



First Presbyterian Church

“THE GRAPEVINE”

September 2022



CALENDAR ITEMS:

Joint Communion Worship Service
W/ First Korean Evangelical Church (F.K.E.C)
Sunday, September 4 @ 11am

Lunch W/ F.K.E.C Following Worship
Sunday, Sept. 4 @ 1230pm

Church Office Closed – Labor Day
Monday, Sept. 5

Guest Preacher-Executive Presbyter of NCCP,
Rev. Dr. Mary Westfall
Sunday, Sept. 11

Newsletter Deadline
Sept. 15

Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, Sept. 17 @ 8am

Fall “Feasting on the Word” Study Begins
Sunday, Sept. 18 @ 1130am

FLOWER CALENDAR:

SEPTEMBER 4: JEAN SHIPMAN

SEPTEMBER 11: MATT & SANDI CLARKE

SEPTEMBER 18: INA BREKKE-DANFORTH

SEPTEMBER 25: COLLEEN COLENZO

Happy Birthday:

- 1- Bill Hamilton
- 7- Cathie Reich
- 11- Debbie Juelke
- 12- Sharon Brown
- 13- David Hill
- 15- Stevie Mendoza
- 16- Krista Thomsen
- 26- Michele Weisenberger
- 27- Darline Pineda
- 28- Sandra deVos
Kristin Thomsen



Happy Anniversary:

- 3- Kalani & Tomara Schreiner
- 10- Matt & Sandi Clarke
- 14- Robert & Ellen Opie
- 25- Allen & Sharon Brown



PASTOR'S ARTICLE:

Dear FPC Family,

This Summer has seemed to have flown by in a hurry! Kids are back in school, and the fall season is just around the corner! It was a real joy to spend quality time with some of our church family up at Zephyr Point. We had some great laughs, a beautiful view of Lake Tahoe, and some precious time together in our Lord's wonderful creation! I was reading a passage in the New Testaments found in the book of Hebrews. This passage was read in church on August 28.

The writer of this books makes a strong statement to the early church about loving one another. In Chapter 13: 1-8, 15-16, we are admonished to first love one another! Your brothers and sisters in Christ are a wonderful gift of God! We are to cultivate a genuine reality of the beloved community of God's family. The early church was not perfect by any means. There were disagreements, they found themselves being threatened by internal and external strife. The internal issue ranged from minor disagreements to some challenging issues that came into the fellowship! There are real people who had real difficulties at various times. The New Testament writers were always encouraging them to care for one another, forgive one another, and support one another in times of crisis. These early brother s and sisters were bearers of Jesus' Love, Peace, and Joy in a broken and hurting world. They knew that they were the visible expression of Jesus in their communities.

We are the church, now in our communities, are love, caring for each other, or anyone that crosses our paths are to be loved and supported, treated with genuine dignity and care! This is part of God's plan for God's Church. May our Lord lead and guide us in His way and into this kingdom on Earth!!!

In Jesus' Love & Peace,
Your Brother in Christ, Pastor David

"The fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, long
suffering, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control."
- Galatians 5:22-23



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## FELLOWSHIP MILITARY APPRECIATION BOARD

I will be setting up the bulletin board by the piano in the fellowship area. If you or someone in your immediate family has served or is serving, and you would like to be included, you can email Jill or Reiko ([lululovesshoes@gmail.com](mailto:lululovesshoes@gmail.com)). If you would like to include a photo, you can put it in my box in the fellowship area or give it to Jill. I will make a copy and the original will be returned to you. The photo should be no larger than 5x7. You may also email a photo.

Please include:

1. Name
2. Branch
3. Relationship to you

Thank you,  
Reiko Flanigan, Fellowship Chair

## **SESSION**

At its July meeting the Session voted to reduce the number of members serving on the Session and Deacons from the 12 members authorized by our current Bylaws to a membership of 9. Any amendment of the Bylaws requires an affirmative vote of the congregation, so the Session has voted to call a congregational meeting for August 28, 2022 immediately following the worship service. In addition to revising the membership in the Session and Board of Deacons, a few editorial changes will be proposed. The Bylaws, with proposed amendments, will be provided for review prior to the date of the congregational meeting.

The Korean congregation that is sharing our facilities will join with us on September 4<sup>th</sup> for a joint worship and communion service. Following this joint service, we will share a meal together, with the Korean congregation providing the meal and our congregation bringing desert.

The Session voted to authorize Ruling Elder Lynda Mendoza to serve as its representative for the sale of the nursery school property. Lynda will meet with potential buyers, real estate brokers and agents, but will not negotiate terms of any sale contract. She will bring any offers or other documents to the Session, serving as the Trustees for the church, for decisions and actions. Since all property, regardless of the name in which it is recorded, is held in trust for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), any sale must also be approved by the Presbytery of North Central California.

The Building & Grounds Committee has received one proposal for the replacement of both sets of exterior stairs on the West face of the church office and is expecting a second proposal in the near future. It is anticipated that both sets of stairs can be replaced within three days once work begins.

When the five parcels that comprise the church's current campus were acquired, they were all recorded with San Joaquin County with the name, "First Presbyterian Church Society of Tracy" on the title. When the two parcels bounded by Third Street, Mount Diablo Avenue, and MacArthur Boulevard (the New Site) were acquired, they were recorded under the name of the Presbytery of Stockton. With the merger of the Presbyteries of Stockton and Sacramento into the North Central California Presbytery, the titles of the property needed to be conveyed to an extant entity. The Session requested that in lieu of conveying title to the North Central California Presbytery, it be recorded under the First Presbyterian Church Society of Tracy. At a meeting several months ago, the Presbytery agreed. However, as it turned out, that was the easy part. After meeting with six different representatives of the San Joaquin County Assessor's office, and two from the Recorder's office, the property has finally been recorded as the Session requested, along with documentation to avoid a reassessment.

