

First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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A fellowship brought together through God's prevenient grace to grow closer to God

FIRST PRESS

June 2022

Our staff – really your staff – Janice, Annette, Gwen, Sheri and I were looking ahead on the calendar. We realized that the summer slump may be on the horizon as June settles upon us. There may be fewer in worship as families set out on vacations. We suspend certain programs so there are fewer times of fellowship and gathering. Sometimes the slump is there just because it is so very hot here in the central valley, and we just don't feel like doing anything. What's a Christian to do? Well, I'm glad you asked, let's see what we can figure out.



1. So as you are getting ready to hit the road, visit family, or do a bit of travelling that might not bring you back home for a while, think about pre-paying your church pledge so there is not a slump in that part of the summer. (The finance committee made me say that.)

2. If you are away, make it a priority with your family to visit other churches and religious sites. You can prevent a summer slump for some other congregation by worshipping with them, and / or spending time in fellowship with them. Keep your eyes and ears open with the other congregations. If you see something, or hear something you like, make a note of it and bring it back to your staff so we can share good ideas and help this congregation grow and flourish.

3. You know that magic 4 P.M. to 9 P.M. they keep talking about, where they want you to save energy? What if, as church members we contacted each other and invited one another over so one house could not use the AC while the other one did? Energy efficiency, and fellowship with church family all at the same. This works for both young and old, or even cross the lines and have young invite old or old invite young. I suppose you could add a little Bible Study in if you like, but just gathering as the family of Christ is a great witness to others and helpful to upbuilding your faith.

4. What about just embracing the quiet? Enjoy the solitude. Let the less hectic summertime bring peace and calm to your soul. Sometimes it is wise to rest in the Lord so there is no summer slump, but just a summer of peace and quiet. Spend the summer looking for God's love in your life.

Summer Slump? I think not. Let's allow summer to be a time of growing deeper into our faith. Try something from above to grow your faith. Allow yourself the relaxation of summer and renewal of your commitment to Christ. Reach out in love – be, "A Fellowship of People Brought Together Through God's Prevenient Grace to Grow Closer to God."

In Christ,
Rev. Louis R. Paradise - Interim Pastor

Church DEACONS

Shower Ministry

The Shower Ministry is one of the causes the Deacons support. Many of you have donated toiletry items, which the shower ministry appreciates.

The Shower Ministry is run by the Pentecostal Church of God in Hanford. The showers are open on Thursdays from 7:30 am to 11:30 am. Clients who use the showers are either homeless or parolees. Toiletry items needed weekly are:

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| Bars of soap | Shampoo |
| Conditioner | Towels |
| Toothpaste | Toothbrushes |
| Combs | Brushes |
| Personal hygiene products | |

There are also 6 beds for parolees in the trailer where the showers are located, and many of the clients have come to Christ and encourage others who get out of prison to join their church and learn about Christ.

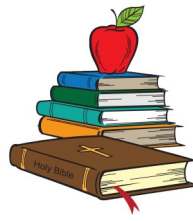
Many have come from Celebrate Recovery, and give back to their community by helping others recover. They have coffee and cook meals together, giving each other a family in a community where they have been placed after being released from prison.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. There is a brown box in the fellowship hall where you can place toiletries.

Submitted by – Laurie Essepián



Shower Ministry
toiletry
DONATIONS
basket in church hallway



A Note From: Children's and Youth Director

Our church is very blessed with wonderful families full of fantastic children and youth! We are so grateful for all of the teachers and leaders who have poured into the lives of our children! It is hard to say goodbye when people move away, but this month we find ourselves bidding a warm "see you later" to Julie and Ricky LeFils and their boys, Ethan, Nathan and Ryan. Julie and Ricky have been part of our Children's Ministry and Christian Education Team for nearly a decade and they will be sorely missed! **Thank you for your service to the Lord by loving and teaching our children...**you have been a blessing and we really appreciate you!



Our BIG EVENT for June is Vacation Bible School (June 27-July 1)!! We are so grateful for the leadership of our very capable director, Deborah Pelton and the great team of volunteers. There is a team that has been working to create wonderful decorations, many of you have donated items and a group of you are preparing to lead different 'rotations' (Snacks, Crafts, Bible Story, Missions, Games). **Please PRAY with us that the LORD will bring children and youth to participate**, and that we have a very special, safe and successful week sharing the good news of Jesus to all who attend. We are eagerly anticipating this special week.



We are planning our first All Church Camp Out since 2019! The dates are October 14-16 and we will be camping at Oceano. Please consider joining us! We will have a short meeting after the morning worship service on June 19 for all who may be interested in participating.

In Christ,
Sheri Winterowd



FPC Vacation Bible School 2022 Mission Outreach “Armona Refuge House”

The majority of youth in Armona are socioeconomically disadvantaged, which means the majority of homes have parents who often work multiple jobs, or are involved in drugs, alcohol, or gang activity. Several years ago, Armona school teachers, Aaron and Alyssa Hailey began to feel God’s calling to do something in the community for the youth. They began an open gym program a few days a week after school, and that soon grew to over 100 children coming each time. God prompted them to look for a new location, and soon the “Armona Refuge House” was established.

They opened their doors in September 2020 in a home on the corner of 14th Avenue and Pimo Street in Armona. Here they are able to provide homework help, afterschool activities, and dinner to the children of their community. They even have started an AWANA program for their younger children. Their mission is to show the hope and love of Jesus to the children of their community.

This year, our First Presbyterian Church’s Vacation Bible School program beginning on Monday June 27th has chosen to support the Armona Refuge House as a VBS Mission’s project. Children attending our VBS program will be collecting donations of art and/or school supplies so that each child who attends VBS will have the opportunity to pack a special bag filled with art/school supplies for the children of Armona Refuge House. Armona Refuge House also has a need for large backpacks for their high school and middle school children. The VBS program is asking our congregation to consider helping by donating art or school supplies, and/or a backpack. Provided below is an Amazon wish list for convenient shopping and all orders placed through this site are delivered directly to the church for the program. Please note that when you place your order and make your donation, to please mark it as a “gift” – Thank You!

<https://amzn.to/3vFmyLI>

Please pray for the staff and volunteers of Armona Refuge House as they continue to serve God in their community, and pray for our VBS children and volunteers as they work throughout the week of VBS preparing their special gifts for the children of Armona. Pray that they will be stirred to have a heart of service and realize that God often calls us to serve in our own neighborhoods and community.





Summary of May 17, 2022 Session Meeting

Deacons

- Reported 60 took communion on May 1st & 8 Home Bound were served
- Reported 77 took communion during our special "First communion service" on May 15th
- Reported donations of \$75 each were given to KGM, Soup Kitchen, Crossroads Pregnancy & Meals-On-Wheels

Clerk's Report

- Reported the email vote to add Gwen Smith as a check signer unanimous passed

Pastor's Report

- Noted the baptism of Emerie & Brady Porter (5/8)
- 6 youth have completed their course on the sacraments, received their first communion (5/15)
- Approved worship plans for 6/12—8/14, 2022
- Approved moving communion in July to the 10th

Buildings & Grounds

- Fire marshal inspection: certification needed to fire sprinkler system and repairs required to emergency lighting
- Approved \$1500 from sinking fund to address fire compliance issues

Christian Education

- Introduced plans to use "New City Catechism", session will examine the curriculum and revisit new meeting

Church Growth

- Reported the picnic was well attended

Stewardship

- Suggested a "priority style" budget planning model and moving budget decisions to earlier in the year

Pastor Search Committee

- Continues to ask for prayers

Other Business

- Session thanks Ricky LeFils for his service and wishes him and his family God's blessings on the upcoming move.

UP COMING



- Jun 1** Choir practice 6:30pm
- Jun 2** *Bible Study @ 7pm
- Jun 3** First Friday Coffee & Prayer @ 9am
- Jun 4** BASIC @ 4pm
- Jun 5** Communion Sunday
- Jun 6** Church Growth mtg @ 1pm, *Missions mtg @7pm
- Jun 7** Deacons mtg @ 6:30pm
- Jun 8** Choir practice 6:30pm
- Jun 9** *Bible Study @ 7pm
- Jun 12** Youth Group @ 5pm, NSSG @ 6:30pm
- Jun 14** *B&G mtg @ 7pm, *Finance mtg @ 7pm
- Jun 16** Session Reports Due, VBS table to Farmer's Market, *Bible Study @ 7pm
- Jun 17** 1st Press articles due
- Jun 19** VBS Mission Moment, Decorate church for VBS week
- Jun 21** Session @ 6pm
- Jun 23** VBS table to Farmer's Market, *Bible Study @ 7pm
- Jun 24** VBS Volunteer information meeting and luncheon @ 10:30am
- Jun 26** Youth Group @ 5pm, NSSG @ 6:30pm
- Jun 27—Jul 1** VBS week (9—noon)

* Zoom Meeting



**PASTORAL
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Dear church family,

This month, the Pastor Search Team will begin interviewing candidates with the most promise. Please pray for the Team to discern the right questions to ask as they represent the church through the interview process. Pray that they would represent the church accurately and attractively.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven."

Matthew 5:16



Session Committees



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Worship
Committee Meeting

Sunday, June 12th @ 11:15am

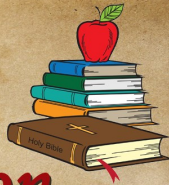


Church
DEACONS

1st Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm



Christian
Education



Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 25th @ 10:30am



1st Monday of each month @ 7pm



**Buildings &
Grounds**



Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00pm



Finance
Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7pm



Church
Growth



Committee Meeting

1st Monday of each month @ 1pm



Session



3rd Tuesday of each month @ 6:00pm

Faith & Fellowship



June 5 – Pops Concert in the Park at 7:30 in front of the Civic Auditorium.

June 12 we will go to the Golden Chain Theatre in Oakhurst to see “Shrek: The Musical.” The show begins at 2:00. We will leave the church at 11:30 and will eat somewhere in Oakhurst or at the theatre. Cost is \$15 for seniors. Please let me know by May 29 if you wish to attend.

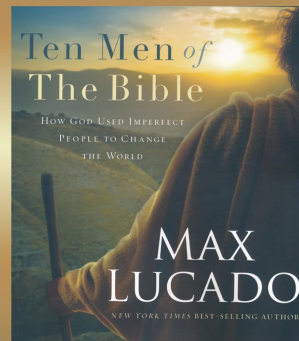
If you have any suggestions for events to attend, please let Janet Harader know. Telephone # is 583-8817.

9—11am

Ladies

First Friday Coffee and Prayer

Adult Bible Study



Thursday Nights
@ 7:00pm



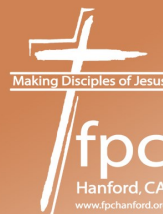
BASIC (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) has been a wonderful community group within our church in previous years. After a year’s hiatus it is back!

Annie Wrigley will be hosting our reboot kickoff party on

Saturday June 4th at 4-6pm

at the Wrigley home

BASIC is open to young couples, young families, and the young at heart! Please RSVP to Annie (571) 643-4768 or email anniewrigley@mail.com



**2nd and 4th Sunday
of each month @ 6:30pm**

Jr & Sr High



YOUTH GROUP

2nd & 4th Sunday Nights @ 5:00pm



CONGRATULATIONS

Promoting into 3rd Grade:

Parker Andrews	(Hanford Christian)
Charlotte Davis	(Classic Conversations)
Stone Torrez	(Kit Carson)
Owen Walsh	(St. Rose McCarthy)

8th Grade Graduates:

Hope Kinney (Kit Carson)	<i>Hanford HS</i>
Tyler Uhlik (Woodrow Wilson)	<i>Hanford HS</i>

Headed to

High School Graduates:

Grace Kinney (Hanford HS)	<i>College of Sequoias</i>
Alysha Rajskup (CVC HS)	<i>Arizona St. University</i>
Justin Smith (Hanford West HS)	<i>College of Sequoias</i>
Braden Winterowd (CVC HS)	<i>Biola University</i>

Headed to

College Graduates:

Chris Rajskup (Dordt University)	<i>BA—Agriculture</i>
Kylie Sheela (CSU Bakersfield)	<i>Bus. Admin.</i>

Degree



June 19th

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Juneteenth

FREEDOM DAY

This federal holiday commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. It is also often observed for celebrating African-American culture. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865.



“Attendance is always down on Father’s Day. They all get golf balls.”

Reminder! Deacons hope you can bring clothing and nonperishable food to help those in our community who are in need. Collection baskets are available every Sunday morning during worship service.



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VBS 2022

June 27 - July 1

9:00am - 12:00pm

Register your student at:

<https://forms.gle/FzJhaE6xdHZU7qeN9>



Dear Church Family,
Thanks for all the prayers, cards and flowers. They made me feel loved.

~ Carol Speer



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 7 Christopher Cuzzort, * Julie & Ricky LeFils
- 8 Marisa Walsh
- 9 Harper Gately
- 12 Brittany Gately, Sheri Winterowd
- 14 Janet Harader, *Brian & Deborah Pelton
- 16 Steve Loewen, Isabella Uhlik *Michael & Jaime Christoph
- 17 Laurel Montoya
- 18 Annette Rajskup, Tommy Sippel
- 19 Julie LeFils, *Robert & Vicki Torrez
- 21 Maxine Wade
- 22 Dolores Broom, *Steve & Renee Loewen, *Art & Shirley Ramm
- 27 Tony Winterowd
- 28 *David & Sharon Farrar
- 29 Paula Casterson



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

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Church Office Hours: 9:00am—1:00pm (Mon—Fri)

Send prayer requests to hanfordfpcprayer@gmail.com
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