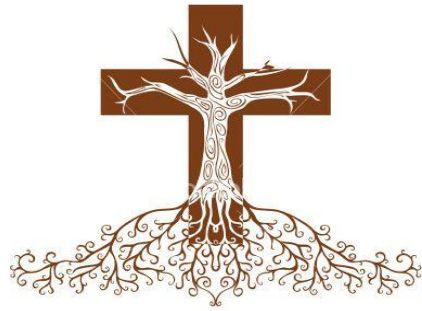


First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

"THE GRAPEVINE"

OCTOBER 2023



Flower Calendar

- October 1: Carolyn Gamino
October 8: Jake & Shirley Gahm
October 15: John & Charlotte Hyun
October 22: Open
October 29: Colleen Colenso

Happy Birthday:

- 10- Fang Xie-Burnett
18- Gary Cross
20- Roger Winkler
27- Nancy Rusch
29- Taylor Thomsen

Happy Anniversary

- 7- Joshua & Abhilasha Natarajan
15 - Don & Fang Burnett
Mike & Sharon Little

Save The Date:

Zephyr Point Family Camp

June 16-21, 2024

Deacons Barrel Item:

"BLANKETS"

Church Calendar:

World Communion Sunday/ Deacons Offering
Sunday, October 1

Feasting on the Word – Fall Study Begins
Sunday, October 1 following worship

Men's Circle of Faith (Lea Lounge)
Saturday, October 14 @ 830am

Newsletter Deadline
October 15

Memorial Service (Sanctuary/ Hall in Use)
Saturday, October 14 @ 2pm – 4pm

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

Special Pulpit Guest – Michele Weisenberger
Sunday, October 22

Deacons Retreat
Saturday, October 28 @ 10am – 12pm

**5th Sunday – Minute for Mission/ Peace &
Global Witness Offering**
Sunday, October 29, 2023



PASTOR'S PAGE:

Dear FPC Family,

I hope all is well with each of you! We are moving into the Season of Thanksgiving, Advent, and then Christmas, followed by Lent, Holy Week, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the great day of Resurrection!

These special days coming up are reminders of God's great love for you and everyone on the planet. We are all called to worship our Lord in Spirit and Truth, praise and Thanksgiving, with all our hearts, minds, and souls! These times give us the awareness of how much our Lord loves us! In good days and bad days, God has promised to be with us in all that we do. The Holy Spirit of God dwells in our hearts and minds reminds us who we are! That we belong ultimately to God. We are the people of God who are called to bare witness to the creator of the universe, to love one another and love all the people who come into our lives. This is a temporary part of our lives that is for eternity. Paul says in the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians 13 that there are three lasting qualities in this life; Faith, Hope, and Love, but the greatest of the three is LOVE! We will spend our whole lives being loved by God and loving one another, and all who cross paths with us. May God's Holy Spirit continue to empower us with God's love and to care for all people!

Blessings to everyone at FPCT, and our families!

In Jesus Love & Peace,

Pastor David

DEACONS

It is Autumn, a favorite time of year for many. It is also time for the Deacons to begin preparing Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. It has been suggested that we resume packing and delivering the food boxes again, but it is physically impossible for the Deacons to do it and it is too late to begin organizing everyone. So, we will again have TIM fill and donate our boxes.

Next spring, we will seek volunteers to pick up the food, obtain and put together the boxes, and make the maps for delivery. We appreciate the support of the entire church. October Deacon barrel item is blankets. Let's fill the barrel in the back of the church. Empty cardboard egg cartons are also needed.



SESSION

Five members of the congregation, Dale and Pat Brandes, along with their sons Nathaniel and Andrew; and Zach Michelsen have asked to be removed from the membership roll. Session has accepted their requests with regret.

A family living on Highland Avenue had a box mounted in their yard where people could leave a book and/or take a book. This family is moving and asked Shannon Sousa, the owner of My Curious Monkeys Child Care, if she would be willing to install the box on her property. The only place that the box could be installed would be in the grass, so she asked Session if she could install it in the flower bed next to the gate leading into My Curious Monkey's yard. Session approved her request.

Don Burnett is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This organization is sponsoring an essay contest for two age groups, grades 6 through 8 and high school. Don asked if he could post flyers about the essay contest on church bulletin boards, and Session agreed. An article with more details will be in the next issue of the church newsletter, and Jill will be sending an email to everyone on her email list.

The Worship and Music Committee has devoted a great deal of effort into sound system improvements. One item is the purchase of a new microphone for the Pastor. The microphone that he is currently using creates background noise when it brushes on his robe or stole. An over-the-ear microphone is being purchased to replace the lapel microphone.



Active members on the rolls	93
Average in-church attendance during August 2023	36
Communion served in August 2023	63

MISSION

On September 5th, we provided 49 meals. We had ham sandwiches, pasta salad, banana, and cookies. Thank-you to Sunday Borges for the pasta salad, Marie Patterson for the bananas, and cookies from Marietta McLellan by way of Tracy Interfaith. I sliced the ham and made the sandwiches. Thank-you to Carolyn Gamino, her grandson, Nathan, Liz Hanson, and Don Burnett for their help in serving.

Next month, Colleen Colenso and Marie Patterson will prepare the main dish, pasta with hamburger. Salad and fruit are to be determined. Dessert will come from Marietta McLellan.

Mission Committee Chair Roy Patterson

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
DEPOSITED WITH THE BANK OF STOCKTON		
BALANCE FORWARD		\$ 23,443.69
INCOME	4,804.00	100,518.29
EXPENSES	10,646.74	116,443.12
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ (5,842.74)	\$ 7,518.86
<u>DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE</u>		
DEPOSITED WITH THE BANK OF STOCKTON		
SPECIAL FUNDS		\$ 13,916.97
IN-AND-OUT FUNDS		9,896.59
DEPOSITED WITH THE SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC		585,978.72
DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE		\$ 609,792.28