on the 28<sup>th</sup> with a congregation-wide potluck. Please bring a dish to share and celebrate the breaking of our fast with us! We will also have a bake sale at the potluck, so please buy your dessert right there!

As usual, we will continue to hold the **NURSERY, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND DONUTS & DEVOTIONALS** (a Bible study for grades 6-12) on Sunday mornings, as well as **YOUTH CHOIR** on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6pm. Please join us for these exciting ministries, and don't forget to check out our new wall of photographs in Bromley Hall to see memories from all of our past fun events, as well as our community garden that is slowly coming to life!

For more information about Children and Family Programs, contact me at 707-391-9460 or [alexis@fpcukiah.org](mailto:alexis@fpcukiah.org). You can also find us on Facebook at "First Presbyterian of Ukiah Youth Activities" and on Instagram at @fpcyouth

In Christ ~ *Alexis*

April 7 - LENT - 10:00 AM Worship service  
with communion

April 14 - Palm Sunday - 10 am Worship  
service with communion

April 18 - Maundy Thursday - 6 pm Worship  
service, communion and soup

April 19 - Good Friday - 6 pm Taize' service

April 21 - Easter - 10 AM Worship service with baptism.



As you noticed, we had the Centsability cans on the lunch tables all through Lenten lunch season. Next month I will have an accounting of what was collected during this season. Thank you for your generosity in helping to feed the hungry in our local area.

We have set the first Meals-to-go fundraiser for Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are now available for our delicious drive-by tri-tip meals that afternoon. Tickets are available from the office, Kitty Sandelin, Mark Smith, or Michele Young.



On Palm Sunday (April 14), we will have One Great Hour of Sharing. For over seventy years, Presbyterians have joined together in this ecumenical effort to share God's love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry, and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities. We will have special One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes in the pew racks for your convenience. This offering will be taken during communion.



On May 18, we will be having our first packing party of 2019 that assembles the food packages in support of the Caritas Orphanage and troops in Djibouti. Thanks for your ongoing support of this ministry by contributing peanut butter, dry beans and pectin based chewable vitamins (*such as SmartyPants available at Costco*) for the orphans and homemade cookies for the troops. Now is the time to start baking and freezing cookies. We hope to deliver them by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to show our appreciation to their service. If you don't have room in your freezer, bring them to the church and we will freeze and store them. We use Pringle's cans to ship the cookies, so any used cans are appreciated.

We have set Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> for a rummage sale to support our Uganda orphanage mission trip. This mission trip is scheduled for January 2020. The orphanage building construction is completed. Planning is underway to assemble and ship a modular solar electrical generating system to the orphanage next year as well. Please start collecting your gently used clothing, shoes and other household items (small appliances, etc.) to support this rummage sale. We will be able to begin collecting your items next month.



We have been so successful with these activities because of your generous contributions. May God be and the teachings of Jesus go forth in these ministries.

## VIP Luncheon

**There will be no VIP luncheon in April due to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday falling during Holy Week.**

**Join us for our Maundy Thursday soup supper & communion on 4/18.**







Nanor Balabanian

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



## Celebrate the Impact

When: Saturday, April 13, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Where: Fortuna Church of the Nazarene  
1355 Ross Hill Road, Fortuna

Please join us for an Operation Christmas Child celebration service featuring special guests from Samaritan's Purse. Refreshments to follow service. Questions/Info: Call Dean Renfer at 707-786-4077.

**NANOR BALABANIAN** was born in the Middle East and lived the first year of her life in a bomb shelter with 300 other people. When the war ended, her family moved into a small village, but the country struggled economically.

Receiving her shoebox gift was an unforgettable experience for Nanor. It brought hope in the worst of times as she discovered beautiful stationery, scented soap, and a Barbie doll she immediately loved. She was overwhelmed by the idea that someone who did not even know her would do something so nice for her. Nanor realized the shoebox gift was an example of God's grace in her life. Please join us for a special time of Nanor sharing her testimony.

## A TWIST ON OLIVER TWIST



In another section of the Presbeat, you may have read about "Break the Fast" event led by Alexis (yes, a blatant promo for another article – just chalk it up to my TV station background – at least it wasn't the off the air test pattern). Quoting Dickens: "Please sir, I want some more", our youth, after their 30 hour famine will have their normal "Raiders of the Lost Refrigerator" instincts heightened – so what better way of breaking a fast than to have a potluck.

Alexis, in her column, may have invited you to participate in the 30 hour famine. With this being the Easter Season and deliverance from evil even former purveyors of Infomercials have their standards so no promo for the fast here – you have to read about it in Alexis's column.

So, mark your calendars for Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and bring a dish!

But... Bring money and **BUY YOUR DESSERT** from the 30-hour famine kids.....

**Note from Finance Committee:**

Through February we have contributions of \$41,059 and expenses of \$42,800. Thank you for those that have submitted their per capita. These are dues that are paid to our Presbytery on behalf of each member. The amount per member is \$31.43 and it is helpful to the Church if you are able to give this as well as meet your annual financial pledges.

To date, we have received ~40% of our budget in this category. Thank you all for our faithful giving in order to meet the mission of First Presbyterian Ukiah.

**Session minutes: February 21, 2019**

**SESSION DECISIONS / ACTION ITEMS:**

- Establish a pickle ball league, John Schnare to organize
- One Great Hour of Sharing offering – Palm Sunday.
- Rummage Sale June 29<sup>th</sup> to fund Uganda mission trip.

**Pastor’s Report:** Served communion with Alexis on 2/21 to several congregants. April meeting is rescheduled from 4/18 to 4/23.

**Director of Youth/Families Report:**

- **Youth Groups:** The weekly youth groups (5-7grade; 8-12 grade) and choir are continuing.
- **Sunday morning** nursery, Sunday school, and donuts/devotionals running smoothly.
- Six youth helped at the **church workday**, 2-9-19: cleaning out the Junior High room; building planters with the Buildings and Grounds Committee; planting vegetable seeds.
- **Galentine’s Day Sleepover** for youth group girls grades 6-12 was a success (10 girls attended).

<b>As of February 28, 2019</b>		<b>Total \$\$</b>
Income	\$	41,229
Expenses	\$	42,799
Difference	\$	(1,570)
<b>Balance in Checking Account</b>		<b>Total \$\$</b>
Non-Designated Funds	\$	91,598
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	40,461
<b>Total Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>132,059</b>
<b>Balance in Savings</b>		<b>Total \$\$</b>
CD's	\$	44,416
Mutual Funds	\$	25,229
Other Savings	\$	71,307
<b>Total Balance in Savings</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>140,953</b>
<b>Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account</b>		
Mission Trip	\$	3,043
Missions	\$	1,250
Missions Fundraiser	\$	76
Centsability	\$	133
Shoes 4 You	\$	108
Pedals 4 Protein	\$	-
Pass-Through	\$	-
Per Capita	\$	1,371
Deacons	\$	(2)
Flowers	\$	-
General Memorial	\$	28,137
Buildings & Grounds	\$	-
Compassionate Ministries	\$	1,469
Pastor Appreciation	\$	-
Singalong	\$	468
Fellowship Meals	\$	253
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Youth Activities	\$	25
Children's Activities	\$	36
Camperships	\$	215
Children's Playground	\$	3,876
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>40,461</b>

**PRESBYTERY:** Pastor David and Elder Shirley attended the meeting in San Anselmo, 2-2-19. Highlights of the meeting focused on: 1) Initial presentation of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of PCUSA, with final voting to take place at the May meeting; 2) Direct Presbytery to increase communication with our partner Presbytery in Africa, Kikuyu; 3) Presbytery of the Redwoods coordinating with Cascades Presbytery, Oregon, regarding the Pedal for Protein bike ride which will travel from Portland to Eureka.

**RESOURCE COUNCIL**

- **Finance:** Two reports were presented to Session: 1) The Income Statement, January 2019 vs. budget, which noted that budgeted income was \$19,000, yet \$21,000 was received. However, total budgeted expenses were expected to be \$25,982 but the church spent only \$24,507. January expenses are higher than the average month due to 3 payrolls. Overall the

church expected to be negative for January by \$7,000 but is only negative \$3,500 due to higher income and lower expenses. 2) Designated Income and Expense: On 1-31-18 the accounts balance was \$38,728 and on 1-31-19 the account balance was \$39,156 (noted deposit in General Memorial of \$440.00). Information was also presented regarding the financial information that will be summarized in the monthly PresBeat.

- **Buildings and Grounds:** The workday on 2-6-19 was well attended and very successful. Next meeting is 4-4-19, and the next workday is 4-6-19.
- **Personnel:** Efforts are continuing to try fill the assistant position for Youth and Families; however, the hours and pay are limiting factors.
- **Nominating:** The committee will be meeting after church 2-24-19, to discuss what to do about filling the vacant Deacon position, Class of 2021.

#### **FAMILY / OUTREACH COUNCIL**

- **Worship and Music:** Ash Wednesday will be a Taize' service at 6:00 PM. The first Sunday of Lent, 3-10-19, will be a special service consisting of prayer, thanksgiving and communion, with an emphasis on scripture, prayer and song. During the Easter Sunday service the accepting of new members and baptisms will take place.
- **Christian Education:** Plans are underway for the Easter egg hunt, and for VBS (date?). Camperships: The committee is developing a plan by which youth can earn "service hours" (money offset) to summer camp by "doing/helping" those in need of help completing a project or activity. The committee agreed it would be a good idea to schedule a parent-kids weekend visit to Westminster Woods prior to camp. It was suggested by Session that it might be possible to arrange for the Director of Westminster Woods, Chris Rhodes, come to Ukiah to meet with interested parties. CE will follow up.
- **Missions:** The next Meals-to-Go is April 5. The Uganda Mission trip to install a solar power generator plant is scheduled for January, 2020. (See motion above)
- **Congregational Life:** Lenten Luncheon schedule is beginning to be filled: 3-10, Session; 3-17, Gail DeVries and Chris Gordon.
- **Communication:** Carole Hester indicated a willingness to be on the committee and assist with getting information to the community (newspaper).

**Ramos Property:** Kevin has signed forms and they've been sent to the family. To date, nothing has been returned.

**New Business:** Banners will be displayed on both Perkins and Dora streets. **Dishwasher**, sanitizer, and recycling were discussed.

#### ***Elder/Deacon Board Retreat ~ February 23***

The retreat/meeting was divided into morning and afternoon sessions. During the morning session David presented four areas for review/discussion: 1) Scriptures relating to Elders and Deacons; 2) Ordination Questions from the Book of Order; 3) Confessional Statements from the Book of Order; 4) Definition of Elder and Deacon from the Book of Order. After lunch, the afternoon session focused on developing 2019 Goals and Objectives for FPCU in six areas: 1) The proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind; 2) The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; 3) The maintenance of Devine worship; 4) The preservation of the truth; 5) The promotion of social righteousness; 6) The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

#### ***Congregational Meeting ~ March 10***

MSA David Head to serve as Deacon, Class of 2021.

The next Session meeting is April 23 @ 6pm.

**2019 Session Members:** Randy Beckler, Kevin DeVries, Jerry Garcia, Randy Huffman, Shirley Lewis, Alexis Moore, David Rodriguez (ex-officio), Roe Sandelin, Mark Smith, Lenord Swope



## Nor Cal Christian Ministries... Save the Date!

Everyone mark your calendars and invite your friends to NCCM's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Banquet to be held Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm at Redwood Valley Community Church.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to get together with your brothers and sisters in Christ, have a great meal, and be able to serve the Lord by giving to this most worthy ministry.

For more information about hosting a table or to RSVP, please call Tony Huerta at (707) 481-8398 or you can email him at [tony1203@comcast.net](mailto:tony1203@comcast.net).

YOU ARE INVITED

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Nor Cal Christian Ministries  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Banquet



*Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm*  
*Redwood Valley Community Church*  
*951 East School Way Redwood Valley*

Please contact Tony Huerta to RSVP!  
(707) 481-8398 or [Tony1203@comcast.net](mailto:Tony1203@comcast.net)

~Adult only Affair~



## 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 celebrate with you!



## Happy Birthday!




4/1 Ellen Chinn	4/13 Donnie Johnston	4/22 Aven Bevilacqua
4/3 Ty Yanez	4/16 Bob Budke	Barry Squires
4/8 Chris Gordon	4/19 Len Brutocao	4/25 Bradley Singleton
Bill Hook	Diane Yanez	4/26 Eric Singleton
4/11 Sharon Ruddick	4/21 David Longstreth	4/29 Gayle DeVries

## Event Calendar ~ April



Sun weekly	10:00am	Worship Celebration
Mon weekly	6:00pm	<i>Jr High Youth Group</i>
	6:30pm	<i>Cub Scouts</i>
Tue. weekly	7:00am	Men's Bible Study
	8:30am	Serendipity Women's Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>SIPs Women's Bible Study</i>
	6:00pm	<i>Spanish AA; NAHOP</i>
Wed. weekly	5:30pm	<i>Youth Choir</i>
	6:00pm	<i>Worship Team</i>
		<i>Sr High Youth Group</i>
Thurs. weekly	6:00pm	<i>Spanish AA</i>

## ...additional events for the month

4/2	10:30am	Worship Committee	
4/4	4:00pm	Meals to go prep	
4/5	1:00pm	Meals to go prep	
	4:00pm	Meals to go pickup	
4/7		<b>Communion / Cents-ability offering</b>	
	11:00am	Lenten lunch	
		New members class	
4/9	10:30	Communications Committee	
4/13	10:am	Easter egg hunt / lunch	
	6:00pm	Contra Dance	
4/14		<b>Palm Sunday / communion</b>	
4/18	6:00pm	Maundy Thurs dinner/service	
4/19	6:00pm	Good Friday Taize' service	
4/21		<b>Easter / baptisms</b>	
4/23	6:00pm	Session	
4/26	12:00pm	ABC Autism party	
4/27		30-hour Famine (time TBA)	
4/28	11:00am	'break the fast' potluck	

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

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