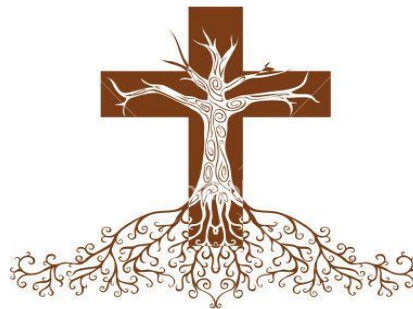


First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

"THE GRAPEVINE"

OCTOBER 2021



Calendar Items:

World Communion Sunday/ Peacemaking
Sunday, Oct. 2

Feeding the Hungry (Good Shepherd)
Tuesday, Oct. 4 @ 5:15pm

Special Pulpit Guest – Michele Weisenberger
Sunday, Oct. 9

Pastor David @ Zephyr Point Retreat
Monday, Oct. 10 – Wednesday, Oct. 12

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, Oct. 15 @ 8am
(Four Corner's Restaurant)

New Member Class
Sunday, Oct. 16 & Oct. 23

Newsletter Deadline for November
Oct. 15

5th Sunday – Mission Offering
Sunday, October 30

**Trinity Presbyterian Church 80th
Church Anniversary**

Sunday, October 30

Worship Service @ 1pm

Luncheon & Program @ 2pm

RSVP: 209-464-7497

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Happy Birthday To:

- 18- Gary Cross
- 20- Roger Winkler
- 27- Nancy Rusch
- 29- Taylor Thomsen
- 31- Hilda Adams

Happy Anniversary

- 7- Joshua & Abhilasha Natarajan
- 15 - Mike & Sharon Little



Flower Calendar

October 2 - Open

October 9
Jake & Shirley Gahm

October 16
John & Charlotte Hyun

October 23
Elizabeth Dubie

October 30 – Open

PASTOR'S PAGE:

Dear First Pres Family,

The Fall season is upon us. The weather is changing, it seems much cooler than the heat of Summer. We have seen and been part of some exciting things this past few months! I hope we can look forward to more Christ centered ministries, continuing and being created by God's activity in our hearts and minds. The Holy Spirit continues to transform our lives and we are growing more and more into the image of Lord.

The Apostle Paul speaks of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in I Corinthians, Chapters 12-14. You may want to read through those chapters and see how you have been gifted by God's Holy Spirit. We have all been blessed by God with gifts of the Spirit to be used for the building up of the Body of Christ (the Church) and to be witnesses for Jesus in a lost, fearful, and broken world. We do not have to look too far to see the pain and suffering, and the lostness that people are going through in this lives.

Your love for God and love for God's people is a powerful, positive, and joyful force in this community! Remember God so loved the world, the God who gave us his son to redeem these lost ones. These lost ones are still loved by God. God maybe calling you to join the Holy One in locating the lost ones. Remember God is in charge of the Lost & Found Department in all that he created! 😊

We have the great honor and joy to help our Lord find those who are lost. Come and join us in this divine journey! Peace to each of you!

In the Name of the Risen Lord and Savior...the Holy ONE, Jesus Christ!

Blessings to each one of God's people here @ FPC of Tracy!

- Pastor David

SESSION ACTIONS

The Manteca Presbyterian Church is in the process of closing and decided to distribute the funds in their checking account to the congregations that made up the former Presbytery of Stockton. Our church has received a check for \$10,000.00. This unexpected gift is greatly appreciated and will support our church's ministry in the community.

The Session decided to establish an *ad hoc* committee to look at all options available to us at the new site. The plan is to form a committee of from 5 to 10 members of the congregation to determine all options, study the pros and cons of each, and report to the Session and the congregation. At its October meeting, the Session will select members for this committee and charge them with their scope of responsibilities along with a timeline to accomplish the task. It is anticipated that this *ad hoc* committee will reach out to all stakeholders to obtain as wide a range of thoughts and opinions as possible. It will be up to the *ad hoc* committee to determine the best method of obtaining information in order to develop recommendations, but it is likely that some form of "town hall" meetings to solicit ideas from the congregation will be part of the process.

Ideal candidates for this *ad hoc* committee are members with the ability to work collaboratively with other committee members, come to the task with an open mind, are able to fairly evaluate suggestions offered by others, and are willing and able to commit to actively participate in this committee's work. If you would be interested in being considered to serve on this *ad hoc* committee, please contact either Jill Bailey, the Church Administrator, or Robert Opie, the Clerk of Session.

The Presbyterian process for recruiting a new pastor is lengthy, with several steps. One of the first steps is to draft a Mission Study, which investigates the needs of the church and the attributes the congregation desires a pastor to possess. The Session has decided that consideration of electing a mission study committee will be discussed at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, which will take place in January of 2023.

The two exterior stairs on the West face of the church office building have long needed replacement. Using funds from the sale of fireworks, the Building and Grounds Committee hired a contractor to perform the work, and both sets of stairs have now been replaced. Painting of the new stairs will be done by church members at a work party.

Deacons Doings

It is fall and the season of Thanksgiving. The Deacons have begun planning for Thanksgiving baskets for needy families in Tracy. Once again, we will be working with Tracy Interfaith Ministries to coordinate the process. We hope to provide for 72 families this year. In order to do this, we need your donations. Please write a separate check to the Deacons and mark it for Thanksgiving baskets, then place it in a Deacons envelope and put it in the offering or send it to the church office. Our goal is to raise \$4,000 to provide for the food. We thank you for your generosity and your caring spirit.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY AUGUST 2022

DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
		★
INCOME	\$ 4,836.02	\$ 70,912.85
EXPENSES	\$ 10,662.63	\$ 96,462.52
GENERAL FUND INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$ (5,826.61)	\$ (25,549.67)
<u>DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE</u>		
DEPOSITED WITH THE BANK OF STOCKTON		
SPECIAL FUNDS		\$ 13,167.11
IN-AND-OUT FUNDS		21,255.50
DEPOSITED WITH THE SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC		151,829.13
TOTAL DEDICATED FUNDS		\$ 186,251.74

★ The \$15,005.59 from the sale of fireworks that was deposited into the General Fund in July was transferred to in-and-out fund 1257, Building and Grounds, in August.

