

2018**JUNE****2018**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry 2 11am Piano Recital
10am Worship/ Communion/ Sunday School Congregational Meeting 5pm IC 3	4	7pm Deacons 5	12pm Lunch Bunch 6	630pm Curious Monkey's Graduation 7	8	9
10am Worship/ Sunday School 5pm IC 10	7pm Finance 11	12	12pm Lunch Bunch 630pm Worship 13	545pm Mission 7pm Choir & Quilters 14	Newsletter Deadline 15	8am Men's Breakfast 16
10am Worship/ Sunday School 5pm IC 17	18	7pm Session 19	12pm Lunch Bunch 20	7pm Choir & Quilters 21	22	23
10am Worship/ Sunday School Fellowship Cake Fundraiser "Paint Night" 5pm IC 24	25	26	845am Newsletter Folding Crew 12pm Lunch Bunch 27	7pm Choir & Quilters 28	29	10am T.I.M Workday 30

Tracy Community Connections Center for the Homeless

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church,

I am writing you to give a brief update on the work of the Tracy Community Connection Center (Tracy CCC). It has been an incredible year for us, and as one of our key partners, we wanted to make sure you were aware of all that was happening and respectfully ask that you renew your support for the Tracy CCC and its mission of restoring dignity and independence to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

2017 brought us extraordinary opportunities to serve and grow. You may remember that for the first two years of our operation, we had no formal workspace. In October 2017 we signed the lease on a small office which allows us to have a permanent place of business and a safe and private place to meet with our clients. Thanks to the Sutter and Raymus foundations we were able to operate an emergency shelter program that allowed us to **bridge the shelter gap for 47 individuals**—mostly families, all from Tracy. We helped **27 individuals secure safe housing**, 9 went to shelter while the remainder went to either permanent or interim housing that they could afford for the long term. Our partnership with Tracy Interfaith Ministries allowed us to provide **90 showers to homeless persons** while we fundraised to purchase our own shower trailer. Over the course of the year **we gave away more than 5,300 hygiene items** to the homeless and at risk at local meal programs. **All in all we served 280 individuals last year.**

2018 is shaping up to be just as big. Thanks to First Presbyterian Church, San Joaquin County and Sutter Community Foundation, we were able to place a deposit on the purchase of our own shower trailer! The trailer is expected to be completed by the end of April and with one host site already on board, we anticipate the program coming on line in early May. As a result of our success with the emergency shelter program; we are expanding that service to also include recuperative care for homeless patients exiting Sutter's emergency room. We are in the process of hiring a case manager to allow us to further expand our services and allow us to provide the in-depth and intensive support to help those we serve transition out of homelessness.

Moving forward, one of our biggest needs for is for a flexible source of client assistance. Often times our clients come to us with small needs—renewing an expired driver's license so they can go to work; getting their vehicle's smog inspection paid for to prevent having their only safe place to sleep from being impounded; or helping bridge a small gap in a client's deposit on a rental, if they have demonstrated that they have the majority saved and can afford the dwelling on their own. Understandably these small "one off" requests are hard to write in the service grants, but the need for this help is tremendous, so we are looking to our own community to help us bridge this gap. We project that a \$3,000 client assistance fund would allow us to meet these needs. We humbly ask that First Presbyterian help us bridge this gap in our client services.

From all of us at Tracy Community Connections Center, thank you for all you have done to support our mission. We would be delighted to meet with you to discuss our work and we would also like to invite you to visit our shower trailer when it is delivered so you can see our work in action.

Warmly,

Jennifer Dow-Rowell

Interim CEO

Tracy Community Connections Center

Vacation Bible School



Dear Parents,

Sign up your kids on an impacting island adventure!

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids will discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Shipwrecked will be filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids will see, hear, touch and even taste! Scieny-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs and tasty treats will be featured. Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life – something we call God Sightings.

Parents and grandparents are invited to join us for each day's exploration of our Jesus' rescue and daily Bible theme of:

- Day 1: When you're Lonely
- Day 2: When you Struggle
- Day 3: When you do Wrong
- Day 4: When you're Powerless

VBS will be held from **July 30th through August 2nd from 5:00 – 7:30pm**. Children ages 3-12 years old are welcomed to attend this fun event. The children will be served dinner each evening.

A registration form is included in the June Grapevine newsletter or you can sign up the kids at <http://vbspro.events/p/fpc-shipwreck-vbs>. Deadline is June 30th.

For any questions, please call Jill in the church office (209-835-3247).



Deacons

The Tracy Interfaith auction was a big success. The bikes the Deacons donated brought in much more than was spent. TIM is always in need of egg cartons. Please donate your used ones, but not the clear plastic ones. You can take them to TIM or put them in the barrel at church. They also take donations of food, clothing in good condition, and most household items, except furniture. The clients are very thankful for what they receive.

Deacons send out cards, visit shut-ins, and take communion to those who cannot come to church. If you know someone who could use this ministry, please notify the church office.

The Deacons do not meet in July and August, but their ministry continues, so please contact a deacon or the church office if you know of a need, or would like to help in this ministry of compassion.

Introducing... "David Weisenberger"

My name is David Weisenberger, son to Jeanne Weisenberger, and loving Christian partner to Ina Brekke-Danforth. I grew up in rural Tracy out by Vernalis where the old home is now in the shadow of the giant windmill that you see when you drive on Interstate 5 southeast of Tracy. My Dad, Keith, was a farmer when I was young and I loved working on the farm with him. It was a life-long dream from the time I was six years old to farm with him someday. He and mom had one condition that I must go to college and graduate from college to join them on the farm. I graduated from Tracy High School in 1976 and a week later started college at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as an agricultural business major with a focus on farm management.

I enjoyed college and my major. Cal Poly was on a quarter system which allowed you to miss a quarter, any quarter as long as they weren't two consecutive quarters, and return to school without re-applying. This worked out well in that I could take off the fall quarter each year to come back to the farm to help dad with harvest, fall field tilling, and any planting in the fall. I eventually started taking off the spring quarter too to help prepare the ground, pre-irrigate, and plant the crops. I went to school during the summer and winter quarters each year, from 1976 to the time I graduated in March 1981.

While in college my dad became ill with cancer and had a kidney removed. He was well for awhile before succumbing to cancer in June of 1982 at the age of 49. My mother and I farmed from 1982-1984 before closing the doors to the family farming operation. In 1982 I married and my wife, Pamela, and I had three sons, Joseph in 1984 and twin boys, Christopher and Nicholas, in 1986. Joseph lives in Patterson with his wife, Jessie, and her two sons, Brandon and Kaleb, that he has adopted. He works in the Tracy area for the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority. Christopher and Nicholas are both Staff Sergeants in the Army. Christopher with his wife Tessa and their two year old daughter Mia live in Copperas Cove, Texas. Nicholas lives in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

My mother and father began attending the Tracy First Presbyterian Church in the late 1960's when I and my two sisters, Carol and Cathy, were in the early years of grammar school. We attended Sunday school until our high school years. My attendance in high school became very intermittent. When I went off to college I stopped attending except for visits back home for special occasions. When my sons got to school age my mother took them to Sunday school every week even though my wife and I didn't attend. My wife played on the church's sponsored coed city league softball team during the 1990's. It was through the softball team and the church's grapevine newsletter that I kept in touch with the church I grew up in. I always believed in

GOD and what our church was sharing with the community providing a house of fellowship and worship, even though my praying was intermittent in the years that I was away from the church.

In about 1998, I received a call one evening at home from a member of the church. His name was Hanley Wong and he was a nominating committee member asking me if I would prayerfully consider being a session member. I was in shock as I listened to him and asked him what the roles and responsibilities were for being a session member. I told him that I would pray about it for a few days before replying. I was wondering what GOD did want me to do. Why would they call me? I had been away from church for several years and wasn't attending when Hanley called. But as I had promised I did pray about it and ponder it. My conclusion was that evidently GOD thought I could contribute or he thought I needed it for my own personal growth or awareness to make me a more faithful Christian. I honestly didn't know which but thought this call came out of nowhere for some reason and it must be GOD calling me. There didn't seem to be any earthly reason I would be called. I accepted and since that time I have become a more active person in the church and hopefully a better Christian. (My first three to six years as a session member, I was a lousy session member! So the call wasn't for me to make a difference in those years!)

Since 1998 I have gotten better as a session member, a committee member, and a Christian. I still have a passion for our church to make a difference in our community and share the salvation available to those who don't know they can receive the salve that GOD provides to heal their wounds, their loneliness, and make their lives better. To that end I participate on our church's evangelism committee and mission committee, I am chair of the Healthy Congregations Committee in our Stockton Presbytery, I serve as chairman of the board for a senior assistance charity called the Tracy Volunteer Caregivers (TVC), I also serve as chairman of the board for a homeless assistance charity called the Tracy Community Connections Center (Tracy CCC). I am also currently serving on our church's Session, on our church's Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and am on the Church's Community Garden Committee overseeing the management and maintenance of the Community Garden. IF you have a passion for donating your time or money to any of these efforts please come and talk to me. Your time is needed in all of these venues! There is room on the evangelism, mission, community garden, and healthy congregations committees as well as room in both charities to participate in meaningful ways that make a difference in people's lives!!! It would be exciting to work with you in any of these venues, come join us!!!!

PS - I am a tent maker by day as General Manager for the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District serving water to farms growing food on the southeast side of Tracy.

Introducing... "Greg & Bonny McCreary"

Greg was born in Grand Forks, ND, attending elementary and high school. He moved on to University of North Dakota for 3 semesters. At this point in his life, he joined the navy where he was assigned to the aviation branch. After leaving the navy, he returned to UND for 3 years and graduated with a mathematics degree. He then borrowed \$50 and came to Tracy with a friend in the fall of 1962. He began a teaching career at New Jerusalem School. 2 years later, he moved to Tracy High School where he taught math for 9 years.

Bonny was born in Stockton and lived there until moving to Roberts Island when she was 10. However, she went to school on the island at Fairchild School, a 2 room schoolhouse with 4 grades in each room, instead of Stockton schools. She was a country girl, growing up with 3 boys, a brother and 2 cousins on their ranch, raising 4-H lambs for the fair and riding her horse everywhere. She attended Tracy High School in 1961, and then UC Davis, transferring to UOP in her sophomore year to major in elementary education.

In 1964, during the summer before her senior year, she worked at Waverly School where Greg was the principal. We were married after Bonny graduated in 1965 and moved to Tracy where Greg was teaching math at Tracy High. The next year Greg went to graduate school and Bonny taught in the San Jose School District. We returned the next year, Greg at the high school and Bonny at North School. Bonny then moved to Banta School where she finished out her career, teaching mostly 5th grade. She was awarded the San Joaquin County Outstanding Teacher Award and retired in 2000.

We joined the church in 1966 and both of our children, Sean and Jamie, were baptized at First Presbyterian Church and attended Sunday School for years. The church remains important in our lives. Bonny has been a Deacon for several years. She also serves on the Tracy Interfaith Board and volunteers there.

We were lucky to find some land out by New Jerusalem School and built our house in 1968 where we still live. Greg left the high school to become superintendent/principal at New Jerusalem School for 6 years before leaving education to go into the insurance business. We eventually became owners of the Monagan, Miller, McCreary Agency.

Bonny was a project leader in the New Jerusalem 4-H while her children were members, both became County All Stars. Greg was very active in the community becoming president of Tracy Lions, the Tracy Chamber of Commerce, and President of the San Joaquin Delta College Board of Trustees. He served on the board for 12 years.

After 20 years in the insurance business, our son, a UCB graduate, joined him and took over the business upon Greg's retirement in 2000. Greg was now able to take up golf!! We have traveled extensively, spend a lot of time at our cabin in Pinecrest, and enjoy our 6 grandchildren, 3 of whom are triplets! We give thanks to God for our blessings.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU...

Faith Tyler wants to say... "THANK YOU" for the Honorary Life Membership award. I was extremely surprised to receive this award, and remain humbled by being chosen. The ladies of our Church have become my extended family, and I would be lost without their friendship! I pray that we all continue to support each other and our congregation with kindness and love.

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Happy Birthday To:

- 9- Kathleen Pribyl
- 12- Mike Little
- 13- Trudie Leachman
- 15- Trini Dunn
- 17- Belle Twitchell
- 20- Clint Link
- 21- Jeannine Sturtevant
- 25- Juliet Weinberg
- 26- Phillip Dubie
- 27- Kathy Thomsen
- 29- Terry Harries
George Buffleben

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 3- Bill & Ann Swenson
- 15- Roger & Tricia Winkler
- 15- Jim & Pat Kruse
- 16- Don & Char Bisbee

ZEPHYR POINT

FAMILY CAMP INFO:

Signups have begun. Contact Jill @ the church office, Alex or Darline Pineda after Sunday Services. **Cost per children 4-12 is \$95 and all others \$205.** Food and accommodations are included for the entire week. A **\$100 deposit** is required to reserve your room as space is limited. Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to attend the 5-day Family Camp event to be held from July 15th through July 20th.

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"Budget Report"

General Fund:

Balance Fwd:		\$29,118.06
Income:	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
April:	\$11,827.00	\$49,079.00
Expenses:		
April:	\$ <6,712.31>	<33,497.50>
Balance:	\$5,115.69	\$15,581.50

New Site Mortgage Fund:

Balance Fwd:	\$ 5,721.26
2018 Income to date:	<u>\$ 6,860.00</u>
Total Income:	\$12,581.26

Expenses – 2018:

Synod Loan	\$ 3,392.64
Synod Principal	\$
Presbytery Loan	\$ 1,124.00
S.J. County taxes	\$
Total Expenses	\$<4,516.64>
Total on Hand:	\$8,064.62

Synod of the Pacific Loan:

Principal balance owed Synod:	\$46,966.33
Principal paid 2018:	\$ 2,700.25
Interest paid 2018:	\$ 549.94
Current balance owed Synod:	\$44,266.08
(04/1/18)	

Presbytery of Stockton Loan

Balance owed 2/28/18:	\$25,920.00
Principal paid 2018:	<u>\$ 1,440.00</u>
Balance owed 04/1/18:	\$ 24,480.00

