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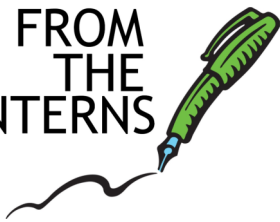
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Making disciples of Jesus Christ who go to make disciples of others

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FROM
THE
INTERNS



“Incoming Message from the Interns!!”

Hi! We figured we should give a quick update to what we’ve been up to lately. As part of our internship, we have been helping out all over the church. We have worked with many different people who have taught us the various inner workings of the church.

One of the most special jobs that we’ve had was taking communion to those who cannot make it to church in person. Under the guidance of Pastor Tim, we presented the elements, read a short call to worship, prayed, and even sang in worship! This type of communion, a personal, intimate interaction, has been incredibly powerful for all of us.

Our biggest project at the moment is the Youth Beach Trip. With a little help from Mrs. Winterowd and Mrs. Kinney, we have planned out the itinerary and booked a hotel. Since this is a ministry internship, we are each going to give a short message on the beach, featuring God’s Extravagant Grace. We are super excited to be leading this retreat!

This year, VBS was incredibly successful. We are super thankful for Mrs. Porter being an incredible director. Each of us had different jobs this year. Hope had a lot of fun with Mr. Dan running games. Bella did an amazing job being an actor for the skits during the worship rally. Andrew managed the media and sound in the back, and also led kids through the rotations.

Outside of these exciting events, we have still kept busy. We’ve attended many meetings that helped us understand better the behind the scenes of our church. We’ve also researched curriculum for children and youth education, we’ve suggested edits and updates for our church website, and we’ve been studying up on the Leadership Training Guide.

We interns want to thank you for supporting us. Both the ones regularly guiding us during our office hours, and to our congregation. This has been such a fun and informative time that we are really glad we are able to experience.

Thank you!

~ Andrew, Bella, Hope

Church DEACONS

What is Al-Anon and its purpose?

Al-Anon is a community that comes together to provide support to friends and families of alcoholics and drug addicts. It's a safe space where you can connect with others who understand the challenges presented by a loved one's substance use disorder. We open each weekly meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.”

Then, we go through the Twelve Step Program (one step each month). Everyone has a turn to read and share if they choose. By listening to others, we are encouraged and discover that no situation is hopeless. We learn to change our attitude to gratitude.

Our meetings are a judgment-free zone. We ask everyone to refrain from gossip, dominance, discussion of religion, treatment centers, self-help programs, counseling, and the use or mention of material other than Al-Anon Conference-approved literature. We do not advise about what a person should do or not do.

The Monday Step Study AFG meets every Monday at 11:00 a.m. in our church's Community Outreach Center, 220 Dewey St.

The Monday Step Study group would like to thank the First Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use the 220 Building for many years.

~ Submitted by Joanna Jones

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:

**Children's and Youth Director
Sheri Winterowd**

It feels like we blinked and it's time for school to start again! The Hanford and Lemoore schools will be starting the week of August 12, and just like that, we will be back into our routines that help order our lives. I love summertime activities and the freedom the break from school gives, but I also love the start of a fresh new school year and the turning of the calendar pages that get us nearer to cool fall weather! Starting this month, all three of Tony and my children will be in college or graduate school, as our youngest graduated from high school last Spring. This is a new chapter for us!

As a special send-off to all of our students (from preschool to graduate school and everything in between!), we are having a **Blessing of the Backpacks Event** during the worship service on Sunday, August 11. **PLEASE BRING YOUR STUDENT'S BACKPACK** AND if you are an educator, bring your own backpack so we can pray over each one! This is a new event for our church and we are hoping to have many participate!

The month of August marks the beginning of our church's Nursery and Children's Church (Powerhouse) Volunteer Schedule. Please take an opportunity to thank your child's teachers and caregivers in the nursery, all are volunteers and serve the children of our church out of their love for the Lord and their obedience to use their gifts to help others. I am so very grateful for each and every one of our adult and teen and pre-teen volunteers! Without them, we would not be able to function.

Pastor Tim's new sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit is such a great opportunity to learn and grow in understanding these important evidences of our faith in Christ. I am eager to learn how to continue surrendering my life to Christ so as to develop the Spirit's fruit.

In September, we will begin our new Fall Adult Bible Study at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings, led by Jaime Christoph, our new Middle School Sunday School class taught by Deborah Pelton and Nursery care during the 9:00 hour for families who wish to attend the Bible Study at that time. Please plan to join this group and grow deeper in your faith and friendships with others. Our youth will also present Youth Sunday, which is a special blessing to have young people present the entire worship service, from songs to sound to sermon and beyond! Give thanks to the Lord for his great faithfulness to us and for the joy of being the family of God together!

August 1
August 11
Sept 29

CPR Training 9:00 to 1:00 pm
Blessing of the Backpacks Event
Youth Sunday

VBS 2024 RECAP



Wow! What an amazing week we had! We hosted 50 children at our **BREAKER ROCK BEACH** Vacation Bible School June 24th -28th. There were Bible lessons, games, crafts, snacks and worship activities all focused on the message that even though we live in a world of shifting sands, we can rely on God's Rock Solid Truth. Our motto was "GOD'S TRUTH NEVER CHANGES." Our verse was "DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS AGE, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, SO THAT YOU MAY DISCERN WHAT IS THE GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD. Romans 12:2" We had over 50 volunteers that came together to make this week happen! I am so grateful for our church family and their willingness to help. At every turn, when there was a need, someone showed up to complete a task or donate funds. Your unselfish giving of money, snacks, time and effort were astonishing! Thank you to all who donated to reach our community for Christ. Our 14 youth volunteers really showed up to share their faith in a hands-on way with the children that attended. Our amazing Decorations Team transformed our church into the Pacific Northwest Coast complete with Airmail! Our Registration Team, Snack Team, Craft Team, Bible Team, Games Team & Rally Team all used their gifts and talents to reinforce the message. I truly felt that there was a special atmosphere that allowed the kids to focus and take that message in. We set a Mission Goal of raising \$500.00 for Refuge Armona to support their many great programs for children & youth. We not only met that goal, but with the help of a donor match we were able to raise \$1,517.78! What a terrific way for the kids to be a part of accomplishing great things!! This year we topped off our week with a "VBS Celebration Sunday" Hot Dog Luncheon & Water Festival following worship on June 30th. The event was well attended and much fun was had by all. Thank you to those who put forth the extra effort to make this happen! I especially want to thank all of you that prayed for us and the children during the week of VBS. We may never know how God will use this week to change lives, but I know that he used this week to change me- and I hope that it changed you also. Truly God is Good!



Jolly 1's & 2's will be going to the Temple Theatre on August 25 to see the play *Outward Bound* by Sutton Vane. The story is that from a fog-shrouded dock, seven passengers have boarded an ocean liner for a lonely voyage. In the ship's lounge a friendly steward serves them. Who are these people and why does each seem to be harboring a secret. This mysterious and mesmerizing 1923 classic comedy drama is one you will remember long after the curtain falls.

Due to seats filling up so quickly, I will need a three-week time period to have your reservations. Please let me know by August 4 if you plan to go to the play. (Janet Harader – (559)-367-5658 or (559) 583-8817). The cost is \$15. If I find this is not correct I will let you know.

If anyone is interested in traveling to Second Space Theatre to see the "Complete Works of Shakespeare Abridged," let me know right away. The last date of the play is August 4.

"Our Town" is playing at the Second Space Theatre in Fresno from August 16-October 6. More information will be coming out as to when we will go to see this classic.

Thank you to all who ventured to Kingsburg to hear the Kingsburg City Band. We had 6 people in attendance. All enjoyed the concert and we hope to make this a yearly trek.

UP COMING



- Aug 1** CPR Training @ 9am
- Aug 3** Whitney Davis memorial @ 11am
- Aug 4** Communion Sunday
- Aug 5** Church Growth mtg @ 1pm, Deacons mtg @ 2pm
- Aug 6** Staff meeting @ 10am, Youth Book Club @ 5:30pm
- Aug 7** Youth Swim Party @ 1pm
- Aug 8** Christian Ed. Meeting @ 1pm
- Aug 11** Backpack Blessing Event, Worship meeting @, Buildings & Grounds meeting @ 11:15am, Youth Group @ 5pm
- Aug 12** Finance meeting @ 11am, *Missions meeting @ 7pm
- Aug 13** Staff meeting @ 10am
- Aug 15** Session reports due, 1st Press articles due
- Aug 20** Staff meeting @ 10am, Session meeting @ 6:30pm
- Aug 25** Youth Group @ 5pm
- Aug 27** Staff meeting @ 10am
- Sep 1** Communion Sunday
- Sep 2** Labor Day (office closed)
- Sep 3** Church Growth meeting @ 1pm
- Sep 6** Ladies First Friday Prayer Group @ 9am

* via Zoom



Summary of July 3 (Called) & July 23, 2024 Session Meetings

Called Meeting

- Approved communion to be moved to July 21
- Approved vacation time for Pastor Tim

Deacons

- Reported 80 took communion on July 21
- \$150 each to Soup Kitchen and KGM

Clerk's Report

- Reported Members as of July 1, 2024 total—84
- Elder Rajsakup presented a report on General Assembly

Pastor's Report

- Approved purchases of laminator cart and storage racks for office

Christian Ed

- Approved Friday night Bible Study to start in Fall
- Approved relaunch of Ladies First Friday Prayer
- Approved Youth Sunday for Sept. 29th

Church Growth

- Approved Fall Paint Party for Sept. 28th

Finance

- Approved withdrawal on \$20,000 for Community Enhancement Funds
- Approved change in signers for bank accounts
- Approved opening new accounts at Bank of California

Missions

- Reported use of \$2000 of discretionary funding to assist Corrigan with expenses

Worship

- Reported purchase of name badges and youth to assist as backdoor greeters

The New City Catechism

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



Who is the Redeemer?

*The only Redeemer is the Lord
Jesus Christ.*





Community Enhancement Fund

The Community Enhancement Fund was originally set up by a donation for the enrichment of non-profit groups in our area. These non-profits must include a member or regular attender of First Pres in their membership/board to be eligible. **Applications are offered on-line at www.fpchanford.org. Go to 'Events' tab, pull down to find App guidelines and application. Or, you may pick up an application at the church office. Call Annette (M-Th – 8:00am to 1:00pm & Fri – 8:00 to 12:00pm).** Once a year, these applications are reviewed by the Community Enchantments committee, the non-profits are interviewed, and a discussion and awarding of funds is granted from the funds approved by the Finance Committee. These funds vary year by year, based on the performance of the fund from the stock market.

A stipulation made by the donor was that the funds be used for non-profits outside of the church, into the community non-profits that are supported by First Pres members or regular attenders. These funds may not be used for First Pres 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 – replace lantern from arson fire.
- Kings Gospel Mission – purchase new mattresses, bed bug covers.
- Kings Art Center – used to make changes for event rentals.
- Friends of the Kings Co Library – funds to provide free books to children for the Winter Open House
- Kings Co Commission on Aging – funds for State and Federal match for services to seniors-in-need
- Refuge Armona – help support funding for dinners/snacks supplies for craft sessions.
- California Retired Teachers Assn. – funds to provide mini-grants for exceptional teachers.
- God's Bread Box – assist in providing 140 boxes of food for seniors and other people in need.

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 23, 2024 by 12:00pm (NOON).

Committee members include:

Sally Gordon
 Sue Kinney
 Janice Mills
 Doug Porter
 Lori Porter
 Bill Baker, Chair



fpc Family Spotlight

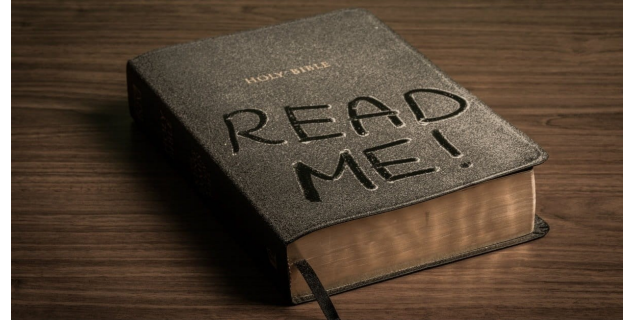
Meet Another FPC Youth Intern



Isabella Uhlik

Hello! My name is Isabella Uhlik and I am one of the summer interns here at our church. I will be going into my second year at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall. I am an avid pickleball player and I love the beach. I first saw the opportunity for the internship program while I was in school and I applied immediately. I saw an amazing chance for me to serve my church and my community. Being away from home, I realized how much my church family means to me and I want nothing more than to give back and spread the love you all have shared with me and put it back into the church. Growing up in this church and being surrounded by this community of Christians has been such a blessing beyond words. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for me!

August Reading Plan



Daily Bible Reading Program

Chronological Plan

1-Year Plan. These readings are compiled according to recent historical research, taking into account the order in which the recorded events actually occurred. This is a fantastic plan to follow if you wish to add historical context to your reading of the Bible. If the schedule provided is followed, the entire Bible will be read in one calendar year.

1. Ezekiel 18-20
2. Ezekiel 21-22
3. Ezekiel 23-24
4. Ezekiel 25-27
5. Ezekiel 28-30
6. Ezekiel 31-33
7. Ezekiel 34-36
8. Ezekiel 37-39
9. Ezekiel 40-42
10. Ezekiel 43-45
11. Ezekiel 46-48
12. Joel
13. Daniel 1-3
14. Daniel 4-6
15. Daniel 7-9
16. Daniel 10-12
17. Ezra 1-3
18. Ezra 4-6;
Psalm 137
19. Haggai
20. Zechariah 1-4
21. Zechariah 5-9
22. Zechariah 10-14
23. Esther 1-5
24. Esther 6-10
25. Ezra 7-10
26. Nehemiah 1-5
27. Nehemiah 6-7
28. Nehemiah 8-10
29. Nehemiah 11-13;
Psalm 126
30. Malachi
31. Luke 1; John 1

Faith & Fellowship



Ladies

First Friday Coffee and Prayer

1st Friday of each month @ 9:00am



EXERCISE CLASS

The FPC exercise class
M, W & F mornings @ 9:00am in the
FPC Outreach Building (220 Dewey Street)



3rd Tuesday of each month @ 6:00pm



1st Monday of each month @ 2pm



2nd Thursday of each month @ 1pm



2nd Monday of each month @ 7pm



1st Monday of each month @ 1pm



2nd Sunday after morning worship

AUGUST Birthdays & *Anniversaries

- 1 Bill Baker, Carol Speer
- 4 Debra Revious
- 5 Andrew Pelton
- 8 Kristie Newman
- 10 Doug Porter
- 13 Chris Rajskup
- 15 Joyce Vanderbeek
- 16 Asher Kopp
- 19 Wilma Humason
- 20 Brady Adams, Marjorie Froberg
- 23 Kaitlyn Pelton, Megan Pelton
- 24 Nick Kinney
- 25 Luke Christoph, Steven King II
- 26 Renee Loewen
- 27 Jeff Jones, *Doug & Lori Porter
- 28 Arthur Ramm



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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