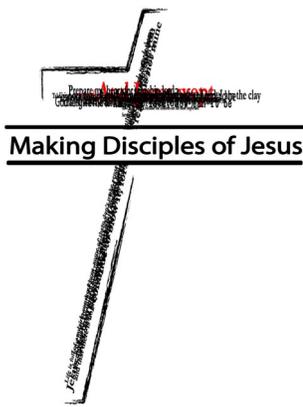


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Making disciples of Jesus Christ who go to make disciples of others.



FIRST PRESS

The February 19, 1930 issue of the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* ran a story from Vienna, Austria of a woman named Corin Ward. Corin was a struggling actress who received a phone call from an attorney, telling her she had been mentioned in the will of a deceased client.

Meeting at the agreed upon time at the attorney's office, Corin was told that the will belonged to a man who wished to be known only as "Dr. Meszaros." Corin told the attorney she did not know any doctor by that name, and wondered if there had been some sort of mistake. The lawyer was not surprised that Corin didn't recognize the name. But there was no doubting that Dr. Meszaros knew Corin.

According to the good doctor's attorney, Meszaros lived in the same city as Corin, and had fallen head over heels in love with her. Meszaros, however, struggled with debilitating fears, and never worked up the courage to speak to the woman he admired from afar. But he also was unable to ever move past the woman who had captured his heart. He died alone. Meszaros left Corin every penny he had saved over the course of his life—all \$50,000.

Meszaros loved Corin, but he never expressed his love in either words or actions. And, as a result, the fullness of that love was never realized. What about each of us regarding our love for God? We may say we love him, but do we ever express it? This begs the question, "What is the best way to express our love for him?" Could it be in times of worship? Of course the answer is *Yes*. Perhaps you noticed from the recent sermon series on the life of Moses called *A Work in Progress*. On two separate occasions (Exodus 4:31 and 12:27) when it became apparent to the Israelites that God cared for them, loved them and promised to be faithful to them what was their response?

They...worshiped...God!

Is this our natural inclination for all that God has done for us? Or, like Dr. Meszaros, do we only admire God from afar?

My challenge to each of us is to make Sunday mornings a priority; for the purpose of letting God know how much we love and appreciate him.

See you Sunday morning!

Keep the faith,

Pastor Tony





Where Did Your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Go?

Below is an Update:

First Presbyterian Missions Ministry Team oversaw the Operation Christmas Child project for 2018 and Jeff and Dottie Crass, who spearheaded the mission, took the code off the prepaid labels that the FPC Mission Ministry Team provided for the year's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and found that the 174 shoeboxes delivered from our church were shipped to the Philippines on Friday, Nov 30th.

Discipling Children on a Remote Island in the Philippines

Only 3,000 people live on the tiny island of Hilantagaan in the province of Cebu, Philippines. Families here fish for a living and rely on rain as their only source of freshwater.

A teacher named Yin and two of his coworkers give boys and girls on this island something to anticipate. Every Friday after Yin and his coworkers finish their work and other responsibilities in another part of the Philippines, they take a bus for a few hours to reach the ferry to a neighboring island. From there, they catch a smaller boat to the tiny island – the journey all made so they can share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the children in the remote community of Hilantagaan. The team stays each weekend through Sunday night teaching the boys and girls Bible stories and, at times, feeding them meals.

Recently, Yin and his coworkers held an Operation Christmas Child outreach event on Hilantagaan and distributed shoebox gifts. Afterward, they began teaching "The Greatest Journey" discipleship course, the 12-lesson Bible study designed especially for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox recipients. Boys and girls now gather regularly in a rough wooden shelter to learn how to follow Jesus and share Him with others.

Through these efforts, a church has started in the community. Yin and his team continue to come each weekend and stay in the open air with no electricity or running water so they can strengthen the growing body of Christ on Hilantagaan. "I am committed to this community and these children indefinitely," Yin said.

The effects of Operation Christmas Child are so "far reaching" - praising God and teaching through the 12-lesson "Greatest Journey" program. It is an opportunity for each of us to be part of a one-to-one interaction and to directly touch another child in the sharing of the Gospel through a simple shoebox! Please continue to pray for this worthwhile program and start planning now for your own shoebox to donate this Christmas!

Church DEACONS

Reminder! Deacons hope you can bring some non-perishable food on **June 2** to feed those in our community who are in need.



What are FPC Deacons?

Have you ever seen someone in need and thought: *I wish was there something I could do?* God may be softening your heart to become a Deacon or help them through donations. The Deacons are 12 elected church members who share the Gospel of Jesus Christ by providing *compassion* and *care* for our church family and community. Each Deacon serves for a term on three years. When funds are available, they distribute funds to local charities.

What do Deacons do?

- Monthly visit elderly shut-ins who cannot attend Sunday Worship.
- Prepare the Sacraments for monthly Communion, give cards, baby spoons, flowers or plants to church members in need.
- Prepare and serve food for Memorial Receptions.
- Distribute the food pantry and clothing received to local charities.
- Organize Santa for Seniors and Santa Angels.
- Fund and support these ongoing local programs: Salvation Army, Episcopal Church Soup Kitchen, KCAO Women's Shelter, Kings Gospel Mission, Laundry Love, and Military Mission.
- Newer programs also supported are Safe Families, Hands Reaching Out, Operation Share, and AWANA.
- Also one Deacon participates on the church's annual Nominating Committee.

How are Deacons funded?

Deacons receive direct funds from individual church members and the loose change offerings on the first Sunday of every even month. They are *not* funded by the General Budget of FPC.

As you can see, our Deacons are *very* active in spreading the Gospel through serving the needs of our church family and the community. We are *blessed* by these opportunities to serve.

**Encore Concert For Christ
Hanford First Presbyterian Church
Sunday June 23rd, 6:30 pm
*A Sunday Night To Remember***

**Come Thou Fount
I'll Fly Away
Praise Him, Praise Him
10,000 Reasos
I Go To The Rock
He Lifted Me
I Am Redeemed
Just A Closer Walk With Thee
Jesus Is My Song of Grace...and others**

**Featuring Favorite Songs and
"Sing Alongs" from
Chancel Choir
Praise Team
Special Groups
Instrumentalists
Handbells**

**559-582-0283 340 N Irwin St Hanford, CA
(Across from Civic Park)**

As we all know, Wednesday evenings can be very busy here at church. For the music ^{PAGE 5} department, the sanctuary is a lively place as we prepare for Sunday worship with first choir, then praise team and then our "Special Music" people.

But right now for May and June, we are getting ready for our **"Encore for Christ" Concert/Sing-Along on Sunday, June 23rd at 6:30pm**. This concert is free of charge though we will be accepting donations to help with some of the concert expenses.

We are pulling out many of our favorite anthems, hymns, and praise songs for this special evening. It really will be an evening to remember as we praise our Lord with music.

Mark the date on your calendars as we go from hymns to ballads and then "pull out the stops" with Sheri Winterowd's "Just A Closer Walk", and the Choirs "I Go To The Rock" and "I Am Redeemed".

Our Hand Bells will be ringing and we will have Leo Kim on Cello and Jeff & Lisa Fritz on Violin. We will also have Bob Curiel on Percussion and Joe Dykes on Guitar. Janice Mills will open the evening with the Prelude.

So it will be a fun evening, but also a time to reflect on God's goodness, His creation, His power and His grace in sending His Son to us. Our God is beyond measure and even scripture says of Christ... *There are also many other things which Jesus did. If they should be written down, every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.*" John 21:25 Likewise with music, there could never be enough notes or words written to express His greatness.



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.

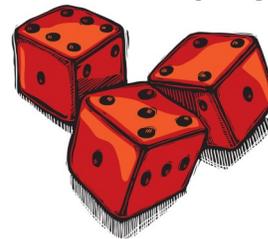
I want to thank all of you who participated by giving a devotional, hosting, giving me ideas for programs, giving a program, taking minutes, keeping track of our finances, doing the missionary minute segment, and coming to the meetings. Our final meeting, which was a salad luncheon, was well attended 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

By now you will have received a call regarding our visit to Temple Theatre to see "Over the River and Through the Woods" on June 9. I will already have made reservations, but if you still want to go let me know and I will see if there are any more seats left. Remember that once I make the reservation for you I cannot cancel it as the amount for the ticket will already have been charged to my credit card.

Our next get together will be July 18 when we will enjoy lunch and game night.

Games & Company



Jun 7	Sue Hensel	860 E. Grangeville #59
Jul 5	Sally Gordon	1204 Van Ct
Aug 3	Carol Speer	1216 Oxford Way
Sep 6	Dorothy Shaw	265 Sycamore
Oct 4	Laurie Essepian	7837 Fargo Pl
Nov 1	Rosemary Clark	1980 Rio Hondo Wy



Ladies

First Friday Coffee and Prayer

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

Friday, June 7th

9:00am-10:30am

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



Questions, Comments, Concerns or Ideas...contact:
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Youth Event:

Dessert Auction
after Potluck
on June 30th

***Support our Youth, all desserts
have been made by our youth!***



Baking Day at the Kinney's on
June 29! Help us get all the
desserts ready for the auction.

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June Birthdays & *Anniversaries

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| 1 Sallie Marcellus | 23 * Jeff & Dorothy Crass |
| 7 Christopher Cuzzort, * Julie & Ricky
LeFils | 24 Mark Brautigam, Dolores Broom, *Steve &
Renee Loewen, Art & Shirley Ramm |
| 11 Joe Dykes | 27 Tony Winterowd |
| 12 Sheri Winterowd | 29 Paula Casterson |
| 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 | |



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