

First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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

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Summary of May 19, 2020 Session Meeting

Deacons:

• Deacons reported their decision to support Kings Gospel Mission with the donations received.

Interim Search Committee:

- The Covenant agreement for Pastor Mark Nazarian was reviewed and approved.
- Mark Nazarian briefly joined the meeting and was introduced to session members. He shared his testimony of faith and answered a few questions.

Buildings & Grounds:

Repairs were made by an electrician to lighting fixtures in the sanctuary

Finance:

- Giving continues to be down. April ran a deficit of -\$714.16. Waiting on May figures.
- Projecting "Online Giving" option available in June with ability to designate funds.

Missions:

• Approved participation in the Crossroads Pregnancy Virtual Fundraiser.

Worship:

- Approved special gifts in honor of Father's Day.
- Approved allowing no more than 4 people at a time to practice and record music in sanctuary with special COVID restrictions.

Pastoral Search Committee:

• Motion to amend the number of members on committee to 5 with no alternates to comply with EPC Guidelines. <u>Other Session Business</u>:

- Approved allotment of \$500 to purchase hand sanitizing stations and product.
- Approved elimination of \$360 stipend previously allotted to Jaime Christoph, effective June 1st, 2020
- Approved reduction in pay by half salary beginning June 1, 2020, until church reopens, for Davena Clemente, Joe Dykes and Margie Fritz, with oversight by Personnel Committee.

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Dear First Presbyterian Church Community,

As we make our way through this challenging time, we ask that you continue to follow the Coronavirus guidelines set forth by our elected officials. Stay SAFE!!!

The Church is still open, only the building is closed. Church is not canceled. We find hope in seeking our faithful God and knowing that nothing can cancel the Church. Our community, all of the people of God around the world included, is not canceled. We just worship differently from where we are until we can be back together again. And we will be back together again!

If you have access to our website, <u>www.fpchanford.org</u> and/or Facebook, please continue to keep in touch with FPC, these sites are being updated daily.

FPC has ongoing fixed costs. Since we are not currently having services, we have no opportunity for weekly collections. At this time, we ask that you continue to give your support by sending in your check to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1185, Hanford, Ca 93232, or by arranging auto-pay with your financial institution, or by our new soon to be launched on-line giving option, GivePlus and GivePlus Mobile.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office, 559-582-0283. That being said, the office is currently closed, we are observing COVID-19. When you do call, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE. We are monitoring our phone messages as well as emails and will return your call or email as soon as we can.

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers!!! We are looking forward to the time when we can celebrate God's love together again!!!

The Finance Ministry Team.

The Lord owns everything and we're the asset managers. Help us to be good stewards of God's funds.

The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; Psalms 24:1

	2020 Budget Needed Monthly	\$288,732.9 \$24,061.0	
	April		Year to Date
Income	\$12,	895.00	*\$85,954.91
Expenses	\$13,	609.16	**\$58,870.30
Net Income/Defi	cit -\$	714.16	\$27,084.61

* Year to Date Income includes 4 (four) one-time yearly pledges received.

**Year to Date Expenses include gifts from EPC for Tony's Pastoral Insurance Expense which reduced our monthly expenses.





A Message From Your Missions Ministry Team

Evangelical Presbyterian Church EPC World Outreach

Imagine a country with (officially) zero churches and zero Christian citizens. The Country's laws permit the employment of foreign Christians, but don't allow those foreign Christians to practice their faith openly. Citizens of the country can hear the gospel via satellite TV and the Internet but have no access to what is absolutely essential in most people's conversion – the opportunity to talk over questions with another person. The only way that can happen is if a non-citizen comes, overcomes the obstacles, and starts talking about peace with God through Jesus.

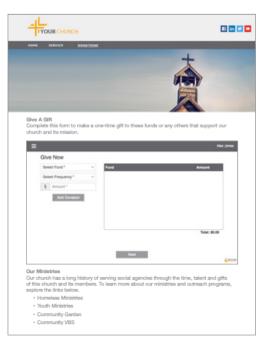
Several years ago, Jim and Shannon (not their real names for safety) were appointed by EPC World Outreach to go and make disciples of Jesus in such a country. As Jim completed his professional credentials in order to qualify for job openings, he and Shannon began World Outreach's TAG internship in Detroit. There they met people who were immigrants from their target country and they soon became close friends. When Jim accepted a job offer in their country, those neighbors made sure their relatives back home gave them the warmest of welcomes on arrival. Over the next several years, Shannon developed deep friendships with the women of this extended family and she talked with them about Jesus, and shared Bible stories with them. Last Christmas, Shannon gave each woman of the family a Bible so that they could read the stories themselves. Soon two sisters sensed God speaking to them and put their faith in Christ. They were captured by His love for them!

World Outreach (WO) is the mission sending agency of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church with the principal calling to glorify God by starting church-planting movements among least-reached people groups. Please pray for our missionaries through the EPC World Outreach that God will work through them to open doors bringing the Gospel to those who do not yet know HIM! Also, please pray for their safety while they serve the Lord living in sensitive areas or the world.

Coming Soon... Ohline givi

How it works

Easy online giving for members or guests without leaving your church website.



1. Select fund(s) and amount

Donors select a fund, enter the amount and choose a frequency if they have created an Give+ account.

Note: All donors can give to multiple funds in one transaction. Account holders can choose start dates for gifts and payments.

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3. Complete donation

Donors review their summary and then select Donate Now to complete their donation(s).

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2. Enter payment method

Donors enter their debit/credit card information or choose to pay with their checking or savings account.

Note: Give+ account holders can store this information for future use.

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4. Give+ account features

When logged into their Give+ account, donors can review giving history, manage recurring donations or edit stored payment methods.

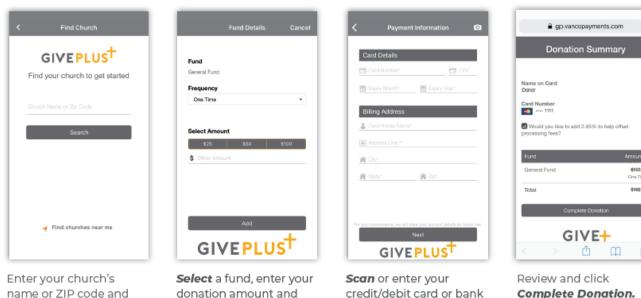


How to Use GivePlus Mobile

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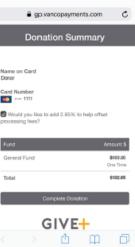
click **Search**. Select your church and click Give Now.

click Add.

account information.

3. Scan

4. Submit



Complete Donation.

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Faith&



We are not scheduled to have any gatherings till September. I will try and keep you informed as to when we will be able to start up again with our meetings.

~ Janet Harader



We were scheduled to go to a play at the Temple Theatre on June 14. As far as I know that will not be happening due to the shut down and the rules for gathering together. We also were going to go in June or July to the Kingsburg band concert. I found out through the television news that their season has been cancelled. I will keep you informed as to any further events we had decided to take part in. It looks like most of our year's outings will not take place.

~ Janet Harader



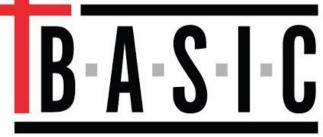
First Friday Coffee and Prayer

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

Friday, June. 5th

9:00am ZOOM meeting

Brothers & Sisters in Christ



BASIC will meet June 7th & 21st by ZOOM @ 8pm





Our **AWANA** TruthSeekers Program has run its course. Since 2017...

- 38 children have come to club and proudly worn the orange membership cap
- 27 Bibles have been earned and received
- 11 major award medallions given

This year alone...

- 20 dress up themes observed
- 7 miles run around the Game Square

(Yes our senior leadership is tired just watching them.)

- 185 verses were heard by our staff
- 196pieces of participation candy given out

Congratulations to Sword of the Spirit recipients: Brady, Emerie, Emmett, Jayden, Kailyn, Mei, Owen and Stone.

Emmett, Owen and Stone were awarded the Medallion of Merit for memory work!

Special thanks go to the Leaders: Jeff Crass, Rowena Curiel, Diane Sharp, Charles and Susan Feaver. These folks have faithfully stuck through "thick and thin" for 3-years. Your service has been appreciated!

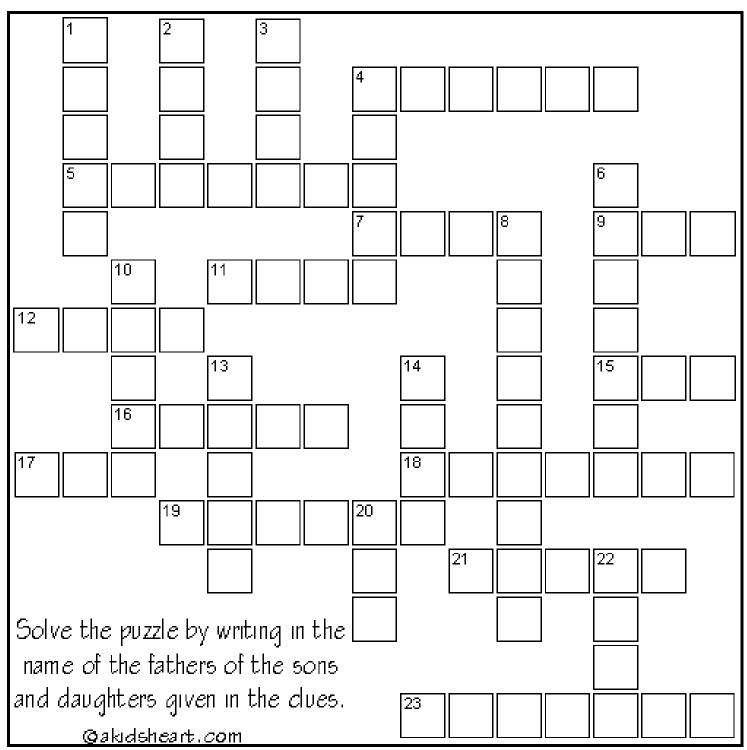
<u>2 Timothy 4:7</u> "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."



Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church of Hanford,

We have exciting news to share! Our Session has issued an invitation for Pastor Mark Nazarian to become our New Interim Pastor. Mark will now meet with the EPC Ministerial Committee for their approval on June 10th and he plans to start as our interim pastor the beginning of July. This is somewhat of a homecoming for Mark as he began his Pastoral Ministry here at our church in the late 1970s. We the Interim Pastor Search Committee feel that the Lord had his hand in guiding Mark back to us and we are looking forward to having him lead us into our next chapter as we search for our new pastor.

In Christ, Interim Pastor Search Committee Jeff Jones Julie Baker Lori Porter



Across

- 4. Ephraim and Manasseh
- 5. Rehoboam
- 7. Hezekiah
- **9.** Moab
- 11. Nimrod
- **12.** Obed
- 15. Joshua
- 16. Esau and Jacob
- 17. Jesus
- 18. Isaac and Ishmael
- 19. Samson
- **21.** Joseph and Benjamin
- 23. James and John, The sons of thunder

- 1. David
- 2. Jonathan, Merab, and Michal

Down

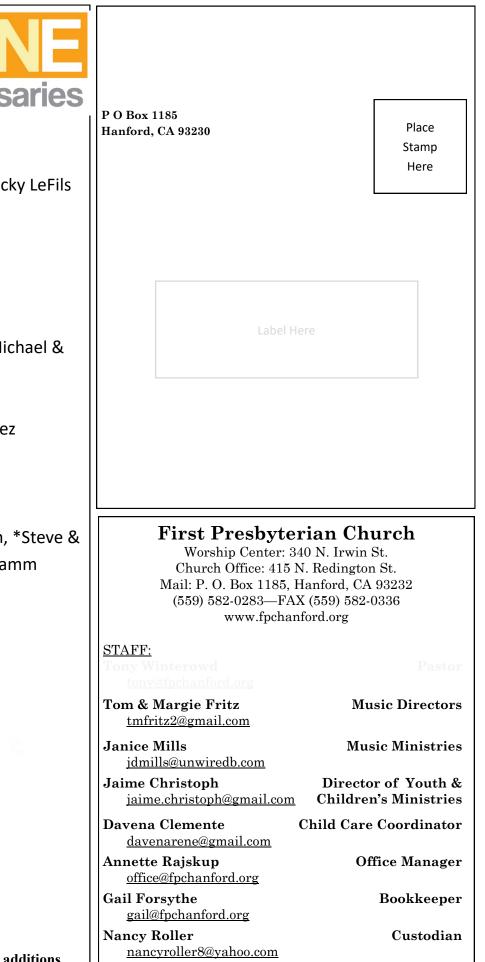
- 3. Cain and Abel
- 4. Simeon Peter
- 6. Samuel
- 8. John the Baptist
- 10. Absalom and Solomon
- 13. Rachel and Leah
- 14. Shem, Ham, and Japeth
- 20. Jehoshaphat
- **22.** Jesse



- 1 Sallie Marcellus
- 7 Christopher Cuzzort, * Julie & Ricky LeFils
- 11 Joe Dykes
- 12 Sheri Winterowd
- 13 Betty Huerta
- 14 Janet Harader
- 15 Ennette Radza
- 16 Steve Loewen, Isabella Uhlik *Michael & Jaime Christoph
- 18 Annette Rajskup
- 19 Julie LeFils, *Robert & Vicki Torrez
- 21 Maxine Wade
- 22 Ciara Conover
- 23 * Jeff & Dorothy Crass
- 24 Mark Brautigam, Dolores Broom, *Steve & Renee Loewen, *Art & Shirley Ramm
- 27 Tony Winterowd
- 29 Yvonne Baker, Paula Casterson
- 30 Steve Wortman



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



Send prayer requests to <u>rocuriel@gmail.com</u> other information to <u>office@fpchanford.org</u>