



Presbeat



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"WHY ARE WE DOING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AGAIN?"



During the last week of June, we'll be conducting our annual Vacation Bible School. Many of our adults have already been planning and preparing to welcome the children of the community to join us for games, crafts, Bible lessons, and snacks. The kids will be here from 5:30- 7:30 every evening. Then on Sunday, June 30, they will all join us in worship for VBS Sunday. Which begs the question. "Why?"

This is always a good question to ask. A lot of time, energy, and financial resources go into conducting VBS. Life would be a lot easier if we just limited VBS to the children of the congregation, instead of welcoming all of the children of Ukiah to join us. In fact, it would be even easier if we didn't have VBS at all. So why are we doing Vacation Bible School again?

We have VBS because Jesus loves kids. He loves them a lot. Jesus wants kids to know Him and experience His love. And VBS is a great way for this to happen. What's more, we are really good at conducting VBS. Lots of kids come every summer and many of them ask Jesus to come and live in their hearts. This is why we are doing Vacation Bible School again.

So, do we love kids as much as Jesus does? No way. Jesus is God and He loves kids with a love that is infinite and eternal. However, with the Lord's help, we can grow in our love for children. In fact, as Jesus is transforming us into His image, we will love kids more and more. We may even become volunteers at VBS.

I am looking forward to another Vacation Bible School. I am looking forward to seeing kids fall in love with the Lord who loves them more than they ever could have imagined.

In Christ ~ *Pastor David*

Greetings FPCU Families!



As the end of the year approaches I hope everyone is gearing up for a fun-filled Summer!

As another school year comes to a close, we look forward to celebrating another great year here at First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah. To honor all of our students, we are holding the final **HANGOUT** of the year at Todd Grove Park on June 5th from 5:30 to 7pm. ALL of our families and students are invited to join us for this evening of celebration and community!

In addition to Hangout, we are going to be honoring our 8th grade students who will be entering high school next year on **PROMOTION SUNDAY**, which will be held June 9th at the 10am service. We are so excited and proud of these students for making it through middle school and entering a new phase of life!

Looking forward into the summer, our **YOUTH GROUP STUDENTS** will be given the opportunity to spend time together in our new Monday Night Girls' Book Club. Other summer activities are in the works. These will be great times to dive in and look at deeper topics about faith and Christianity and also have plenty of fellowship and fun time as well. The start date and times for all groups and activities will be announced soon.

As usual, we will continue to hold the **NURSERY, SUNDAY SCHOOL**, and **DONUTS & DEVOTIONALS** (a Bible study for grades 6-12) on Sunday mornings throughout the summer. **YOUTH CHOIR** will take a summer break and return again late summer/early fall. Please join us for these exciting ministries, and don't forget to stop by and see how well our plants are growing in our new Youth Group **GARDEN!** We now have lettuce, broccoli, carrots, zucchini, watermelon, sunflowers, tomatoes, peppers, and pumpkins all sprouting in our garden!

Oh, and remember that amazing **30-HOUR FAMINE AND BAKE SALE** we did to raise funds for World Vision? Well... we (YOU) raised over \$833!!!! Special thanks to all the Youth who spent the night and the Kitchen Angels who helped do the baking.



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

In Christ ~ *Alexis*

Personnel Update ~ *Jerry Garcia, Elder*

As we move forward through spring and into the summer months it appears that we will have a full staff with the addition of a paid part-time assistant to help out the Director of Family Ministries.

Be advised in the coming months personnel will be taking vacation time as well as military obligations. So, if a need is to be addressed please check with Denise for calendared times personnel will be away from the campus.

We are blessed to have such dedicated and hardworking personnel, don't hesitate to let them know your thoughts about their devotion to our Lord and church family.

Christian Education – *Roe Sandelin, Elder*

In case you missed the focus of my last Presbeat article, let me repeat it, in bigger letters, with more emphasis:

**Our Youth and Families Program is growing and it needs help,
immediately and on-going.
Alexis has some very good help with current programs,
AND much more is needed...
NOW... RIGHT AWAY... NO KIDDING... WITHOUT DELAY.**

It has long been the expressed desire of our congregation to reach out to young families, to grow our numbers, to bring God's love to our community. Please consider investing your time in this saving work. God offers an amazing reward when you do so.



**“YEE HAW”
June 24 through 28**



We are busy preparing for the 2019 Vacation Bible School. You will begin to notice some of the decorations and scene props starting to spring up about the church. Yee Haw. Git yur western wear ready to go. Tell Alexis you are ready to give some time to help assure this very important community outreach is successful.

As I write this article Kitty and I are enjoying a weekend on the Oregon Coast. We were treated to breakfast by Donne and Kelsey Ingalls and family, and attended worship service

at First Presbyterian Church, Newport, Oregon. It was a real treat to see Pastor Kelsey leading her new church family. She and Donne send their love and best wishes to all of you at FPCU!!

At our rental house in Bandon, Oregon, there is a sign on the wall that says: “God so loved the world that HE gave us the beach”. This is true, but incomplete. HE gave us so much more! Please take a moment to quietly pause your reading and think about God’s blessings in your life. Absolutely awesome.



Christmas in June???

Operation Christmas Child national collection week begins on Monday, November 18, 2019. Why bring this up in June? Well... now is the time to start looking for those summer bargains for plain T-shirts, flip-flops and the like, then back to school specials for pencils, paper, crayons, etc. And don’t forget a WOW gift of a toy, stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump. Or you can start making crocheted purses, scarves, dresses, wash cloths, etc.

Below is a link to the official Samaritan’s Purse website on how to pack a shoe box. **Please no** candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war-related toys, breakables, food or liquids.

More information will be coming in October and November newsletters. Please mark your calendar to bring your filled shoe box during National Collection Week – November 18 through November 25. Times will be announced at a later date. Thank you for supporting this world wide ministry.

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

Nor Cal Christian Ministries...

PO Box 1502; Ukiah, CA 95482; (707) 481-8398

4th Annual Fundraiser a Success!

With 26 churches represented and at least 10 pastors in attendance, the Nor Cal Christian Ministries 4th Annual Banquet Fundraiser on April 6th was a resounding success! We had in excess of 200 in attendance, and donations were plentiful and generous.

At one point in the evening we heard the testimony of Gabriel, a once-homeless man who one day decided to turn his life around with a visit to NCCM. A man in the audience by the name of Doug was so moved by Gabe's testimony and the similarity to his own story, that he asked if he could give his own testimony at the Center. A week later, he came and shared how God had

changed his life with our guests, and now Doug has made a commitment to come to the Center once a week to minister to visitors. Getting people like Doug involved in the ministry is not only a fulfillment of our mission, but an answer to our prayers.

We'd like to thank all those whose hard work made the fundraiser a success, but especially our outstanding servers. Wren Consterdine led a group of students from Redwood Academy, and Pastor Isaac led a group from RVCC Youth. Thanks to all of you; you did a spectacular job!

IN MAY we celebrated our first full year of ministry here at the Center for Hope, and what a year it has been! Just to give you an idea of the range and extent of services we provide, we have assembled some stats from our first year of operation:

- 8900 guest visits
- 2050 showers taken
- 8500 meals served

We thank God for these and other opportunities, but what really matters to us are the lives that have been transformed through the demonstration of God's love by our volunteers, donors, and staff.

Please pray with us that God would open doors in the year ahead that we could reach more people with the hope of the Gospel.



IN OUR FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION we have been blessed to have



high school and college volunteers at the Center. One such volunteer is Maranda Pattison, a student at Ukiah High School Independent Studies who also attended Redwood Valley Community Church. Maranda's last day with us was Wednesday, May 29, as she will be attending McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois in the fall. We will miss her positive and cheerful personality, and we wish her all the best as she embarks on her college adventure.



WITH THE WARMER WEATHER UPON US, WE WILL BE NEEDING BOTTLES WATER FOR OUR GUESTS. WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF A 100-CUP COFFEE MAKER.

We would also like to invite you to join our **NCCM Prayer Partners** as a way of supporting this ministry. If you'd like to be included, please email us at tony@norcalchristianministries.org and we will send you our prayer list.

Thank you for your continued support!

Session Meeting: April 23rd

SESSION DECISIONS / ACTION ITEMS:

- Approve special offering for preview of “Pilgrim’s Progress” film.
- Approve spending an additional \$250 from Children’ Playground designated fund for Youth equipment.
- Approve hiring Julia Rodriguez as Children’s Ministries Assistant.
- Approved request for use of FPCU facilities by Presbytery for Youth Triennium
- Approve Ukiah Garden club to hold two plant sales at our facility.
- Approve Redwoods Presbytery General Mission Fund Commitment of \$4800 for 2019

Pastor’s Report: Served communion to shut-ins; conducted two marriages, baptisms on Easter Sunday; reported upcoming vacation days.

Director of Youth/Families Report:

- **Youth Group:** John Schnare is unable to continue in a leadership role with the jr. hi. group due to his work schedule. Consequently we need help! The sr. hi group enjoys working with the planter boxes.
- **The Sunday Morning Activities:** The programs are running smoothly.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** The event at McGarvey Park was very successful, with over 150 attending! When planning for next year we may need to consider another venue and more eggs, games, and activities.
- **VBS:** 6-24-19 to 6-28-19. The theme this year is Yee-Haw!
- **Budget Items:** To date about \$830 has been spent from the Children’s Playground budget.

RESOURCE COUNCIL

- **Finance:** Two reports were presented: 1) General Funds Income vs. Expenses, 3-31-19, indicated the March income of \$27,483 almost \$4,000 more than the budgeted income (\$23,502), while the expenses of \$20,012 were also less than budget (\$20,706) ; 2) Designated Funds Report, 3-31-19, shows a March income of \$5,342, which was primarily the result of the Meals-to-Go Fundraiser, while at the same time the year-to-date report shows income of \$7,447 and expenses of \$2,110.
- **Buildings and Grounds:** Next meeting is 5-30-19, and the next workday is 6-1-19.

FAMILY / OUTREACH COUNCIL

- **Missions:** The packing party for the “cookies” is 5-25-19. The rummage sale is scheduled for 6-8-19.
- **Congregational Life:** The Session will be in charge of setting up for potluck to be held following the worship service, 4-28-19.

As of April 30, 2019		Total \$\$
Income	\$	88,261
Expenses	\$	80,892
Difference	\$	7,369
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds	\$	103,280
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	45,954
Total Balance in Checking	\$	149,234
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$
CD's	\$	44,416
Mutual Funds	\$	26,818
Other Savings	\$	78,650
Total Balance in Savings	\$	149,884
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account		
Missions	\$	1,402
Mission Trip	\$	3,043
Missions Fundraiser	\$	3,007
Centsability	\$	155
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	358
Shoes 4 You	\$	108
Pedals 4 Protein	\$	-
Pass-Through	\$	-
Per Capita	\$	461
Deacons	\$	4
Flowers	\$	-
General Memorial	\$	29,312
Buildings & Grounds	\$	-
Compassionate Ministries	\$	1,697
Pastor Appreciation	\$	-
Singalong	\$	468
Fellowship Meals	\$	30
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Youth Activities	\$	878
Children's Activities	\$	10
Camperships	\$	1,190
Children's Playground	\$	3,828
Total	\$	45,954

- **Communication:** The committee is working on developing a mission statement. Let the committee know how you would like your information/ events to be made available to the community: website, Facebook, newspaper.

Ramos Property Update: The Mendocino Court approved paperwork and it has been sent to Contra Costa County for approval, and then returned here for final approval and Kevin’s signature as church representative. Efforts are underway to contact previous realtor to see if he would be interested in working again with FPCU.

New Business: Moderator and Session reviewed/revised the 2019 goals/objectives adding measurable objectives. The Moderator will present a updated copy at the May 2019 Session meeting.

The next Session meeting is July 18th at 6:00pm. (No June meeting)

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

Did we miss your birthday???

Please contact the church office or email Denise, denise@fpcukiah.org so that we can celebrate with you!



Happy Birthday!

6/1 Lenord Swope
6/7 Larry Ballenger
6/9 Kevin DeVries

6/14 Geraldine Dutton
6/22 Kathy Vega

6/25 Cindy DeVries
Courtney Hamilton

Event Calendar ~ June



Sun weekly	10:00am	Worship Celebration
Mon weekly	6:00pm	Girls' Book Club
	6:30pm	Cub Scouts
Tue. weekly	7:00am	Men's Bible Study
	8:30am	Serendipity Women's Bible Study
	5:00pm	SIPs Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Spanish AA; NAHOP
Wed. weekly	5:30pm	Youth Choir
	7:00pm	Worship Team
Thurs. weekly	6:00pm	Spanish AA

...additional events for the month

6/1	8:00am	All Church work day	6/13	12:30pm	ABC Program
6/2		Communion / Cents-Ability	6:30pm		Scouts BSA
6/3	10:30am	Worship Committee	6/16		Happy Father's Day
6/4	5:30pm	Christian Ed Committee	6/16	11:15am	Missions Committee
6/8	8:00am	Rummage Sale	6/18	11:30am	Family/Outreach Council
	9:00am	Stitches from the Heart	5:30pm		VBS decorating party
6/8 – 20		Pastor David on assignment with Navy	6/24-28	5:30pm	YeeHaw! VBS all week
6/9	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible study	6/27	12:30pm	ABC Program
6/11	10:30am	Communications Committee			
	5:30pm	VBS Decorating Party			
6/12	1:30pm	PW Bible study			



VBS registration is open!

VBS is being held June 24-28th, from 5:30 to 7:30pm this year. You can pre-register TODAY at our VBS website: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/fpcuvbs>.

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

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