



Presbeat



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Editor's note: the following articles from Pastors David and Katherine were intended for the January Presbeat, which was not released.

"Thank You!"



Thank you for your gracious and generous Pastor Appreciation Gift you gave me during the December 6 worship service. You are a blessing to me and it is a joy to be your pastor.

I am looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us in the coming year. We will start by ordaining and installing new elders and deacons during the January 3 and 10 worship services. Then we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 10 following the worship service. This will be a time to celebrate what God has been doing in our midst. We will also be considering how God is calling us to be a blessing to others in the new year.

As with all new beginnings, we need to begin the new year with prayer. Please join with me in asking the Lord for the guidance and the grace we need to be a blessing to our community and to our world in 2021.

In Christ,

David





Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. -Psalm 100:1-2

The year 2020 has been a tough year. It has been one that has required flexibility, sensitivity and a steady trust in God. It has been one in which we have experienced loss, disappointment and uncertainty for our future. We have experienced a world-wide shutdown. We have witnessed fractures in our nation, in our community and sometimes with our families and friends. Yet, we hold hope in the power of Jesus Christ. This is the same Jesus that walks the earth with us, experienced loss, oppression and temptation just like us, then died the death of a criminal for us.

Hebrews 2 states:

For this reason he (Jesus) had to be made like them (us), fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Jesus experienced what we have experienced so that he can minister to us. But not only that Jesus conquered death. His resurrection is the evidence we have of his power over all things. Our hope lies in the certainty of our eternal future with God, in God's reign being realized in all of creation (first in our own lives), in God's peace and healing being offered to us, and in the enormous love God has for us shown through Jesus.

For me, 2020 ended hard. I found out a dear friend and colleague, Flor, passed away suddenly. I was heartbroken and I mourn her loss. Then the new year began. Each day in my devotionals the Holy Spirit has reminded me to rejoice in the LORD. It was hard to think of rejoicing. Psalm 100 is one of those reminders. It made me reflect on 2020 in a different way. I rejoice in the LORD because I will see my friend again. I rejoice because I have been able to spend time I treasure with my kids. I rejoice because God has been teaching me to take one day at a time and giving me the circumstances to practice it. 😊 I rejoice because God has given us a church family to be a part of. I rejoice because in the midst of our pain, uncertainty, and brokenness Jesus has been by our side ministering to and through us. We have the Hope of the world in Jesus Christ, let us rejoice in the LORD.

In faithful service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Pastor Katherine



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Some have recently been asking about the possibility of resuming worship inside the sanctuary. The leaders of the church are longing to resume worship inside, just as you are. We are praying with you that the day will come quickly when we can worship together inside the sanctuary. Unfortunately, that day has not yet arrived.

The session had decided that we will return to indoor worship just as soon as the government allows us to do so. According to the Mendocino County November 17, 2020 Purple Tier Shelter-In-Place Health Order, we are still allowed to gather outside for worship. We are also allowed to have a small group in the sanctuary for the purpose of live-streaming the service so that people can worship at home.

As you are aware, this health order was put in place to protect us from the spread of COVID-19. By the grace of God, no one has contracted COVID-19 at our church. There are some churches in our county that have decided to disobey the government and worship inside. They have made their decision prayerfully and after considering Scriptures, such as Acts 5:29,

Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!"

We have also prayerfully considered Scriptures, such as Romans 13:1-2,

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

There will be times when faithful followers of Christ will disagree on how the Scriptures speak to the issues of the day. We deeply respect those with whom we disagree. During times of disagreement, we are all committed to following Ephesians 4:3,

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Please continue to pray for our swift return to indoor worship. And please continue to pray for our health care workers, leaders, and for those who are struggling and grieving because of COVID-19.

In Christ,
Pastor David

PER CAPITA 2021

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate and share in the work of the wider church. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. PCUSA.org has articles and information on what per capita is for the Presbyterian church and how it is used.

Every year our church pays a per capita amount for each of our members on the active rolls. For 2021 the amount is \$31.46 per member. This is in addition to your commitment for tithing. Please indicate on your payment that this is for per capita so it can be applied to the correct fund. Thank you for your support for our church and its ministries.

Finance Elder
Janet Noe

Finance Committee: Janet Noe, Kathy Smith,
Denise Beckler and Pastor David

As of December 31, 2020		Total \$\$
General Fund Income	\$	277,169
General Fund Expenses	\$	275,270
Difference	\$	1,899
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds	\$	106,583
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	101,278
Total Balance in Checking	\$	207,861
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$
CD's	\$	44,645
Mutual Funds	\$	30,629
Other Savings	\$	52,005
Total Balance in Savings	\$	127,279
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account		
Missions	\$	1,126
Missions Fundraiser	\$	7,294
Centsability	\$	70
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	-
Pedals 4 Protein	\$	50
Per Capita	\$	-
Deacons	\$	-
Ramos Trust	\$	52,185
General Memorial	\$	30,025
Buildings & Grounds	\$	2,148
Compassionate Ministries	\$	4,495
Pastor Appreciation	\$	-
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Worship	\$	856
Singalong	\$	-
Fellowship Meals	\$	50
Youth Activities	\$	360
Children's Activities	\$	167
Children's Playground	\$	2,389
Camperships	\$	60
Total	\$	101,278



We are continuing support for our troops In the Horn of Africa with cookies and the street orphans in Djibouti with beans, vitamins, and peanut butter.

In November, we sent 7 boxes of cookies and 2 boxes of beans, vitamins, and peanut butter. A special thank you to Michele Young for supplementing our donations to the orphans and to Lillie Carr for helping Shirley Lewis and me pack the more than 50 dozen cookies for the troops.

Any further donations of beans, vitamins, and peanut butter can be left in the volunteer office and we will send them as soon as we can fill a box. Please only gummies vitamins with Pectin. The gelatin gummies end up as an unusable lump by the time they reach Africa. If in doubt, shake bottle. If they don't rattle, they are already lumped.

In January, we sent an additional 8 boxes of cookies for Valentine's Day. Thank you to all the ladies who donated cookies, especially those darling heart cookies & to Lillie Carr for helping me pack and mail the 8 boxes of Valentine Day cookies.

Wilma Pribyl

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!

2/2 Gay Sibley	2/9 Jeanne Colson-Gomez	2/26 Shelly Mack
2/3 Viviana Aguilar	2/15 Kris Guadagnoli	2/26 Joyce Sarber
2/3 Marge Moynahan	2/19 Kathy Smith	2/26 Molly Schultz
2/5 Clea Erickson		

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office hours 9am to 1pm	2 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	3 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1:30pm PW Bible Study (via Zoom) 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	4 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	5	6
7 10am Worship https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=presby+ukiah	8 Denise Vacation – office is closed	9 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	10 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1:30pm PW Bible Study (via Zoom) 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	11 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	12	13
14 10am Worship https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=presby+ukiah 11:15am Missions Committee	15 President's Day Holiday – Office is closed	16 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	17 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Srvc Lent Begins Office hours 9am to 1pm 1:30pm PW Bible Study (via Zoom) 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	18 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 6:00pm Session	19	20
21 10am Worship https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=presby+ukiah	22 Denise Vacation – office is closed	23 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	24 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1:30pm PW Bible Study (via Zoom) 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	25 5: Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 6:00pm Deacons	26	27
28 10am Worship Communion https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=presby+ukiah						

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