

“The Grapevine”

March 2018

“Flower Calendar”

March 4
Mary J. Pribyl

March 11
Andre & Sandra deVos

March 18
Roy & Marie Patterson

March 25
Palms for Palm Sunday

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Serving Communion

On March 4th:

Tricia Winkler

Julie Vaishampayan

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Deacon's Barrel Item:

*“Pastas, Rice, & Pinto
Beans*

“Events”

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Saturday, March 3 @ 10am

Newsletter Deadline
Mach 15

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, March 17 @ 8am

**Fellowship Birthday/ Anniversary
Cake**
Sunday, March 18 after worship

Palm Sunday/ Bake Sale
Sunday, March 25

Fellowship “Simple Supper”
Thursday, March 29 @ 6pm

Bring Easter Lilies to Church
March 25 – March 29

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, March 29 @ 7pm

Newsletter Folding Crew
Wednesday, March 28 @ 845am

T.I.M Workday
Saturday, March 31 @ 10am

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7pm Choir & Quilters	2	3 530am KC 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry
4 10am Worship/ Sunday School 1pm KC 5pm IC	5 7pm Evangelism	6 7pm Deacons	7 10am Bible Study	8 545pm Mission 7pm Choir & Quilters	9	10 530am KC
11 10am Worship/ Sunday School Daylight Savings Time Begins 1pm KC 5pm IC	12	13 3pm Gustine Admin. Committee (Lea Lounge) 7pm Finance	14 10am Bible Study 630pm Worship	15 Newsletter Deadline 7pm Choir & Quilters	16	17 530am KC 8am Men's Breakfast
18 10am Worship/ Sunday School Fellowship Cake 1pm KC 5pm IC	19	20 7pm Session	21 10am Bible Study	22 7pm Choir & Quilters	23	24 530am KC
25 10am Worship/ Sunday School Palm Sunday/ Bake Sale 1pm KC 5pm IC	26 Please bring all Easter Lilies to the church this week (26-29)	27	28 845am Newsletter Folding Crew 10am Bible Study	29 6pm Fellowship Simple Supper 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	30	31 530am KC 10am T.I.M Workday

Introducing... Terry Donaldson

In church, I am probably mostly known as Rowena Donaldson's daughter. I attended "Mom's church" sporadically until I decided to join a few years ago. In 2017, I was ordained as a ruling Elder and serve on the Evangelism/Membership and Fellowship/Fundraising Committees.

MARRIAGE: Twice in 2004, I married Denis Martinez! The first wedding was as a clown when Sparkles and Ravioli the Clowns raised almost \$4,000 for Tracy Interfaith Ministries. The *real* wedding was on October 16. (The clown wedding was a lot more FUN!)

HOME: Although Denis and I reside on the Delta in Alameda County – in a house that the Donaldson family started building themselves in 1961 (when I was 11) – Tracy is the community that we care about the most. I have resided in Oakland, San Lorenzo, Los Altos, Castro Valley, Tiburon, Carson City (Nevada), San Francisco, Palo Alto and Mountain View.

CAREERS: In 1996, I "crashed" the 4th of July Parade as "Lady Liberty" (not knowing you were supposed to pre-register). In 1997, (at the age of 47), I became Miss Sparkles Delight the Clown. Since then, I have rollerbladed or bicycled in 21 more Tracy Independence Day Parades. Over twenty years ago, I became a full-time, professional clown. Up to then, it had taken over 50 different employers and careers to figure out what I wanted to be when I grew up! Some of the previous careers included: Printing industry; restaurant industry; UPS truck driver; phone company splicer; realtor; publication manager; retail; casino worker; B2B telemarketer; model; promotions director for a restaurant chain, and more.

ORGANIZATIONS: I actively participate in: Tracy Chamber of Commerce, GFWC Tracy Woman's Club, Tri-Valley Cares, Joaquin Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and Tracy Golden Agers – Seniors on the Go! For years, I had also been a member of Tracy Rotary, Tracy Sunrise Rotary and TLC Tracy Toastmasters.

SURPRISING TIDBITS: Although I studied Drama at Foothill College in Los Altos, I was too insecure back then to even *audition* for anything! I never acted on any stage until 2006. However, I was very competent and comfortable with water skiing: I performed in ski shows and skied competitively, winning the California State Water Ski Championship, Overall Title for Slalom, Tricks and Jump for Senior Women in 1980.

INTERESTS: I enjoy learning about health, nutrition, alternative medicine, nature, science, engineering and living sustainably. Listening to audio books, I go through about 150 of them a year from the Library. Of course, it helps that I do not watch TV! (That is by choice! I haven't had a working TV in my house since they went from analog to digital!) Currently, I am studying to become a Voice Over artist and am setting up a home studio.

SPORTS: Physical activities have included: Water skiing, snow skiing, rollerblading, windsurfing, SCUBA diving, snorkeling, swimming, fishing, boating, camping and bicycling.

TRAVEL: Countries visited include: Canada, Mexico, England, Scotland, Wales, Iceland, Guatemala, El Salvador, and many ports-of-call in the Caribbean. States visited include: Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Washington D.C.

VOLUNTEER: As myself or as Sparkles, I have volunteered at many places: Presenting Literacy Programs at Elementary Schools and Libraries; Participating in the "Mock Interviews" at the local High Schools; Mentoring/counseling youth with eating disorders. (I talk frankly about overcoming 16 years of bulimic and alcoholic behaviors); Helping with theatrical productions; and much more! Last year, I volunteered at Community Hospice's Camp Erin – a bereavement camp for children.

PETS: My "children" have four legs and fur! They all have been rescued from animal shelters or rescue groups. There's one dog and three cats! So, between Mom and I, we have seven cats and one dog that thinks that she is a cat!

THANKS: I appreciate the opportunity to share about my life. I listed a bunch of things here with the hope that it will open up dialog as we discover that we all have lots in common. Often, we may know someone for years and not recognize how similar our career histories, residences, hobbies or activities are so much alike.

"Budget Report"

General Fund:

Balance Fwd: \$29,118.06

Income:	Month	Year to date
January:	\$13,462.00	\$13,462.00

Expenses:

January: \$ <7,593.07> <7,593.07>

Balance: \$5,868.93 \$34,986.99

New Site Mortgage Fund:

Balance Fwd: \$ 5,721.26
2017 Income to date: \$ 960.00
Total Income: \$ 6,681.26

Expenses – 2017:

Synod Loan	\$ 848.16
Synod Principal	\$
Presbytery Loan	\$ 281.00
S.J. County taxes	\$

Total Expenses \$<1,129.16>

Total on Hand: \$5,552.10

Synod of the Pacific Loan:

Principal balance owed Synod: \$46,966.33
(12/31/17)
Principal paid 2018: \$ 674.65
Interest paid 2018: \$ 173.51
Current balance owed Synod: \$46,291.68
(1/31/18)

Presbytery of Stockton Loan

Balance owed 1/1/18: \$25,920.00
Principal paid 2017: \$ 360.00
Balance owed 1/31/18: \$ 25,920.00

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY TO:

- 1- BARBARA MURPHY
ONALEE KOSTER
- 2- DAVID EDWARDS
- 6- LYNDA MENDOZA
DAISY HAMILTON
- 7- SUZANNE SKAGGS
- 9- ROBERT EDE
- 15- HEWEY BURNETT
- 16- ROBERT OPIE
CHERI HARRIES
- 18- ANDREW BRANDES
- 21- TRICIA WINKLER
- 23- SHIRLEY GAHM
- 28- STEVEN PAYNE
- 30- CHAR BISBEE
JUSTIN PATTERSON

Happy Anniversary To:

- 9- ANDRE & SANDRA DEVOS

Attention Parents - Summer Camp in July @ Calvin Crest

The Christian Education (CE) committee would urge parents of 3rd grade children to High School students to send their children to Calvin Crest camp this summer. Calvin Crest is a conference center and outdoor school that has been partnering with churches to make life-long disciples of Jesus Christ. Located an hour north of Fresno and 30 minutes from Yosemite National Park, groups gather to rest, worship and connect with God in the majesty of his creation. Camps are organized by grade groups as follows:

- **Sherwood Forest Camp** (3rd – 5th grade children). **Camp Date:** July 8 -14
 - The campground and program are designed from the ground up to capture the imagination of children. They will come know our true king, Jesus Christ and discover both the exciting adventure of his Gospel and their purpose within that adventure.
 - **Cost: \$390**
- **Middle School Camp** (6th – 8th grade children). **Camp Date:** July 8 -14
 - Children will spend a week of summer meeting new friends, sliding down a ninety-foot water slide, playing wild games, and discovering what faith in Jesus Christ is all about. Middle School is a crazy time, and we want to give them an opportunity to be themselves, have some fun, and ask the tough question about our faith.
 - **Cost: \$440**
- **High School Camp** (9th – 12th grade students). **Camp Date:** July 15 -21
 - Calvin Crest is a place where high school students can engage Jesus Christ and the redemptive narrative of his Gospel. Whether sitting in a sun drenched meadow or within the cool shade of a Giant Sequoia, High School Camp at Calvin Crest may help them reconnect with both who God created them to be and the purpose He has for their lives.
 - **Cost: \$440**

Calvin Crest applications are available from Jill in the Church office or from Alex Pineda after Sunday services. The CE committee is working to significantly offset the cost of the summer camp. Last year, they secured a 50% subsidy for each child. This year they hope to do better.

Parents please don't pass up this opportunity to send and register your child. To start, please submit an application per child or student along with a non-refundable deposit of \$125, payable to Calvin Crest, by March 26, 2018 directly to Jill in the Church office or the Church office box in the Lea Lounge. Specific details are provided in the application/registration form.

For Easter Sunday, April 1st, we will be decorating the sanctuary with lilies.

If you would like to donate a lily, in honor, or memory of a loved one, please **complete the form below** and **return it** to the church office or offering plate by **March 25**.

Lilies need to be brought to the church office from March 26 – March 29!

This lily is given in:

(Please check ONE)

MEMORY_____ or HONOR_____

Of: _____

Your name: _____



Easter Egg Hunt

Immediately following worship, children of all ages meet in front of the church for a "hunt to remember"!

Don't forget your basket for your eggs!

We also need "hard boiled" colored eggs, and plastic eggs filled with candy for the hunt. Please bring to the kitchen before worship Easter Morning, or feel free to drop them by during the week before.



Don't forget to set your clocks 1 hour ahead before going to bed on March 11!



2018 Per Capita

Each year, members of the Presbyterian Church are asked to contribute an amount over their pledge or other giving to support the connections we have to each other. That gift is called the per capita. It provides the resources to fund meetings and committees or commissions of the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly.

This year the per capita is \$22.00. Your contribution will relieve the general budget from paying this levy for you.

Those of you who have envelopes will find a special envelope there for the contribution. Those who don't are asked to memo the check "per capita".

Introducing... Jeanne Weisenberger

My life began on July 21, 1936, in the city of Upland, California. My parents were Clayton and Beatrice Watrous. I had two sisters, Wynona and Linda, who have both passed on. When I was six years old my family moved to Modesto, California. I grew up in Modesto, attending elementary school and graduated in 1954 from Modesto High School. After graduation, I began working for the City of Modesto in the City Clerk's Office.

In 1956, I met my future husband, Keith Weisenberger, at a dance in Modesto. We were married on May 11, 1957. After living for a few months in Modesto, we moved to Vernalis, California, where Keith was active in the farming industry. Our son, David, was born in July, 1958; our daughter, Carol was born in February, 1960; and our daughter Cathryn was born in February, 1962. We farmed several hundred leased acres of ground and grew tomatoes, dry beans, barley, wheat, and almonds. We also leased several hundred acres of grazing land in the hills in the Vernalis area and raised beef cattle.

In January, 1968, Keith and I, and our children, were all baptized by Rev. Stanford Davis, and Keith and I became members of the First Presbyterian Church. Keith later served as an elder and in February, 1983, I was ordained as an elder. When our children started school at New Jerusalem School, I began working as a teacher's aide at the school and then became the school secretary. After eight years, I resigned as secretary and stayed home and helped with the farming operation.

In 1981, our daughter Cathryn was married, and Keith was diagnosed with cancer. In 1982, our son David, and daughter, Carol both married. In June, 1982 Keith passed away, and David took over the farming operation. We continued to farm for a few years and I went back to work in 1983 as a legal secretary for Thomas Harrington, in Tracy. In 1990, the office was closed as Mr. Harrington was appointed as a Judge. I then began as a legal secretary in 1990 for Attorney Gordon Hollingsworth, in Modesto, and retired from that position in 2008. Besides working as a legal secretary, I also was the Treasurer/Bookkeeper for the First Presbyterian Church. I recently retired from that position after serving for 35+ years.

I continue to be involved in the church activities and also volunteer as a docent for the Tracy Historical Museum. I enjoy getting together with family, which consists of three children, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, along with five step-great-grandchildren. I feel I am truly blessed with a loving family and good friends.

