

# *“The Grapevine”*

## *January 2019*

### *Flower Calendar*

January 6  
**Rick & Liz Hanson**

January 13  
**David Weisenberger**

January 20  
**Ray & Jean Shipman**

January 27  
**Greg & Bonny McCreary**



### *Deacons Barrel Item:*

## **“TOILETRIES”**

(soaps, deodorants, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, etc.)



*First Presbyterian Church  
wishes you and your families a  
blessed New Year!*

### *Events*

**Office Closed – New Year’s Day**  
Tuesday, January 1

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Saturday, January 5 @ 1030am

**Youth Group Trip – Escape**  
Sunday, January 6

**Annual Reports Due**  
Friday, January 11

**Newsletter Deadline**  
Tuesday, January 15

**Men’s Breakfast**  
Saturday, January 19 @ 8am

**Piano Recital – Sanctuary in use**  
Saturday, January 19 @ 12pm

**Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday**  
Monday, January 21

**T.I.M Workday**  
Saturday, January 26 @ 10am

**Annual Meeting**  
Sunday, January 27 after worship

**Newsletter Folding Crew**  
Wednesday, January 30 @ 845am

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Office Closed	<b>2</b> 530pm Feeding the Hungry	<b>3</b> 7pm Choir & Quilters	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10am Prayer Shawl
<b>6</b> 10am Worship/ Sunday School  5pm IC	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7pm Deacons	<b>9</b> 630pm Worship	<b>10</b> 545pm Mission 7pm Choir & Quilters	<b>11</b> <b>Annual Reports Due!</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10am Worship/ Sunday School  5pm IC	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  7pm Finance	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7pm Choir & Quilters	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8am Men's Breakfast  12pm Piano Recital
<b>20</b> 10am Worship/ Sunday School  5pm IC	<b>21</b> Office Closed	<b>22</b> 7pm Session	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7pm Choir & Quilters	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10am T.I.M Workday  2pm Harriett Peterson Memorial Service
<b>27</b> 10am Worship/ Sunday School  Annual Meeting Fellowship Cake 5pm IC	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 845am Newsletter Folding Crew	<b>31</b> 7pm Choir & Quilters		

## *Introducing... "Nancy Rusch"*

Nancy Rusch was born in the state of New York and was baptized in Bedford Presbyterian Church. Her family moved to Madison, Wisconsin when she was young. The family first attended a Community Church and later the Congregational Church. She grew up in a fun household with two sisters.

Nancy married and attended the University of Wisconsin where her father was a computer science professor. She graduated from law school, and she and her husband proclaimed "ENOUGH SNOW", and moved to California. Two children were born, and then she divorced. She decided it was time to return to church, and sought out First Presbyterian Church in Tracy. Nancy has been a member since the mid 1990's. Her sons, David and Andrew were baptized in the church and were occasionally talked into playing their brass instruments at church. Nancy was an Elder and Commissioner to Presbytery. She still enjoys teaching Sunday school. The church family has been a blessing to her!



## *Can you use a Helping Hand?*

The Mission Committee is organizing a church Mission Activity for January or February of 2019. We would like to know if you are someone in the congregation that could use a hand for yard or house maintenance projects that the Mission Committee and congregation of Tracy First Presbyterian Church could help with. Please contact Pat Brandes (209-836-1778) if you have something you need help with or for those willing to help with these chores. We will also have a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.



## *"Bible Study"*

Our winter/spring Bible study will begin on February 4th at 10:00 in the Lea lounge. We will be studying Max Lucado's book *Travel Lightly*, chapters 9-18. This will be a nine week study. Please feel free to join us anytime for this awesome group.

If you need a book please let Jill know or  
call Lynda McCormick at 209-612-1613.  
See you on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>!

## *Introducing... “Colleen Colenso”*

I was born in Livermore to Tuck and Mary Campbell, and had 1 older brother, Danny. The summer between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, my dad was transferred to a job across the bay, so we moved to Hayward. I attended and graduated from Hayward High.

After high school, I moved to Oregon to attend the University of Oregon in Eugene, and later Oregon State in Corvallis. I graduated from Oregon State with a degree in Animal Science. Shortly after graduation I moved to Bend, Oregon to manage the animal shelter there. After a few years, I moved back to California, starting a job as Education Director for the South Lake Tahoe Humane Society. Although I thought that the location and job would result in an ideal situation, it didn't turn out to be so. I did not enjoy dealing with the snow in the winter, and the job was not what I expected. So after 2 years I moved back to a familiar place – Hayward. Living there I went to work for the Oakland SPCA.

After several years working in animal welfare, I felt it necessary to look for another type of work. My father informed me of a job with Lone Star, the company he worked for, at a sand & gravel plant in Sunol. I joined the Operating Engineers and worked in the office there for 25 years, retiring in 2011.

While working there, I married a fellow employee. A few years later we added our son, Steven to the family. Unfortunately the marriage ended in divorce after 10 years. A short time after I filed for divorce, my father had a major stroke and passed away a couple weeks later. My mother and I sold our respective homes and bought one together. My mother, son, and I helped each other through the difficult times and enjoyed lots of wonderful times. We traveled whenever possible, going to Arizona and Idaho to visit other family. We also went to England, Scotland, and Canada.

Growing up I attended the Presbyterian Church in Livermore, and later in Castro Valley. After moving to Tracy in the 90's, I joined the Lutheran Church. A few years after my dad passed away, my mother had a stroke and was no longer able to drive. I started to bring my mom to church here when she was able. Although I have not become a member of this church, I have always been treated like one by the congregation, and felt at home here.

I have always had a great love of dogs, and several years ago started showing them in performance events. I also belong to a couple dog training clubs and teach obedience classes for them. I very much enjoy working with people and their dogs, and watching their progress.

I have also always loved to travel, and my dream for as long as I can remember was to travel to Africa to see all of the wildlife. My dream finally came true this summer when my son and I traveled to Kenya and Tanzania for 2 weeks. The trip was all that I had hoped for and more. Having my son take this journey with me meant more than I can express!

## BUDGET REPORT

### GENERAL FUND:

Balance forward: \$ 29,118.06

Income:	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
November:	\$23,189.00	\$170,764.59

### Expenses:

November : \$<9,097.78>

**Balance: \$14,091.22**

### NEW SITE MORTGAGE FUND:

Balance Forward:	\$ 5,721.26
2018 Income to date:	<u>\$ 18,110.00</u>
Total Income:	\$ 23,831.26

### Expenses – 2018:

Synod Loan	\$ 9,329.76
Synod Principal	\$
Presbytery Loan	\$ 3,091.00
S.J. County Taxes	\$ 4,870.19
Total Expenses:	<u>\$&lt; 17,290.95&gt;</u>
<b>Total on Hand:</b>	<b>\$ 6,540.31</b>

### SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC LOAN:

Principal Bal. Owed Synod: \$46,966.33  
(12/31/17)  
Principal paid 2018: \$ 7,313.50  
Interest paid 2018: \$ 2,016.26  
Current balance owed Synod: \$39,652.83

### PRESBYTERY OF STOCKTON LOAN:

Balance owed 1/1/18: \$ 25,920.00  
Principal paid 2018: 3,960.00  
Balance owed 10/31/2018: \$ 21,960.00

## *HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:*

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

## *HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:*

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

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