



PRESBEAT

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Dear Colleagues in Ministry,



I'm three weeks old at First Presbyterian Church, Ukiah!

Because of COVID, this is the only church where I haven't been able to go to the office on my first day at work! Now, little by little, I'm getting to know the members of the congregation and finding my way around the town.

Please allow me to thank you again for your magnificent generous welcome. Thank you too for your prayers and good wishes for our family of four in the UK, all of whom tested positive for COVID. I am happy to report that they're all recovering well, and they are very grateful for your concern. Whoever says that prayer doesn't work needs a psychiatrist!

My first impressions are that this fellowship is active, alive, and ready to do great things for Jesus in this community. Your willingness to reach out in this way is truly commendable.

As I said at my first service on September 19, my task as your interim pastor is not primarily to "ring the changes" but to walk alongside you during the process of finding your next installed pastor. This is an exciting journey, and my impression is that you are already well on your way towards achieving that goal.

I'm aware that you have participated in surveys, forums and other activities while the Mission Study document was being prepared. Perhaps you feel "forumed-and-surveyed-out"! Thank you for playing your part in that important undertaking.

However, there will be other components that are part of my mandate as your interim pastor. Hopefully these will be interesting and to-the-point, and I invite as wide involvement as possible as we traverse this exercise together.

May God bless you and your loved ones and help us navigate towards an outcome in accordance with His gracious will.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Pastor Tony



Dear Church Family,

My mind is full! Full of information. Full of questions and opportunities for us as a church family. I just spent a week and half on the campus of Fuller Theological Seminary in my first year of doctoral studies. My classmates and I are learning tools to address adaptive challenges within our churches. We are learning how do we, as the people of God, remain flexible to respond to the Holy Spirit and join God in the work He is already doing.

As I sat in my class, I marveled at God. His timing, His placement of His people is perfect. The tools I am learning are so appropriate for the transition and condition that our church is in. Praise God! Not only is God seeing us through our transition and discovery of who He has called First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah to be, He is equipping us for the future.

I am reminded of one of my life verses, Joshua 1:9:

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Moses, the leader of Israel, had died. Joshua, Moses' assistant, was called to lead Israel into the promised land. This was after the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. God did not give Joshua a 10-year plan, nor a 5-year plan. God revealed to Joshua each step he was to take along the way. But at the beginning of his rule, the LORD said to Joshua, not once, not twice but three times "Be strong and courageous." The LORD also promised him, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Joshua 1:5). It was not an easy journey and full of ups and downs, but Joshua led the people into the land. Oh, and by the way, Elihu A. Schatz states that Joshua was 83 years old when he led the people of Israel into the land promised by God.

As we, God's people, lean into the journey ahead we can be assured that God is with us. We get to discover how to live into the gospel and share the love of Jesus with others. He will give us everything we need to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

And remember, *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with us wherever we go.*

It's Trunk or Treat time!!!!

This is one of our biggest and most well attended events of the year. It's one of our most successful gifts to the community. Last year we had upwards of 300 kids attend. Several parents thanked us afterward to providing a safe and fun event for their children in which to participate.

How can you help? We need volunteers to:

- Buy/donate candy
- Decorate trunks of cars / dress up in costume
- Set up / tear down balloon arch, décor for the parking lot
- Welcome hosts at the event to greet and hand out postcards

This is a local mission event that literally everyone can plug into somehow.

So, let's see what God can do and bless our community in showing His love to our children.

Please let Pastor Katherine know how you want to help.

First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah
invites YOU to



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

4:30-6:30PM

**Parking lot on the corner of
S. Dora & W. Perkins**

COME IN COSTUME

FREE CANDY

PHOTO OP

ALL ARE WELCOMED

PLEASE WEAR A FACIAL MASK

Questions: Contact First Presbyterian Church
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Local Missions ~ We're All in This Together * Hospital Support *

As you know, as part of the Mission Study process, the Mission Study Team hosted focus group discussions to open conversations that began with the survey, and then went deeper into 'what are our dreams for FPC Ukiah'.



One common theme that came out of these focus groups was that we have a heart for local missions – we want to do more in our own country, and even closer to home – in our own community. Did you know that the USA is one of the largest mission fields in the world? Other countries are sending missionaries here! Another common theme is that we desire an inter-generational church community. So, how can all of us, at any age, be part of this “God-sized” ministry??

A group of people in our church family (*Denise Beckler, Gayle DeVries, Chris Gordon, Barbara McLean, Wilma Pribyl, Katherine Schoen, Ron Tysseling – with support from Randy Huffman, Missions Elder*), have teamed up and begun brainstorming, praying, listening for God's guidance, and feel that God is calling us to reach out to the people in our community who have been hardest hit by the COVID pandemic – our healthcare workers! *Behind every Doctor and Nurse is a group of support people who are under just as much stress, feel under-appreciated and have very low morale.* They are understaffed, some have reached out to their faith communities unsuccessfully, and for some stress has resulted in in-fighting and ridicule among themselves.

Our church recently finished a study that taught us how to listen to God, discern where He is working, and to join Him in His work. We know these faithful people in the healthcare community are in desperate need of love and support and need to know how much God loves and provides for them. So, for these reasons, we have chosen this un-named group of people to show God's love in a simple but 'God-sized' way.

How will we do this and how can “I” plug in?

1. We are asking people of all ages in our church family to create hand-made cards. Contact person is Chris Gordon.
 - a. First step is to **CREATE THE CARDS**. Do you have a Cri-cut? Enjoy card-making? We're looking for small, single fold, half sheet sized cards that are simply decorated and blank inside. There will be a card-making party on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 10:30. Anyone is invited to come participate – bring whatever you like to create cards with. Or, just come and learn how to make a card! We're also willing to host a card-making party on an evening. Call Chris Gordon if you are interested in that. Please have your hand-created cards back to the church by Sunday, October 10th.
 - b. Beginning October 10th, we will offer the *blank-inside* cards to all of you to pick up a few and put your own hand-written message inside, draw a picture, or simply write Thank You – God Loves You! Please be sure to sign it, too. This is a great opportunity for people of all ages! We would like to have all finished cards back by Sunday, October 24th.

2. **MAKE COOKIES.** Contact person is Gayle DeVries.

We would like as many people as possible to make cookies... as many as you can. We want all kinds, including some gluten-free and nut-free. Would you like to host a cookie-baking party? How fun it is to bake together! Are you interested in a baking partner? Contact Gayle – she will hook you up with someone. Please have your baked cookies to the church by Sunday, October 31st.

3. **Week of October 31st PACKAGE IT ALL UP.** Contact person is Jaunita Coddington.

We want to have everything packaged in safe, hand-made packages. Each package will have a hand-made card, a few cookies, and a gift card from one of our local coffee businesses. (*Thank you Wilma for gathering up the gift cards!*)

DEADLINE SCHEDULE:

October 10th: Bring ‘created’ cards to the church (decorated on the front, blank inside)
Pick up blank-inside cards to sign, write message, decorate inside.

October 24th: Bring your ‘signed’ cards to the church.
Begin making cookies – as many as you want to make – we’ll take them all!

October 31st: Bring your cookies to the church.

Week of October 31st: We’ll package it all up to be ready for delivery to the hospital. We will have more information on this task soon. Stay tuned!

Will you join in this God-sized inter-generational ministry alongside us? The great thing about this project is that there are many steps... many opportunities for you to ‘plug in’ somewhere! We know this is God’s ministry and not our own, so for that reason we are not putting any limitations on it in terms of numbers of cards, numbers of cookies, number of packages. **THIS IS IN GOD’S HANDS.** He knows the needs and He will provide. Let’s see what God can do with our hands and feet!



October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

This is a good time to send Pastor Tony and Pastor Katherine a card, note, phone call, or even a lunch at an outdoor restaurant to let them know how much you appreciate them. Any time is good, but this month is set aside just for that! If you would like to give toward a monetary gift, you may do so. Just write “pastor appreciation” on the memo line of your check.

Dear Congregation, *(Sent by mail to the congregation 9/28/2021)*

We, your session, want to communicate to you the status of our church finances in a clear, transparent way. After August finances were finalized, reports were reviewed by the finance committee. The committee provided reports to session at the September session meeting. The attached letter from the finance committee will appear in the October Presbeat. It clearly states our current financial position and the estimate for the rest of the year.

We are mailing this letter out along with a copy of the finance committee's Presbeat article to provide you this information as soon as possible so that you will have time to consider the information and if you have questions. We will be having a congregation conversation on finances **AND** the completed Mission Study on Sunday, October 10th right after service. In order to keep our meeting to a reasonable time, the plan is to devote 20 minutes to our finances and 20 minutes to the Mission Study.

Our current study in Mark includes the following passage: Mark 12:29-31 "The most important one," replied Jesus, "is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

As a church, we desire to love God with our whole being and love our neighbor as ourselves. This desire is reflected in the way we live, give and serve. We have experienced some unexpected challenges, but know God is faithful as we continue to serve Him. Please pray on how God is inviting us, His church, into what God is already doing and how He is inviting each of us to financially support the ministries of our church. November is our traditional stewardship time. Session has started on budget planning for 2022. Please pray for our church as we discern God's will for us.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the elders on Session.

In Christ,

The Session: Randy Huffman, Shirley Lewis, Janet Noe, Wilma Pribyl, Roe Sandelin, Katherine Schoen, Molly Schultz, Lenord Swope, Moderator Pastor Tony Gamley.

Dear Congregation,

Our church has gone through a significant transition these last couple of years. We experienced COVID which ultimately impacted our ability to fully meet as a church family. We had a solo pastor step down which put us in a season of transition. Through all of this, God has remained faithful to First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah and has provided for us in unexpected ways. Yet, these events have impacted our finances for 2021.

The financial format below is like what we have been sharing with the congregation for a couple months, with one exception. This format is presenting an estimated full year (through December) view for 2021, versus just showing year-to-date activity. Now that Pastor Tony has begun serving in our church, we have a clearer picture of our expenses for September-December.

The budget for 2021 that was approved by Session had a gap between income vs. expenses of (\$31,508). As we reported last month, we had incurred a gap of (\$37,172) through July. August giving and expenses were in line with our budgeted amounts. Our full year estimate is that we will be short (\$60,000) – meaning our expenses will be more than our income by this amount. The reason for the increase from the budgeted loss vs. our projected loss is shown here:

Budgeted shortfall	\$ (31,508)
Shortfall in income	\$ (9,100)
Former pastor payout of vacation and flex time	\$ (18,762)
Other	\$ (630)
Total shortfall of income vs. expenses 2021	\$ (60,000)

Our church has been blessed with a generous congregation. We are grateful that our church family's faithful giving has sustained us through the last couple of challenging years. While we do have cash reserves to cover this shortfall, using these reserves will not allow us to use them for missional opportunities. We are asking you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving to help cover this shortfall and bridge the gap for 2021. Together, and with God's help we will be able to continue serving others both locally and globally.

If you have any questions, please reach out to one of us on the Finance Committee.

Serving together in Christ,

First Presbyterian Church Ukiah			
YTD Income Statement			
July 31, 2021			
	YTD Actual \$	YTD Budget \$	Positive/ (Negative) Variance \$
General Fund Income			
Faith Giving	148,252	157,500	(9,248)
Building use	751	-	751
Total Income	\$ 149,003	\$ 157,500	\$ (8,497)
General Fund Expense			
Pastoral Ministry	122,268	105,470	(16,799)
Administrative & Facility	53,778	54,700	921
Mission, Outreach and Cong. Care	3,276	3,947	672
Christian Education	299	1,359	1,060
Worship & Music	6,554	10,404	3,850
Total Expense	\$ 186,175	\$ 175,880	\$ (10,295)
Net Income less Expense			
	\$(37,172)	\$(18,380)	\$(18,792)
Balance Sheet			
July 31, 2021			
Balance in Checking Account			Total \$\$
	Non-Designated Funds	\$	68,587
	Designated Funds	\$	104,186
	Total Balance in Checking	\$	172,772
Balance in Savings			Total \$\$
	Certificates of Deposit	\$	44,705
	Mutual Funds	\$	33,741
	Other Investments	\$	96,790
	Total Balance in Savings	\$	175,236
Total Assets			\$348,009

Elder Janet Noe, Co-Treasurers Kathy Smith and Cindy DeVries, Denise Beckler and Pastor Katherine Schoen

Please continue to pray for our Mission Study process as we discern how God is calling FPC Ukiah into His ministry; and for our church as we transition through the process of receiving the person God is calling as our installed Senior Pastor.

Session Members & Areas of Responsibilities

Phone numbers and email addresses may be found in the "Directory of Family and Friends" or by calling the church office at (707) 468-9235 or emailing the church office at office@fpcukiah.org

Buildings and Grounds – TBA (*Office*)

Christian Education and Student & Family Ministries - Pastor Katherine Schoen & Roe Sandelin

Communications - Pastor Katherine Schoen

Fellowship and Congregational Life – Lenord Swope (*& Deacons*)

Finance - Janet Noe

Missions - Randy Huffman

Nominating – Wilma Pribyl

Personnel – Shirley Lewis

Worship – Molly Schultz

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 Ariceli Sanchez
Denise Beckler
Jean Davis

10/6 Maureen Royle
10/7 Barbara Nichols
10/14 Gayleen Desroches
10/15 Betty Hook

10/17 Ron Selim
10/19 Barbara Pittman
10/24 Tony Gamley



OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10am Worship – in person and live stream Denise vacation	4 Office hours 9am to 1pm Denise vacation	5 Office hours 9am to 1pm Denise vacation 7am Men’s Bible study (Zoom) 5pm SIPs Bible Study 6pm Hispanic AA 6pm NAHOP	6 Office hours 9am to 1pm Denise vacation 1pm Knitting group 1:30pm Women’s Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	7 Office hours 9am to 1pm Denise vacation 8:30am Women’s Bible Study 6pm Hispanic AA	8	9 2:30pm Scout BSA event
10 10am Worship – in person and live stream Congregational Conversation Denise vacation 11:15am Missions Committee	11 Office hours 9am to 1pm Denise vacation 11am Finance Committee	12 Office hours 9am to 1pm Denise vacation 7am Men’s Bible study (Zoom) 5pm SIPs Bible Study 6pm Hispanic AA 6pm NAHOP	13 Office hours 9am to 1pm Denise/Katherine - vacation 1pm Knitting group 1:30pm Women’s Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	14 Office hours 9am to 1pm Denise/Katherine – vacation 8: 30am Women’s Bible Study 12:30 ABC Program 6pm Hispanic AA	15	16
17 10am Worship – in person and live stream Denise/Katherine - vacation	18 Office hours 9am to 1pm Denise/Katherine - vacation	19 Office hours 9am to 1pm Denise/Katherine vacation 7am Men’s Bible study (Zoom) 5pm SIPs Bible Study 6pm Hispanic AA 6pm NAHOP	20 Office hours 9am to 1pm Denise/Katherine vacation 1pm Knitting group 1:30pm Women’s Bible study 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	21 5: Office hours 9am to 1pm Denise vacation 8:30am Women’s Bible Study 6pm Session 6pm Hispanic AA	22	23
24 10am Worship – in person and live stream Denise vacation	25 Office hours 9am to 1pm	26 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men’s Bible study (Zoom) 5pm SIPs Bible Study 6pm Hispanic AA 6pm NAHOP	27 Office hours 9am to 1pm 10:30 Communications committee 1pm Knitting group 1:30pm Women’s Bible study 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	28 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8: 30am Women’s Bible Study 12:30 ABC Program 5:30 Deacons 6pm Hispanic AA	29	30
31 10am Worship – in person and live stream 4:30pm Trunk or Treat						

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