

First Presbyterian Church

“THE GRAPEVINE”

JULY 2022



CHURCH CALENDAR:

Communion Sunday/ Deacons Offering
Sunday, July 3

Independence Day – Church Office Closed
Monday, July 4

Feasting on the Word Bible Study
Sunday's after worship (Agnes Lea Lounge)

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, July 10 after worship

Zephyr Point Family Camp Payments DUE
Friday, July 15

Newsletter Deadline (August Newsletter)
Friday, July 15

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, July 16 @ 8am

Session Meeting/ Follow-Up on Retreat
Saturday, July 23 @ 9am

Zephyr Point Family Camp Meeting
Sunday, July 31 after worship

5th Sunday Mission Offering
Sunday, July 31

FLOWER CALENDAR:

July 3

Terry Donaldson

July 10

Reiko Flanigan

July 17

Nancy Rusch

July 24

Mike & Marietta McLellan

July 31

Jeanne Weisenberger

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

- 2- Paul & Lynda McCormick
- 24- Mike & Marietta McLellan
- 31- Phil & Ellen DiFilippo



PASTOR'S PAGE:

Greetings Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

The month of July reminds us of our nations birth on July 4, 1776. It is a celebration of our independence from the rule of the British empire. Many men and women have served in our military forces in the world and in our nation to keep our freedom and independence! We want to thank those who have served and pray for and thank those serving now to keep our country safe and secure!



Our nation was given the great honor and responsibility to show the world what freedom means and the precious gift that our Lord has given to every human being made in the image of our Lord!

Every nation has the responsibility and authority to take care of their people and to help maintain peace and security within their borders and in the world. Our nation has gone through and is still going through growth pains of what it means to be “One nation under God with liberty and justice for all.” Jesus is the greatest freedom provider. His presence in the world and in our hearts will reflect this dignity of every human being if we are willing to follow in His way!

We need to pray for the healing of the brokenness that our human sin causes and live in Jesus' peace in all of our relationships. It seems that every level of government is at odds with God's plan for our lives, with out communities, states, our entire nation! What would Jesus want for all people? I believe he would want gracious love for all people. Healing and forgiveness for all relationships and show how to create a safe and nurturing country, reflecting Jesus to a broken world and to honor his presence, death, resurrection, and empowering Holy Spirit in every human life! Christ Has Risen! Blessings to you all! Happy 4th of July!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor David

SESSION:

The Session voted to install wi-fi in the church building, and to set up an *ad hoc* committee to investigate options available for the recording and livestreaming of the worship services.

A revision to the church's safe church policy that incorporates the provisions of recently enacted legislation dealing with the mandatory reporting of suspected abuse or neglect of children has been approved by the Session. All members of the church in ordered ministry; which includes clergy, Ruling Elders, and Deacons; along with “regular volunteers” must now take an on-line class and successfully pass an on-line test in order to become certified. The purpose of the training is to learn to recognize the indicators of child abuse and/or neglect and to make people aware of their obligation as mandatory reporters of such activity. The church will also be required to enroll in a State operated database.

FINANCE:

We are half-way through the year, The Finance Committee would like to thank those who paid their Per Capita, which is charged to the Church for each member. The Per Capita this year is \$26.74 per member of each household.

The Finance Committee would like to thank those who have been paying regularly each month toward their pledge, and a special thanks to those who have added additional to their pledges and have contributed to the many special funds. The Church Administrator will have Financial Statements before the end of July. At that time an e-mail will go out explaining where they can be picked up.

Thank you again for your financial support to our Church.
In Christian Service,
Finance Chair, Roy Patterson

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

MAY 2022

DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
INCOME	\$ 11,181.00	\$ 44,692.44
EXPENSES	\$ 14,018.41	\$ 61,152.32
GENERAL FUND INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$ (2,837.41)	\$ (16,459.88)
<u>DEDICATED FUNDS</u>		
DEPOSITED WITH THE BANK OF STOCKTON		\$ 24,732.93
DEPOSITED WITH THE SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC		151,450.21
TOTAL DEDICATED FUNDS		\$ 176,183.14