

The Grapevine

August 2018

EVENTS

Vacation Bible School
July 30 - August 2 @ 5pm-7:30pm

Devotional Lunch Bunch
Every Wednesday @ 12pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Saturday, August 4 @ 10am

Annual Church Picnic
Sunday, August 5 @ The Reich's

Newsletter Deadline
August 15

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, August 18 @ 8am

T.I.M Workday
Saturday, August 25 @ 10am

Newsletter Folding Crew
Wednesday, August 29 @ 8:45am

FLOWER CALENDAR

August 5
Suban Burnett

August 12
Betty Pederson

August 19
Bill & Daisy Hamilton

August 26
Carolyn Gamino

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*Deacons*

*Barrel Item:*

**"Underwear & Socks"**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12pm Lunch Bunch 5pm VBS	2 5pm VBS 7pm Choir & Quilters	3	4 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry
10am Worship/ Sunday School Church Picnic @ The Reich's 5pm IC	6	7	8 12pm Lunch Bunch 630pm Worship	9 545pm Mission 7pm Choir & Quilters	10	11
10am Worship/ Sunday School 5pm IC	13 7pm Finance	14	15 12pm Lunch Bunch Newsletter Deadline 630pm Worship	16 7pm Choir & Quilters	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 8am Men's Breakfast
10am Worship/ Sunday School 5pm IC	20	21 7pm Session	22 12pm Lunch Bunch	23 7pm Choir & Quilters	24	25 10am T.I.M Workday
10am Worship/ Sunday School Fellowship Cake 5pm IC	27	28	29 845am Newsletter Folding Crew 12pm Lunch Bunch	30 7pm Choir & Quilters	31	

Introducing... "Harold & Cathie Reich"

We were both born and raised in Tracy and graduated from Tracy High School. At one time our fathers worked for the same company in Tracy, Sun Valley Creamery. Harold attended college at Delta College in Stockton and completed his Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry at UCLA. I attended Delta College for two years studying accounting. We were married in May 1976 by Rev Stan Davis, while Harold was enrolled at the University of the Pacific School of Pharmacy. He graduated in May 1978 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree, passing the Board of Pharmacy exams in June. He was asked to stay after graduating from pharmacy school and work at Anthoy G Vierra's Pharmacy here in Tracy which allowed us to make our home in Tracy.

We started our family in 1979 with the birth of first child Laura. Christie quickly followed in 1980 and Adam in 1983. I got a job at the small downtown J. C Penney store mainly because the hours allowed me to be active in our children's lives. I stayed with Penney's for 20 years retiring in 2004 as the office manager. I helped to close the downtown store and open the new one at the West Valley Mall in 1996. Harold worked for Anthony (Tony) Vierra for 12 years until Tony retired in 1990, when we purchased the pharmacy business. After enjoying my three days of retirement from Penneys, Harold put me to work in the pharmacy doing billing and daily accounting.

We were a very active family with our children playing multiple sports including baseball, soccer, softball, volleyball basketball, indoor roller hockey and track & field, through high school. The kids were also active in the Jefferson 4-H club and Adam was involved in the Boy Scouts of America earning his Eagle Scout Award. I was also an active slow pitch softball player starting in 1972 and continuing until I hung up my cleats in 2015 (over 40 years of playing). Sports activities found us traveling up and down the state, to Colorado and Las Vegas.

We were also very involved with the First Presbyterian Church, the Sunday school program and singing in the choir. We have both been ordained as Deacons and Elders in the church and served multiple times. We continue to be involved because the church is very special to both of us.

Harold served on the Tracy Elementary School Board from 1984 until 1996 serving as president 3 times and served 9 years on the Sutter Tracy Hospital Board. He also is a member of the Tracy Sunrise Rotary Club which keeps both of us very busy. I enjoy gardening and am very proud to show off my yard and to share Iris plants with anyone who wants them. Having learned from my mother how to arrange flowers by helping her in her flower shop, I have also developed a small crafting business making wreaths, arrangements and "Snowmen".

Harold & I have been happily married for 42 years and have now owned the pharmacy for 28 years. Not quite ready for retirement (but getting close) we enjoy traveling and spending time with our 9 grandchildren. As Laura and Christie both now live near Beaumont, Texas, we make several trips a year to see them and the 7 grandchildren there. Our newest granddaughter is now 3 months old and lives here in town, so we get lots of grandparent time with her and her brother!

God has blessed us generously through these many years and our hope is to be able to continue to serve Him and the church for many years to come.

Introducing...**"The Nwadike Family"**

My name is Oliver Chidiebere Nwadike as most of you already know, and this is a little bit of a story of my family, but before I start I want to explain to you what my middle name means. The name Chidiebere (also one of my kids names) means "God is Merciful", and brothers and sisters, he is indeed merciful! Now here comes a short story about my family. My grandfather had two wives in which my grandmother was number 2. My grandma was blessed with 5 children which my father happened to be the only son among the five. Now as our heavenly father does his creation, it was only him among five children as the only male child and he turned the table around during his own time of having children. He has five children also, 4 boys, and 1 girl unlike his parents who had 4 girls and 1 boy. Now among his four boys which I am one of them, has 4 boys and one girl each, and the girls came last. I'm the only one that stopped at the fourth one, and my mother refused and insisted that I shouldn't be the one to break the family record. She thought I should go for a fifth one which will be a girl and keep the family record going, but I said to my mother, No Mama! Here in America we say 3 is a crowd, and her I am with 4 and your looking for more....and that closes the story.

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## **Update on Suppers 7s and 8s**

As families are busy with summer activities, it has been decided to wait until September to start our next round of **"Suppers 7s & 8s."** **"Suppers 7s & 8s"** has given us the opportunity to share a meal-a-month with other members of our congregation that we aren't as well acquainted with. Although we often see each other at church, we haven't gotten to know each other very well. These gatherings are accomplishing that! From our first go-round in April, May and June, some groups want to stay with the same members! That's wonderful, and we encourage such gatherings. However, the mission of **"Suppers 7s and 8s"** is to create deeper friendships and broaden our sense of community. During this summer hiatus, invite someone you don't know very well to share a meal or just go out for coffee! Please sign up to participate in our September, October and November round of meals with your friends from First Presbyterian Church. You can sign up after Sunday church services, or call me. Thank you for your kind words and prayers! Terry Donaldson (209) 835-8383

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

- 1- Hank Granados
- 2- Kaleo Schreiner
- 4- Suban Burnett
- 6- Steve McMasters
- 9- Lisa How
- 17- Savannah Keith
- 19- Michael Dubie
- 21- Jean Ronneberg  
Janet Corsaro
- 23- Mary Murphy
- 24- Jessica Pineda
- 25- David Lee  
Charlotte Hyun
- 27- June Airrington
- 30- Reiko McGuinness  
Bonny McCreary

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:**

- 7- Greg & Bonny McCreary
- 8- Phillip & Elizabeth Dubie
- 11- Everett & Hilda Bosch
- 18 - Bill & Daisy Hamilton

**IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ**

Please do not dispose of any unwanted items on the church premises. We are trying to maintain a clean and uncluttered church.

Thank you.

**BUDGET REPORT:**

**GENERAL FUND:**

Balance forward: \$ 29,118.06

|                |              |                     |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>Income:</b> | <u>Month</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
| JUNE:          | \$ 11,743.78 | \$103,537.84        |

**Expenses:**  
 JUNE: \$ < 10,060.85 > \$ < 52,331.99 >

**Balance: \$ 1,682.93 \$ 51,205.85**

**NEW SITE MORTGAGE FUND:**

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Balance Forward:     | \$ 5,721.26         |
| 2018 Income to date: | <u>\$ 11,360.00</u> |
| Total Income:        | \$ 17,081.26        |

**Expenses – 2018:**

|                       |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Synod Loan            | \$ 4,240.80                   |
| Synod Principal       | \$                            |
| Presbytery Loan       | \$ 1,405.00                   |
| S.J. County Taxes     | \$ 4,870.19                   |
| Total Expenses:       | <u>\$ &lt; 10,515.99 &gt;</u> |
| <b>Total on Hand:</b> | <b>\$ 5,815.27</b>            |

**SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC LOAN:**

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Principal Balance Owed Synod: | \$46,966.33 |
| (12/31/17)                    |             |
| Principal paid 2018:          | \$ 4,003.18 |
| Interest paid 2018:           | \$1,085.78  |
| Current balance owed Synod:   | \$42,963.15 |
| (6/30/18)                     |             |

**PRESBYTERY OF STOCKTON LOAN:**

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Balance owed 2/28/18: | \$25,920.00     |
| Principal paid 2018:  | <u>2,160.00</u> |
| Balance owed 6/30/18: | \$ 23,760.00    |

