

# First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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

## FIRST PRESS

September 2021

Dear FPC Family -

Do you ever count your blessings? As a pastor, I am amazed at the blessings bestowed upon this congregation; a wonderful facility, a diverse and capable congregation, a history rich in pastoral leadership and an ability to reach out to the local community as well as to the world. What a blessed people First Presbyterian Church of Hanford represents. Do you ever see yourself as a steward of all those blessings?

Just think about it for a moment. The gifts, talents and treasures you hold individually and collectively call you to be a steward of those items. You could use them with reckless abandon. You could hold them back and keep them all locked up safe. You could live somewhere in the middle and manage these gifts, talents and treasures so they may come to the greatest fruition for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the affirmation of God's blessing to you.

It can be a little scary, thinking about yourself as a steward of God's blessings. In the Gospels, Christ is always identifying a steward who wasn't generous enough, or one who miss-managed the gifts given to them. The disciples were left as Christ's stewards. They were charged with the management of the proclamation of the Good News. This is like being charged with the salvation of people's souls. That is a pretty big responsibility. Then again, we are today's followers of Christ, charged with the same injunction – spread the Good News.

Even as I write, it occurs to me that this congregation is up to the call. Stewardship of resources is a strong suit. The gifts, talents and treasures in this congregation will see to it that our mission in the name of Christ continues. This fall we will need everyone united, everyone praying, everyone being dedicated and re-consecrated to the call of Christ in our lives.

Would you take a moment now to offer prayer for this traditional fall journey? Ask God to continue blessing this congregation; ask for wisdom and discernment; ask for God's Holy Spirit to lead us into 2022 prepared and confident in our walk with Christ.

In Christ, Our Lord and Savior,

Rev. Louis R. Paradise



# Church

## DEACONS

Have you heard of The Heavenly Shower ministry?

The Pentecostal Church of God here in Hanford offers this important ministry to our community. The showers are located in a building separate from the church sanctuary. They are open weekly on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:15 am to 11am. The sign on the building says "All Welcome". FPC Deacons collect toiletries that benefit those who use the Heavenly Shower ministry. The travel sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion and soap that are offered at hotels are ideal, because each person who comes for a shower gets items just for their own use. However, any size toiletries you want to donate will be put to good use. There is a basket in the church hallway marked "Shower Ministry" where you can donate any items to aid in this helpful work. Please consider giving to 'the least of these' by giving some shampoo or other items that can bless this meaningful ministry, which is back in action after a hiatus last year during COVID-19 quarantine.

This is my first time to serve as Deacon and my term started in January of 2021. I have learned so much about what the Deacons do and it is my honor to serve with this talented and dedicated group of people.

~ Sheri Winterowd

**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.



## THE TIMOTHY INITIATIVE

Making Disciples That Make Disciples

First Presbyterian Church partners with The Timothy Initiative through our church Missions Program and The Timothy Initiative disciples are making disciples that in turn make even more disciples! Villages with little to no access are hearing the name of Jesus for the first time! Some of The Timothy Initiative goals set for 2020-2025 include seeing:

- 200,000 churches planted
- 5 million new disciples
- 150,000 vulnerable people cared for by the local church

In just 2021 alone thus far, The Timothy Initiative is celebrating over 60,000 new believers being reached with the Gospel. The quarterly update:

- 9,483 churches planted
- 64,253 new believers from the churches planted
- 14,059 baptisms
- 6,137 widows and orphans impacted by these local churches

The Timothy Initiative is committed to seeing a church in every village, among every people in every place. With the support of partners, field leaders, and team members, they prayerfully move forward in faith working to train disciple makers, reproduce leaders, and plant multiplying churches.

All around the world, church planters and new believers are expanding their ministries and going deeper in their relationship with the Lord but prayers are needed!!!

- Pray for their team members, field leaders, and partners around the globe to have a united vision and to be of one mind.
- Pray for hearts that are not shaken or discouraged by uncertainty or persecution.
- Pray for a renewed sense of urgency to reach those who are perishing without hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

*Please keep all these leaders in prayer that the Lord will give them protection and guidance as they spread and share the gospel to the unreached! The Lord is doing GREAT things!!!*



**A Note From:  
Children's and Youth Director**

***Fall Kick-off September 12th***

**9:00 am  
Sunday School (6th grade—High School)**

**10:00am  
Nursery Care Opens (infant—4yrs)  
Sunday School Classes**

**K—2nd grade  
3rd—5th grade**



**CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY**

**Donations Appreciated**

*Please visit our FPC Hanford Amazon wishlist for ideas or  
to buy and ship directly to the church*

[www.amazon.com/registries/custom/260GTOA0R258Dguest-view](http://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/260GTOA0R258Dguest-view)  
or search FPC Hanford under registry



*Thank You*

Dear Church Family,

Bob and I would like to thank you for all the meals and prayers that you provided for us. This was a blessing to us.

Blessings,

Bob & Paula (Casterson)

**Music**



*Invites you*

**Ministry**

**Chimes Practice  
Mondays @ 4:30 pm**



**Choir Practice  
Wednesdays @ 6:30pm**



## Summary of Aug 17, 2021 Session Meeting

### Deacons

- Reported 72 took Communion (+4 Shut-Ins) in August
- Served 100 people of the 130 who attended Charlene Forsythe's Celebration of Life.
- Donations of \$75 each were giving to the Episcopal Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army & Kings Gospel Mission

### Clerk's Report

- Approved transfer into FPC Hanford of Kenneth & Laurie Tazelaar from Waukegan, IL.

### Pastor's Report

- Approved Worship Plans 9/12/21 to 11/21/21

### Buildings & Grounds

- Reported tree trimming is scheduled for 11/2/21

### Christian Education

- Reported nursery is scheduled to reopen 9/12

### Finance

- Approved budget revisions

### Worship

- Requested people be reminded of the COVID recommendations regarding wearing of masks

### Personnel

- Will resume advertising for the bookkeeper position

### Pastor Search Committee

- Reported they continue to interview candidates and remind people to pray for the committee

### Other Business

- Appointed Janice Mills and Lori Porter as representatives to the Nominating Committee

# UP COMING



- Sep 1** \*Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Sep 3** First Friday Coffee & Prayer @ 9am
- Sep 5** Communion Sunday, Childcare Training @ 11:15am
- Sep 6** Labor Day (office Closed),
- Sep 7** C. E. meeting @ 10:00am, Deacons Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Sep 8** \*Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Sep 11** CPR/Babysitting Class @ 8am
- Sep 12** Fall Kick-off for youth Sunday School Classes
- 9am 6th grad—HS Sunday School
  - 10am Nursery & Powerhouse classes
- Sep 12** Worship meeting @ 11:15am in the Library, Girls Bible Study @ 6:30pm, Not-S-Small Group @ 6:30pm
- Sep 13** Chimes Practice @ 4:30pm
- Sep 14** Missions meeting @ 5pm, B&G meeting @ 7pm, Finance meeting @ 7pm
- Sep 15** Choir Practice @ 6:30pm, \*Bible Study @ 6:30pm (1st Press articles due)
- Sep 16** Session Reports due
- Sep 18** Junell Memorial @ 11am
- Sep 20** Chimes Practice @ 4:30pm
- Sep 21** Session Meeting @ 6pm
- Sep 22** \*Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Sep 26** Girls Bible Study @ 6:30pm, Not-S-Small Group @ 6:30pm
- Sep 27** Chimes Practice @ 4:30pm
- Sep 29** Choir Practice @ 6:30pm, \*Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Oct 1** First Friday Coffee & Prayer @ 9am
- Oct 2** World Wide Communion Sunday
- Oct 4** Chimes Practice @ 4:30pm
- Oct 5** Church Growth meeting @ 10am, Deacons meeting @ 6:30pm
- Oct 6** Choir Practice @ 6:30pm, \*Bible Study @ 6:30pm

\* Zoom Meeting



**Daily Bible Readings**

**Sunday:** Acts 15:1–18:11

**Monday:** 1 Chronicles 20-23

**Tuesday:** 1 Chronicles 24-26

**Wednesday:** 1 Chronicles 27-29

**Thursday:** 2 Chronicles 1-3

**Friday:** 2 Chronicles 4-6

**Saturday:** Psalms 97-99

# Bible Cryptogram

Try to fill in the answer key (alphabet row) with numbers. We have given you one vowel and one consonant. For example, everywhere you see the number 1, you know it is an O and can fill in the squares above all number 1 boxes with an O. Hint: Look for two and three letter words. These common words are a good place to start.

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**ISAIAH 40:8**

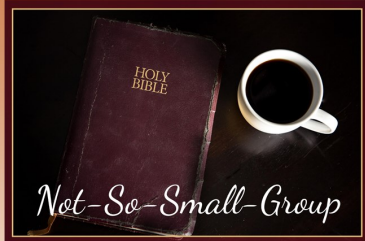
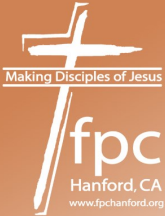
*Verse to Remember*

*O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.*

—Psalm 98:1

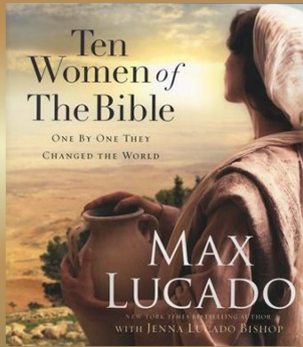
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

# Faith & Fellowship



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

### *Adult Bible Study*



**Wednesday Nights  
@ 6:30pm**



## EXERCISE CLASS

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



Agapè will not be returning this fall. The money left in our account will be donated. If you have suggestions, feel free to contact Janet Harader or Carol Speer. Thank you for all your support in the past.

### *Jr & Sr High Bible Study*



### **BIBLE STUDY**

**2nd & 4th Sunday Nights @ 6:30pm**

**9—11am**

## Ladies

*First Friday Coffee and Prayer*

## Jolly 1's & 2's

Jolly 1's & 2's will be starting up again in September. The first activity will be to attend the Temple

Theatre for the play "Gaslight" on September 11. If anyone wishes to go please contact Janet Harader (583-8817) so I can purchase tickets. We can eat at Asia Garden before the play. They do not have a buffet at this time. If there is a preference for another restaurant let me know.

Other outings will be planned. I was unable to find any dates for Kings Symphony. Second Space Theatre is now open. Other suggestions would be appreciated.

~ Janet Harader



# Session Committees

fpc<sup>+</sup> Making Disciples of Jesus  
Hanford, California

 zoom **Worship**  
Committee Meeting

Sept. 12th after morning worship

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**Church**  
DEACONS

1st Tuesday of each month  
@ 6:30pm

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**Christian**  
**Education**

Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, Sept. 7 @ 10:30 am

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 zoom



2nd Tuesday each month @ 5:00pm

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 zoom **Buildings & Grounds**  
Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00pm

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 zoom **Finance**  
Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month  
@ 7:00 pm


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**Church**  
**Growth**

Committee Meeting  
1st Tuesday of each month @ 10:00am

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**Session**

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 6:00pm

# SEPTEMBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Ruben Hernandez
- 4 Corey Summers
- 5 \*Lance & Caryn Larson
- 7 Susan Feaver
- 8 Duane Koppenhaver
- 10 Hope Kinney, \*Tony & Sheri Winterowd
- 11 Rickey LeFils
- 12 Sostenes Infante Jr.
- 13 Delaney Cuzzort, April Rives, , Katie Sippel
- 15 Enrique Garcia
- 16 Kailyn Christoph, Nick Elvena
- 17 Norman VanBeek
- 18 \*Steve & Debbie Ginn
- 19 Elizabeth Farrar, Brandon Wigton
- 20 Gail Forsythe
- 22 Andrew Garcia, Jennifer Kapanka, Nathan LeFils, Dorothy Lehmann
- 25 Samantha Rives, Wes Lehmann
- 27 \*Enrique & Liz Garcia
- 29 Lori Cossey, Beverly Rodriguez
- 30 \*Kevin & Stacey Jones



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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