

# First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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*Disciples of Christ, reaching out and caring for others*

## FIRST PRESS

June 2025



### "A Message from Pastor Joe"

Hello Body of Christ,

I am so happy to continue to serve you here at FPC Hanford. It is great to see all that you are doing for the Kingdom of God. I am really excited to see that we have three young people who are going to serve as summer interns this summer. Be praying for these people. You will hear officially soon. We enjoyed the All-Church Picnic which was not too long ago now. I hope that you are praying for the Pastor Search Committee. That is a difficult job. Also, I am looking for two or three more people to be on our Vision Team which will be looking at how we can move the Church forward in the coming months and years. Thank you for your hard work here at the Church.

God is with us,  
Pastor Joe Mazzela



fpc Making Disciples of Jesus Hanford, California

VBS 2025  
June 23—27

**Register today ... space is limited**

Magnified! VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!

**Proclaim the Lord's Greatness with me;**

**Let us exalt His name together. Psalm 34:3**

VBS 2025 Registration



# Church DEACONS

The next time you and your family sit down to dinner, I'd like to ask you to take a few seconds and think about those in our community who are not as fortunate as you. There are some who may have to go without a dinner. Or any of those in need who are familiar with the Kings Gospel Mission, a local Christian organization that shares the gospel with everyone, they may be able to receive a hot meal. Kings Gospel Mission has a men's and a women's shelter that provides food and shelter to those who are homeless and facing difficult situations such as drug or alcohol addiction, abuse, etc. They may feed up to 25-30 men and up to 12-18 women Monday through Friday nights.

This is proving to be a difficult time for Kings Gospel Mission. They are in great need of food donations. They appreciate the food that comes from our food pantry. The food that is donated in the boxes right outside the Fellowship Hall is taken on a regular basis to the shelter. But they are always in need.

While I visited recently, the cook was making a pound of ground beef go a long way as a gravy to be served over rice. When asked what especially was needed, I was told rice, beans, any kind of protein, spaghetti, cereal, spaghetti sauce, and canned fruit. Also accepted are individual servings of oatmeal, soup, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, and tortillas. But they would gladly accept anything that was donated.

Matthew 25:35,37,40 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat and something to drink....then the righteous will answer him. Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?...the King will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Thank you to the loving congregation of First Presbyterian Church for helping to feed the least of these by providing food donations.

~ Submitted by Georgina Snyder



### Promoting into 3rd Grade:

Caleb Mills

### 8th Grade Graduates:

Ary Haley	Classical Conversations
Owen Montoya	Pioneer Middle School
David Pineda	Woodrow Wilson Jr. High
Mark Torres	Kings Christian School

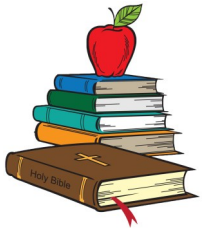
### High School Graduates:

Brian Baltzley	Hanford Online	Air Force enlist
Allie Caparuolo	Earl F. Johnson HS	Military enlist
Brooke Faria	Sierra Pacific HS	Fresno State
Ariss Lincicum	Sierra Pacific HS	COS
Emerson Mills	Sierra Pacific HS	COS
Andrew Pelton	Sierra Pacific HS	COS
Maria Torres	Kings Christian HS	Mira Costa



**Reminder!** The Deacons would like to remind you to bring clothing and non-perishable food to help those in our community who are in need. Collection baskets are available in the church hallway outside the Fellowship Hall.





## A Note From:

**Co-Directors of Children's and Youth Ministries**  
**Mary Kinney and Sandy Mills**

Hello! The school year is coming to a close and summer is quickly approaching. We have many exciting changes and opportunities that we would like to share with you. This summer there will be pool parties, book club, summer internships, Vacation Bible School, summer camps at Calvin Crest, a youth beach trip, and a youth lock-in.

We would love for your family and friends to join us for some of our upcoming events.

We will be taking a break for the summer from our 9am Sunday School classes for elementary school, middle school, and high school students. Our last day of 9am classes will be on June 1st and we will resume classes on August 17th. During the 9am hour, Mary Kinney and/or Sandy Mills will be available for fellowship in the high school Refuge room for any children and youth who are on campus at that time.

This summer we have several families who have offered to host pool parties at their homes. The pool parties will be from 1-4pm on June 10, July 1, July 15, and July 29. All children and youth are welcome to join us for swimming, snacks, and fun. Parents are welcome to stay and fellowship.

We are very excited to have Book Club again this summer. All ages, kindergarteners through college, are welcome. This is a time where students are able to share what book they are reading with one another. The kids really enjoy talking about their current book, answering questions from friends, and hearing about all the other interesting stories being read. And who doesn't love pizza? We ask that students bring \$5 to help cover the cost for a pizza dinner. Book club will be on select Tuesday evenings in the downstairs young adult room from 5-7:30pm. It is a special time that all the kids have enjoyed together.

On Friday, June 13th, Bethel Ballet Academy will be presenting, "The Way Home" at the Fox Theater in Hanford. One of our students at First Pres., Kaitlyn Pelton, will be dancing in this recital. "The Way Home" is based on the written work of Max Lucado. Tickets will be available to purchase at the Fox Theater box office.

Vacation Bible School is here! Please join us June 23-27 for fun, fellowship, and diving into the Word of God. Please consider inviting your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to send their children to VBS for this exciting time to hear about our Big God and His love for each of us. Be blessed!

In His love,  
 Sandy Mills

### Upcoming Events:

- June 1: Last day of 9am Sunday School for the summer, (Restarts August 17<sup>th</sup>)
- June 8: Promotion Sunday, Youth Group 5pm
- June 10: Children and Youth pool party 1-4pm
- June 17: Book Club 5-7:30pm
- June 22: Youth Group 5pm
- June 23-27 Vacation Bible School



Get tickets to the ballet at:  
[www.foxhanford.com](http://www.foxhanford.com)



## First Presbyterian's Summer Book Club for Kinder - Young Adults!

June 17  
 July 8

July 22  
 August 5

(5pm—7:30pm)

Young Adult Room (Downstairs)

For more information contact Mary or Sandy  
 Email: [youth@fpchanford.org](mailto:youth@fpchanford.org)



### Summer Swim Parties

- June 10
- July 1
- July 15
- July 29

# UP COMING



- Jun 1** Church Growth mtg. 11:30am  
**Jun 2** C.E. mtg @ 10am, Deacons mtg. @ 1pm  
**Jun 3** Staff mtg. @ 11am  
**Jun 5** Men's Group @ 6:30pm  
**Jun 6** The Chosen Study @ 7pm  
**Jun 8** Communion Sunday, *Promotion Sunday*  
**Jun 9** \*Finance mtg @ 12pm, \*Missions mtg. @ 7pm  
**Jun 10** Staff mtg. @ 11am  
**Jun 13** The Chosen Study @ 7pm  
**Jun 15** *Father's Day*  
**Jun 17-19** EPC General Assembly  
**Jun 20** VBS Volunteer Training, The Chosen Study @ 7pm  
**Jun 23-27** VBS Week  
**Jun 24** Staff mtg. @ 11am, Session mtg. @ 6:30pm  
**Jun 27** The Chosen Study @ 7pm  
**Jun 29** VBS Celebration Luncheon  
**Jul 1** Staff mtg. @ 11am  
**Jul 3** Men's Group @ 6:30pm  
**Jul 4** The Chosen Study @ 7pm  
**Jul 6** *Communion Sunday*, Church Growth mtg. @ 11:30am  
**Jul 7** C.E. mtg. @ 10am, Deacons mtg. @ 1pm  
**Jul 8** Staff mtg. @ 11am

\* via Zoom



## Summary of May 20, 2025 Session Meeting

### Deacons

- Reported 74 took communion on May 4<sup>th</sup>, during worship and 4 Shut-Ins were served
- Reported donations of \$100 each to Episcopal Soup Kitchen, Laundry Love, Meals-on-Wheels and \$300 towards the repairs to the refrigerator in the church kitchen

### Clerk's Report

- Reported Members as of May 1, 2025 total—78
- Reported the Church Information Form (CIF) for the Sr. Pastor position if posted on the EPC website
- Reported the results of the EPC Treasurer's Financial survey

### Pastor's Report

- Requested a review of our facility use contracts and pricing since several potential users have declined partnering with FPC due to the higher fees. The Finance Committee will address the reviews at their next meeting.

### Buildings & Grounds

- Presented their vision/mission Statement in Haiku format
- Reported on the plans of removing the beehive

### Christian Ed

- Approved day beach trip for youth and a "lock-in" event
- Approved camp scholarships for 4 kids
- Approved VBS celebration luncheon on June 29<sup>th</sup>
- Approved June 8<sup>th</sup> as Promotion Sunday
- Approved purchase of Adventure Bible as grad gifts
- Approved youth Pool Parties & Book Club and dates

### Finance

- Moving committee meetings to 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ noon

### Missions

- Approved Compassion Letter Writing Day to Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>
- OCC Purchase program begins July 6<sup>th</sup>

### Community Enhancement Fund

- Applications will open June 1<sup>st</sup>

### Other Business

- Session approved establishing a Farmer's Market type stand in the Fellowship Hall to allow our Church Family to donate and select produce. Any proceeds from the stand will go towards our sponsorship of our Compassion International child, "Carlla"

### The New City Catechism

52 Questions  
& Answers  
for Our Hearts  
& Minds  
Introduction by  
Kathy Keller



### What is faith in Jesus Christ?

*Receiving and resting on Him  
alone for salvation as He is  
offered to us in the gospel.*



# Missionaries Ryan and Amy

Missionaries Ryan and Amy who are serving in Central Asia and the UK are hard at work, and Ryan was recently able to visit our church on April 29, 2025 for a luncheon with approximately 16 in attendance where he had the opportunity to share about their Mission work and the progress being made in bringing the gospel to the unreached. Ryan and Amy are part of FPC's Mission Ministry Team's budget for support/assistance and live in a strategic location in Central Asia and the UK for mission outreach opportunities.

At the luncheon, Ryan informed the group that approximately only 2% of the people in the UK attend church - and to invite someone to come to church has not worked in reaching people for Christ. Many churches are closing and pastors are being let go. Ryan shared that through prayer and hard work, a different approach to mission outreach is now being used - instead of inviting people "to come to church", they are "going to" the people through reaching out to small group discussions, by developing one-on-one relationships, and in joining philosophy groups. These approaches are more productive in building relationships to open the conversation for Christ. Additionally, Ryan and Amy have been successful in finding other men and women in various parts of Central Asia and the UK with whom they are partnering with, mentoring, and teaching discipleship methods to help reach those who do not yet know and/or believe in Jesus Christ. The task is difficult, but they are seeing results in this non-traditional method of mission work.

Please continue to pray for Ryan and Amy and their children that the Lord will continue to open doors to reach the unreached, provide continued funding for their mission work, provide others for training and discipleship, and give them strength and peace as they move forward!

Submitted by Janet Harader



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 \* **From Tony & Sheri Winterowd:** \*  
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 \* We want to express a HUGE thank you for the lovely Farewell Reception held for us on April 6. We were so \*  
 \* blessed and grateful for the kind words, tasty food, heartfelt prayers and generous gifts that you gave to us. Our \*  
 \* time serving at First Presbyterian Church of Hanford will always hold many special memories in our hearts. \*  
 \* Thank you for sending us off in style! \*  
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 \* -Tony and Sheri Winterowd \*  
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 \* Thank you for your help and support of our mission ministry; may God richly bless you! \*  
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Harmond, California

# VBS 2025

## June 23—27

VBS has an Amazon Wish List that we will update regularly leading up to VBS week. Please take a look and consider helping us out by purchasing items off of the list. Thank you for your support!!

**Use this QR Code link to access the  
VBS 2025 Amazon Wishlist**



## FPC FARMER'S MARKET STAND

Do you have extra produce from your garden? We invite you to share your abundance with your church family at our new FPC Farmer's Market Stand in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring your fresh produce to the stand and bless others with your harvest. Everyone is welcome to select from what's available and leave a small donation if you're able. All proceeds will go to help support our Compassion International sponsored child, "Carlla" .

**Christmas in July!** FPC Mission Ministry Team is once again partnering with Samaritan's Purse through the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to give a Christmas Gift to children that live in very remote parts of the World where many of them have never even received a gift before or heard of Jesus!! The shoeboxes open the door to present the Gospel to a child and their family so that they know God's gift of salvation through trusting and believing in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. FPC's Operation Christmas Child Purchasing Program will begin on July 6, 2025 this year in order to help take advantage of shopping during summer/school sales. We hope that you will participate with us.



**June/July/August Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Shopping Items**  
**June TOYS - July CLOTHING ITEMS – August SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Spread the Love of Jesus Across the World!  
Fill a Shoebox with your Love!

## Community Enhancement Fund



The First Presbyterian Church's Community Enhancement Fund is a grant opportunity program for the enrichment of non-profit groups in our local area.

Applications are offered on-line at [www.fpchanford.org](http://www.fpchanford.org). Go to 'Events' tab, pull down to find the guidelines and application. You may also pick up an application at the church office. Call Annette (M-Th – 8:00am to 12:00pm).

Applications are **due August 1, 2025**. The Community Enhancement Fund Committee (CEF), will review the applications and eligible non-profits will be invited to interview with the committee. Non-profit organizations applying must have a member or regular attender of FPC Hanford in their membership or board to be eligible, but funds are not to be used for First Presbyterian Church's facilities or programs within our church.

If you know of a worthy non-profit organization that you as a member or regular attendee supports, please alert the head of that non-profit to this opportunity.

Prior Year recipients were:

- China Alley Preservation Society—ADA-compliant handrail for the Kings Hand Laundry.
- Al Anon— to purchase a lightweight table and eight lightweight folding chairs for their meetings
- California Retired Teachers Association—mini-grants for exceptional teachers to acquire materials to enhance their teaching.
- Refuge Armona—help cover cost of providing over 120 K-6 aged children assistance and to learn about Jesus.
- Kings County Commission on Aging—for Meals on Wheels.
- Friends of Kings County Libraries—to purchase 200 books to be given to children
- Kings Art Center—funds for their paint project and install a security camera system.

Community Enhancement funds have been distributed to non-profits since at least 1994, and with God's grace, will continue to be given to worthy groups in the future.

**DUE DATE FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED AT CHURCH OFFICE OR E-MAIL IS AUGUST 1, 2025 by 12:00pm (NOON).**

Committee members include:

Sally Gordon, Sue Kinney, Janice Mills, Doug Porter, Lori Porter, Annette Rajskup (Chair)



**Youth 9am Sunday School:** will be taking a break for the summer. Elementary school, middle school, and high school students, our last day of 9:00am classes will be on June 1st and we will resume classes on August 17th. During the 9am hour, Mary Kinney and/or Sandy Mills will be available for fellowship in the high school Refuge room for any children and youth who are on campus at that time.



# JUNE

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 12 Sheri Winterowd
- 14 Janet Harader
  - \*Brian & Deborah Pelton
- 15 J.P. Prichard
- 16 \*Michael & Jaime Christoph
  - Steve Loewen
  - Isabella Uhlik
- 17 Laurel Montoya
- 18 Annette Rajskup
- 24 Dolores Broom
  - \*Steve & Renee Loewen,
  - \*Art & Shirley Ramm
- 27 Tony Winterowd
- 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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