



First Presbyterian Church of Napa

SEASONS

“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven.”

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From the Pastor’s Desk

“Empowered by the Holy Spirit we exist so that all may experience the full breadth of God’s love, grace, and salvation, through Jesus Christ.”

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship
9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School for children and youth
9:00 a.m.

Adult Education
9:00 a.m.

Seasons

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February may be the shortest day of the month, but don’t let that fool you! Take a look below at what is planned for this month:

- Bible B.L.A.S.T. for Kids – Wednesdays throughout February
- Super Bowl Sunday – Feb. 5
- Annual Congregational Meeting/Luncheon – Feb. 12
- Valentine’s Day – Feb. 14
- High School Retreat – Feb. 18-19
- 40 Days of Kindness – Feb. 19
- President’s Day – Feb. 20
- Rest Stop begins with dinner and Ash Wednesday service – Feb. 22
- First Sunday of Lent – Feb. 26
- Family Fun Event – Feb. 26
- Rest Stop Classes begin – Feb. 29

Maybe it would be wiser to give February a few more days in the future, given all that is planned! There is much to celebrate and participate in as we look ahead. And, I want to draw to your attention, among all the activities, to one that is especially exciting – 40 Days of Kindness.

A group of us have come together over the course of a few meetings to pray and discuss outreach into our community. We’ve discussed creating on-going opportunities for service in Napa, and we’re confident God has a plan for our church family in this area. So, we wanted to build upon last year’s intentional plan of outreach.

“40 Days of Kindness” was a ministry we did during Lent in 2011 whereby our church family deliberately blessed the people in our Napa community. We will be focusing our efforts once more during February and March to build upon what happened last year. My prayer is that each of us will respond to the call to love others through acts of kindness. What are the ways that you can participate with your church family to make an impact in our town for Christ? What are some ways our families can work together doing acts of kindness? Please first ask God to prepare your heart for this outreach effort. Then, join me in asking God to provide ways for our church family to love the people around us.

I’m excited to see how God will use us to doing amazing works of kindness in our community. I invite you to join me and your church family in God’s work of redemption in Napa!

In His Service,

Chris

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

will be celebrated at both worship hours on Sunday, February 5, 2012

On the Sundays that we observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Worship Committee invites us to remember those in our community who have no table or food to share around it.

Please bring a "special offering" of canned goods or other non-perishable food items on Communion Sunday. Your gifts are distributed to needy folks through the Napa Valley Food Bank. Thank you.

PER CAPITA

Per Capita is a financial commitment of every Presbyterian Church. Your church contributes to the national church per capita for every member on the active membership rolls.

Many of you choose to make a contribution toward this expense in addition to your regular pledge-giving. If you would like to pay per capita for 2012 the amount is \$29.11 per member. Thank you!



Fran Anderson

Carl Hagelin

Jan Miller

Phyllis Moore

Family and friends of
Leona Cole
(on her recent death)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Session has called for the
ANNUAL MEETING
of the
CONGREGATION
Sunday, February 12, 2012
11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
(directly following the second worship hour)

We will enjoy a salad potluck prior to the meeting.

Bring your favorite salad to share!

Church Life will provide bread and beverages.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Receive the Annual Report
(Copies of the 2011 Annual Report are available in the church office or on-line at www.fpcnapa.org)
- Elect One Elder and Two Deacons and Corporate Officers
- Conduct other business deemed necessary

Come celebrate with us God's work through FPC, Napa! All members of the church are urged to attend; "friends" are welcome, too, but not eligible to vote.



Welcome
Soren Lester!

Born 1/22/12

Our Youth Director Kevin Lester and his wife Sarah have brought a new addition to our church family!

If you would like to extend best wishes to the Lesters as they celebrate the arrival of Soren, you may bring cards and/or gifts to the church office. The Lesters are registered at Target.com, Amazon.com and BabiesRus.com
Thanks!

Mission News

A MEDICAL MISSION TO EGYPT

Submitted by Dave Crawford

My wife Christine and I returned last month from our third trip working at the Germaniyya Hospital in Aswan, Egypt. The Germaniyya is a small Christian hospital and clinic which serves predominantly Muslim patients. The full-time medical staff is entirely Egyptian Christians. What makes it such a great opportunity for us is that there is a Family Residency training program and all the resident doctors speak English. This makes it easy for me to participate in the training of the young Egyptian doctors and to form ongoing friendships.

Though evangelism is illegal in Egypt, one hospital encounter shows how it is still possible to make an impact for the Gospel. Fathiya is a 60 year old Muslim lady who had been in the hospital for 19 days. She has diabetes, heart disease, and a chronically infected foot which required surgery. One evening I went to the doctor's lounge to meet first year resident Dr. Sherin to begin our night call duties and was told she had gone to the hospital to see a patient (Fathiya) in respiratory distress. I went to the bedside. It was a five woman suite and it was during visiting hours. Fathiya had 6 or 7 family

members there and each of the other four patients had visitors too. Fathiya was struggling to breathe with obviously wet lungs. She had pulmonary edema which happens when the heart fails and the lungs fill with fluid. The question was why? Two EKG's had ruled out one of the commonest causes, a heart attack. I suspected a pulmonary embolus (blood clot in the lungs) though the test to confirm it was not available. The patient had a very fast pulse and was breathing much too rapidly and looked like she could go into respiratory failure any moment. To make matters worse, she was crying out in distress.

I wanted to put her on life support, but at the Germaniyya there are no life support machines. This situation was tense enough and to add to it was Fathiya's tearful family at the bedside and 15 other onlookers in the room. I prayed, "Lord, don't let Fathiya die in front of her family." Oxygen was ordered. When I got close to Fathiya, she grabbed my hand and pulled it close to her and would not let go. If that gave her comfort, I decided to just let her hold on and stayed at the bedside and said one of the few Arabic phrases I knew, "Ana henna" (I'm here). Over the next half hour, I ordered four different

medications for her condition. At this point, she was more relaxed and slightly better, but still had a rapid heart rate and fast breathing. Dr. Sherin suggested we transfer her by ambulance to the government hospital where they had life support machines. As the paramedics wheeled her away, I thought I'd never see her again.

I later heard that Fathiya had been discharged two days later from that hospital and expected she would follow up for her foot surgery there. However, several days later, as I was walking through the clinic courtyard, I saw a smiling Fathiya, along with her family, motion for me to come over. That was a special reunion and I was delighted and surprised that she had decided to come back to the Germaniyya to have her surgery.

Egypt has changed since our first visit two years ago. The country is more conservative and has a stronger Islamist influence. The Christian community has long suffered persecution there, but there are fears this will increase in the near future. It has been a privilege to work alongside this community and support them during a difficult time. Christine and I are planning on going back in 2013.

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Children's Ministry

Along THE PATH in JANUARY...

In January, we learned the story of Jesus calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee. It is a powerful lesson on the awesome power of God! We were truly blessed to have the following workshop leaders teach this lesson to the children this month:

Noah's Art.....Eva Facey

Goliath Games.....Pete May

Damascus Road Drama....

Karen May

M & M Bakery.....Gillian Stults,

Patti Ridenhour

In January, we were also blessed by our Trail Guides, who brought the children to their workshops and guided them as they worked on their lessons. Their dedication to our children is equally amazing, and very much appreciated: Edward DeCommer, Ruthellen Miller, Leigh Meyering, Ned Roscoe, Loreen Schallon, and Michael Stribling.

FEBRUARY at THE PATH...

In February, we learn the story of the Good Samaritan. Get ready for Drama, Movies, Art, and Games. We'll be asking some important questions, such as—who

is your neighbor? what does it mean to love one another? how can we lend a hand? and, who is important to God? We ask for your prayers and God's blessing as we find the answers through our workshop activities. Please join us!

FAMILY FUN EVENT!



On February 26, families are invited to join us for a great time at the Napa Bowl, 494 Soscol Ave. If you haven't bowled before, that's okay! If you have, that's great! This is an activity for all ages. For the youngest children, there are bumper guards and bowling ball slides to make it easy to play. For the older set, it's a great time to hang out with friends and do something fun. We'll bowl from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Cost is \$13 per person—this includes 2 games and bowling shoe rental. If you'll be joining us, RSVP to Jane Roscoe at 224-8693 or children@fpcnapa.org so we can reserve the right number of lanes. Thanks!

SUMMER CAMP AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES

For those of you looking ahead to next summer's activities, see the dates below for Summer Camp, Youth Mission trip, and Vacation Bible School, and please, mark your calendars!

PLEASE NOTE: When you register for Westminster Woods camp, you may use the code 2012CP to get a \$45 discount. This offer is good until April 1.



Westminster Woods
Adventure Camp (entering
2nd -4th grade) and
Sherwood Forest Camp
(entering 4th-6th grade):
June 24-30

High School Calvin Crest:
July 22-28

Middle School Calvin Crest:
July 8-14

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Youth Mission Trip:
July 1-6

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Vacation Bible School:
August 6-10

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February 22, 2012
Potluck Soup Supper
Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.

Worship Service
Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.

We will begin our Lenten journey with an Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 p.m. on February 22. We will celebrate communion and mark the beginning of our journey with ashes as the early Christians and the Old Testament saints both did, placing themselves before God in honest humility.

Please bring a pot of your favorite soup to share...the Church Life Committee will provide beverages and bread.

On February 29 we will begin our Spring Rest Stop classes. (See next column for details.)



The Rest Stop Six Wednesdays beginning February 22 (Ash Wednesday)

We all need a rest! In the midst of our busy lives, it is important for us to take some time away from our hectic schedules and enjoy a delicious meal as well as an opportunity to fellowship and learn. That is why we offer the Rest Stop!

Classes and activities
for the entire family begin
February 29

Plus Dinner!

Do you like to cook? We would love to have some guest chefs—you would not need to do all the work (we always have excellent helpers) or even have experience feeding crowds as our resident chefs are expert at expanding recipes. New this time: cost will be less for those who sign-up in advance versus at the door.

Watch for the brochure with all the details inside your church bulletin Sunday, February 5. It will also be posted online.

Sign-ups also begin on
February 5 at Coffee Hour.



Day School Registration Begins!

We are excited to see what God has in store for 2012-2013 for PDS. Summer registration forms will be available on January 30th. We will be holding an eight week Summer Program (Monday – Thursday) for children entering the three year old and entering the four year old program. From June 11 until August 3 our preschoolers will experience art, movement, music, water play, stories, and so much more. Choose from 9:00-11:30 or let them stay through lunch until 1:00. This will fill up quickly so check your calendar and reserve your spot now!

Fall preschool registration for families with children currently enrolled in our preschool program begins on January 30. Fall registration for new families begins on February 6. Registration packets will be available in the PDS office on those respective dates and classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Creative Child Care registration for Fall 2012 begins May 7. Forms/packets will be available mid-April.

Questions? Contact Miss Patti, Director, 224-8941.

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40 DAYS OF KINDNESS – OUR LENTEN JOURNEY FOR 2012

Many people use the discipline of the weeks before Easter to give up something (like chocolate). But Lent is not all about “giving things up” – it’s also about “giving to others.” Using Jesus’ example in Matthew 25:35, “For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me water; I was a stranger and you invited me into your homes; naked and you clothed me; sick and in prison and you visited me,” we offer the following opportunities to help others less fortunate in our community during this Lenten Season.



SPREAD KINDNESS BY READING TO A CHILD

Do you enjoy reading to children? Remember how magical it is? Spend a half hour one day a week reading to a child at Shearer Elementary School and open their world to a lifetime of wonder through reading.

Sign up between services in the courtyard on February 12 & 19. Readers are needed on Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays from 12:00 – 12:30 pm & 12:30 – 1:00 pm. For more information contact Elizabeth Bosch, elizbosch@comcast.net.

SPREAD KINDNESS BY MAKING DONATIONS:

- ✓ Rebuild South Africa Association (RSAA) – Sunday March 4: Monetary donations will be collected to purchase wool blankets for HIV AIDS orphans as well as adults living in poverty in South Africa. Make checks out to RSAA.
- ✓ Food for The Table – Sunday March 11: Donate large cans (up to one gallon) of tomatoes, tomato products, vegetables and fruits; gallon size zip lock bags; bottled salad dressing; 15 oz cans of kidney and garbanzo beans; instant mashed potatoes.
- ✓ Napa Emergency Women’s Services - Sunday March 18: Donate women’s and children’s full size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, bar soap, disposable razors. (Children often stay at the safe house as well).
- ✓ V.O.I.C.E.S. – Sunday March 25: Donate Target and Walmart gift cards, and bus passes for at-risk youth, ages 16-24, who are in transition from systems of care to independent living.
- ✓ Samaritan Family Center Napa – Sunday April 1: Any and all sizes of disposable diapers from newborns to toddlers (the bigger the box the better) and baby wipes or wet ones for newly homeless families.

More details regarding each organization will be presented as a Minute for Mission during Sunday services beginning in February. A “40 Days of Kindness” brochure will be available soon noting all the details above as well as a list of suggestions on how to spread kindness to others—simple ways that everyone can get involved! Watch for it in the February 19 Sunday bulletin insert.

Church Life

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR:



Did your New Year's Resolutions include any of the following?

- Finding an alternative to sitting in front of the TV every night
- Getting more exercise
- Finding a fun activity that isn't expensive or fattening
- Giving more of your time and talent to the church

If so, then the Music Program at FPC has something to help fulfill those resolutions. Whether you are singing or ringing you'll find that spending a little time every week in rehearsal is a great way to get some mild aerobic exercise, make new friends, serve God and your church, and experience the satisfaction of doing something well.

Now is a particularly good time to join us as we are just starting to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

There are no auditions for any of
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the church music groups, so come out and give it a try! Here are the particulars:

Chancel Choir
Rehearses every Thursday night from 7:00 – 8:30 and shares in worship at the 9:00 a.m. service every Sunday as well as special church occasions.

Carillon Choir (handbells)
Rehearses every Tuesday night from 7:00 – 8:30 and shares in worship approximately once a month at both 9:00 and 10:30 services.

Celebration Singers (children's choir)
Performs every week at the beginning of the 10:30 service, and rehearses during the latter part of the service.

We also have the Praise Band and RISE Band which participate in the 10:30 service and are under the direction of Kevin Lester. Contact Kevin for details.



We welcome the following new members to our church family...


Allan and Mary Ann Moss joined our church by Reaffirmation of Faith in December 2011. Allan is a retired Ob-Gyn physician and Mary Ann is a semi-retired RN Consultant. She is a Healing Touch Practitioner, also. They were married 3½ years ago and together they have 11 children, 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

They both enjoy traveling, gardening, and photography (Allan prefers film photography and Mary Ann likes still). They love to go to the ballet and describe themselves as unabashed "foodies."



Nancy Richardson also joined our church in December 2011. Nancy and her husband Rich moved to Napa two years ago from Paso Robles, California where Nancy served as an elder in the Highlands Church of Paso Robles (a new church development of PCUSA).

Nancy is a sales manager for the Napa Valley Destination Council. She and her husband enjoy food, wine, travel, and hiking with their Labrador Retriever.



We received a nice letter from Gordon Lee, the nephew of Richard Lee, Sr. Both Richard Sr. and Richard Jr. are doing well and enjoying their days at GreeNhaven Estates Assisted Living in Sacramento. When asked how he is doing, Richard Sr. replies, "Oh, pretty good as you know I pretty near 100 years old!" Check out the church office bulletin board for the complete letter with all the details.

What's Happening—FEBRUARY 2012

Wednesday 2/1

- 6:30a Men's Study, Library
 10:00a Round Table Discuss., Rm. 8
 3:45p Bible B.L.A.S.T., Rm. 8
 6:30p PNC, Library
 7:00p Deacons Meeting, Rm. 8
 Middle Schoolers, Rm. 15/24

Thursday 2/2

- 10:30a Women's Study, Rm. 6
 7:00p Chancel Choir Reh., Rm. 10

Saturday 2/4

- 8:00a Quilters, Rm. 6
 Men's AA Group, Rm. 23

Sunday 2/5

- 9:00a & 10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
 9:00a The PATH (Sunday School)
 Youth Sun. School, Rm. 15
 The Core, Rm. 6
 10:00a Coffee Fellowship, Rm. 8
 Friendship Class, Rm. 23

Monday 2/6

- 9:00a Prayer Chain, Library
 4:30p PDS Board, Rm. 6
 6:45p Boy Scouts, Rm. 24/Stage

Tuesday 2/7

- 9:30a Staff Meeting, Library
 7:00p Mission Committee, Library
 Bell Choir Rehear., Rm. 21
 High Schoolers, Rms. 15/24

Wednesday 2/8

- 6:30a Men's Study, Library
 10:00a Walking Thru the Bible, Rm. 6
 3:45p Bible B.L.A.S.T., Rm. 8
 6:30p Table Exec. Comm., Rm. 8
 PNC, Library
 6:45p Esther Circle, Rm. 6
 7:00p Middle Schoolers, Rms. 15/24

Thursday 2/9

- 9:30a Ruth Circle, Rm. 8
 10:30a Women's Study, Rm. 6
 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehear., Rm. 10

Saturday 2/11

- 8:00a Quilters, Rm. 6
 Men's AA Group, Rm. 23

Sunday 2/12

- 9:00a & 10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
 9:00a The PATH (Sunday School)
 Youth Sun. School, Rm. 15
 The Core, Rm. 6
 10:00a Coffee Fellowship, Rm. 8
 Friendship Class, Rm. 23
 11:45a Annual Meeting, Rm. 24

Monday 2/13

- 6:00p Trustees, Library
 6:30p Hannah Circle, Rm. 6
 6:45p Boy Scouts, Rm. 24/Stage

Tuesday 2/14

- 9:30a Martha/Sarah Circle, Rm. 8
 4:30p Finance Comm., Rm. 8
 7:00p Bell Choir Reh., Rm. 21
 High Schoolers, Rms. 15/24
 Deb/Reb Cir., 1566 Ash St.
 Guide Dogs, Rm. 8

Wednesday 2/15

- 6:30a Men's Study, Library
 10:00a Walking Thru the Bible, Rm. 6
 3:45p Bible B.L.A.S.T., Rm. 8
 6:30p PNC, Library
 Knitting Group, Bride's Rm.
 7:00p Middle Schoolers, Rms. 15/24

Thursday 2/16

- 10:30a Women's Study, Rm. 6
 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehear., Rm. 10

Saturday 2/18

- 6:00a HS Youth leave for Retreat
 8:00a Quilters, Rm. 6
 Men's AA Group, Rm. 23
 1:00p Voyagers Sailing Event

Sunday 2/19

- 9:00a & 10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
 9:00a The PATH (Sunday School)
 Youth Sun. School, Rm. 15
 The Core, Rm. 6
 10:00a Coffee Fellowship, Rm. 8
 Friendship Class, Rm. 23

Monday 2/20



**Church Office Closed
 in observance of
 Presidents' Day**

Tuesday 2/21

- 9:30a Staff Meeting, Library
 7:00p Session Meeting, Rm. 8
 High Schoolers, Rms. 15/24
 Bell Choir Reh., Rm. 21

Wednesday 2/22

- 6:30a Men's Study, Library
 10:00a Walking Thru the Bible, Rm. 6
 3:45p Bible B.L.A.S.T., Rm. 8
 6:00p Ash Wed. Soup Supper, Gym
 Middle Schoolers, Gym
 7:00p Ash Wed. Service, Sanctuary

Thursday 2/23

- 9:30a P.W. Leadership Team, Library
 10:30a Women's Study, Rm. 6
 5:45p Worship Comm., Library
 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehear., Rm. 10

Saturday 2/25

- 8:00a Quilters, Rm. 6
 Men's AA Group, Rm. 23
 10:00a PW Baskets & Blessings, Rm. 8

Sunday, 2/26

- 9:00a & 10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
 9:00a The PATH (Sunday School)
 Youth Sun. School, Rm. 15
 The Core, Rm. 6
 10:00a Coffee Fellowship, Rm. 8
 Friendship Class, Rm. 23
 1:00p Family Fun Event, Napa Bowl

Monday 2/27

- 6:45p Boy Scouts, Rm. 24/Stage

Tuesday 2/28

- 7:00p Bell Choir Reh., Rm. 21
 High Schoolers, Rms. 15/24
 Spiritquest, Library
 Guide Dogs, Rm. 8

Wednesday 2/29

- 6:30a Men's Study, Library
 10:00a Walking Thru the Bible, Rm. 6
 3:45p Club 345, Rm. 8
 6:00p Rest Stop Dinner, Gym
 Middle Schoolers, Gym
 6:30p PNC, Library
 7:00p Rest Stop Classes, various rms.

Fun 'n Fellowship

Come, Have Fun with The Voyagers!

The Voyagers are getting busy this year. January we walked Napa's River Trail. February we are sailing, and March we are having dinner and a movie. Hope you are able to participate in the upcoming events.

February 18

Sailing on Adventure Cat!

Join the Voyagers on February 18 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. as we spend a leisurely afternoon sailing on the Napa River with Jay and Pam Gardner on the Adventure Cat. Meet at the Napa Valley Marina, 1200 Milton Road, Napa at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Bring a snack to share along with a beverage. Space is limited so RSVP early to Pam Gardner, 226-6839. Dinner afterwards at Moore's Landing is optional.

March 9

Dinner and a Movie!

Mark your calendar for dinner & a movie on Friday night at FPC March 9 at 6:00 p.m. Join us for pizza, salad, & beverage followed by the movie, "The Help." Cost for the meal is \$5 per person. The free movie will be presented in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Dinner reservations will be taken between services in the courtyard on February 26 & March 4.



AHOY, MERRY MARINERS!

Please join us for a potluck luncheon on Saturday, February 18 at 12 noon in Room 23. Bring your favorite dish to share: salad, hot dish, dessert or a cash contribution and your own table service. Our hosts will be Marge Swegles and Vic and Yvonne Burt.

Art Hurley will be presenting the program on archeology, in particular, his most recent dig.

Hope you will join us! For more information, contact John/Harriet Nelson, 224-2896.

Nutrition

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

Presbyterian Women
of FPC, Napa
invite ALL women to
attend ...

BASKETS & BLESSINGS

A Morning of
Friendship and Spiritual
Fellowship



Saturday, February 25
10:00 a.m.
Fireside Room

Cost: \$5 ~ Lunch included

Please pre-register during Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings or by calling the church office, 224-8693.

The Church Office
WILL BE CLOSED
Monday, February 20, 2012
in observance of the
Presidents' Day
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