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First Presbyterian Church
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July / August 2010

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

July Lead Usher

4: Hazel McPhail
11: Tom Hurd
18: Harry Schlueter
25: Cindy Spangler

July Coffee Hour Deacon

Kiera Grothe & Mikki Spangler

August Lead Usher

1: Hazel McPhail
8: Tom Hurd
15: Harry Schlueter
22: Cindy Spangler
29: Nancy Thompson

July Flowers

Open
Kathy Grothe
Erna Brown
Winnie Kuhn

August Coffee Hour Deacon

Barbara Fox

August Flowers

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Healing Service & Time of Prayer

Sunday August 1 at 11 AM

We will have a healing service. This special time will be a time for all who want prayer and healing in some area of their life, including physical, emotional, spiritual, and relational healing. We will come before the Lord asking for His touch in our lives. For those who are interested, you may be anointed with oil or prayed for specifically.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:30 AM - WORSHIP
10:45 AM - Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM - Adult Sunday School

Join Us and Bring a Friend

First Presbyterian Church is your church family on the hill who is Christ-centered, loves one another & serves the community.

Dear Friends,

There's something about summer - especially summer in our beautiful part of California. We don't have to endure the brutal heat but we get the beautiful long days with friends and families. We have a little extra time to do the things that make us happy.



It's the middle of June and our church family has already done VBS and gone to summer camp! We are already well into our fun summer. I am so grateful for everyone who helped support VBS - through participation and volunteering! VBS was such fun and great for all ages! Summer camp is always a gas too! I am always proud to be the pastor of First Presbyterian Church and even more so when I took some of our youth group to summer camp. Pondo always delivers a wonderful program that our students look forward to all year round. The great part of summer camp and VBS is that we get to spend extra time together.

Yes, we have fun in the summer and know that there is a lot of fun ahead. We have extra time to do the things that make us happy. We have extra time to invite friends to spend time, to laugh and to reconnect! That's what makes summer such fun!

I am hoping that this summer we might reconnect with friends that have slipped away. We get so busy in the year that we don't always take the time to invest in each other. I am hoping that we might be thinking of neighbors and grocery clerks and coworkers that might need someone to invest in them - someone who might be looking for a friend and for some fun.

This summer could be a season that changes peoples' lives.... It could be a time not only of fun but the beginning of real transformative relationships. And I believe that the summer is just the beginning of it! In the fall we are starting an intentional small group season. We are hoping that 80 per cent of the congregation will commit to an eight week small group. We want to have peoples' lives transformed and being a part of this will make all of us happy. Small groups will meet once a week in an effort to know one another and to be known by one another. There will be groups for everybody offered at different times. It is an important season in our church life. We want to have more people in our church so that they can have their lives transformed, so they can know and be known, and so they can have some fun. With a few more people, we too can experience the same. Let the summer fun continue...into the fall...and spring...and on.

God is so good! May He show Himself to you!

In His Grip,
Pastor Julia

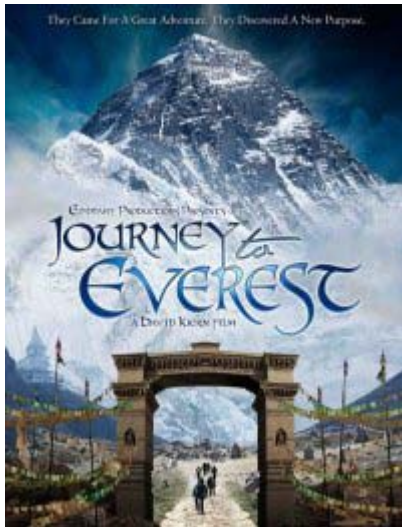
We want to minister to you in the best way possible.
Please call the church office if you would like
a hospital visit or prayers.

Flowers for Church

Bring flowers from your garden to praise God & enhance our worship together. Please sign the **Flower Calendar** in the Adamson Room. When it is your week to provide flowers, please call the church office no later than Wednesday so that your dedication may be in the bulletin on your special day.

Vacation Bible School

The Christian Education Committee would like to say thank you to all who prayed for us, gave an encouraging word, donated, attended, or volunteered at our VBS. God blessed us with a wonderful week. Thanks again!



Journey to Everest

Saturday, July 17 at 7PM

We will be showing the movie, *Journey to Everest*, on Saturday, July 17 at 7PM in the Adamson Room. Popcorn and beverage sales will go toward helping the support the missions of First Presbyterian.

The story, *Journey to Everest*, follows the adventures of a team of six American businessmen who travel to the Himalayas to trek to Everest Base Camp. On their way into the mountains to begin their ascent, they are bumped from a plane flight that crashes and kills 18 people. After the crash, the team begins to re-think their own lives and

the time that they have now been given. As they struggle with their decision of whether to continue on their trek, their faith comes into the fore as they experience the Hindu/Buddhist world of Kathmandu, Nepal, face the challenges of the Everest Region, and discover the depths of who they are as Christians in a life-altering way.

Please Help us Feed the Hungry

Vons will donate money to our Food Share Fund. If you have a Vons Club card, register using the internet at www.escrip.com. All funds go directly to paying for food that we serve each month at Feed the Hungry.

Recycling Fundraiser

Please use the bag provided in the Narthex and call when it's full of all your recyclable plastic, glass and paper. Co-mingle away! It's all good! Bottles, glass and plastic, and paper all in one bag. Then call 717-0030 and it will be picked up on a Friday morning.

Simple system:
(available in Narthex)

1. Fill black bag
(for Friday pickup)

2. Call 717-0030



Lofty Notes



Music Department Busyness

4th of July means hot dogs, maybe a day at the beach or the lake, truly time to kick back and enjoy life. This is also the time of year when you might like to sing a solo in church. Or maybe it's a trio you prefer. Please enter your name in the square of choice on the choir room calendar. The dates are going fast, so right away would be a good time to sign up.

Our handbell choir, the Carillon will also take a break from weekly rehearsals after their performance on the 4th of July, but the quartet has met and the future is bright. They will rehearse Wednesdays at 7:00 for two presentations 7/25 & 8/29. The full Carillon will resume August 25th in preparation for Homecoming. We could use one more ringer to replace Susan Davis. Have I mentioned lately how much fun we have in rehearsals and performing?

Morgan Hurd is Intern in the music department again this summer. He will be doing a little bit of everything, from directing to selecting worship service music and singing solo. He is completing his degree in Vocal Performance at Cal Poly, SLO. Welcome back, Morgan!

Summer Rehearsal Schedule

HeartSong	6:00 pm Wednesdays
Carillon (Quartet)	7:00 pm Wednesdays(for presentation 7/25&8/29)
Summer Chancel Choir	5:00 pm July 14 th & August 18 (for presentation 7/18 & 8/22)

Wayne Hart
Director of Music
717-0030



Fellowship Committee

aka: FPL FunClub

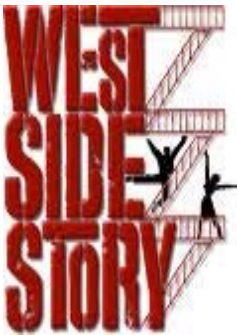
Cooking Class

Our next Cooking Class will be Thursday July 22 at 4:00 PM. Watch for details in the church bulletin. The August session will be hosted by Winnie Kuhn on Thursday, August 26.

The September 23 date is still open, so if you have a special dish you would like to teach us all how to prepare, call Joan Jaco, 736-4786. If you are interested in utilizing our fresh grown produce for your class, please contact Wayne right away.

PCPA Theaterfest

West Side Story - August 22



Picnic and West Side Story under the oaks in the beautiful Theaterfest outdoor stage in Solvang. It doesn't get any better! A signup sheet will be available in the Narthex in coming weeks. Prices are \$25.25 – Adult, \$24.05 – Senior, \$17.95 – Student. The last one of these was a lot of fun, the food was great and so was the play. We'll all be singing *Maria* and *When You're a Jet* all the way home and throughout the week!

Garden Update

The students of ACE planted tomatoes, beets, broccoli, onions, radishes, carrots and pumpkins before they went out on break. All we need now is someone to water regularly. It takes about 20-30 minutes a day. *Regular waterers are now on vacation, please call for temporary duty.*

Committee members are Bert Heter, Joan Jaco, Erna Brown, Audrey Kent.

Wayne Hart
Fellowship Committee Chair
717-0030

The American Revolutionary War and the Presbyterian Church

This short article is based on the book, *Calvin in the Public Square* by David W. Hall.

Europe was locked into strong kings (dictators) and peasants, and the people yearned for a representative form of government in which their voices could be heard. John Calvin (reformed theology) wrote and preached about the importance of individuals to elect representatives who could decide their fates rather than kings. Although the people were convinced, and some limited rights were achieved in Switzerland and some towns, the kings managed to still hold onto their power as the centuries passed. The people yearned for freedom as they could not break from bondage to kings.

America was founded by people who believed in reformed theology. Now was their chance to get away from the kings of Europe and launch a new type of government. And they were willing to fight for their freedom. For instance, "when Cornwallis was driven back and forced to surrender at Yorktown, all the cornels in the Colonial Army but one were Presbyterian Elders. More than half of the soldiers and officers in the American Army during the Revolution were Presbyterians" (page 257). One British sympathizer wrote, "Call this war, dearest friend, by whatsoever name you may; only call it not an American Rebellion, it is nothing more or less than an Irish-Scottish Presbyterian Rebellion" (page 256). The book also says that "three out of four Americans attended church services at that time, near an all-time high for America" (page 258). At that time the fiery Presbyterian pastors had thundered revolution against Britain from their pulpits for decades.

The Declaration of Independence is riddled throughout with reformed theology statements, and so is the Constitution. The Continental Congress approved a national fast for a decade for the sins of the American people (the Revolutionary war was God's punishment on the USA due to our sinfulness), and congress also approved the national Bible (Similar to the Geneva Bible as King James and his Bible was from our enemy - England). The first congress and state assemblies as well believed that the role of the government was to support religion and had an inherit right to do so, as long as it acted in a nonsectarian way and without appropriating public money (page 259). Sometimes Congress would break as a group to attend worship services together (page 271).

If John Calvin were alive today, he would be simply beside himself at the very idea that the common man was capable of electing public officials such as the president or a governor. He only thought representatives were capable of that. And today the many great universities the Presbyterians and other Calvinists founded started teaching humanism instead. See how much the USA has changed from the days of its founding!

July 2010

July 4	9:30 AM	WORSHIP - Communion - Sean Chow, Guest Preacher
July 5		Office Closed
	7:00 PM	Christian Education Committee - Vista Room
July 17	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast - Vista Room
	7:00 PM	<i>Journey to Everest</i> - Adamson Room
July 18	4:00 PM	Comprehensive Care Center Worship
July 19	9:00 AM	SKY Club - Adamson Room
July 20	9:30 AM	Fellowship Committee - Vista Room
July 22	4:00 PM	Cooking Class - Kitchen
July 27	4:30 PM	Feed the Hungry - St. Timothy's

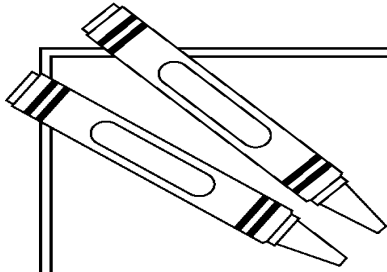
August 2010

Aug 1	9:30 AM	WORSHIP - Communion
	11:00 AM	Service of Healing & Time of Prayer
Aug 2	5:45 PM	Deacons - Vista Room
	7:00 PM	Christian Education Committee - Vista Room
Aug 3	5:30 PM	Worship Committee - Vista Room
	6:30 PM	Personnel Committee - Adamson Room
	7:00 PM	Mission Committee - Office
Aug 6	6:30 PM	Building & Grounds Committee - Boyd Library
Aug 16	9:00 AM	SKY Club - Adamson Room
Aug 17	9:30 AM	Fellowship Committee - Vista Room
	7:00 PM	Session - Vista Room
Aug 18		September Newsletter Article Deadline
Aug 21	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast - Vista Room
Aug 22		Westside Story - PCPA
Aug 26	4:00 PM	Cooking Class - Fresh Strawberry Jam - Kitchen
Aug 31	4:30 PM	Feed the Hungry - St. Timothy's

Weekly Meetings

- Sundays
- WORSHIP - 9:30 AM
 - Coffee Hour - 10:45 AM
 - Bible Study, *What's So Amazing About Grace?* - 11:00 AM - Library
- Wednesdays
- Bible Study, *Luke* - 6:00 AM - Carrow's Restaurant
 - Bible Study, *Christian Living - Philippians* - 1:00 PM - Kent's
 - Summer Chancel Choir - 5:00 PM - Sanctuary (July 14 & Aug 18)
 - Worship Team - 6:00 PM - Sanctuary
 - Carillon Quartet - 7:00 PM - Music Room
- Thursdays
- Bible Study, *Christian Disciples* - 7:00 PM - Office
 - Bible Study, *Revelation* - 7:00 PM - Heavin's
- Saturdays
- Garden Club - 9:00 AM - Garden

Summer Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Just for **KIDS**

The true vine

In a vineyard, the vine gives life to the branches, which, in turn, produce the grapes. Follow the puzzle directions below to learn about our special relationship with Jesus, our true vine.

Directions: Circle every other letter and then write them in order on the lines below.

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"I _____ ; _____

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apart from me you can do nothing."

J o h n 1 5 : 5 , N I V

Answer: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit."