



PRESBEAT



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Welcome Pastor Tony Gamley and his wife, Beryl

Our church has been reminded again of how God is at work all the time and desires for us to come along side and enter into a deeper relationship with him. While we all have been affected by the sudden departure of our pastor, God was not surprised and had a plan. We found an incredibly gifted man of God to serve as our interim pastor. He is experienced and will be able to connect well to all.

Reverend Anthony "Tony" Gamley was born, raised and educated in South Africa where he currently lives with his wife Beryl. They are the parents of three married adult sons, living in New Zealand, England and Oregon. Pastor Tony has a strong educational background. He holds a Bachelor of Divinity from Rhodes University, a University Teacher's License in Pianoforte and a BA in Musicology from the University of South Africa. He also holds a Doctor of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Tony has completed three different Interim Training programs and a further "Beyond Conflict" training.

Pastor Tony was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacraments with the Presbyterian Church of South Africa in 1966 and has been a minister in good standing of the PCUSA since 1973. He became a naturalized US citizen in Hawaii in 2011 while serving there as an interim for three years. Pastor Tony has served as a solo Pastor, Co-Pastor, Head of Staff, College Lecturer, Superintendent of Education of Religious Education programs and Interim Pastor for four separate congregations (Washington State, Oakland CA , Hawaii, and New Zealand).

Pastor Tony's chief passion in ministry is pastoral care. In his own words, he tries to instill "mutual care, understanding and forgiveness, respect and kindness. As Christ loved the church, so the members of the Body are urged to love one another." He maintains an open-door policy with opportunities for confidential one-on-one conversations. Encouraging and participating in home visits to the church family is important to him and he relates well to young people, the aged and the ill. Over his years of ministry, he has developed a deep appreciation of the role of the laity.

The IPNC (Interim Pastor Nominating Committee) have found Pastor Tony to be a caring, understanding, approachable person and a good listener. Tony is a skilled bridge builder and communicator having served in multiple interim settings with high praise from colleagues who knew him. His sermons are thoughtful and scripturally-based. Tony's wide international experience, including his enduring commitment to the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, has given him the opportunity to have a broad, insightful view of the strengths and needs of both the world and individual communities; these are reflected in his ministry and mission. In his Statement of Faith, Tony says, "Over the years, passages like Amos 5:24, Micah 6:8, and Luke

4:18,19 have informed my outlook on the equitable treatment of God's children - especially the poor, oppressed and voiceless."

The IPNC and Session are happy to welcome Pastor Tony to First Presbyterian of Ukiah as our Interim Pastor. We are working to determine a start date and will communicate to the congregation when it is set. Please join us in praying for safe and smooth travels for Pastor Tony and a good transition to FPCU.

Members serving on the IPNC are Barbara McLean, Sandra Applegate, Jaunita Coddington, Randy Huffman and Lenord Swope

There will be an informal congregational conversation on Sunday, August 15th, after worship. We invite everyone to come for that discussion to ask questions and learn more about Pastor Tony.



Dear Church Family,

My family and I are so blessed to be a part of First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah. I appreciate the love and care you show towards one another, your openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit and your desire to grow in your faith. The last five months have been full. We have experienced good things, challenges and changes. As we navigate these waters, we are reminded that God is always with us and He is mightier than anything we face. God also provides for us in extraordinary ways.

One of the ways God is providing for us is by sending Pastor Anthony "Tony" Gamley as our interim pastor. Session is looking forward to welcoming Pastor Tony to our church in the near future.

There may be some questions on why we need an interim pastor. According to the Book of Order all monthly session meetings and special session meetings must be moderated by a PCUSA pastor, ordained in Word and Sacrament (G-3.0201). In addition, all congregational meetings where church membership votes take place must be moderated by a PCUSA pastor of Word and Sacrament (G-1.0504). The Presbytery of the Redwoods has been graciously supporting us for the last several months by suppling a moderator for our session and our congregational meetings. They have been very accommodating for which we are grateful. Hiring an interim pastor allows us to have our own moderator for these meetings. Pastor Tony will also serve as Head of Staff, which we have been operating without since March.

So how do I fit in? I am ordained in Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Covenant Church. Although I am ordained, it is not in the Presbyterian Church USA and therefore I cannot serve as the moderator for session or congregational meetings. I was hired by FPCU as the Director of Youth and Families and therefore cannot serve as the Head of Staff as that would blur the lines of job

descriptions. We desire to maintain the integrity of the church's structure so that we can function well in the future when we call our next lead pastor.

I am looking forward to serving with Pastor Tony and benefitting from his experience, education, gifting and call to serve internationally. God is good and know what we need in each season. Please join me in praying for travel clearance and safety for both Tony and his wife, Beryl. May we thank God for blessing us once again.

Gratefully serving Jesus Christ with you,
Pastor Katherine



Mission Study Team Survey & Focus Groups

Dear Church Family,

The Mission Study Team is actively meeting to update our Mission Study. Our team (Perry Crowley, Cindy DeVries, Nancie Garcia, Katherine Schoen, and Ron Tysseling) are reviewing our past Mission Studies and annual reports, to update this current version. As a reminder, this study serves as a self-assessment of our church and is an important component for calling our lead

pastor. We have identified the categories we will be detailing in the study including but not limited to First Presbyterian Church Ukiah's mission statement, history, finances, missions, deacons etc. While we are leading this study, we are doing this on behalf of each of you. Therefore, it will be important for us to get input from you. We have developed a survey that we are distributing to the congregation beginning Sunday August 1st. If you were not in service this day, we will be mailing to your home.

Please complete and return to the church office or to a team member by August 15th. We will compile these results and are scheduling focus groups for further discussion. The focus group dates are the following:

Tuesday August 24th - 2pm-3pm
Wednesday August 25th - 10:30am-11:30am
Tuesday August 25th - 6:30pm-7:30pm
Sunday August 29th - 11:15am-12:15pm

We ask that you sign up for one of these focus groups online. You can sign up using this address: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/4118852>. Each group will be limited to 10 people per focus group to ensure full participation from each individual.

If you would like additional surveys for members of your household, you can follow this [LINK](#) for a PDF to print or pick copies up at church on Sunday mornings or at the church office Monday-Thursday between 9:00am-1:00pm.

Thank you in advance for your input to this important process for our Church. Please continue to pray for this team and our church, so that we may discern God's will for our next steps in His kingdom here on earth.

In His service, The Mission Study Team

The Nominating Committee

Your 2021 nominating committee consists of Jim Barrett, Jaunita Coddington, Michele Young, Debbie Holland, & Wilma Pribyl. They are responsible for nominating not only the new classes of Elders, Deacons and Corporate Officers, but also filling vacancies in the boards as they arise and nominating the members of all formal session committees. This year there are three additional committees-the Mission Statement committee(MSC), the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC) and the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The five member MSC consists of Nancy Garcia, Cindy DeVries, Ron Tysseling, Perry Crowley, and Katherine Schoen. The five member IPNC consists of Barbara McLean, Randy Huffman, Lenord Swope, Sandy Applegate, and Jaunita Coddington. The five to eight member PNC has yet to be nominated. We will be looking to fill that committee plus four Elder positions and four Deacon Positions for the Class of 2024 within the next 4 months. The pool of nominees are limited to Active members of the church in good standing. Please consider prayerfully the nomination when you are approached.

Wilma Pribyl, Nomination Committee Elder

Dear First Pres Ukiah family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and care during my recent health issues. Thankfully we have a diagnosis now, and my issue is not life threatening (just very annoying!). The doctors have a treatment, which I will start in the fall. The treatment can provide anywhere from 6 months to 5 years of relief, so we are praying that I get the maximum benefit from the treatment.

Otherwise, Melissa and I are doing well! Melissa is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Johns Hopkins, and I transitioned into the corporate world a few years ago. I'm now a Workforce Transformation Manager in PricewaterhouseCoopers's consulting division. Lydia (7) is enjoying piano and swimming, and Elias (2) is keeping us on our toes!

I will always have a special place in my heart for First Pres Ukiah, and your prayers for me have nurtured our bond in the Holy Spirit. I continue to hold you all in my prayers as well.

Many blessings,
Nick Hladek

Editor's Note: Nick is one of our former Associate Pastors (left in 2009 – now living on the east coast). We are so blessed to have a church family who stays in contact with and prays for all of our former pastors, as I know they pray for us, too.



FINANCE REPORT

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for your faithful gifts to First Presbyterian Church Ukiah. Your generosity helps us in so many ways, from simply keeping the air conditioning on and fixing up the manse, to sharing Christ's love locally and globally. We continue to prayerfully consider whom God is calling for our church and how your gifts will support that mission. If you are not able to join us for worship, please continue to send contributions to the church office. We are running a bit behind in our income projections (~\$11K) so anything you can help us with to close that gap, is much appreciated.

Blessings,

Finance committee,

Elder Janet Noe, co-treasurers Kathryn Smith & Cindy DeVries, Denise Beckler and Pastor Katherine Schoen

First Presbyterian Church Ukiah			
YTD Finance through June 30, 2021			
	YTD Actual \$	YTD Budget \$	Positive/ (Negative) Variance \$
General Fund Income			
Faith Giving	123,139	135,000	(11,861)
Building use	529	-	529
Total Income	\$ 123,668	\$ 135,000	\$ (11,332)
General Fund Expense			
Pastoral Ministry	101,562	90,403	(11,160)
Administrative & Facility	44,410	46,886	2,475
Mission, Outreach and Cong. Care	2,876	3,384	508
Christian Education	238	1,165	927
Worship & Music	6,404	8,918	2,513
Total Expense	\$ 155,490	\$ 150,754	\$ (4,736)
Net Income less Expense	\$(31,822)	\$(15,754)	\$ (16,068)
Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2021			
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$	
	Non-Designated Funds	\$	71,857
	Designated Funds	\$	103,963
	Total Balance in Checking	\$	175,820
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$	
	Certificates of Deposit	\$	44,645
	Mutual Funds	\$	32,664
	Other Investments	\$	89,609
	Total Balance in Savings	\$	166,918
Total Assets		\$342,738	

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 – Don Pera (*& 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!

8/1 Patti Longstreth
8/2 Myrinda Head
8/4 Mary Vickers
8/5 Benjamin Aguilar
8/7 Ron Tysseling

8/8 Donne Ingalls
8/9 Jerry Garcia
8/11 Maggie Singleton
8/12 Nancy Gilmore
8/18 Barbara McLean

8/23 Dory Haselswerdt
8/26 Randy Huffman
8/29 Debbie Holland
8/31 Linda Logan



AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1	10am Worship – Communion in person and live stream	2	Office hours 9am to 1pm	3	Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men’s Bible study (Zoom) 6pm Hispanic AA 6pm NAHOP	4	Office hours 9am to 1pm 1pm Knitting group 1:30pm PW Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 6pm Worship Team	5	Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women’s Bible Study 6pm Hispanic AA	6		7	
8	10am Worship – in person and live stream 11:15am Missions Committee	9	Office hours 9am to 1pm	10	Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men’s Bible study (Zoom) 6pm Hispanic AA 6pm NAHOP	11	Office hours 9am to 1pm 1pm Knitting group 1:30pm PW Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 6pm Worship Team	12	Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women’s Bible Study 12:30 ABC Program 6pm Hispanic AA	13	9am NCD (non-FPCU event)	14	
15	10am Worship – in person and live stream 11am Congregational Conversation	16	Office hours 9am to 1pm	17	Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men’s Bible study (Zoom) 6pm Hispanic AA 6pm NAHOP	18	Office hours 9am to 1pm 1pm Knitting group 1:30pm PW Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 6pm Worship Team	19	Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women’s Bible Study 6pm Session 6pm Hispanic AA	20		21	
22	10am Worship – in person and live stream	23	Office hours 9am to 1pm	24	Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men’s Bible study (Zoom) 2pm MST Focus Group 6pm Hispanic AA 6pm NAHOP	25	Office hours 9am to 1pm 10:30am MST Focus Group 1pm Knitting group 1:30pm PW Bible study 6pm Youth Group 6pm Worship Team	26	5: Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women’s Bible Study 12:30 ABC Program 5:30pm Deacons 6pm Hispanic AA	27		28	
29	10am Worship – in person and live stream 11:15am MST Focus Group	30	Office hours 9am to 1pm	31	Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men’s Bible study (Zoom) 6pm Hispanic AA 6pm NAHOP 6:30pm MST Focus Group								

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