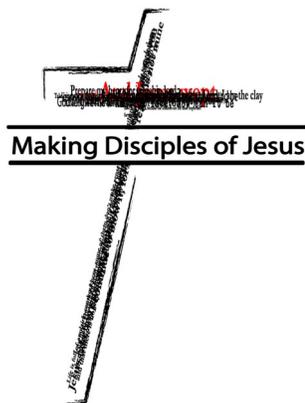


July 2019

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ who go to make disciples of others.*



# FIRST PRESS

Summer is upon us, which means vacations and time away. In light of this, I would like to communicate to you a number of things through this month's article:

- I have begun a new sermon series which will take us through the summer. It is called *Living Well in Difficult Times* and is a study of the Book of Philippians. In this series, we will discover how to live lives characterized by integrity, character, grace and dignity; even in the midst of hardships. If you miss a sermon, you can access it on the church's website ([fpchanford.org](http://fpchanford.org)) by clicking on the Media tab on the homepage.
- *Summer Bible Camp* is July 15-19. Similar to previous Summer's Vacation Bible School, this will be a week of communicating to our school age children the love of Jesus through arts and crafts, music, games and Bible teaching. Go to the church's website or refer to info in this month's newsletter concerning how to sign up. It's going to be a blast!
- We have made recent upgrades to the sound quality in our sanctuary/worship center. I have a new microphone and an additional speaker will be purchased. As designated by the Session/elder board, these funds come from existing, designated funds (apart from our operating budget).
- We are moving forward with making our campus a safe environment, particularly for our children. We now have a team of individuals who monitor our church campus each Sunday morning. The Buildings and Grounds Ministry team has installed safety coded door locks on the door leading into the choir room and the door leading into the childcare area. Plans have also been formalized to reconfigure the childcare check-in counter to make it safer. The Session has allocated existing designated funds for this project as well. Look for construction to begin soon.

Other ministry opportunities include Summer Body Life Dinners (June 19, 26, July 31, August 7), Laundry Love (Thursday July 18, 3 pm, at the Star Laundry) and the many small group opportunities that we have (please call the church office for more info 582-0283).

Finally, please be sure to keep your financial commitments to the ministry of FPC current while you travel this summer. FPC is involved in life-changing ministries, both local and abroad. Your support is needed. Thank you and have a great summer!

Keep the faith,

Pastor Tony





## “A Privilege, Not a Sacrifice”

When Martha Rodriguez remembers why she chose to volunteer with Mercy Ships, there is a simple reason behind her decision: “If I didn’t have this faith, or know how much God loved me, I wouldn’t be here. The bottom line is: my faith...compels me to do this with joy.”

As the Manager of the Hospital Out-Patient Extension (HOPE) Center, Martha works diligently with a team of Mercy Ships volunteers and local Guinean staff to facilitate after-surgery care for patients. Many patients require additional monitoring and treatment after their surgeries. The HOPE Center provides an off-ship space for physical and emotional healing. Here, patients and their caregivers, who often travel days or weeks to the ship, are offered safety, shelter, and a sense of community away from home. And as Manager of the HOPE Center, Martha has experienced countless transformations and stories of hope from the patients she sees every day.

Martha remembers an experience with a young mother of a baby who had a cleft lip. Her baby was dangerously malnourished from not being able to eat properly. The mother’s eyes were vacant, and she had given up hope that her baby would survive. But as her baby recovered from surgery in the HOPE Center, Martha watched this once hopeless young woman experience the emotional healing she desperately needed. “All of the time she spent at the HOPE Center, and the love she received from all of us, showed her how we cared for the baby as our own, and I know that made a difference, Martha said. “She was always smiling at the end; I couldn’t believe her transformation.”

“I wake up every morning and I can’t believe I get to do this job. I love this organization, and I love what we get to do. It’s the relationships you build with these people and the changes you get to see in them – physical, spiritually, and emotionally,” Martha said. “And it doesn’t matter where I am or who I am with, it’s about being a servant doing what Jesus asks us to do - to love each other, to give.”

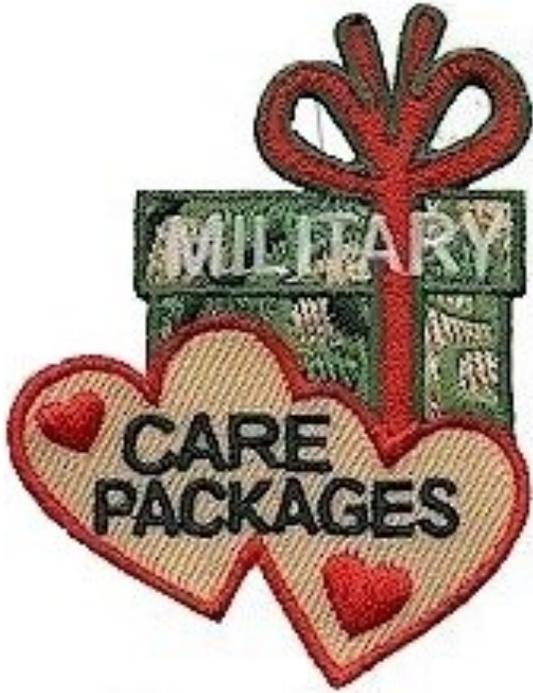
These stories of hope are an integral part of why Martha continues to use her skills to serve the people of Africa. And she acknowledges that it takes an entire team to help bring about the true healing that so many desperately need. While Martha’s experience of being a long-term volunteer on the other side of the world might seem difficult, she has an entirely different perspective –

***“People talk about making a sacrifice, but this is not a sacrifice for me.  
This is a privilege.”***

# Church

## DEACONS

**Reminder!** Deacons hope you can bring some non-perishable food on **July 7** to feed those in our community who are in need.



The Board of Deacons would like to thank our congregation for your support of the various ministries we organize. In July our Military Ministry will be sending care packages to our deployed church members. We are proud to have active duty members and their families stationed at Naval Air Station Lemoore attend First Presbyterian of Hanford.

This January we had an overwhelming response to our call for donations and were joyfully able to send 6 packages of goodies to our deployed members on board the USS John C. Stennis. Thank You! Thank You!

We appreciate your generous giving and are grateful for those service members selfless sacrifice to protect our county and our freedoms especially our freedom to worship our wondrous and amazing God. It is our prayer that we can continue to support them and their families as they face the unique challenges of military life.



July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm

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Topic: ***“Is Anything Beyond Forgiveness?”***



## Church Campout

**October 18-20, 2019**

**Morro Bay State Park**

Cost \$85/family

**Includes:** a campsite to be shared with another family, s'mores Friday & Saturday night, breakfast & dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday

Non-refundable deposit of \$15 due when signing up. NEED to have sign-ups soon to

confirm sites together. Optional Friday dinner for \$15/family or \$5/person.

Questions and RSVP to Kevin & Sheryl McCarty 559-707-7357

*Don't want to camp? . . . Get a hotel room on your own and join us during the day for activities including the meals at \$30/family and \$15/person*

# Faith & Fellowship

**Many opportunities for you to join with others . . .**

## **Women's Society (Agape)**

*Agape is finished until September.*

*I want to thank all of you who participated by giving a devotional, hosting, giving me ideas for programs, giving a program, taking minutes, keeping track of our finances, doing the missionary minute segment, and coming to the meetings. Our final meeting, which was a salad luncheon, was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you Jean Knudson for offering your home for this occasion. We hope to see you next year.*

## **Jolly 1's & 2's**

July 18th we will be meeting in the church social hall for lunch and games. Please bring your lunch and your favorite game(s). We will begin with eating our lunches at 12:00 and then play games till we decide to quit. I hope to see a lot of you there. I know quite a few of you enjoy playing games.

## **Games & Company**



*Ladies*

*First Friday Coffee and Prayer*

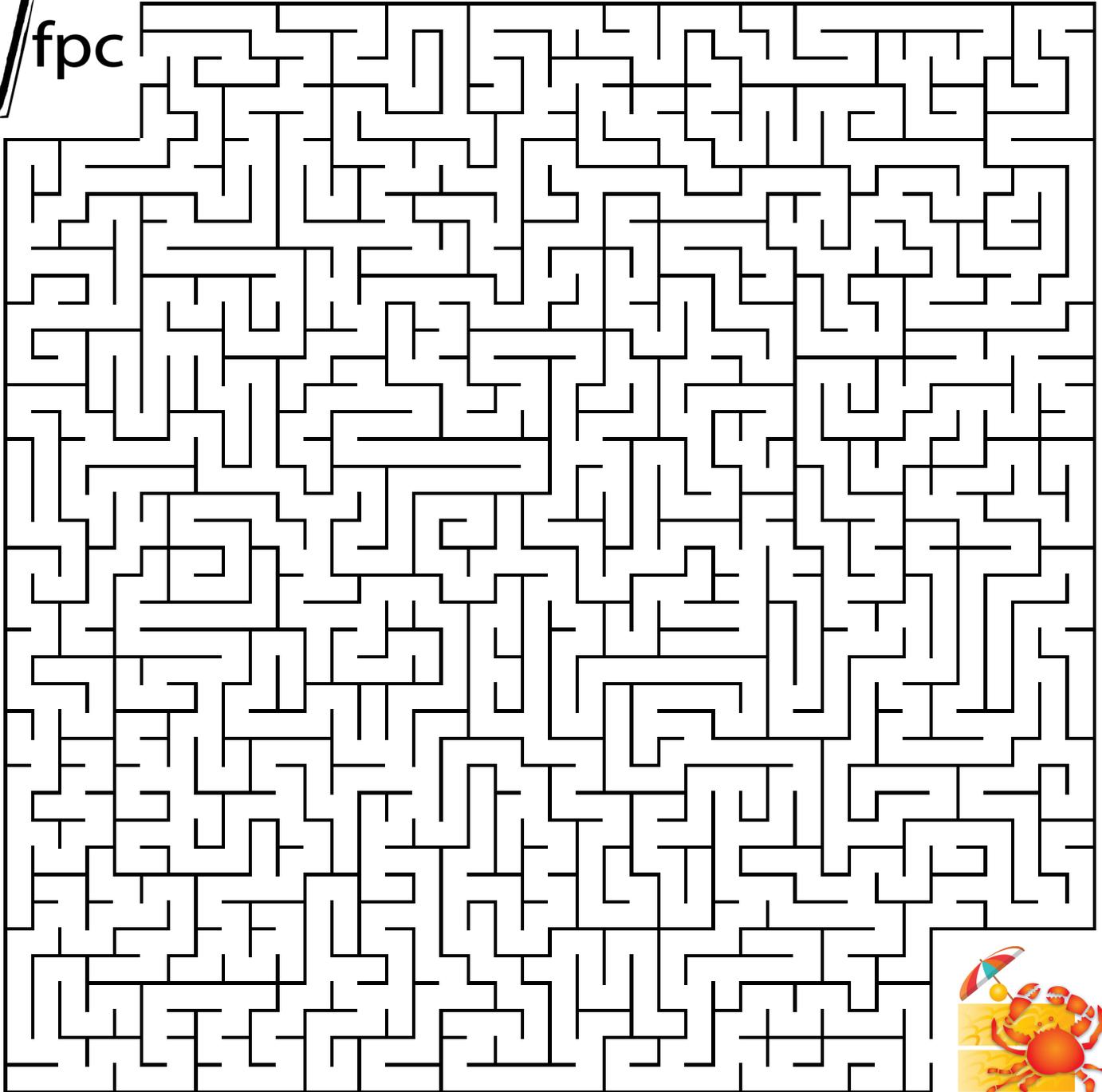
Women of the Church please join us for "First Friday Coffee and Prayer."

**Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am-10:30am**

<b>Jul 5</b>	Sally Gordon	1204 Van Ct
<b>Aug 3</b>	Carol Speer	1216 Oxford Way
<b>Sep 6</b>	Dorothy Shaw	265 Sycamore
<b>Oct 4</b>	Laurie Essepien	7837 Fargo Pl
<b>Nov 1</b>	Rosemary Clark	1980 Rio Hondo Wy



*Get out of the heat...*



*... join the youth at the beach*

*July 20th*

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Summer Bible Camp**  
July 15 - 19



**9:00—11:45am**

Summer Bible Camp  
registration is now open!

Follow this link to  
register your kids for a  
week of fun!

<https://forms.gle/SJnSqQ3rExVfeyn67>

We have set up a link on Amazon for some of our donations, so please be on the lookout in an email for that! As always, monetary donations are always appreciated. We will also have a list for food donations in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions please contact Jaime Christoph at 850.776.5234 or [jaime.christoph@gmail.com](mailto:jaime.christoph@gmail.com)



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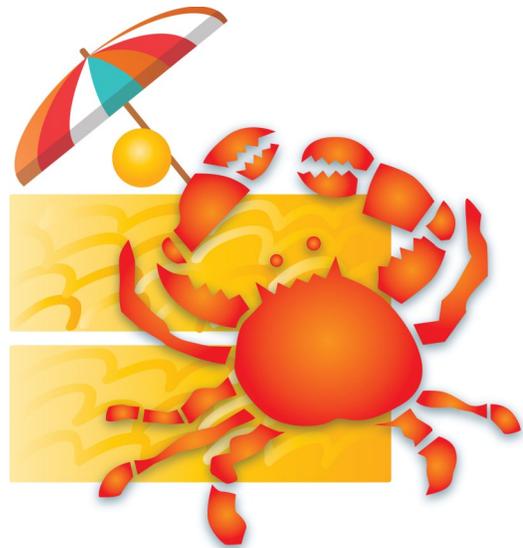
**Youth Event:**

Youth Beach Day

July 20th

at

**Hearst Beach**



**Families are encouraged to join us!**

Contact Jaime Christoph at 850.776.5234 for more information.

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## July Birthdays & \*Anniversaries

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Sue Kinney                         | 23 Tylor Mills      |
| 3 *Bill & Julie Baker                | 24 Steve Froberg    |
| 6 Michael Porter                     | 25 Luke Hartman     |
| 7 * Robert & Rowena Curiel           | 28 Bronte Hernandez |
| 9 Alleta Brewer, *T.J. & Amy Hartman | 29 Amy Hartman      |
| 11 Fran Bettencourt                  | 30 Eric Radza       |
| 12 Sheryl McCarty                    |                     |
| 13 Sostenes & Olivia Infante Jr.     |                     |
| 15 Rosalia Cabrera                   |                     |
| 19 Rob Froberg, Matt Voyles          |                     |
| 20 Lynda Cuzzort, Marjorie Willson   |                     |
| 21 Kayla Koppenhaver                 |                     |



*Independence*  
DAY

**Please contact the office with any updates, additions or corrections.  
We don't want to miss anyone or list your special date incorrectly.**