

## Presbeat

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Hello my Church Family,



Take a moment and think about when you committed your life to Jesus Christ. How old were you? Where were you at when you made the commitment? Who did God use in your life to draw you to Jesus? Jesus said:

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me... This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

-John 6:44-45; 65

To come into a relationship with God requires God to be at work in our life. We know that God is always at work. And God works through his people. When I think back on my own commitment to Jesus, God used my mom and a summer VBS at a little Baptist church.

My mom became a Christian as an adult and when she did, she threw herself 110% into learning more God. This spilled over into everything decision she made, how she acted and what she said. She was by no means perfect. In fact, I got to witness God reforming my mom into the person she is today. What I learned is that I am loved by God no matter what. I have grown so much in my faith by bearing witness to God at work.

The Baptist VBS also had an influence. I don't remember what was said, the songs that were sung or what the theme was but something impacted my life. I do remember, at the age of five, sitting with an adult volunteer in one of the pews and praying the prayer to ask Jesus into my heart.

God has used so many other followers of Jesus, scripture and circumstances to influence my faith journey and shape me into the person I am today. Each of the people said "yes" to God when he invited them to join him in his work.

God is always at work. He is drawing people to himself. And he is inviting his followers to join him in

his work. Are you ready to say "yes" to his invitation?

Serving Jesus together,

Pastor Katherine

Session – Who to Call about What?

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 - Provides maintenance and improvement to our physical facilities so they can be effectively and safely utilized for the ministry of our congregation.

Elder: Don Pera

Christian Education and Youth and Family Ministries - Oversees Christian Education/Youth and Family Ministries with the Director of Youth and Family Ministries (Pastor Katherine Schoen) in the church and community such as Hangout, Trunk or Treat, Sunday School and field trips.

Elder: Roe Sandelin

**Communications** - Be an internal and external link among members of the congregation and the community.

Elder: Katherine Schoen

Fellowship and Christian Life - Liaison between Session and Deacons. Aids in organizing congregational activities such as pot lucks.

Elder: Lenord Swope

Finance - Provide leadership for stewardship and recommendations for financial support; provide for full financial review (audit) of all books/records, assist session in the development and administration of the annual budget.

Elder: Janet Noe

**Missions** - To bring the knowledge of Jesus Christ by identifying and supporting worthy projects locally or globally that reflect the great commission.

Elder: Randy Huffman

**Nominating** - To nominate suitable church members for vacancies on the Session, Board of Deacons, Pastor or Associate Pastor Nominating committees and the Congregational Representatives for next year's Nominating Committee.

Elder: Wilma Pribyl

**Personnel** - To assist the Session in fulfilling its responsibilities for the persons employed by the church and to provide support and counsel to the staff. Its mission is to nurture and encourage the present paid and volunteer staff, seeing to their job satisfaction, accomplishments and concerns and to attend to the future staff consideration and make recommendations to the Session.

Elder: Shirley Lewis

**Worship** - To assist pastors and worship leaders in organization of worship services, in order that the pastors and worship leaders can meet the spiritual needs of the congregation through facilitation of "preaching of the Word, celebration of the Sacraments, corporate prayer, and offering of praise to God" (from the Book of Order). The Worship Committee seeks to provide an environment where the different modes of expression of the people gathered will be valued and used in the worship of God.

Elder: Molly Schultz



Finance Report	As of March 31, 2021	Year to Date \$\$			
•	General Fund Income	\$	62,554		
	General Fund Expenses	\$	(84,757)		
This report looks daunting I know but it was not	ncome Over (Under) Expenses	\$	(22,203)		
unexpected by your finance team nor session.	Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$		
Our income as of March 31st, our first quarter,	Non-Designated Funds	\$	81,685		
was at 23% of budget. Only 2% down! A sign of	Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	102,661		
God's hands on us as we pray for His blessings to	Total Balance in Checking	\$	184,346		
continue. Our large expenditure in March was a	Balance in Savings		Total \$\$		
one time expense for part of the severance	Certificates of Deposit	\$	44,645		
package for Pastor David. As the year progresses	Mutual Funds	\$	32,283		
and our tithes and offerings continue, our deficit should decrease. This report also shows the	Other Investments	\$	83,341		
healthy balances in our checking and savings	Total Balance in Savings	\$	160,269		
accounts. Session and your finance committee	Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account				
continue to use the designated funds as	Missions	\$	2,348		
intended.	Missions Fundraiser	\$	7,294		
	Centsability	\$	139		
Also, with the changes in staffing, your finance	Pedals 4 Protein	\$	-		
committee and the members of session will be	Per Capita	\$	352		
closely monitoring our finances. As we move into	Compassionate Ministries	\$	4,091		
this next season of change, pray for the	General Memorial	\$	30,175		
continued support of our church and its	Ramos Trust	\$	51,935		
ministries.	Buildings & Grounds	\$	2,748		
Blaccione	Adult Ministries	\$	18		
Blessings,	Worship	\$	850		
Finance Elder	Fellowship Meals	\$	50		
Janet Noe	Youth Activities	\$	131		
Junetinoe	Children's Activities	\$	80		
Finance committee: Janet Noe, Kathryn Smith,	Children's Playground	\$	2,389		
Denise Beckler, Pastor Katherine Schoen	Camperships	\$	60		
,	Total Designated Funds	\$	102,661		



## Happy Birthday to the church!

Pentecost in a nutshell: The definition of **Pentecost** is *Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension, held on the seventh Sunday after Easter*. The word Pentecost comes from Greek which means fifty.

Pentecost happened fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. Just like all birthdays, Pentecost is celebrated for one day. The Day of Pentecost this year is Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We invite you to wear red that day to celebrate the *Birthday of The Church*.

## Did we miss your birthday???

Please contact the church office or email Denise, <a href="mailto:denise@fpcukiah.org">denise@fpcukiah.org</a> so that we can celebrate with you!

## Happy Birthday!

5/2 Riley Haselswerdt Alexis Moore5/3 Glenn Logan5/10 Teresa Erickson 5/17 Roe Sandelin Jack Nichols 5/23 Linda Simmons 5/25 Francine Selim5/28 Ann Denham5/31 Bob Huff



	MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS								
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
							1		
2	10am Worship - Communion https://www.youtube.co m/results?search_que ry=presby+ukiah	3 Office hours 9am to 1pm	4 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Experiencing God Bible study (Zoom)	5 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1:30pm PW Bible Study (via Zoom) 6pm Youth Group 6pm Worship Team	6 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Experiencing God Bible study (Zoom) 7pm Experiencing God Bible study	7 4pm to 6pm Meals- to-Go fund raiser	8		
9	Happy Mother's Day!  10am Worship - https://www.youtube.co m/results?search_que ry=presby+ukiah  11:15am Missions Committee	10 Office hours 9am to 1pm	11 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Experiencing God Bible study (Zoom)	12 Office hours 9am to 1pm 11am Communications 1:30pm PW Bible Study (via Zoom) 6pm Youth Group 6pm Worship Team	13 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Experiencing God Bible study (Zoom) 7pm Experiencing God Bible study	14	15		
16	10am Worship - https://www.youtube.co m/results?search_que ry=presby+ukiah	17 Office hours 9am to 1pm	18 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Experiencing God Bible study (Zoom) 6pm Experiencing God Bible study	19 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1:30pm Experiencing God Bible study (via Zoom) 6pm Youth Group 6pm Worship Team	20 5: Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Experiencing God Bible study (Zoom) 6:00pm Session 7pm Experiencing God Bible study	21	22		
23	Pentacost – Birthday of The Church  10am Worship https://www.youtube.co m/results?search_q uery=presby+ukiah	24 Office hours 9am to 1pm	25 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Experiencing God Bible study (Zoom) 6pm Experiencing God Bible study	26 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1:30pm Experiencing God Bible study (via Zoom) 6pm Youth Group 6pm Worship Team	27 5: Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Experiencing God Bible study (Zoom) 6pm Deacons 7pm Experiencing God Bible study	28	29		
30		31 Memorial Day Holiday							

 $Our\ Calendar\ is\ also\ available\ online\ @\ \underline{fpcukiah.org/resources/events-and-calendar/calendar/}$