



# "The Grapevine"

## MAY ~ 2022

### May Meetings:

- Deacons:** Tuesday, May 3 @ 4pm
- Feeding the Hungry:** Tuesday, May 3 @ 5:15pm
- Finance:** Tuesday, May 10 @ 3:30pm
- Mission:** Thursday, May 12 @ 7pm
- Evangelism:** Sunday, May 15 @ 11:15am
- Session:** Tuesday, May 17 @ 7pm
- Worship/Music:** Tuesday, May 24 @ 7pm

### Church Calendar:

**Violin Recital (Sanctuary in use)**  
Saturday, May 7 @ 12:30pm

**Mother's Day**  
Sunday, May 8

**Newsletter Deadline**  
Monday, May 16

**Men's Breakfast (Four Corner's Restaurant)**  
Saturday, May 21 @ 8am

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Mission Giving**  
Sunday, May 29

**Office Closed – Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 30



### Flower Calendar:

- MAY 1 - Ina Brekke-Danforth
- MAY 8 - Pastor David Hill
- MAY 15 - Jake & Shirley Gahm
- MAY 22 - Dave Weisenberger
- MAY 29 - Greg & Bonny McCreary



- 1- Daniel Burnett
- 10- Helen Dubie
- 13- Jill Bailey
- 15- Sandi Clarke  
Alex Pineda
- 16- Mike McLellan  
Brandon Keith
- 25- David Rusch
- 29- Madisyn Maloney



- 1- George & Kathleen Buffleben
- 17- David & Reiko Flanigan
- 22- Harold & Cathie Reich

## Pastor's Page:

Dear Brothers & Sisters of First Presbyterian Church of Tracy,

We have been through the wonderful season of Lent! I trust this time in our Christian year has been a rich blessing to you and your loved ones! We will continue to worship, serve and enjoy Fellowship with the presence of our Risen Lord and Savior.

The journey can be challenging, a little bumpy, but Jesus has promised to be behind us, in us, and ahead of us in the way we need to go! He has never promised it would be easy or smooth, and might even be a rough at times, but Jesus did promise to be with us personally and in our church community.

The light of our Lord shines in us and through us 24/7, we just need the eyes of faith to see our Lord's presence in our lives and in the brothers and sisters of His church. We now move thru the Christian year with Easter over, we now come to the Day of Pentecost, which is the time Jesus promised his followers that the power of the Holy Spirit will be poured into the hearts of all who call upon the name of Jesus as their Lord & Savior!

Please consider inviting a relative, friend, or neighbor to come and join us for worship and fellowship in Jesus family of His love!

**Christ Has RISEN!!!**

In Jesus Love & Peace, your Pastor & friend,  
Pastor David

## Session Actions

The April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Session was the annual joint meeting with the Board of Deacons. Details of the worship service that used to be routine were deferred due to health concerns. As we come out of the pandemic these details will be brought back. One such example is the passing of the fellowship pads. Knowing who is attending, is one tool available to the Evangelism Committee to help them encourage people to return to in-person worship.

The Deacons estimate that their supply of communion cups that combine both a communion wafer and juice will be gone in two more communion Sundays. After that the Deacons will go back to cups with juice, which can be picked up individually without touching any others. However, to continue in their caution, the Deacons will use individually wrapped soda crackers for communion.

The agreement with Rev. Dr. David Hill was for a six-month term but is renewable. The Session and Rev. Dr. Hill have mutually agreed to extend the relationship, not for another six-months, but for 12-months, with Rev. Dr. Hill staying through the end of April 2023. The details are still being worked out, and the Presbytery must also approve, but there is a great deal of excitement over the prospect of Rev. Dr. Hill being with us for a year!

The Church was selected to be one of the community's non-profit organizations permitted to sell fireworks for Independence Day. This is a great fundraising opportunity, but it will require a lot of helping hands to make it a success. Alex Pineda is heading up the effort and he will be making announcements on how everyone can participate. Please consider lending a hand to make this a success.

The Manteca Presbyterian Church has decided to close, and plan their final worship service to be June 5<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost. Their Session has asked that a delegation from Tracy visit their congregation during a worship service to tell them about our church and extend an invitation to join us in worship and fellowship. Tracy and Manteca have a relationship going back to nearly the formation of the Manteca Church, originally called Valley Presbyterian Church. Several families that made their home in Manteca were members here, with some serving on Session and as Deacons. Responding to Manteca's invitation, in the near future Harold Reich and Alex Pineda will attend a service in Manteca.

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## Prayer Chain

*The deacons are updating the Prayer Chain list. If you would like to be added or removed, please send your request through email to [darlined@sbglobal.net](mailto:darlined@sbglobal.net).*

*If you have a prayer request, email [prayers@tracyfirstpres.com](mailto:prayers@tracyfirstpres.com)*

*Thank You, Darline Pineda*

## *“Committee Updates”*

### Evangelism

The month of April has been exciting. More and more people are joining us in church service, while after church service we have fellowship, bible study and a work party a couple of weeks ago, getting ready for Easter. It is nice to see old friends and meeting some new people, who we now call friends.

First Presbyterian Church believes that God sends the Church to show compassion in the world: feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, visiting the shut-ins, sheltering the home-less, and welcoming strangers. As all churches, we wish that you may decide to join our membership; however some who attend our church have not, and still find fulfillment in the services and their relationship with the congregation.

Starting in May we will start passing out The Fellowship Pad that we have passed out for years. They start on the east side of the Sanctuary and travel to the west. We ask that each family fill the space for your name and check off one or more of the boxes to the right. Address, e-mail and phones are options, if you wish.

We are looking forward to seeing you, so we can welcome you.

### Fellowship

I'd like to thank everyone that has donated food for Sunday fellowship and Maundy Thursday. Fellowship continues to grow every week. Maundy Thursday Supper attendance was 39 and it was a wonderful time of great food and friendship.

Thank you for your continued support!

Reiko Flanigan, Chair

### Buildings and Grounds

Thank you all that attended the Church Work Party, including the First Korean Church. We trimmed bushes, collected over 50 bags of leaves, cleaned the labyrinth, fixed sprinklers, ran lines to newly planted flowers, pulled weeds, unclogged the drain in the courtyard, cleaned the fellowship area, and emptied the church office of clutter. We will have a work party every quarter to keep our church looking good. We still have much work to do, including repairing the damaged sheetrock from leaks and big repairs that need to be done in the church office. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Buildings and Grounds committee (pink envelope) to help cover the costs of these repairs and the roof repairs that were done in March.

Thank you,

David Flanigan, Vice Chair