

2018**JANUARY****2018**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Office Closed- New Year's Day	2 7pm Deacons 7pm Session	3	4 7pm Choir & Quilters	5 Annual Reports Due!	6 530am KC 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry
10am 7 Worship/ Sunday School Officer Training after worship 1pm KC	8	9 7pm Finance	10 630pm Worship	11 545pm Mission 7pm Choir & Quilters	12	13 530am KC
9am Session 14 10am Worship/ Sunday School 1pm KC 5pm IC	Office Closed- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday 15	16 Newsletter Deadline 7pm Session	17	18 7pm Choir & Quilters	19	20 530am KC 8am Men's Breakfast 6pm Piano Recital
10am 21 Worship/ Sunday School Communion ANNUAL MEETING 1pm KC 5pm IC	22	23	24 Lifetouch Pictures	25 Lifetouch Pictures 7pm Choir & Quilters	26 Lifetouch Pictures	27 530am KC 10am T.I.M Workday Lifetouch Pictures
10am 28 Worship/ Sunday School 1pm KC 5pm IC	29	30	31 845am Newsletter Folding Crew			

Be Included
In our photography event!
LIFETOUCH PORTRAITS and CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY

The Evangelism Committee has signed up with Lifetouch photographers to produce a picture directory of congregants for our church. The sitting for your portrait is free to everyone and each family receives a complimentary 8x10 photograph and a free directory for participating! This event is open to other family members and friends even if they are not attending our church. They will also receive the free 8x10 photograph. They will need to follow the reservation steps as outlined below, too.

Our goal in putting this picture directory together is to not only help get to know each other but to help our new pastor get to know who we are. We hope that everyone will participate in this event to make our picture directory complete!

The photographers will be here Wednesday, January 24th through Saturday January 27th. Reservations are required to obtain a time for your sitting. There will be signups in the social hall available after church every Sunday as well as an online reservation service.

To make your reservation online, go to our church website, <http://tracyfirstpres.weebly.com/> where you can find a link to the Lifetouch reservation site. Click on that link and you will be put right into the reservation service.

The photography sittings will take place on the following days and hours:

Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 2pm to 7:50 pm.

Thursday, January 25, 2018, 12 pm to 7:50 pm.

Friday, January 26, 2018, 12 pm to 7:50 pm.

Saturday, January 27, 2018, 10 am to 5:50 pm.

It is not known at the time of this printing if a makeup day to take photos will be provided.

If you have any questions or wish to make a reservation call David Weisenberger at 209-401-0275 or by e-mail at dweis950@yahoo.com. You may text that phone number or leave a voice message as well.

INTRODUCING....Terry & Cheri Harries

Terry's life began in Wichita, KS. On June 29, 1947. Cheri's began March 16, 1948 in Santa Barbara, CA.

In 1957 Terry's parents made a bold and challenging decision to pick up roots in Kansas, and move to Santa Barbara, CA, where they had visited once on a vacation. His Dad had no job waiting, but he was a self-employed plumber and figured he would be able to find a way to make a living. The move was great for Terry growing up in a beach community, where he was able to surf, fish, boat and spend hours at the beach, all of which he still loves today. Cheri, having been born in Santa Barbara had all of that available to her from day one.

In 1961 Terry was in the 8th grade at La Cumbre Jr High School serving as chairman of the Schools Dance Committee. One of his duties was to select auditioning students to entertain at the school dances. They would usually pantomime to records of the 60's. And guess who was a regular? Yep, Cheri. Typically singing to Brenda Lee or Connie Francis or many of the other female singers of the time. And that was the first contact between Terry and Cheri. Even though they knew each other through Jr. High, they didn't start going steady until Terry was a Junior at Santa Barbara High and Cheri was a Sophomore. Terry was a 2 year Cheerleader and Cheri was involved in a lot of Pep activities. After Terry graduated in 1965, he was attending college in Santa Barbara, and working for Kinney Shoe Corp., where he had also worked during High School. Cheri graduated in June of 1966, and on September 17, 1966 they were married. They weren't planning to marry that soon, but Terry received his draft notice so they decided since he was likely to go to Viet Nam they wanted to be married before.

Terry went into the U.S. Army and trained at Ft. Bliss, TX, Fort Polk, LA, Fort Benning, GA and Ft. Carson, CO before going to Viet Nam in 1968 & '69. Terry was a Staff Sergeant in the armored infantry, serving under General Patton (son of WWII Patton). Cheri lived with Terry's parents while he was in Viet Nam. She was able to stay on base with Terry when he was in Georgia and Colorado.

After returning from Viet Nam Terry went to work for Crocker Bank under a special 3 yr Career Development program that Crocker was offering to Viet Nam Vets. Cheri was working for Robinsons Dept store. Over the next few years their daughter Tammy was born in 1970, and son Jim was born in 1972. Terry was transferred to Culver City with Crocker Bank. They moved to the San Fernando Valley where they lived until 1988. Terry changed jobs working as the Senior Vice President of a financial services company specializing in Yacht financing and Insurance. When that job ran its course due to the changing economy, Terry and Cheri decided to move to Tracy, CA where Cheri's sister Penny had been living. Terry went to work for Tracy Savings under Larry Winslow, specializing as a Real Estate loan officer. Again because of changes in the economy Terry changed jobs and went to work for Don Sader (former member of First Presbyterian Church). Terry remained in the Commercial Credit industry, where he ended up being the Chairman of the Board of the Credit Managers Association and in 2008 he was named as the Credit Executive of the Year for California and Nevada.

Cheri worked as a Pre School Director at the Tracy Community Church Preschool and then for Betty Grande at Tender Loving Care preschool. Then Dr. Mike and the Church Session selected Cheri to be the Founding Director of the First Presbyterian Church Children's Center, where she remained until she was forced to retire after being diagnosed with Huntington's disease. The same hereditary disease that her sister Penny suffers from. Although Cheri has limited mobility, she is enjoying life with her Puppy (Smokey Rose) and 4 Grand kids (Jake, Logan, Kyler & Larissa) close by. Terry works as a Handyman and enjoys his semi retirement fishing and camping as much as possible. Terry has been an Elder and Cheri has been a Deacon of the Presbyterian Church.

BE INCLUDED! Openings in 2018!

Are you looking to help expand our church's ministry?! There are several openings on committees where you can live out your calling in 2018! The following committees have openings in 2018 and have needs for help doing:

Fellowship Committee - in particular a need for someone to call on and sign up folks to host the fellowship hour each Sunday. There is room on committee to become a member to help plan and put on fellowship events as well!

Christian Education can use teachers of any age group, vacation bible school coordinator and planner, serve as a volunteer during vacation bible school, give a children's message in Sunday morning worship service, etc.

Evangelism Committee members – In particular looking for someone to call on people and sign them up for greeting each Sunday morning. But there is room on the committee as well to help plan evangelism activities.

Mission Committee – Looking for committee members to oversee the Community Garden, plan and sign up people for serving the homeless once per month, members to plan local mission outreach activities, etc.

Building and Grounds Committee – Need a person to call congregants for work parties; need committee members to help plan work parties and supervise work party repairs and maintenance; can use members that can open and close sanctuary on Sunday mornings; can respond and complete minor repairs around facilities or meet repairmen and open up facilities for them, etc.

Worship Committee members – In particular people to call on others and sign them up to be ushers; call on people to sign them up to give a Sunday morning children's message; committee members who help support, organize and contribute to greater participation in worship services or special services.

Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets in the social hall in January! Or be prepared to say "yes" if a chairman calls on you to be on a committee! And for those who are unable to do any of the above be prepared to say "yes" when asked to greet, usher, host fellowship, give a children's message, assist in worship, attend a work party, or serve a meal for the hungry!! These are all a huge contribution to our ministry, many hands make light work!!! We look forward to you getting involved in our ministry in 2018!!!! Being a Christian isn't a job, "It is a Way Of Life", be cheerful, participate, and live a fulfilled life!!!!

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### **Pastor Nominating Committee Update**

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been meeting weekly. Meetings began on October 29 and the PNC has now completed seven 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 anxiously await matches to soon be forth-coming for the committee to review. It is our hope that beginning around January 1, 2018 the committee will have resumes to begin evaluating as we search to find the pastor that God intends to place among us. 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.

## INTRODUCING....

### Reiko & Kayla McGuinness & David Flanigan

My parents met at a college church group while my dad was stationed at the Air Force base in Billings, Montana. They married and moved to San Leandro, CA where his parents lived. I was born in Hayward in 1972. I am an only child and I was very close to my parents and grandparents. My love of cooking comes from my grandma. She was an amazing woman. Despite being in a Japanese internment camp as a teenager (even though she was born in San Francisco), she was the most forgiving, kind-hearted, and loving person. My love of music comes from my dad. We always had the tv or radio on and he loved to sing. He was diagnosed with Scleroderma in 1977. He passed away a month after my 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. We were on our way to a Caribbean cruise when he died on the plane between Florida and Puerto Rico. My strength comes from my mom. She was now a single parent that continued to work full-time and raised a teenager. She also taught me about volunteering. She has volunteered at Horses with H.E.A.R.T for 19 years. It is a therapeutic riding center serving the special needs community. I have volunteered at Kayla's schools every year from K-12. Kayla and I were also a part of Brighter Christmas for 7 years and Kayla ran the backpack program at T.I.M for a couple of years while I ran the warehouse.

I graduated from San Leandro High in 1990. In 1992, I worked at Big 5 Sporting Goods in Fremont. I opened a door in the back room and a boxed home gym was leaning up against a wall where it shouldn't have been. It fell and I put up my left hand to protect my head. Two doctors, two misdiagnoses, and two torn ligaments led to arthritis at the age of 21. Five surgeries, a metal plate and seven screws led to a fused wrist. During this time I discovered my love of crafting. I love to scrapbook, cross-stitch, paint, quilt, decorate cakes, pretty much anything crafty. I have always loved tattoos. I have 17 and each one of them have a special meaning. Some of my favorites are a drawing that Kayla did along with her signature, my mom and grandma's signatures of taken from cards they have given me, a memorial with hearts for my dad, grandma and grandpa, and the infinity symbol with the words "faith" and "family".

When I was growing up, while other girls wanted to be a nurse or an actress, I wanted to be a mom. My dream came true when Kayla was born in April 1997. We moved to Tracy in 1998. She could sing before she talked. She always hummed or babbled to a tune. She was accepted into the G.A.T.E. program in second grade. She has always been an avid reader and most of her Christmas wish lists were filled with titles of books she wanted. She speaks Spanish and some Japanese (self-taught). She started drama in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and continued through her senior year. In 2010 she was crowned Miss Tracy Centennial. She sang the National Anthem at the 2010 Bean Festival. She has been a part of the Tracy Community Theater, Tracy Community Choir, the Nine Notes, Kimball Show Choir, and Kimball Classics. She likes to draw and one of her drawings received a ribbon at the San Joaquin County fair. She received the Golden State Seal Merit diploma from Kimball High and went on to Cal Poly Pomona to study civil engineering. She has always had a love for all things Disney and she was able to work at Disneyland as a skipper aboard the Jungle Cruise-perfect use of her drama skills! She has moved to Ohio to complete her education and shift her studies to structural engineering.

David was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. He joined the Marines at the end of his senior year in high school and served eight years. He has worked as a big rig mechanic, shop foreman, director of maintenance, terminal maintenance manager, and is currently a fleet manager. He lived in the Bay Area and eventually settled in Tracy. We have been friends for 22 years and he's been my best friend for the last 15 years. He was a single dad raising a 15 year old daughter, Krystal. I helped raise her. She and Kayla are 10 years apart and they are like sisters. We have both been there for each other's children. Our friendship turned to love and we will get married next year. After high school, Krystal joined the Army gave and birth to Sierra in 2008. They are now living in Fort Lewis, WA with her fiancé and his 3 children. Now that our nest is empty, we focus on ourselves and our two dachshund/Chihuahua dogs, Tinkerbelle and Coco.

**Newly Elected Officer to Be Elected & Installed**

In the 1940's my father was ordained as a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church and served as Clerk of Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Kansas City. I was proud of him. My mother was ordained as a Deacon while in Illinois. They both served our church during those years. I was not sure why what they were doing was special, but I knew it was.

Marietta has been a Deacon for many years and she takes it seriously. It is not an honorary position. It means work and service and commitment. She thought a long time before she said "yes".

This coming January 14th we will ordain and install officers for the coming years. They do not take this lightly. They will work side by side with a new pastor elected in the next months. They will create a new beginning. Join us that Sunday. It is special for you and special for them.

-Mike McLellan

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

- 2- Kathleen Buffleben
- 5- Jean Shipman
- 10- Matt Clarke
- 11- Joseph Weisenberger
- 13- Cristian Lamas
- 16- Joshua Clarke
- 18 - Isabel Vaishampayan
- 20- Allen Brown
- 29 - Jacob Palmer

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:**

- 12 Ralph & Cindy Palmer
- 22 Ray & Jean Shipman

**"Budget Report"**

**General Fund:**

Balance Fwd: \$65,409.71

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|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>Income:</b> | <u>Month</u> | <u>Year to date</u> |
| November:      | \$ 9,941.00  | \$ 136,950.00       |

**Expenses:**

November: \$ <16,064.52> <180,107.48>

**Balance: <\$2,954.67> \$22,252.23**

**New Site Mortgage Fund:**

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Balance Fwd:         | \$ 8,776.11         |
| 2017 Income to date: | <u>\$ 19,837.00</u> |
| Total Income:        | \$ 28,613.11        |

**Expenses – 2017:**

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Synod Loan        | \$9329.76 |
| Synod Principal   | \$3214.72 |
| Presbytery Loan   | \$3091.00 |
| S.J. County taxes | \$9757.21 |

Total Expenses \$<25,392.69>

**Total on Hand: \$3220.42**

**Synod of the Pacific Loan:**

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Principal balance owed Synod: | \$57,838.72 |
| (12/31/16)                    |             |
| Principal paid 2017:          | \$10,206.49 |
| Interest paid 2017:           | \$ 2,337.99 |
| Current balance owed Synod:   | \$47,632.23 |
| (11/30/17)                    |             |

**Presbytery of Stockton Loan**

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance owed 1/1/17:   | \$30,240.00        |
| Principal paid 2017:   | <u>\$ 3,960.00</u> |
| Balance owed 11/30/17: | \$ 26,280.00       |

