



Presbeat

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Praise God for the Rev. Katherine Schoen



On October 1st, the Rev. Katherine Schoen will be joining our church family.

Katherine is an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Covenant Church. She will have the same job description as our previous associate pastor, the Rev. Kelsey Ingalls.

When the Session met with Pastor Katherine, we all felt the Holy Spirit moving us to add her to the staff of the church. None of us were surprised that the vote was unanimous.

God has blessed Pastor Katherine with her unique spiritual gifts and experience. We're looking forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for us as we partner with her in ministry.

Pastor Katherine's first Sunday with us is October 4. It is fitting that this communion Sunday and that we can begin our ministry together at the Lord's Table.

I am also looking forward to getting to know Pastor Katherine's husband Michael and their children: Jonny, Kristian, and Annalyse. From what I've heard about Michael, I'm sure he'll fit right in with the Men's Poker Night. I'd love to tell you more about that, but what happens at the manse stays at the manse. I can't wait for the Shelter-In Place restrictions to be lifted so that we get back to the game.

Please be praying for the Schoen family during this exciting time of transition. God has great things planned for all of us.

In Christ,

Pastor David

Hello!



Life is always an adventure when we partner with God. I am excited to be a part of what God is doing in and through First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah. Growing up in Sonoma County and surrounded by its natural beauty does not hide the need for Jesus in the people who live there. I am sure this is true in Ukiah as well.

I enjoy meeting new people and I am curious about who they are. If that is true of you, I would like to take some time to introduce myself. My husband, Michael, and I have been serving in ministry since we met. We served together through InterVarsity at Sonoma State University and I served as a youth leader in a small Episcopalian church. Once married, we served together in the Worship Ministry and again as youth leaders for a non-denominational church. Sixteen years ago, we began attending an Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) where I was hired on as staff in the Worship Ministries. I served at this church for fifteen years in various roles; Worship Ministries, Communications, and Adult Ministries. We also volunteered in Student Ministries. It was with this faith community that God revealed my passion for equipping and leading his people. It was also here that I received my call into ordained ministry.

While serving our church family, I attended Fuller Theological Seminary earning a Master of Divinity and was ordained in Word and Sacrament in the ECC. I am blessed to be called to serve the ECC at both a conference and denominational level on various teams. I have also been blessed to be a part of equipping, empowering and encouraging lay leaders as they discover who God has made and called them to be.

Michael and I celebrated our 26th wedding anniversary a few weeks ago. We also moved our two boys, Jonny and Kristian, into their dorms at California Baptist University last month, leaving our daughter, Annalyse, home with us. Jonny is studying aviation while Kristian is studying engineering. Annalyse, like most kids her age, has begun her 8th grade year with long distant learning. We are proud of all three of our kids.

Outside of church ministry, I enjoy running, hiking and crafting. In the past few years, our family has taken a few road trips, visiting some of the beautiful National Parks in our country. And, of course, we have more planned.



Michael and I love traveling together, which the recent pandemic has made challenging. Lastly, I love meeting new people and chatting with those I already know. Each new adventure means I have the opportunity to make new friends.

I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks and getting to know Ukiah through your eyes.

God bless,

Rev. Katherine Schoen

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

This is a good time to send our pastors (both David and Katherine) cards, notes, phone calls, or even a lunch at an outdoor restaurant to let them know how much you appreciate them. Well.... Any time is good, but this month is set aside just for that! And, if you would like to give toward a monetary gift, you may do so. Just write "pastor appreciate" on the memo line of your check.

~ Randy Huffman Mission Elder



This is but one way we come together as a church, reaching out to those that are in need. Our Missions team is always looking for ways to help others locally however with all the shutdowns from an all familiar Covid we have not been able to be as active as we would like. While our team meets every month making sure we keep turning over the stones of opportunity. It has not been as we hoped.

Nevertheless, there is hope. Hope is Christ, in the midst of all he is changing lives.

Last month I shared with you that there was a great outreach happening on March 26th, I do hope you tuned in for Prayer March. The Washington Prayer March 2020 event is a dedicated prayer march that is focused solely on asking God to heal our land. Based on 2nd Chronicles 7:14 which says "*if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*"

The event was live streamed and It was not a protest or political event, they were asking participants to not bring signs in support of any candidate or party. The march was 1.8mi stopping at various places like the Lincoln Memorial, and ending at the capital.

I was inspired as I listened to those pouring their hearts out for change, people like legend Darryl Strawberry, who has an amazing story of healing in his own life. Many more shared as they prayed seeking forgiveness, healing and intervention, with an end to the division that we see every day In the news.

Its actually not to late, if you go to <https://prayermarch2020.com/live/>

You can actually see the event and the many people that came from all over the nation. I encourage you to check it out I know you will be blessed.



Cents-Ability Reminder

Please don't forget we are having communion every 1st Sunday of the month and while a different way until we can be together again, you can send your Cents-Ability offering to the Church office. Remember all your money is used to help feed the hungry in our area. Thank you for helping with your prayers and donations



Greetings from Dave Standafer on behalf of Pedal for Protein. We thought a music video might capture the heart and soul of the Pedal for Protein Campaign. Pam and Homer provide a brilliant performance of "We're on the Road Again." If you polled the riders of the event, I'm sure they would agree how much we enjoy riding together and the companionship.

Here's a link to the video on youtube: <https://youtu.be/Ujt3XX4MR6Q>
Attached is an mp4.

Let's all go "On the Road Again" with the Pedal for Protein Team! Help support this mission that has such a large impact on our very own communities. Please donate generously. We can make a difference.

Donations may be made on the imathlete Redwoods Presbytery Pedal for Protein webpage: <https://www.imathlete.com/#/legacy?url=%2Fdonate%2FPedalforProtein7%3Fz%3D1585867960666>

or mail checks to:
Redwoods Presbytery
1226A Salvador
Napa, CA 94558

(In the memo of the check note P4P & the fundraising person/church name)

Pedal on....
Dave and the Pedal for Protein Team



Djibouti: We are still sending care packages for the kids in the Caritas Orphanage through the Military troops. Thanks to the contributions from our church family we have sent over Chewable vitamins and beans.

Uganda: News from Pastor John,

Last month I told you we were planning on helping with the purchase of some land. While it took a little longer. We are pleased to report that because of all the support from the church membership and a partnership from another generous donor outside our church we were able to complete the purchase. We are hoping to have a message on video message from Pastor John that we can share perhaps in our morning service.

Zambia: A word from Brad, Kelli, Paul,
God is continuing to bless the ministry that we are part of. Here is a word from Brad,

We are doing well here in Zambia. We have been blown away by how the ministry has continued to grow. God is so faithful. Also been blown away by how quickly Tatum is growing!! She is almost 10 months old now and has the funniest personality! Would love to hear an update from the church. Praying you are all doing well!!

Isn't it amazing how we pray for their ministry and they in kind do the same. IF you go to their facebook page you can see first hand how God is at work through his people.
www.facebook.com/russzambia/

Remember “God is Good all the time & All the time God is Good”



Operation Christmas Child 2020

First Presbyterian will only collect boxes from our congregation.

New Life Community Church (“Burger King Church”) is now the central drop location for Humboldt, Lake and Mendocino Counties, meaning they will have a semi-trailer to load the cartons in (similar to Santa Rosa) to go to the Southern California processing center. They will collect boxes from three counties, churches and individuals. More than 5,000 shoeboxes were collected in 2019. New Life has the facility/ parking lot to accommodate the shoeboxes and the semi-trailer. Praise God!

Boxes and materials

First Pres will have Gospel Opportunity (“GO”) boxes, labels, rubber bands, and other materials available for our congregation October 11th. There will be no church sponsored packing party this year. You may also go online and build a shoebox by choosing items and paying \$25.00.

The link is <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>.

Moments for Mission during the Worship Service – OCC info

October 11 – Moment for Missions presentation. A table will be set up with boxes and materials. Boxes and materials will be available every Sunday. Last day is Sunday, November 22nd.

Please bring your completed boxes to First Pres on any Sunday before 11:30 AM. Please do not take boxes to New Life Community. We will be taking all the boxes the church has collected on a specific date and time. Thank you for continuing to support this global ministry.

Nominating Committee ~ Elder Wilma Pribyl

The Nominating Committee is continuing in their work. We now have only 8 vacancies left to fill. They are:

- 1 Elder for the class of 2021
- 2 Elders for the Class 2023
- 3 Deacons for the Class 2023
- 2 from the congregation for the Nominating Committee Class of 2021.

A heartfelt thanks to those who have accepted the call. When contacted by the committee, please prayerfully consider where the Lord is calling you to serve.

Deacon Update ~ Kim Huffman, Moderator

Greetings! The Deacons would like to remind the congregation that if you have a need, please let us know! If you are in need of an errand run, ride to a doctor's appointment, etc., we can help. If you have upcoming surgery or other situations where meals would be appreciated, we can help. You can reach out to myself, or contact one of the other Deacons - our contact information can be found in the church directory. Or, you can call the church office and they can direct you to one of us.



The Deacons have developed a new ministry for Compassion Care and Support as an outreach within our local communities. To support this ministry, you may now donate directly to the *Compassionate Ministries Fund*, understanding that your donations will support ways to help those who have a short-term, specific need, such as food, gas, hotel/motel/campsite lodging, and other temporary needs of this kind.

Recently, this fund has supported shelter for fire evacuation victims, personal care items, and food.

In order to make a request to this fund, simply contact the Church Office, 468-9235, or Pastor David, 391-3888.

“TBA – Coming Soon” Lenord Swope, Elder Congregational Care

So what is coming soon? - Yes, occasionally in my articles my TV background bubbles up as I lead in with what the 11 o'clock news would call a teaser. It of course is the arrival of Rev. Katherine Schoen. Although I am speaking for myself, I believe that in the course of the interview, it really did not feel like an interview, it felt more like a conversation over a cup of coffee with a good friend.

Katherine is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church, graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena (just like Pastor David), She volunteers as a coach for her daughter's Cross County team. One can say she is Multitalented and Multi-Mediaed. It was a delight to spend an hour with her and as the months go by she will likely have a conversation over a cup of coffee with you even if it has to be virtually.

I am grateful to have her on board and for her enthusiasm and warmth



Song Story... “I Love You Lord”

By age 24, Laurie Brendemuehl had met and married Bill Klein, and the Lord had given them their first child, a little girl. Bill was a student at Central Oregon Community College studying Forest Technology, and... this is Laurie's story...

“It was a dark time in my life. We had no extra money, no friends nearby, no church home and my husband was busy all of the time with his studies. I didn't drive, so I couldn't get away. We lived on a highway in a mobile home, so I couldn't even put the baby in a stroller and go for a walk. Our only neighbors were people long

retired and tired of life. When I needed some encouragement there was no extra money for long distance calls to family or friends. I was lonely. The only thing I was committed to was trying to get up each morning before our baby, then a toddler, and spend some time with Jesus. I knew that was where the 'life' was."

"The day the song came, I had gotten up early and was sitting with my Bible and my guitar. I realized that I didn't have anything in me to sing to Jesus. I just didn't have anything in me to offer Him. I was so empty. So, I prayed and said to the Lord, 'If you want to hear me sing, would you give me something that you would like to hear?' I started strumming on the guitar and the first words came out of my mouth with absolutely no effort. I love you Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You. I scribbled them on a piece of paper, just in case I would want to remember them, and sing them again. Those words meant a lot to me. I wondered if I could play the melody again - if I would even remember. I played and sang the two lines again. They were still there, in my mind. The last two lines just followed as effortlessly as the first two had come. It was a gift from God that just wrote itself."

"Though it is a very simple song, it changed everything for me, and it still is changing life for me. When you are in a dark valley and the Lord gives you light, it makes all the difference, and you keep growing."

Later, she shares: "The most meaningful time that I ever heard anyone sing my song was in the fall of 2000 while my husband and I were in a Discipleship Training School. Late one night in the dormitory, I heard a baby crying. I slipped down the hall to the outside of the door just to pray for the baby, that it would be able to sleep. As I was praying outside the door, I heard the mother singing a song, but the little one kept crying. She then began to sing "I Love You Lord," and while she was singing, the baby fell asleep. The mother had no idea that the one who wrote the song was just outside the door."

"We love Him, because he first loved us." - 1 John 4:19

Recipe

Ingredients

There were many inquiries about the beans included in the Labor Day virtual picnic.

Here is the recipe:

Brown 1.5-2 lbs ground beef
add chopped red onion
Add 2 28 oz. can Bush's baked beans - your choice
Add 1 15 oz can Bush's grilling beans
Add 1 18 oz. bottle Sweet Baby Ray's sweet 'n spicy barbeque sauce

Mix all together and let simmer for 1 hour. Enjoy!

Finance Update:

We budgeted **income** of **\$24,288** and received **\$23,217**. We budgeted total **expenses** of **\$21,808** and incurred **\$22,632**. Our income year-to-date is **\$167,852** which is short \$5,000 vs. 2019. That is amazing and we praise each of you for your faithful giving. Year-to-date we are short income → expenses by **\$16,008**. We are estimating for the year to be short income → expenses by **\$25,754**. Our original budget had us estimated to be short by **\$45,229**. We will begin budget work for 2021.

As of August 31st, 2020		Total \$\$
Income	\$	167,852
Expenses	\$	183,861
Difference	\$	(16,009)
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds	\$	87,534
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	97,461
Total Balance in Checking	\$	184,995
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$
CD's	\$	44,645
Mutual Funds	\$	29,535
Other Savings	\$	55,248
Total Balance in Savings	\$	129,428
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account		
Missions	\$	911
Missions Fundraiser	\$	7,634
Centsability	\$	252
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	-
Shoes 4 You	\$	-
Pedals 4 Protein	\$	-
Pass-Through	\$	-
Per Capita	\$	31
Deacons	\$	1,006
Flowers	\$	-
Ramos Trust	\$	52,185
General Memorial	\$	30,025
Buildings & Grounds	\$	248
Compassionate Ministries	\$	2,275
Pastor Appreciation	\$	270
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Singalong	\$	6
Fellowship Meals	\$	-
Youth Activities	\$	-
Children's Activities	\$	166
Children's Playground	\$	2,389
Camperships	\$	60
Total	\$	97,461

Helpful Resources:

	<p>Mendocino County COVID-19 Information/Resource page</p>
	<p>Senior Resource Directory for Lake and Mendocino Counties: (707) 468.5132. Provides information such as Preparing for Health Emergencies, Active Living, Caregiving, End-of-Life Resources, Grandparenting, much more http://www.seniorresourcedirectory.org/Directory/Index.htm</p>
	<p>Food and Nutrition Resources: (707) 468.5132. Provides information on Food Stamps, Congregate/Social Dining Sites (including Plowshares and other locations), Food Banks, Grocery Delivery, and Home-Delivered Meals. http://www.seniorresourcedirectory.org/Directory/Food.html</p>
	<p>Alzheimer's Association: (800) 272.3900 https://www.alz.org/norcal</p>
	<p>Medicare Help Line: (800) 917-6367 They can help find home care, meal delivery, all sorts of things covered by Medicare</p>
	<p>Senior Guidance on Assisted Living: (888) 595.9101 Includes a directory on all our local Assisted Living and Residential Care Homes. https://www.seniorguidance.org/assisted-living/california/ukiah.html</p>
	<p>Adult Services (Mendocino County): Provides information on Adult Protective Services (APS), General Assistance, In-Home Support Services, Veteran's Services, Care for the Homeless, and more. APS 24-hour emergency line: (877) 327.1799</p>

Did we miss your birthday???

Please contact the church office or email Denise, denise@fpcukiah.org so that we can celebrate with you!




Happy Birthday!

10/3 Jean Davis
Denise Beckler
Ariceli Sanchez

10/6 Maureen Royle
10/7 Barbara Nichols
10/14 Gayleen Desroches

10/15 Betty Hook
10/17 Ron Selim
10/19 Barbara Pittman

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October is Pastor Appreciation Month				1 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	2	3
4 10am Worship Communion https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=presby+ukiah	5 Office hours 9am to 1pm	6 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	7 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1:30pm PW Bible Study (via Zoom) 3pm Youth Group 6pm Worship Team	8 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	9	10
11 10am Worship https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=presby+ukiah 11am Missions Committee	12 Office hours 9am to 1pm	13 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	14 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1:30pm PW Bible Study (Zoom) 3pm Youth Group 6pm Worship Team	15 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 6:00pm Session	16	17
18 10am Worship https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=presby+ukiah	19 Office hours 9am to 1pm	20 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	21 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1:30pm PW Bible Study (Zoom) 3pm Youth Group 6pm Worship Team	22 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 5:30pm Deacons	23 4:00pm Meals-to-go Fundraiser https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/2340812	24
25 10am Worship https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=presby+ukiah	26 Office hours 9am to 1pm	27 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	28 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1:30pm PW Bible Study (Zoom) 3pm Youth Group 6pm Worship Team	29	30	31 Happy Halloween 

Our Calendar is also available online @ fpcukiah.org/resources/events-and-calendar/calendar/