



First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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

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– The Only Constant is Change –

So, yes, I know the actual quote is: “THE ONLY CONSTANT IN LIFE IS CHANGE” – Heraclitus

My guess is, that it is really Heraclitus’ dad that said it to him, and he gets credit for it. Dad’s get so very little credit for the gems they impart unto their children. Yes, there is the famous, “pull my finger” that everyone seems to remember dad passing on to us. There are also many other things that our Father imparts unto us.

Recently I heard a father (pastor Tim) reminding us of another gem: “We need to get comfortable with being uncomfortable.” Our Father seems to guide us that way; pushing us into things that are uncomfortable for Christ’s sake. Are we ready for that change? Are we ever really ready for any change? Some fight change, some embrace it. Are you comfortable with change or is it a bit uncomfortable?

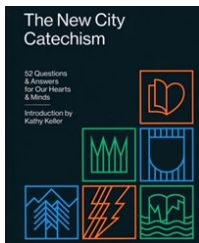
God, our Father, is pushing us to be where we should be – that means change. (Another paraphrase of a Pastor Timism.) Pushing us means change, and it is time for us to embrace that. What is odd is our reluctance to see that change is inevitable and even a blessing. I can’t tell you how many doors have opened for me now that I have that silver-grey hair. This is a change that is going to happen, like it or not – but it has brought blessing with it.

So now it is time for change. Time to be a little uncomfortable. Time for new blessings. My final questions, as I change my path once again, for you are: “Will you embrace change?” “Will you fight change?” “Will you love Christ, and let Christ live in and through you to be your counselor through change?”

Father’s Day – full of wisdom. Our Father’s day full of change and a new future in Christ. Hold on, get ready, here it comes again, changing in the Good News of Christ our Lord. You may have to hold on to more than just a finger to get through. Reach out for the hand of God to hold you and guide you in the changing quest to bring Christ to FPC and the Good News to the world.

In Christ,

Rev. Louis R. Paradise
Interim Pastor



How can we glorify God?

The Answer is **“By loving him, and by obeying his commands, and law.”**



A Note From:

Children's and Youth Director

My beloved mother, Carley Watson had major back surgery on May 1 and May 3 to repair significant scoliosis that had been causing her great pain and limiting her mobility. The surgery was said to be “minimally invasive” with the plan for Mom to be in the hospital for a week and then go to Rehabilitation hospital for a week or two. As I write this, she is still in rehab but should come home in a week. It is hard to watch someone you love in pain...I wish I could make the pain go away or relieve it somehow. Last night in my devotional reading, Bedside Blessings by Charles Swindoll, this spoke to me:

The furnace of suffering provides not only light by which to examine our lives but heat to melt away the dross. Just as famine and financial ruin brought the prodigal son to his senses, so our trials bring us to our senses and draw us into the embrace of our Father. The common response to trials is resistance, if not outright resentment. How much better that we open the doors of our hearts and welcome the God-ordained trials as honored guests for the good they do in our lives. I Peter 1:6-7: You have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith... may be found to result in praise and glory.

Wow. This is such a good perspective on suffering and pain. It is my hope that this can be an encouragement to you when you are or someone dear to you is experiencing trials. Do you read some type of devotional daily? I highly recommend Our Daily Bread, which our church gives out for free. There's a scripture passage and helpful story with questions.

On Sunday nights, our youth are studying the book of James, presented by Francis Chan. If you have a child, grandchild, or friend in the age group of 6th through 12th grade, please encourage them to join us in this study. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evening of each month, from 5:00 to 8:30 pm. We usually meet at church but in the very hot summer months, we sometimes meet at peoples homes. We are looking forward to fun times for our children and youth this summer!!

~ Sheri Winterowd



First Presbyterian's Summer Book Club for Kids & Teens!

Select Tuesday Evenings
(5pm—7pm)

Outreach Center
(220 Dewey St)

For more information contact Sheri (559) 281-4163 or
visit our website www.fpchanford.org

Summer Swim Parties for Kids & Youth

- June 7
- June 14
- June 21



Wear your swimsuit & sunscreen, bring a towel and
a snack to share. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Invite a friend!

Parents can stay and enjoy time with friends too!

*Please contact Sheri to RSVP and get the address for
each location (559) 281-4163*

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VBS 2023

June 26 - 30, 2023

9:00am - 12:00pm

Register your student at:

<https://forms.gle/MCDsiwcAwsktJt4Y6>

Church DEACONS

Deacons are responsible for many duties serving the elderly and those who are homebound. Each deacon is given a list of people they need to call or visit. A deacon may provide rides for doctor's appointments, errands or perhaps for getting to church or even an outing such as plays at the Temple Theatre or just out to eat together. Not being able to get out can mean times of loneliness, difficulty in getting medications, food and snacks, or a meal. If you know of someone who needs assistance, please let a deacon know and we will consider adding them to the list. They need not be elderly, only in need of a visit or assistance. We are here to serve. We always check with the person suggested to see if they are wishing to have a visit or call.

~ Janet Harader, Deacon



Join us at the Church Picnic!

June 4th
at Freedom Park
2000 9^{1/4} Ave.

Cost: Adults \$6 Children (to age 10) \$3

We will have Tri-Tip, hotdogs, and drinks along with fun yard games. You are encouraged to bring your favorite "picnic side-dish" to share and a lawn chair

Hope you can join us as we honor Pastor Lou and Christi as well as welcoming Pastor Tim and Jen.

Please RSVP

so we will be sure to have enough food
(559) 582-0283 or office@fpchanford.org



CONGRATULATIONS

Promoting into 3rd Grade:

Daniel Newman
Samuel Wrigley

8th Grade Graduates:

Kaitlyn Pelton Bordeaux Christian Academy
Megan Pelton Bordeaux Christian Academy

High School Graduates:

Isabella Uhlik (Hanford HS)

Headed to

Cal Poly SLO

College Graduates:

Bryce Winterowd (USC)

Degree

BA—Political Science

UP COMING



- Jun 4** Communion Sunday, Pastor Installation Ceremony, Church Picnic
- Jun 5** Church Growth meeting @ 1pm
- Jun 6** Youth Book Club @ 5pm, Deacon's meeting @ 6:30pm
- Jun 7** Youth Swim Party @ 2pm, Youth Band practice @ 4:30pm, Praise Team Practice @ 5:30pm, Choir @ 6:30pm
- Jun 11** Promotion Sunday, Building & Grounds meeting @ 11:10am, Worship meeting @ 11:15am
- Jun 12** *Missions meeting @ 7pm
- Jun 13** Youth Book Club @ 5pm, *Finance meeting @ 7pm
- Jun 14** Youth Swim Party @ 2pm, Youth Band practice @ 4:30pm, Praise Team Practice @ 5:30pm, Choir @ 6:30pm
- Jun 15** Session Reports Due, 1st Press articles due
- Jun 18** Father's Day
- Jun 20** Youth Book Club @ 5pm, *Session meeting @ 6pm,
- Jun 20-22** General Assembly in CO
- Jun 21** Youth Swim Party @ 2pm, Youth Band practice @ 4:30pm, Praise Team Practice @ 5:30pm, Choir @ 6:30pm
- Jun 23** VBS Volunteer meeting @ 12pm
- Jun 26-30** VBS Week
- Jun 28** Youth Band practice @ 4:30pm, Praise Team Practice @ 5:30pm, Choir @ 6:30pm
- Jul 2** Communion Sunday, VBS Recap Celebration
- Jul 3** Church Growth meeting @ 1pm
- Jul 4** Independence Day (office closed)
- Jul 10** *Missions meeting @ 7pm
- Jul 10-14** Calvin Crest—Sherwood Camp



Summary of May 16, 2023 Session Meeting

Deacons

- Reported 74 and 6 homebound took communion in May
- Reported donations of \$50 each to KGM, Soup Kitchen, and Crossroads Pregnancy Center
- \$30 assigned to supply the KGM Friday work crew with breakfast burritos

Clerk's Report

- Session approved using up to \$1500 from the EPC Transition Fund to cover expenses to send Annette Rajskup as commissioner previously elected to General Assembly
- Active Members as of May 16, 2023 total—81
- June Session meeting will be via zoom

Pastor's Report

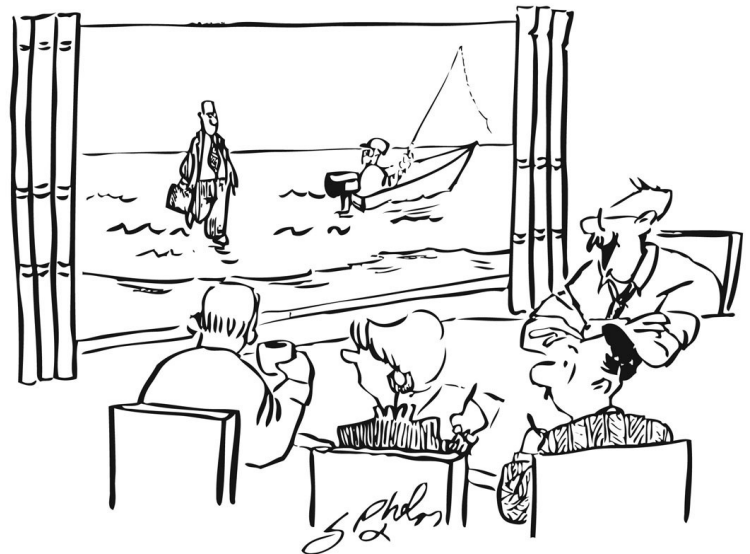
- Homebound communion on May 8 & May 11
- Recorded baptism of Amara Jiyun Bruce (Pastor Lou's Granddaughter) on April 30 in Washington
- Reported Dorothy Lehmann passed onto glory

Christian Education

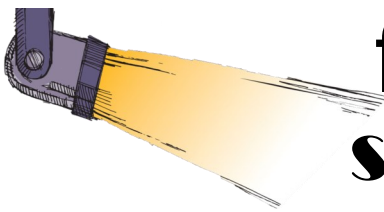
- Approved Lemonade for Carlla fundraiser on Aug. 20
- Approved use of 220 building for Summer Book Club

Personnel

- Approved "Thank You" gift for Pastor Lou of \$1000



"At last, a pastor who fits
our job description."



fpc Family Spotlight



The Curiel Family

Who Are We: We're Bob and Rowena. We moved to Hanford from the Bay Area in December 2005. After getting acclimated to what we called "country living" we began 'shopping' for the place where God wanted us to serve. The search took a pause when my mom was in a car accident, and we were spending our time in the Bay Area. Bob had back surgery around the same time, but I continued the search. The Lord led us to FPC where I (Bob was recuperating) was welcomed by friendly people...you know who you are! This was at the beginning of 2007 and here we are today.

As new members, we began serving as Deacons, which was a wonderful experience and blessing.

We participated in VBS this past year, and what fun it was! I serve on the Church Growth Team, assist with Session Minutes, and enjoy taking pictures in church and special occasions. Both of us sing in the Choir, and I sing with the Praise Team while Bob plays either the drums or the guitar – both self-taught. We have been blessed with this special church family who have come alongside us during some difficult moments in our life.

Family: We have a son, Isaac, who lives with us who has challenges. He brings laughter and joy to our home, most of the time! He learned from my father's example about prayer. When there is a concern, I can always count on him to be the first one to pray with his child-like faith. It is truly a blessing!

Curiel Family cont.

Things We Love: We enjoy spending time with family, gardening, the beach, and camping. We attend an annual family reunion on my mother's side which includes tent, RV camping and visiting with upwards of 125 relatives. We have four dogs, two bearded dragons and one tortoise.

Fun Facts: Bob and I met on a blind date set up by his best friend and his girlfriend who I worked with. In July, we will be celebrating our 44th wedding anniversary.

Bethel Ballet

**FREE
ADMISSION**



Presents
Recital 2023

You Are Special

Based on the book by Max Lucado

**June 17th, 2023
5:00 PM**

Immanuel School
1128 S. Reed Ave, Reedley

Dancers from First Presbyterian Church

Charlotte Davis

(Level One)

Kaitlyn Pelton

(Level Five)

Seating is on a first-come, first serve basis

doors open at 4:30pm



Session Committees



fpc Making Disciples of Jesus
Hanford, California

Worship
Committee Meeting

2nd Sunday after morning worship

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Church
DEACONS

1st Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm

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Christian
Education
Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 14th @ 9:30am

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zoom

MISSIONS
Ministry

2nd Monday of each month @ 7pm

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Buildings &
Grounds
Committee Meeting

2nd Sunday of each month @ 11:10 am

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Finance
Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7pm

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Church
Growth
Committee Meeting

1st Monday of each month @ 1pm

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Session

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 6:00pm

Faith & Fellowship

Jolly 1's & 2's

In June the Jolly 1's & 2's are scheduled to go to Kingsburg to hear the Kingsburg City Band. This will take place on June 22. The concert begins at 8:00. It takes place in the park in Kingsburg. With the multitude of trees and the late start the weather in the past has been very pleasant. There are vendors if you wish to eat and also an ice cream truck. We will leave the church parking lot at 6:30 so you can find a place to sit. There are some benches available. Otherwise, please bring a lawn chair. The concert is free, although you are encouraged to give a donation so these concerts can continue.

Also, June 4 the Kings Symphony will give a concert in the park. It begins at 7:30 in front of the Civic Auditorium.

If anyone wishes to attend either of these events and needs a ride, please let Janet Harader know at 583-8817 or 367-5658.

EXERCISE CLASS

The FPC exercise class M, W & F mornings @ 9am in the FPC Outreach Building (220 Dewey Street)



SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00am
(6th - 12th grades)

"Powerhouse"



Children's Church
(ages K—5th)

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 10:00 am

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month
at 5:00pm



YOUTH GROUP
grades 6th — 12th

Reminder! Deacons hope you can bring clothing and nonperishable food to help those in our community who are in need. Collection baskets are available in the church hallway outside the Fellowship Hall.





Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 7 Marisa Walsh
- 8 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
- 19 *Robert & Vicki Torrez
- 21 Maxine Wade
- 22 Dolores Broom, *Steve & Renee Loewen, *Art & Shirley Ramm
- 27 Tony Winterowd
- 29 Paula Casterson

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Athena Smith bookkeeper@fpchanford.org	Bookkeeper
Nancy Roller nancyroller8@yahoo.com	Custodian

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

Send prayer requests to hanfordfpcprayer@gmail.com
other information to office@fpchanford.org

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