



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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**“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds,
and to be generous and willing to share.” I Timothy 6:18**

That’s a great verse, don’t you think? “...Rich in good deeds ... generous and willing to share.” I must confess, as your interim pastor, I wonder if people realize how good you are? How much better can we be?

This congregation is a very good congregation. Oh yes, there are always things to do better, ways to love and care for each other more, in general ways to be more Christ like. Overall, I find this congregation above average in their willingness, “...to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.” So how much more should we (I) expect?

One of the great things about, doing good, is that it feels so good to do it! Now I don’t want to become just a feel-good pastor, but I do like it when there are smiles on the faces of the parishioners. I love to see people excited about the joy of their ministry. I love to see people reaching out in mission as a complete team – some workers, some support staff, all accomplishing mission for Christ’s sake. A people ready to do good because God has blessed their lives with the grace of Christ and the joy of God’s Holy Spirit, are a joy to behold and a people rich in good deeds.

Many internet sites have little counters displayed on the front page announcing how many people have visited their web-site. What if we could put a counter on the congregation at FPC Hanford to show how many good deeds have been done each week by this, better than average, fellowship of Christians? I’ll bet it would show we are pretty rich in good deeds. Should we expect more? Well, it does feel good; maybe being a little richer wouldn’t hurt us.

What about that category of being generous and willing to share? When it comes time to prepare a meal for fellowship, or bereavement, or stewardship, people are ready to be generous and willing to share. Our youth are learning the concept of generosity and sharing as they reach out in service to many types of people and places this year. Maybe we will grow again in our ability, “... to be generous and willing to share.”

How much better can we be? Looks to me like the sky’s the limit; perhaps I should say the Kingdom of God is the limit. A new pastor will come; there will be changes and needs in the office; there will be more unexpected expenses, and that means we need to have the finances to make this all work. As your pastor, I want you to be generous in all areas of your life – because it makes you feel like life is one great celebration of God’s love.

In Christ,
Rev. Louis R. Paradise
Interim Pastor



Church

DEACONS

In past years the First Presbyterian Church of Hanford has participated in two community Christmas projects.

SANTA ANGELS—Through the Salvation Army, our church elves (you) are responsible for gifts from the wish lists of children who may not experience the gift of Christmas without the help of others. Won't you help to fill the dreams of these children?

SANTA FOR SENIORS—This program is for seniors in community convalescent homes who appreciate being remembered at Christmas with gifts from their lists.

We need you, as fellow elves, to participate in filling these requests with gifts of love in Christ. These programs are activated in November. Watch your Sunday church bulletins for further information and sign-up dates.



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.



A Personal Moment for Missions

By Sue Kinney



When I was a little girl, my Mother used to tell me about her brother who lived in Jamestown New York and ran the Union Gospel Mission there. She would tell me about the things my Uncle John and his wife did running the Mission along with their 3 children; it was a career for them and they had very little but gave much to the unfortunate. Our family never had the opportunity to visit them in New York but as I got older, I corresponded with my Uncle John and Aunt Ginny. My Uncle was a talented musician and vocalist as well and on occasion, Aunt Ginny would send me copies of his music that he had written for the Mission.

My Uncle John was a hard and dedicated worker who enlisted in the U.S. Army on July 31, 1944, on his 18th birthday. He served in both World War II and the Korean War. He was a 1960 graduate of the University of Northwestern Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and pastored the Beloit Road Baptist Church from 1960-65. He was the director of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Rescue Mission from 1965-69, and worked for the Billy Graham Ministries from 1969-72. He served as the Executive Director of the Union Gospel Mission in Jamestown, New York, along with his wife from 1972 until his retirement in 2015 – retiring due to health reasons. He was a true man of God - very passionate about serving the "least of these."

After my Uncle John left the Mission, the mission was dissolved and the building, about 160 years old, sat empty. In 2017, the United Christian Advocacy Network, UCAN, purchased the building, renovated it, and re-opened in April of that year to carry on the work, begun more than four decades ago as the Union Gospel Mission by the late and much loved Rev. John Steinhauer. In honor of my Uncle John, they have named the Chapel there after him.

The United Christian Advocacy Network, UCAN, like, our Kings Gospel Mission here in Hanford, offers safe and secure temporary housing for the homeless, veterans, and a recently newly opened shelter for women and children. They are also expanding to a second location to help serve more people. They exist to help all those who need to break the cycle of life-controlling problems by promoting positive lifestyle changes through multidisciplinary programs and partnerships focused on and driven by a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

My Uncle John is the one who inspired me to work with our Missions Ministry Team at First Presbyterian Church! Mission work can be local or worldwide – either way, it is an opportunity to serve our Lord through sharing the Gospel!

Matthew 28:19-20



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

Happy November! Wow, can you believe that we are already in the last few months of 2021?! What a blessing this season brings. My prayers for our children and youth as we enter the winter months are of health and healing. So many young ones have to miss out on weeks of school due to colds/illnesses and while it is very important to the safety of their community, it still negatively impacts them on a variety of levels.

As a momma and former teacher, good hygiene skills are imperative to staying healthy. Just a few tips that I use with my kiddos and also learned from the classroom:

Make washing hands a habit! This should be done multiple times a day. Set a timer by the sink, get some fun soap, or let them pick out their own. We even have a little nail scrub brush at the sink to get around and under the nails.

Remind your littles to give their friends some space. Talk to them about staying in their own bubble. Then explain why we're doing this- let them know that germs are more likely to be passed around if were really close to our friends. There are some YouTube videos that show germs flying around if you want a visual for them.

Talk to your kiddos about not sharing food. You would think this is a no-brainer, but I had to remind my students all the time to not share their food at recess. We know that is not hygienic, but kids don't necessarily.

The CE committee has been working hard to make sure that we can provide the appropriate classes for our Children and Youth Ministry. Below are some details about the different classes, as well as the check-in/check-out options for the preschool room.

I want to say THANK YOU as you have navigated the change of reopening the Nursery and Preschool room with us. I know change is not easy for a lot of our kiddos and going forward, God willing, we hope not to have to close and re-open again.

If you have any questions or need clarification please reach out to a member of the Christian Education Committee.

Preschool Room and Nursery

Please sign your kids in prior to the beginning of service. You will then have the option to:

- A) Drop off your child when you sign them in. **-OR-**
- B) Have them join you in worship and be dismissed at the appropriate time.

NURSERY

AGES 0-2

DOWNSTAIRS IN THE INFANT ROOM

ELEMENTARY LEVEL 1

AGE 5 YEARS OLD-1st GRADE

UPSTAIRS

PRESCHOOL

AGES 3-4

DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PRESCHOOL ROOM

ELEMENTARY LEVEL 2

2nd-5th GRADE

UPSTAIRS

In Christ,
Katie Sippel
Director of Children's and Youth Ministries



Summary of Aug 17, 2021 Session Meeting

Deacons

- Reported 59 took Communion (+3 Shut-Ins) in Oct.
- Donations of \$100 each were given to the Episcopal Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army & Kings Gospel Mission
- Several families were sent "baby spoon"

Pastor's Report

- Rev Ron Owens will provide pulpit supply on Oct. 3
- Asked for volunteer Elders to attend Presbytery in Fremont Oct 8-9

Buildings & Grounds

- Tree will be trimmed Nov. 2
- Reminder All Church Workday in Nov. 6

Finance

- Sept numbers do not reflect some outstanding bills as finance is waiting on processing by Bressler's

Worship

- Poinsettias will be available for purchase at Christmas time

Personnel

- Interviews for bookkeeper are ongoing

Pastor Search Committee

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



UP COMING



- Nov 2** Church Growth meeting @ 10am, Deacons meeting @ 6:30pm
- Nov 6** All Church Workday
- Nov 7** Communion Sunday, OCC Packing Party
- Nov 9** Missions meeting @ 5pm, Finance meeting @ 7pm, Buildings & Grounds meeting @ 7pm
- Nov 11** Veterans Day
- Nov 13** New Members Class
- Nov 14** Stewardship Sunday, Worship Meeting 11:15
- Nov 16** Session meeting @ 6pm
- Nov 21** OCC Dedication Sunday, Decorate church for Christmas after service, Youth Friends-giving
- Nov 25** Thanksgiving (office closed)
- Nov 26** (office closed)
- Nov 28** 1st Sunday of Advent, Bring-a-Friend Sunday

* Zoom Meeting





Remember
Release
Reimagine
Restore

Romans 5:11 ...we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Our Stewardship theme for this season will be Our Money Story. Jesus talked about money more than faith and prayer! Discover and tell your money stories in the light of God's money story of redemption and reconciliation. Let us turn our stewardship practices into more full expressions of who we are and what we believe. Here are four overall themes:

- **REMEMBER** reminds us of God's steadfast relationship with us throughout time and trials
- **RELEASE** encourages us to practice releasing shame, anxiety, guilt, greed or anything that keeps us from freedom and wholeness.
- **REIMAGINE** calls us to reimagine our own money stories.
- **RESTORE** helps us heal as individuals and restore a right relationship with one another.

Your **Estimate of Giving** is a faith commitment for your will to give to First Presbyterian Church of Hanford.

We commit because God never abandons us. We commit because we believe in God's work of redemption and reconciliation in the world. We commit because we believe in the worship and ministries our church provides especially in these unsettling times.

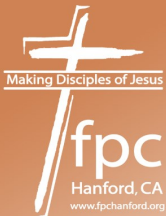
We would like to invite you to continue to share in the financial support of First Presbyterian Church. **Our Faith Commitment Sunday is November 14** but we will receive your pledge physically or digitally, via email, at any time through the end of the year.

Faith Commitment Cards will be mailed to you and extras will be available in the church flyer or office. On Sunday, November 14, we are encouraging you to turn in your Faith Commitment Cards to begin the celebration of the upcoming year. Please drop your cards in the pledge box at the entrance to the sanctuary, or mail to the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1185, Hanford, CA 93232. We will also be emailing a Faith Commitment Card to you to fill out and return by email if you would like.

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2nd Corinthians 5: 18-20

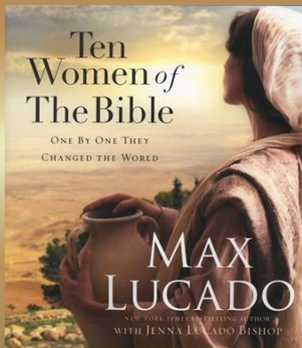
First Presbyterian Church Finance Committee & Session

Faith & Fellowship



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

Adult Bible Study



**Thursday
evenings
6:30pm**



Jr & Sr High Bible Study



BIBLE STUDY

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

9—11am

Ladies



First Friday Coffee and Prayer

Children's Ministry Update

3-4 yr PreK Class

Check in your child at the Children's Ministry door when you arrive.

Two drop off options

Drop off at 10am, enjoy the service while your child plays until all our friends arrive.

Dismiss your PreK child with POWERHOUSE. A volunteer will guide the group to the PreK room for their own curriculum!

Don't forget!

- Check in BEFORE 10am/drop off

Pray & Play

- The Pray & Play curriculum includes a Bible story and craft!



Session Committees

fpc⁺ Making Disciples of Jesus
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 zoom **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

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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

NOVEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 8 Catherine Connelly
- 10 Amy Cossey, * David & Ann Wrigley
- 11 Diane Sharp
- 12 Kelly Ann Garcia
- 14 David Wrigley
- 16 Haley Baker
- 17 Carol Connelly
- 21 *Nick & Sue Kinney
- 22 Darlene Keast
- 24 Angelika Loewen
- 27 Debra Pelton
- 28 *Kevin & Sheryl McCarty

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