

“THE GRAPEVINE”



JULY 2023

FLOWER CALENDAR

July 2

Terry Donaldson

July 9

David & Reiko Flanigan

July 16

Nancy Rusch

July 23

Colleen Colenso

July 30

Jeanne Weisenberger



DEACONS BARREL ITEM:

“TOILETRIES”

(SOAP, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO,
ETC.)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Communion Sunday/ Deacons Offering
Sunday, July 2

Fellowship Time
Sunday's after worship in Grant Hall

Feasting on the Word Bible Study
Sunday's after worship

Women's Bible Study
Monday's @ 5pm (Agnes Lea Lounge)

Feeding the Hungry
Tuesday, July 4 @ 430pm

Church Office Closed – Independence
Day
Tuesday, July 4

Men's Circle of Faith
Saturday, July 8 @ 830am

Men's Breakfast @ Four Corner's
Restaurant
Saturday, July 15 @ 8am

Mission Study Committee ~ Activity # 2
Sunday, July 16 after worship

5th Sunday= Mission Giving
Sunday, July 30



*Wishing you all a fun &
safe 4th of July!*



- 1- Paul McCormick
- 2- Katherine Dubie
Andrew Rusch
- 9- Gina Debartoli
- 10- Alfred Ruiz
- 11- Don Burnett
- 17 - Lynda McCormick
- 21- Jeanne Weisenberger
- 25- Bob Agdoma
John Borges
- 27- Zach Michelson
- 28- David Weisenberger
- 30- Colleen Colenso
- 31- Elizabeth Dubie

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

2- Paul & Lynda
McCormick



24- Mike & Marietta
McLellan

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberty than to experience freedom from sin and death that you provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this, I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that a very high price was paid for my freedom. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families.

Dear Father, I am so thankful for this nation. For all the sacrifices others have made to build and defend this country, I am grateful. Thank you for the opportunities and freedoms we have in the United States of America. Help me never to take these blessings for granted.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Jesus Christ.

In your name, I pray. Amen.

PASTOR'S ARTICLE:

Dear FPC Family,

Paul says in the 13th Chapter of Corinthian that there are three lasting qualities in this life...Faith, Hope, Love; and the greatest of these is Love!

Jesus loves every human being unconditionally. This seems almost impossible for that to be true.

However, I also believe that to be the very essence of the life that God created for us. To be loved by God through Jesus' incarnation, life, death, and resurrection is a remarkable, joyful, and liberating reality. We are blessed by this wonderful eternal gift through the power and the presence of God's Holy Spirit in our hearts!

In this wonderful good news Paul tells that the other two eternal gifts of our Lord are "Faith", and "Hope". God blesses with the power to believe by faith that every human being is loved by our creator. Jesus came to us to show us the truth and power of that wonderful gracious love. We are given that great gift freely! We need to accept, believe, and by Faith trust this great and wonderful gift of knowing that God loves every person who ever and will ever live. The mark of faith is how we love one another and treat one another as the family of our lord. This love is to be given away to others who we encounter every day. You and I are vessels or conduits of God 's gracious love to the world!

The third gift that Paul talks about is "hope". We are people gifted with great power; love, faith, and hope!!! We are banner carriers of Faith, Hope, and Love. We are not perfect. We is the blessed process of being changed into the likeness of Jesus. This world yearns for the goodness of God's Hope, God's Presents, God's Peace, and most of all Jesus' wonderful love! We know this by faith and trust in God's Word written, proclaimed, and fleshed out in Jesus' LIFE, DEATH, and RESURRECTION! This is our great Promise and Hope! What are we going to do with this Good News? Please pray about this great and wonderful news from God's heart.

In Jesus' Love, Hope, Peace...Your friend, and Pastor,

David

P.S. See you in church!

SESSION

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in January, Fang Xie-Burnett was elected as an at-large member of the Nominating Committee, but the Bylaws put a limit of two on the number of serving members of Session simultaneously serving on the Nominating Committee. With Fang's election to Session, she has been required to resign as an at-large member of the Nominating Committee, leaving a vacancy to be filled. Fang has been appointed as the chair of Session's Worship and Membership Committee.

Shannon Sousa has leased the church’s childcare facility for over ten years, and during that time has undergone numerous inspections by the State in order to maintain her license. The bank that will be financing the buyer’s purchase of the childcare center has demanded additional tests not previously required as a condition for funding the loan. Samples of soil in the playground and yard, as well as other samples, were taken and have been tested in a laboratory. The results show all samples to be within acceptable limits, satisfying the bank. The bank is drawing up the loan documents and it is expected that escrow will close in the near future.

A majority of the Session voted to sell the new site property. An *ad hoc* committee will interview potential real estate agents to represent the church in this process. Currently two members of the Session will serve on this *ad hoc* committee, and a member of the congregation, not currently serving on the Session, will be invited to serve as well. This *ad hoc* committee will bring a recommendation to execute a listing agreement with one of the interviewed agents to the Session at its July meeting.

Active members on the rolls 98
 Average in-church attendance during May 2023 50
 Communion served in May 2023 40



Financial Summary May 2023

DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
DEPOSITED WITH THE BANK OF STOCKTON		
BALANCE FORWARD		\$ 23,443.69
INCOME	10,172.00	69,140.59
EXPENSES	9,902.96	74,033.00
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 269.04	\$ 18,551.28
<u>DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE</u>		
DEPOSITED WITH THE BANK OF STOCKTON		
SPECIAL FUNDS		\$ 16,356.58
IN-AND-OUT FUNDS		9,749.20
DEPOSITED WITH THE SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC		152,920.54
DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE		\$ 179,920.54

