



# PRESBEAT

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Beloved in Christ:



On Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, I went downtown to view those massive pumpkins at the Pumpkin Fest. (I believe the largest weighed 406 lbs!) What an event that was! It was like a carnival! Well done, Ukiah!

As I passed the amazing mural on the wall of the Community Center in Church Street, some words in the upper right-hand corner caught my eye: *"Our Future Together"*.

I thought immediately of First Presbyterian Church, Ukiah, and of how those words could be a fitting slogan (perhaps for our upcoming Stewardship Drive?) as *together* we strive to build a working model of God's Kingdom in this place.

Jesus made it clear that teamwork was crucial in the promotion of His message. And whenever His disciples tended to "go it alone", or elevate themselves above the "team" -- as the brothers James and John tried to do in Mark 10:35-45, or as Judas did, with tragic results (Matthew 27:3-5) -- He would try to bring them back to heel and remind them of their responsibilities to God -- and to the collective body, the "team".

During my short time with you, my sense is that First Presbyterian is a strong, vibrant fellowship -- a "team" -- with a long and noble history, ready to move into the future for Jesus, Who leads the way. The search for a new installed Pastor requires a process that will take time, effort and patience. However, the process is well under way, and this parish has been through the process before -- so nothing should be too strange or unusual. The congregation is well ahead of the curve in terms of the Mission Study having been completed, and the Nominating Committee is making good progress towards presenting a slate of nominees to the congregation, who will ultimately elect and establish a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in accordance with the formula prescribed by the Church Leadership Connection of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In this edition of *Presbeat* you will find a page entitled *The Call Process* which clearly outlines the steps necessary before a formal Call is presented to a prospective new installed Pastor. Please feel free to ask me or any elder should you have questions about the process.

With respect to Covid-19 : You might have noticed in the media that Mendocino County is not yet "out of the woods" with respect to the pandemic ... in fact numbers are up compared with the same period last year. I'd like to thank you all for being so compliant regarding the medical science and legal protocols. Also in this *Presbeat* you'll find contact details -- should you need them -- for information about Covid-19 vaccines, testing, and masking.

Finally, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your many good wishes, cards, e-mails and other kind expressions on the occasion of my 80th birthday on Sunday, October 24. (I'm staggered as I write those digits!) Please know that your sentiments are very deeply appreciated. Thank you all so much.

May the God of peace be with you and your loved ones.

Tony Gamley, Your Interim Pastor

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Dear Church Family,

TRUNK OR TREAT: Nine Hundred Forty-Five at Trunk or Treat! Yes, you heard correctly. 945 visitors, 13 trunks and truck beds, 29 volunteers, bags of candy and two additional trips to Costco for more candy! As a church, together we served our community with the love and joy of Jesus. I am grateful for the help Patti Longstreth and many others gave in setting up and tearing down the event. Each guest was greeted warmly at the front by a hamburger (Gayle Kline) and a brightly lit Wilma Pribyl. Each trunk was decorated

uniquely from Jedi Master Anna Schoen to dusty grave digger Randy Beckler right next to the graveyard hosted by Josh & Perrine Kirchen.



The lab coat professor, Kim Huffman was stationed among the festive pumpkin patches of Randy & Garry Colson, Shirley Lewis, Caroline & Perry Crowley, Michelle Young and the grateful pumpkins of the Garcias.



Loaves and fishes found in Mollie Price's trunk were surrounded by hunger monsters of Phelans and Haselswerdts. Our guests left receiving candy from the mouth of Roe & Kitty Sandelin's kid-friendly vampire. Pastor Tony, Michael Schoen and I ran from trunk to trunk keeping candy buckets full. But Trunk or Treat would have come to a premature end (no more candy) if it hadn't been for our creative photographer, Lenord Swope.

And, Lenord saved the day by making a candy run to Costco not once but twice!

We were able to invite these families to our Christmas Sing-Along and to our Christmas Eve service. My continued prayer is that each person felt God's love that will draw them to Jesus. As we express good will,

there is an opportunity to have hearts open to the Good News. Thank you for the candy donations and for being a part of this outreach.

**STUDENT MINISTRIES:** During October, our students combined their study of God's word with serving others. Debbie Holland and Michelle Young led out our in decorating flowerpots, planting flowers and making cards to give to those in our church who are house-bound. Each flowerpot is unique, some sparkle and some display an array of color. For our students, it is an opportunity to say we care about you and are so glad you are a part of our church family. Roe and I are looking forward to delivering these gifts.



Serving with you, Katherine

## **Local Missions ~ We're All in This Together** **\* Hospital Support Project \***

**THANK YOU!    THANK YOU!    THANK YOU!**

On Tuesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, we delivered over 300 “Cookie Hugs” to the hospital – to people behind the scenes who work so hard and faithfully to support the doctors and nurses on the front lines. We don't know the names or departments of who the cookies went to, but God knows, and that is thanks enough.



This project has been such a blessing to many in our congregation. One comment that stands out is: “I’ll decorate cards, but I don’t want to write inside”... then, later: “I will pick up more cards to decorate AND write inside!”. So, so many of you decorated cards, wrote notes inside, baked TONS of cookies, and packaged them up into bags along with a coffee gift card from: Black Oak Coffee, Denny’s, Safeway Starbucks, Schat’s, Speedway, Stan’s Maple Café, Perkins Street Starbucks & Stars Restaurant. God is so good and truly blessed this ministry.

Do you want to know something funny? We thought we might need around 1200 + cookies and wondered “how will we ever collect enough?” But we decided to NOT put a number on anything and let God decide what we need. Well, guess what, we collected over 1200 cookies! (For those of you in the *Experiencing God* study... does this sound familiar?)

Thank you to Denise Beckler, Jaunita Coddington, Gayle DeVries, Chris Gordon, Barb McLean, Wilma Pribyl and Ron Tyselling – the ‘brain children’ behind this project. And an even bigger THANK YOU to all of you – so many of you – who jumped in with both hands and feet to deliver the love of God to these beloved people.

Let’s listen, wait and pray and see what God has in store for us next!





## ***Operation Christmas Child 2021***

***First Presbyterian will only collect boxes from our congregation.***

New Life Community Church (“Burger King Church”) is 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. 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 31<sup>th</sup>. 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, which covers the items and shipping. The link is <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>.

**Last day to bring your filled boxes to the church is Sunday, November 22nd.**

Please bring your completed boxes to First Pres on any Sunday after October 31 before 11 AM. Please do not take boxes to the FPC office or 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. To God be the Glory!

### **HANGIN OF THE GREENS**

It is the time to prepare for the Advent Season! On Sunday November 21st we will be decorating the sanctuary for the coming season. Plan to stay after church to help get everything ready for the start of this blessed season. Thank you in advance! Molly Schultz



## **FINANCE UPDATE:**

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for participating in our congregational conversation on Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> to review our finances. It is important for us to be as transparent as possible with the status of our budget for 2021. We all are aware that these last 18+ months have been challenging for our families, our communities, and our church. However, during this time God has remained faithful to each of us and to First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah.

As we reviewed together, we are projecting a full year shortfall of income vs. expenses of \$(62,079). Our payments related to the departure of Pastor David have been completed, as have the expenses of bringing Pastor Tony to Ukiah. Now that we are “back to normal” as far as staffing goes, we believe it is important to focus on our remaining 3 months of 2021. Our projection of income and expenses for this period is listed below.

| October-December Projection 2021 |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Income                           | \$ 67,650  |
| Expenses                         | \$(80,098) |
| Projected shortfall              | \$(18,762) |

Both Session and the Finance Committee are working to spend only what is necessary during this time and hopefully our actual expenses will be less than our projected expenses for the remainder of this year. This December the expenses are more than most months because it has 3 payrolls. Payroll is paid every other week, thus two months a year contain 3 payroll periods.

Our church has always been blessed with a generous congregation. We are grateful that our church family’s faithful giving has sustained us through the years, and we have faith that this will continue. While we do have cash reserves to cover this shortfall, using these reserves will not allow us to use them for missional opportunities. We ask that you pray for our church and our finances and prayerfully consider what you can do to help bridge this gap for these final months of the year. 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,

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

***Proverbs 3:9-10 “Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”***



Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah,

God is our provider and we have been blessed by Him for many years. In the Proverbs passage above, we are reminded that God promised to provide for us when we honor Him. During the pandemic in 2020, we were concerned that we would need to use our savings to cover expenses, yet by the end of last year our church gave above and beyond and no savings was needed. We have witnessed God providing for each of us and our church even during the Covid pandemic. We are thankful for you and for your faithful and generous giving in time, talent, and treasure. This year has brought its own challenges; and although we are anticipating the need to use some of our savings to cover our expenses for the first time, we are trusting God to provide and the faithful stewardship of our resources.

Our tithes and offerings have allowed us to engage in ministry in different ways this last year. We have been able to continue financially supporting missions locally and globally, such financial support to Pastor John and the orphanage in Uganda to build a piggery and support Kayla in a short-term mission trip this past year. We have been live-streaming our Sunday worship service and were able to open our sanctuary again for in-person services. Children and youth outreach have adapted to the Covid restrictions. The youth group has been meeting regularly and throughout the summer. One of our students, Viviana will be representing the Redwood Presbytery at the General Assembly in 2022. Efforts to reopen Sunday School in a safe manner are underway. Our Trunk or Treat hosted 945 guests from our community with lines to get in extending down the street.

When we give our tithes and offerings we partner with God and with each other in ministry. Our Pledge Cards is our written commitment to answer “yes” to God’s invitation. This next year brings many possibilities as we look forward to calling our next lead pastor, serve globally and locally, and extend care to one another and to our youth and children. Please use the enclosed Pledge Card to record your commitment for 2022. Our Pledge Card Dedication Sunday will be November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please bring your pledge card with you to this worship service or you may return it to the church office.

This year we will celebrate what God has done in us and through us with our Harvest Feast, which will be a pickup Lasagna Dinner that same Sunday. Registrations for the meal will be available next week. Look for Sunday announcements and emails with registration link.

In a time when it is easy to point out the negative or focus on loss, scripture reminds us to think on what is noble, pure, lovely and admirable (Phil 4:8). So when you think of First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah, how would you answer these three questions:

- How do you experience gratitude at church?
- What matters most to you about church?
- Describe church in 3 words.

We have added a space below for you to consider these questions. We invite you to prayerfully consider these questions and turn this in along with your pledge card on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. We are grateful for God’s love in Jesus Christ and our many blessings.

If you have any questions, please call Pastor Tony, or one of the elders on Session. Thank you for your faithful stewardship of God’s resources.

In Christ,

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

1. How do you experience gratitude at church?
2. What matters most to you about church?
3. Describe church in 3 words.

## 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](mailto: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



Mendo Lake Family Life magazine is a publication free to the public. It is full of information, articles, recipes etc, that are free and family friendly. They also print ads for many of our church events.

For anyone interested in reading more about this magazine and events and activities happening in our community, please click this link.

[https://issuu.com/nov12/docs/mendo\\_lake\\_family\\_life\\_november\\_2021](https://issuu.com/nov12/docs/mendo_lake_family_life_november_2021)

**Contact Mendocino County Health Covid-19 Call Center at (707) 472 2759 or visit [www.mendocinocounty.org/covid19](http://www.mendocinocounty.org/covid19)**

*Did we miss your birthday???*

Please contact the church office or email Denise, [denise@fpcukiah.org](mailto:denise@fpcukiah.org) so that we can celebrate with you!

**Happy Birthday!**

11/2 Shirley Lewis  
11/5 Trudi Gernert  
11/6 Meredith Lintott

11/8 Shannon Phelan  
11/10 Anna Schoen  
11/16 Priscilla Aguilar

11/18 Debbie Brutocao  
11/22 Bob Rogers  
11/29 Bob Huff



| NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS                                                                                                          |                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                    |          |
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| Sunday                                                                                                                               | Monday                                               | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                        | Wednesday                                                                                                                | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Friday                                             | Saturday |
|                                                                                                                                      | 1 Office hours 9am to 1pm                            | 2 Office hours 9am to 1pm<br>7am Men's Bible study (Zoom)<br>5pm SIPs Bible Study<br>6pm Hispanic AA<br>6pm NAHOP                                                              | 3 Office hours 9am to 1pm<br>1pm Knitting group<br>1:30pm Women's Bible Study<br>6pm Youth Group<br>6:30pm Worship Team  | 4 Office hours 9am to 1pm<br>8:30am Women's Bible Study<br>6pm Hispanic AA                                                                                                                                                        | 5 10am CPR and 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid (Non-FPC event) | 6        |
| 7 10am Worship – in person and live stream ~ Stewardship Season                                                                      | 8 Office hours 9am to 1pm                            | 9 Office hours 9am to 1pm<br>7am Men's Bible study (Zoom)<br>9am Finance Com.<br>10:45am Worship Com.<br>1pm Personnel<br>5pm SIPs Bible Study<br>6pm Hispanic AA<br>6pm NAHOP | 10 Office hours 9am to 1pm<br>1pm Knitting group<br>1:30pm Women's Bible Study<br>6pm Youth Group<br>6:30pm Worship Team | 11 Office Closed<br><br>8:30am Women's Bible Study<br>10am CPR and 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid (Non-FPC event)<br>12:30 ABC Program<br>6pm Hispanic AA | 12                                                 | 13       |
| 14 10am Worship – in person and live stream<br>Congregational Conversation<br>11:15am Missions Committee                             | 15 Office hours 9am to 1pm<br>11am Finance Committee | 16 Office hours 9am to 1pm<br>7am Men's Bible study (Zoom)<br>5pm SIPs Bible Study<br>6pm Hispanic AA<br>6pm NAHOP                                                             | 17 Office hours 9am to 1pm<br>1pm Knitting group<br>1:30pm Women's Bible Study<br>6pm Youth Group<br>6:30pm Worship Team | 18 Office hours 9am to 1pm<br>8:30am Women's Bible Study<br>6pm Session<br>6pm Hispanic AA                                                                                                                                        | 19                                                 | 20       |
| 21 10am Worship – in person and live stream<br>Dedication of Pledges for 2022 & Curbside Dinner<br>11am <b>Hanging of the Greens</b> | 22 Office hours 9am to 1pm                           | 23 Office hours 9am to 1pm<br>7am Men's Bible study (Zoom)<br>5pm SIPs Bible Study<br>6pm Hispanic AA<br>6pm NAHOP                                                             | 24 Office hours 9am to 1pm<br>1pm Knitting group<br>1:30pm Women's Bible study<br>6pm Youth Group<br>6:30pm Worship Team | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 26                                                 | 27       |
| 28 10am Worship – in person and live stream                                                                                          | 29 Office hours 9am to 1pm                           | 30 Office hours 9am to 1pm<br>7am Men's Bible study (Zoom)<br>5pm SIPs Bible Study<br>6pm Hispanic AA<br>6pm NAHOP                                                             |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                    |          |



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



# The Call Process

