

“The Grapevine”

February 2018

Flower Calendar

February 4

Dale & Pat Brandes

February 11

Matt & Sandi Clarke

February 18

George & Kathleen Buffleben

February 25

Arvilla Reich

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*Deacons Barrel Item:*

*“Canned Vegetables  
And Fruit”*

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Serving Communion

On February 4th:

Tricia Winkler

Julie Vaishampayan

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### *Events*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Saturday, February 3 @ 10am

**Bible Study**

Wednesday's @ 10am

(In the Agnes Lea Lounge)

**Building & Grounds Work Party**

Saturday, February 10 @ 8am – 12pm

**Agnes Lea Lounge in use**

Tuesday, February 13 @ 3pm – 6pm

**Newsletter Deadline**

Thursday, February 15

**Piano Judging – Sanctuary in use**

Saturday, February 17 @ 8am

**Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, February 17 @ 8am

**President's Day – Office Closed**

Monday, February 19

**T.I.M Workday**

Saturday, February 24 @ 10am

**Newsletter Folding Crew**

Wednesday, February 28 @ 845am

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| SUNDAY                                                          | MONDAY                        | TUESDAY                                                                        | WEDNESDAY                                                               | THURSDAY                                                               | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY                                                                              |
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|                                                                 |                               |                                                                                |                                                                         | <b>1</b>                                                               | <b>2</b>  | 530am KC <b>3</b><br>9am<br>Presbytery<br>Meeting<br>10am Prayer<br>Shawl<br>Ministry |
| 10am <b>4</b><br>Worship/<br>Sunday School<br>1pm KC<br>5pm IC  | <b>5</b><br>7pm<br>Evangelism | <b>6</b><br>7pm Deacons                                                        | <b>7</b><br>10am Bible<br>Study<br>630pm<br>Worship                     | <b>8</b><br>545pm<br>Mission<br>7pm Choir &<br>Quilters                | <b>9</b>  | 530am KC <b>10</b><br>8am Work<br>Party                                               |
| 10am <b>11</b><br>Worship/<br>Sunday School<br>1pm KC<br>5pm IC | <b>12</b>                     | <b>13</b><br>3pm Gustine<br>Admin.<br>Committee<br>(Lea Lounge)<br>7pm Finance | <b>14</b><br>10am Bible<br>Study                                        | <b>15</b><br><b>Newsletter<br/>Deadline</b><br>7pm Choir &<br>Quilters | <b>16</b> | 530am KC <b>17</b><br>8am Piano<br>Judging<br>8am Men's<br>Breakfast                  |
| 10am <b>18</b><br>Worship/<br>Sunday School<br>1pm KC<br>5pm IC | <b>19</b><br>Office<br>Closed | <b>20</b><br>7pm Session                                                       | <b>21</b><br>10am Bible<br>Study                                        | <b>22</b><br>7pm Choir &<br>Quilters                                   | <b>23</b> | 530am KC <b>24</b><br>10am T.I.M<br>Workday                                           |
| 10am <b>25</b><br>Worship/<br>Sunday School<br>1pm KC<br>5pm IC | <b>26</b>                     | <b>27</b>                                                                      | <b>28</b><br>845am<br>Newsletter<br>Folding Crew<br>10am Bible<br>Study |                                                                        |           |                                                                                       |

## *Introducing... "The Winkler's"*

Our story begins in 1951 the year Roger was born. He was born in Salt Lake City Utah but grew up in Pocatello ID. Roger has an older brother and sister. He is the youngest.

Roger was very active in High school. He played basketball, baseball, and tennis and loved skiing the most. After high school, Roger attended Idaho State University where his major was English literature. After College, he moved to California and worked at various companies in the sales field. Roger was also self-employed for 10 years running a fabrication and sales company.

Tricia story begins in 1963 in Martinez California (Which happens to be my maiden name, Martinez). I was supposed to be born March 17<sup>th</sup> but wanted to give our Mom the best birthday present she ever had. Me!!!! I was born on my Mother's birthday. Not only do I share her birthday, but I also share her looks and her name (her name was Josephine and my middle name is Jo). I was very lucky to have my grandparents (my Dad's parents) living right up the street from our house growing up. My grandfather who was from Mexico couldn't speak English too well. He couldn't say my name, Tricia so he would call me "Chi Cha". I am the youngest of four girls and grew up in Concord, California.

After high school, I went to a junior college where I studied business. Then years later, I went to Heald Institute of Technology where I studied Computer programing. I worked at various companies in the Mortgage industries, and worked in the Fraud Prevention department and sales for a credit card company. One day while on my computer looking at a bulletin board, I ran into Roger. We started chatting and then we met. We got married in 1996, bought our house in 1999 in Tracy and had Connor in 2002. After we got married, we found out that Roger's aunt and uncle lived only a couple of blocks from my parents in Concord. Small world.

Connor is a sophomore at Tracy High and is studying in the Science field and plans to go to college after he graduates. Connor also takes piano lessons and is active in the band at school playing both clarinet and base clarinet. His band will be performing at the Disneyland parade for the second time in three years this April.

Roger had been raised in the Presbyterian church and I was raised Catholic. We had Connor baptized at St. Bernards church in Tracy but I didn't want to continue with the Catholic church and Roger suggested the Presbyterian church. We're grateful to have met wonderful people that we call friends here at the First Presbyterian church.

*From: The Worship Committee*

The Worship committee of the church is looking for additional people to help plan and organize worship services on Sunday mornings. Without a designated Pastor, we will be arranging for pulpit supply for each Sunday until a new Pastor is called. This will require not only scheduling Pastors, elders or other persons in the area who may be available to preach on Sunday, but also assisting them with planning the service. If you would like more information on how you can help please contact Harold Reich.

The current schedule for pulpit supply for February is

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2018  | Rev Carrie Lane - Hospice Chaplain, Lodi  |
| February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 | Raj Ambrose – member                      |
| February 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 | Rev Tici Truly – Stockton Children’s Home |
| February 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 | Rev David Hill – Retired - Lodi, CA       |

The committee has developed a form for evaluating the worship service each Sunday. Copies of the form can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please participate in evaluating the morning service every Sunday so we can improve our worship experiences. Completed forms should be place in Harold Reich’s box in the social hall.



*Pastor Nominating Committee Update*

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been meeting weekly. Meetings began on October 29 and the PNC has now completed eight meetings. After reviewing the mission study and other materials that you, the congregation, have been contributing over the past two years in your effort to identify our church’s vision, the committee has completed what is called a Ministry Information Form (MIF). This form has been submitted to the PCUSA Church Leadership Connection that matches Pastor Information Forms with Ministry Information Forms. We have received twenty-four matches from the Church Leadership Connection and eight more from pastors who have requested to be considered for a total of thirty-two PIF’s. It has been a considerable amount of reading by all members of the committee as we absorb what these pastors have top offer and how they might be called to our church.

The committee members have been reviewing PIF’s since January 2, 2018 as we search to find the pastor that God intends to place among us. Before the end of January the committee should be making personal contact with some prospective candidates.

If you have any questions about the process please don’t hesitate to talk to any of the committee members.

This update is respectfully submitted by David Weisenberger on behalf of committee members Kathleen Buffleben, Dale Brandes, Mike Little, Paul McCormick, Harold Reich, Nancy Rusch, and David Weisenberger.

## *Deacons*

Welcome to a new year. Many of you have made and already broken New Year resolutions.

One you may not have made, and it's not too late to start, is to live more like Christ wanted you to live. He was very clear about feeding the hungry, clothing the needy, supporting the lonely and caring for the sick. He said, "If you have done it to the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me". First Presbyterian Church has embraced this.

Tracy Interfaith Ministries began in our church. They are always looking for volunteers to help with giving the needy food and clothing. If you would like to help, see Bonny McCreary or Marietta McLellan, or donate suggested items to the TIM barrel, another program that began in our church is Tracy Volunteer Caregivers, a program to assist the elderly. If you are interested in volunteering there, see David Weisenberger. The first Wednesday of every month, our church provides a meal for the homeless. Dale and Pat Brandes are always looking for people to help. If you would like to help women in India, see Raj or Saro Ambrose. If you would like to visit shut-ins from our church, see a Deacon. There are also many programs sponsored by the Presbyterian church, where your money goes to those in need, such as the Presbyterian Disaster Fund, One Great Hour of Sharing, or ask a member of the Mission Committee what you can do.

Many of you are already involved in these and other volunteer opportunities in Tracy and around the world. See if you can add another, or begin on this journey. There are many rewards for giving of your time and talents, or just gifts of money to help others.

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Building & Grounds Work Party

You are all invited to a party! Building & Grounds is having a work party on Saturday, February 10th from 8 AM until noon. There is plenty to do so we would appreciate all the help we can get. So far on the list of things that need to be done are:

- Blow and bag leaves off from the roofs
- Gather and bag leaves from behind the office, around the Labyrinth
- Clean out and organize the Christian Ed. storage room
- Clean out and organize the basement in the office
- Take leaves and junk to the dump

If you know something that needs work or attention, let us know and we will put it on the list.

We will supply coffee and donuts. Please join us.

Thanks,

Bill Hamilton and Dave Weisenberger

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

New Bible Study begins February 7 @ 10am. We will discuss the first 8 chapters in the book *Traveling Lights* by Max Lucado. Max will help guide us through his thoughts on Psalm 23 and his ideas of worry and "releasing the burdens we were never intended to bear". Max writes in a light hearted manner and the chapters are an easy read. Lynda McCormick will be our leader. We will meet @ 10 – 11:15am in the Lea Lounge, Wednesday's starting February 7 for 8 weeks. The first week will be an introduction to the book, and our group members, and pick up your book. Books are \$9.00.

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### *Happy Birthday:*

- 2- Marie Patterson  
Helen Kelly
- 4- Sam Oh
- 5- Pat Brandes
- 6- Nicholas Weisenberger  
Christopher Weisenberger
- 7- Sandra Bayhi
- 8- Connor Winkler  
Charlie Mendoza
- 10- Kalani Schreiner
- 16- Kyle Link
- 19- Cathy Weisenberger  
Adam Reich
- 22- Carolyn Gamino  
Wyatt (Thomsen) Henriques
- 26- Phil Difilippo
- 27- Jim Kruse  
Roy Patterson

### *Happy Anniversary:*

- 11- Alex & Darline Pineda
- 16- Ken & Paulette Thomsen

### "Budget Report"

#### General Fund:

Balance Fwd: \$65,409.71

| <u>Income:</u> | <u>Month</u> | <u>Year to date</u> |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| December:      | \$24,905.59  | \$161,855.59        |

#### Expenses:

December: \$ <18,039.76> <198,147.24>

**Balance: \$6,865.83 \$29,118.06**

#### New Site Mortgage Fund:

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Balance Fwd:         | \$ 8,776.11         |
| 2017 Income to date: | <u>\$ 23,467.00</u> |
| Total Income:        | \$ 32,243.11        |

#### Expenses – 2017:

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Synod Loan        | \$10177.92 |
| Synod Principal   | \$ 3214.72 |
| Presbytery Loan   | \$ 3372.00 |
| S.J. County taxes | \$ 9757.21 |

Total Expenses \$<26,521.85>

**Total on Hand: \$5721.26**

#### Synod of the Pacific Loan:

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Principal balance owed Synod: | \$57,838.72 |
| (12/31/16)                    |             |
| Principal paid 2017:          | \$10,872.39 |
| Interest paid 2017:           | \$ 2520.25  |
| Current balance owed Synod:   | \$46,966.33 |
| (12/31/17)                    |             |

#### Presbytery of Stockton Loan

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance owed 1/1/17:   | \$30,240.00        |
| Principal paid 2017:   | <u>\$ 4,320.00</u> |
| Balance owed 12/31/17: | \$ 25,920.00       |

*Introducing...*

*John & Sunday Borges*

Hello everyone, we would like to introduce ourselves. I'm John and I'm Sunday, "Borges", that is!

John was born July 25, 1955. Delivered by Dr. Kimball at Tracy Hospital. Sunday was born April 30, 1956, also delivered by Dr. Kimball at Tracy Hospital.

John went to school at St. Bernard's, and Sunday went to school at Central and Senior Elementary. We both went to Tracy High School, "GO BULLDOGS", which was the only high school in town in the 70's. Somewhere in that time one night, we met at the Grand Theater, and the rest is history!

We both attended Delta College and married October 22, 1977. We have been married forty years. We were blessed with two children. Our daughter, Emily, was born in 1981, and later our son, Anthony, born in 1983. John had to see his son for the first time standing outside the window of the hospital...WHY? Because John had the chicken pox.

Sunday, went to work for the Tracy Unified School District in 1976, imagine Jimmy Carter was President. She has been working there for 42 years. John went to work in 1977 for the Lawrence Livermore Lab. In 1995, it was time for a change. He started working for Tracy Unified School District, yes no more commuting (thank you Lord!). Now, only a 6 minute drive! John worked for 17 plus years, mostly at Wanda Hirsch Elementary until retiring in June 2017. Sunday is close, but wants to remain until she is fully ready for retirement.

We are both blessed with 4 beautiful grandchildren. Abbey 14, Lennon 9, Emmersyn 7, and Kayla (our lil' Sunday) 5. We have been attending the Presbyterian Church for about 10 years now, since Abbey and Lennon were baptized here. We love the people and the parish.

We are very grateful to live a comfortable life fill with the most important things of all, "Faith and Love".

God Bless, and Love you all.

