



Presbeat



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Friends,

The journey to finding new pastoral leadership can feel daunting. But it also can be exciting, for this is a process of discernment - listening closely and carefully for the will of God regarding the mission and ministry of your congregation.

Your Session will be forming an **Interim Pastor Search Committee**. An Interim (or Transitional) Pastor leads a congregation during the transition time after an installed pastor has departed and before the next installed pastor is called. Often, the Interim Pastor assumes the same responsibilities as the outgoing pastor (worship leadership, pastoral care, Session moderator, supervision of staff) as well as assisting with the congregational mission study and helping the congregation prepare for its next leader. Interim Pastors will help the Session provide for continuity of essential programs and may assist the Session in assessing needs for change. The Interim Pastor Search Committee conducts the search, interviews candidates, and then presents the final candidate for the position to the Session. An interim pastor is hired under a contract with the Session.

The Interim Pastor often will assist with the **Mission Study** process. The Mission Study is an opportunity for your congregation to analyze and assess your ministry and discern where God is calling you to go in the future. A well-founded Mission Study includes fact-finding about the congregation and the community in which it ministers. It provides an opportunity for you, as members of the congregation, to prayerfully study what scripture says about the church, to learn new information about the community of Ukiah and its needs, to learn who you have been in the past, who you are now, and who you want to be in the future as a congregation, and to celebrate your gifts as well as recognize challenge areas. Typically, a Mission Study report includes a financial review, a summary of demographics (of your congregation as well as the community of Ukiah), and mission/vision statements in order to provide an objective and representational summary of who you are. Alan Adams, former Executive Presbyter of Washington Presbytery explains the value of a Mission Study: "It boils down to a church looking out the window (what's our mission field?) and in the mirror (who are we and what gifts has God given us for this time and place?)."

In the PC(USA) call process, the congregation gives authority to search for a pastor to a **Pastor Nominating Committee** (PNC). Once the PNC is elected, the other members of the congregation and the session have no role in determining who will be the next pastor until the PNC is ready to present its nominee to the congregation for a vote. Once the Mission Study report has been approved by Session and shared with the congregation, your Pastor Nominating Committee will be elected by the congregation to begin that discernment process. In addition, a Presbytery liaison from the Committee on Ministry will be

appointed to serve alongside your PNC members. More details about the PNC process will be shared as that time comes closer.

Friends, it is vital at all times, but especially in times of transition and change to know that God is present with you – He is the one great unchanging constant in life.

Blessings to you all,
Ariel



*"After he said this, he showed them his hands and side.
The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord." -John 20:20*

I can't imagine the turmoil the disciples felt in the days leading up to Jesus' death. They must have felt such uncertainty for the future. What they had expected to come to pass, did not. Worse still, the one they had believed to redeem Israel had been crucified. Then Jesus rose from the dead! John 20:20 says, "the disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord." The reality they thought they were facing suddenly changed when they knew God was working.

We came into this Easter season with an unexpected change. Our future has felt uncertain. I am sure there are so many questions that have flooded our minds. We have felt the pain of loss. But God is at work!

This Holy week I have felt the joy of the Lord has been present with us. First, we, as a church family, kicked off Holy week with the Easter Egg Bunny Trail event. Thank you so much to those who donated, those who volunteered, and those who filled eggs. We had 60 people come through the Bunny Trail and volunteers handing out eggs on the street corners. I had several families thank me for the event. This is one way we can tell families that God loves them and so do we. The joy of the Lord was shared that Saturday.

Palm Sunday was the second Sunday worshipping indoor. What a gift it was to preach in the sanctuary for the first time and to worship together. Thank you to the amazing worship, tech, building and ground and usher teams for their hard work and flexibility. The Joy of the Lord was shared as a church family.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday allowed for us to reflect on scripture, to recount the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, and to grasp the magnitude of God's love for us. With various

reader, Taize worship, and celebrating the Lord's Supper, my heart was filled with gratitude and love for our Savior. The joy of the Lord was experienced.

Easter service was beautiful. Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. The sanctuary was cleaned early Sunday morning by Don Pera. The flowers were beautiful thanks to Molly and Michelle. And we had delicious Hot Cross buns and chocolate bombs. It was a joyous celebration. I enjoyed meeting families and faces from our church family I haven't met before. The joy of the Lord was there.

God is at work in and through our church family. The joy of seeing God at work has not left. I am so gratefully for God's continual presence and guidance. As we look toward the future, let us pray that we will become more aware of where and how God is working. And let's join God in his Mission.

Pastor Katherine

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Katherine at the church office (707) 468-9235 or katherine@fpcukiah.org.

Welcome back!
We are worshipping indoors!

... with the following restrictions:

- Unfortunately, we cannot sing as a congregation. We hope that will change soon. But, we can still raise our hands and worship in silence as we listen to the songs!
- We cannot pray or participate in any readings verbally. Words are on the screens, so we invite you to join with us silently.
- When you arrive, please remain outdoors or in the entryway (remember to physically distance) and an usher will seat you. At the end of worship, ushers will dismiss you by row/section. The offering plate will be at the back as you exit.
- Wear your mask at all times

It's been so good to see your smiling eyes again in worship!
We hope to see more of you soon.



WE ARE OPEN



EXPERIENCING God

Join a small group!

I am excited to embark on a life-changing journey with our church family. “**Experiencing God**” is about seeing God at work all around us and discerning where he is calling us to join him on his mission. This comes at a pivotal time for our church.

On April 18th we will launch our Experiencing God sermon series and our small groups to dig into the material further. In the small groups, participants are asked to purchase a workbook either on Amazon or through the church. If you are unable to purchase a workbook for financial reason, please contact Pastor Katherine at katherine@fpcukiah.org. Then join a small group by contact one of the leaders below.

SMALL GROUPS

Men’s Study - Tuesdays 7:00am. Meets on Zoom. Contact Perry Crowley at prfcrow@pacific.net or Roe Sandelin roe@pacific.net

Tuesdays 6:00pm. Meets in-person at the Head’s home, outside. Contact: Myrinda Head at head-out@comcast.net

Women’s Study - Wednesdays at 1:30pm. Meets on Zoom. Contact Jaunita Coddington at jmcoddington524@gmail.com

Women’s Study - Thursdays 8:30am. Meets on Zoom. Contact: Wilma Pribyl at wpribyl@jps.net

Workbook on Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1415858381/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o01_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

Workbook through church: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/3555113>



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Tri-Tip
Dinner



Fundraiser Meals-to-Go

- When:** Friday – May 7, 2021
Meals to be picked up from 4 to 6 p.m.
- Dinner includes:** BBQ Tri-Tip Roast, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Rolls & Dessert
- Drive thru pick up location:** First Presbyterian Church,
Corner of Perkins and Dora
- Minimum Donation:** **Dinner for 4 - \$70.00**
Dinner for 2 - \$40.00

To purchase a ticket, stop by the church office or call 468-9235.
(Tickets must be purchased by April 28th)

Or order online at: <https://fpcukiah.org/resources/events-and-calendar/calendar/>



Do you enjoy jigsaw puzzles?

If you do, we now have a shelf in the library for trading, borrowing, lending, sharing puzzles. There's no 'check out' system, just come '*take a puzzle ~ share a puzzle*' as you like, and enjoy some quiet time by yourself, or with someone else whether it takes you a few hours or a few days.

Dear Church Family,

I am praising the Lord for a good recovery in progress from my back/sciatica surgery AND for my wonderful First Pres church family! Thank you so much for the many and continuous prayers, lovely cards, phone calls, and delicious meals. You are awesome!

With much love, Nancie Garcia

Dear E-Prayer Participant:

I know I am late getting this out, but it's that time of year when I need to update and renew my list for the E-Prayer Ministry and all who may want to continue to be a part of this ministry. So, at the end of this newsletter, you will find the E-Prayer Policy and signature form.

If you would like to continue to be on that list please sign and return this form to me no later than April 30, 2021, otherwise, I will assume that you no longer want to be on the E-Prayer Ministry Contact List. You don't need to provide me with the whole Policy letter, just the page that you sign and date. You can do this by mail, e-mail, or drop it off at the church office in the E-Prayer Ministry Box. If you can't download the policy letter, I have placed copies in the E-Prayer Ministry mailbox at the church, you can get one there.

Thank you so much for being part of this ministry and may our prayers continue to touch those in need and in praise.

Blessings,

Caroline Crowley, E-Prayer Coordinator

Finance Report

You may notice that this is the same report as in the March Presbeat. We were able to get the February information in time for the March issue, an unusual occurrence. As you can see, we our income exceeds our expenses as of the end of February. Now that we are heading out of highest Covid tier and are able to start worshipping together in person, many changes will need to be made to accommodate this.

Also, with the changes in staffing, your finance committee and the members of session will be closely monitoring our finances. As we move into this next season of change, pray for the continued support of our church and its ministries.

Blessings,

Finance Elder
Janet Noe

Finance committee: Janet Noe, Kathryn Smith,
Denise Beckler, Pastor Katherine Schoen

As of February 28, 2021		Year to Date \$\$
General Fund Income		\$ 49,259
General Fund Expenses		\$ (43,594)
Income Over (Under) Expenses		\$ 5,665
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds		\$ 109,316
Designated Funds (detail below)		\$ 101,622
Total Balance in Checking		\$ 210,938
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$
Certificates of Deposit		\$ 44,645
Mutual Funds		\$ 32,283
Other Investments		\$ 71,075
Total Balance in Savings		\$ 148,003
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account		
Missions		\$ 2,278
Missions Fundraiser		\$ 7,294
Centsability		\$ 124
Pedals 4 Protein		\$ -
Per Capita		\$ 378
Compassionate Ministries		\$ 4,091
General Memorial		\$ 30,025
Ramos Trust		\$ 51,935
Buildings & Grounds		\$ 1,748
Adult Ministries		\$ 3
Worship		\$ 850
Fellowship Meals		\$ 50
Youth Activities		\$ 230
Children's Activities		\$ 167
Children's Playground		\$ 2,389
Camperships		\$ 60
Total Designated Funds		\$ 101,622

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!

4/1 Ellen Chinn
4/3 Ty Yanez
4/8 Chris Gordon
4/8 Bill Hook

4/11 Sharon Ruddick
4/13 Donnie Johnston
4/16 Bob Budke
4/19 Len Brutocao

4/19 Diane Yanez
4/21 Dave Longstreth
4/26 Eric Singleton
4/29 Gayle DeVries



APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				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) 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	8 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	9	10
11 10am Worship - Communion https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=presby+ukiah 11:15am 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 (via Zoom) 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	15 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 6:00pm Session	16	17
18 10am Worship - Communion https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=presby+ukiah	19 Office hours 9am to 1pm	20 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Experiencing God Bible study (Zoom) 6pm Experiencing God Bible study	21 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1:30pm Experiencing God Bible study (via Zoom) 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	22 5: Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Experiencing God Bible study (Zoom) 6:00pm Deacons	23	24 2pm Joyce Sarber Memorial Service
25 10am Worship Communion Palm Sunday https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=presby+ukiah	26 Office hours 9am to 1pm Katherine Off	27 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Experiencing God Bible study (Zoom) 6pm Experiencing God Bible study	28 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1:30pm Experiencing God Bible study (via Zoom) 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team DEADLINE to purchase Meals-to-go Tickets	29 5: Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Experiencing God Bible study (Zoom)	30	

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



First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah (FPCU)

Prayer Ministry Policy

Our Purpose: To provide for an avenue for church family members and friends of the congregation to request for prayer, either confidentially or publicly.

Our Goal is to use our prayer ministry in a God-honoring way, and to share Christ's love to all those with prayer concerns.

Psalm 121: 1-2 "I lift my eyes up to the mountains. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

Statement of Policy:

The Prayer Ministry is an effective and accessible way for friends and members of our church family to share their prayer concerns. There are two (2) different prayer groups through which prayer may be requested:

- **Confidential Prayer:** Sometimes a person may want prayer, but does not wish their concern to be shared publicly or printed in the bulletin. The Confidential Prayer group includes the Pastoral Staff (Pastors and Office Manager) and Ruling Elders.
James 5:14 "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."
- **E-Prayer:** Prayer concerns that are not confidential will be shared as an e-prayer. The e-prayer group includes the Pastoral Staff, Ruling Elders, members of the congregation, regular attenders, and friends of the congregation. *Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

Prayer requests will be shared via email and not by phone. ***It is understood that e-prayer is not a "prayer chain". Prayer requests are not intended to be passed along to others.*** The prayer ministry is simply an invitation for those members to join in the ministry of prayer – to uphold each other when in need of healing, for prayers of praise, or other prayer concerns.

Submitting Requests:

1. Prayer requests are given to the Prayer Ministry Coordinator. The Coordinator will help to determine with which group to share the prayer concern, whether it's confidential or e-prayer.

2. If the requestor is asking prayer for someone else, permission must be granted by that second person. The second person should also determine from which group s/he wants to request prayer.
3. The Coordinator will include in the prayer request email the name of the requestor, the person for whom the prayer is for (if not for themselves), and specific details of the request. Each request will also include scripture and a reminder that e-prayer is not a “prayer chain”, but simply an invitation to join in the ministry of prayer.
4. Requestors should follow up with the Coordinator with periodic updates when possible.
5. Requests for prayer may also be submitted by completing the request form in the Sanctuary Registration Pads and dropped in the offering plate. These will be given directly to the Pastor(s), who may make the determination to share with the Confidential group.
- 6. It is required that all participating in the Prayer Ministry will review and re-confirm participation on an annual basis.**

We strive for a high level of confidentiality. Although, in making a request one must be made aware that we cannot guarantee communication will remain confidential.

Name (printed)

email address

Signature

Date