



PRESBEAT

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Welcome Pastor Tony Gamley and his wife, Beryl
(Note: Rerun of article from last month)

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. Please join us in praying for safe and smooth travels for Pastor Tony and a good transition to FPCU.

Note: THANK YOU to everyone who donated and loaned items to furnish the manse (church house) and prepare it to be Pastor Tony's home in Ukiah. Your overwhelming enthusiasm and response is very much appreciated. God bless this Church Family!



Dear Church Family,

*He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!"
Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.
He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"*

-Mark 4:39-40

In Mark 4, we find the story of Jesus sailing to the other side of the lake. As Jesus slept in the stern of the boat on a cushion, a furious squall came up. The waves broke over the boat, so that the boat was nearly swamped. The disciples had to wake Jesus up! And they said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

What thoughts must have raced through their minds as they scrambled to save their boats and their lives? What did they think Jesus could do for them? Did their question betray their doubts about God's love for them?

As if to answer all their questions, Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and waves. With his word, "Quiet! Be still!" the chaos that looked as if it would consume the disciples was put to rest. The storm was no more. Then Jesus asks his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" The disciples had seen Jesus heal the sick and the demon possessed. They had heard him teach with such authority. But they questioned his ability to save them.

Jesus' question for his disciples is true for us today. It is easy to get caught up in the storms of this life. The fear and stress the Covid pandemic is as if a wave is coming over the side of the boat. The hurricanes and earthquakes occurring in Haiti and the United States is another wave that can cause fear. The fires in California causing destruction. The violence and lives lost in the Middle East makes the chaos feel overwhelming. Let alone personal challenges each of us face.

Yet, Jesus showed his disciples that he is the Master of the wind and the waves. He showed his followers that he has authority over the chaos. Jesus, God the Son, also demonstrated his great care and love for us by defeating death itself by dying on a cross and being raised three days later.

What can we face today that Jesus does not already have authority over? With all the events occurring in our lives, I am reminded of Jesus' words in John 16:33, *"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* Will we trust Jesus to see us through this next storm? Will we have confidence in His saving grace? I want to scream, "YES!" but I know that is only possible with God's help. May we all keep our faith rooted in Jesus Christ and find our peace in him.



Mission Study Team

The Mission Study team has been meeting faithfully for a couple months. We developed a survey which we shared with the congregation and invited everyone to participate. We received 52 responses. Our team reviewed the results, graphed several of the responses and summarized the themes of the essay questions. We used this document for the four focus groups we held, as well as these 3 questions:

- *What gifts has God given First Presbyterian Church Ukiah to offer?*
- *Given these gifts, what opportunities do we have to minister to our community?*
- *Where is God leading us as a church and what do we do about it?*

The focus groups have been well attended - 42 people in total. We have had great discussions as to how we join God in His work in our community and beyond. These focus groups are part of a journey - a journey of discovery and a journey of where God is calling us. The Mission Study Team is now compiling all of this information and is developing a report. This report will help inform what kind of leader to call for our Lead Pastor position. Our final report will be shared with Session, our congregation and Lead Pastor applicants. We are grateful to all of you that have supported the Mission Study Team in discerning God's will for First Presbyterian Church, Ukiah.

Who is the Personnel Committee?

Members: Shirley Lewis (Elder, Chair) Sandra Applegate, Jerry Garcia, Kathy Smith and Ty Yanez.

The purpose of the Personnel Committee is to assist the Session in fulfilling its responsibilities for the persons employed by the church and volunteers. Its mission is to nurture and encourage the paid and volunteer staff in the completion of their duties.

The Committee was involved presenting the Senior Pastor's Terms of Call for 2021 in January and then in the administration of the severance agreement in February.

An additional Section of the Employee Handbook on Performance Evaluations was developed by the Committee and approved by Session. Performance Evaluations were presented to the Director of Youth and Family Ministries and the Office Manager/Music Director. Other sections of the Employee Handbook were revised to provide clarity and approved by Session.

A member of the Committee was part of the Interim Pastor Search Committee and the Chair has been involved in negotiations of a contract.

FINANCE REPORT

Dear Congregation,

Thank you all for your contributions in July. We had our 2nd strongest giving month in the last 12 months.

We remain ~\$9K short in giving to our budget. Anything you are able to contribute to help us close this gap, would be greatly appreciated.

God has blessed our church and helped us to be debt free as well as have reserves. While this year has had some unexpected challenges financially, we still celebrate all that God has given us.

"Each of us should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"

- 2 Corinthians 9:7

Blessings,

Finance committee,

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

First Presbyterian Church Ukiah			
YTD Income Statement			
July 31, 2021			
	YTD Actual \$	YTD Budget \$	Positive/ (Negative) Variance \$
General Fund Income			
Faith Giving	148,252	157,500	(9,248)
Building use	751	-	751
Total Income	\$ 149,003	\$ 157,500	\$ (8,497)
General Fund Expense			
Pastoral Ministry	122,268	105,470	(16,799)
Administrative & Facility	53,778	54,700	921
Mission, Outreach and Cong. Care	3,276	3,947	672
Christian Education	299	1,359	1,060
Worship & Music	6,554	10,404	3,850
Total Expense	\$ 186,175	\$ 175,880	\$ (10,295)
Net Income less Expense \$ (37,172) \$ (18,380) \$ (18,792)			
Balance Sheet			
July 31, 2021			
Balance in Checking Account			Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds			\$ 68,587
Designated Funds			\$ 104,186
Total Balance in Checking			\$ 172,772
Balance in Savings			Total \$\$
Certificates of Deposit			\$ 44,705
Mutual Funds			\$ 33,741
Other Investments			\$ 96,790
Total Balance in Savings			\$ 175,236
Total Assets			\$348,009

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 – 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

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!

9/9 Tom Desroches
9/9 Marie Pera
9/11 Kim Huffman
9/12 Samie Benjamin-
Davies
9/12 Warren Pribyl

9/13 Kitty Sandelin
9/15 Myra Drury
9/16 Don Pera
9/16 Mike Schoen
9/16 Donna Squires

9/19 Mark Smith
9/22 Caroline Crowley
9/22 Katherine Schoen
9/25 Shirley Lewis
9/27 Terri Grass



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1pm Knitting group 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	2 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Hispanic AA	3	4
5 10am Worship – in person and live stream	6 Labor Day Holiday – Office is closed	7 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men's Bible study (Zoom) 5pm SIPs Bible Study 6pm Hispanic AA 6pm NAHOP	8 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1pm Knitting group 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	9 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study 12:30 ABC Program 6pm Hispanic AA	10	11
12 10am Worship – in person and live stream 11:15am Missions Committee	13 Office hours 9am to 1pm 11am Finance Committee	14 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men's Bible study (Zoom) 5pm SIPs Bible Study 6pm Hispanic AA 6pm NAHOP	15 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1pm Knitting group 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	16 Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study 10am Communications Committee 6pm Session 6pm Hispanic AA	17	18
19 10am Worship – in person and live stream	20 Office hours 9am to 1pm	21 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men's Bible study (Zoom) 5pm SIPs Bible Study 6pm Hispanic AA 6pm NAHOP	22 Office hours 9am to 1pm 1pm Knitting group 1:30pm Women's Bible study 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Worship Team	23 5: Office hours 9am to 1pm 8:30am Women's Bible Study 12:30 ABC Program 5:30pm Deacons 6pm Hispanic AA	24	25
26 10am Worship – in person and live stream	27 Office hours 9am to 1pm	28 Office hours 9am to 1pm 7am Men's Bible study (Zoom) 5pm SIPs Bible Study 6pm Hispanic AA 6pm NAHOP	29	30		

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