

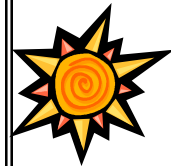
## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME!** We appreciate your participation with us in worship. We would like the opportunity to know you better, so we invite you to fill out a *Welcome Card* located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. On the reverse side of the card you may indicate a need for prayer or an area of interest. Between our morning worship services, coffee and refreshments are served in Ingram Hall. Join us there! If you are interested in more participation with us, request to have your name placed on our mailing list by contacting the church office, 542-0205. Thank you for being our guest and may God bless you.

### ALL CHURCH PICNIC

All members and friends of  
First Presbyterian are warmly invited

All Church Picnic  
Sunday, August 1st at 12:30 pm  
Finley Park (2101 West College Avenue)



We can promise you good food, good friends (old and new), and lots of fun. We'll provide the main course (chicken, hot dogs, and vegetarian hot dogs), beverages, and activities. A donation of \$3.00 per person is appreciated along with a dish to share (enough to serve 10). If your last name begins with A through L - bring dessert, and if your last name begins with M through Z - bring a salad.



**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP TEAM LEADER:** Personnel announces a position opening for the role of Contemporary Worship Team Leader. An application and job description are available on the information table nearest the office.

**LIBRARY QUIZ:** Want to test your knowledge about libraries? This is the second of several opportunities. Stop by the library after church today and see if you can identify the location of the pictured library on display outside the library. Next, put the name of the picture and your name on the paper provided and drop into the lavender colored box. These are on the table in the library. The library committee will draw five names from the box and post the winning names next to the picture on Sunday, July 18th. The winners receive a voucher good for a doughnut in Ingram Hall. Meanwhile, check out a great book or DVD.

**GOT NO TIME?** Do you have a busy schedule but want to be of service? *In Focus Folders* could be your dream service opportunity. Once every other month we meet for about two hours to fold, tape, and label about 700 *In Focus* newsletters while we talk, laugh, and eat chocolate. It is not only a great service opportunity, but also a super way to make new friends. Call Alex Ross at 542-0205 x104 if you are interested.

**ESL INSTITUTE:** Nick and Lolly Nickerson invite you to be a part of their Annual Summer ESL Institute held at FPCSR. The Institute will be held August 1st through 7th in Ingram Hall, providing forty hours of training. The cost is \$100.

In addition, a 12-hour workshop will be held Thursday and Friday evenings and all day Saturday at a cost of \$30.00.

Contact: Nick or Lolly Nickerson at 707-576-7551 or by e-mail at lollytalk@juno.com.

## ABOUT FPCSR

**First Presbyterian Church of Santa Rosa** is committed to a mission of following Jesus Christ and making his gospel known in our community and throughout the world. Our core values direct us to love the Lord, our God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength (Mark 12:30): worship and prayer engages our *soul*; Bible study and theology engages our *mind*; fellowship and lifestyle engages our *heart*; and evangelism and service engages our *strength*. Jesus taught us to extend our love for God to our neighbors. We desire to follow Jesus in such a way that makes his life, our way of life.

### OUR MISSION

Submitting ourselves to the claims of Jesus Christ, together we seek to honor Him, embody His presence, and proclaim His gospel with authenticity, humility, and love.

### OUR CORE VALUES

*WORSHIP* which honors and glorifies God  
*PRAYER* which opens our hearts and aligns our wills to God  
*BIBLE STUDY* which leads to the formation of Christian character  
*THEOLOGY* which challenges and matures our understanding of faith  
*FELLOWSHIP* which allows all individuals to know and be known  
*LIFESTYLE* which reflects our trust in and commitment to God  
*EVANGELISM* which tells the gospel message  
*SERVICE* which demonstrates the love of Christ

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:15, 9:45  
and 11:15 am (Contemporary)

#### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dale Flowers ..... Pastor  
Rev. Mike Griffin ..... Assoc. Pastor

#### Program Staff

Bob Brazeau ..... Director of Music Ministry  
Peggy Dyslin ..... Director of Children's Ministry  
Cory Myers ..... Director of Youth Ministry  
Wendy Taylor ..... Director of Caring Ministry  
Grant Cogan ..... Summer Youth Intern  
Helen Deal ..... Sunday School Coordinator  
Nancy Glazier ..... Nursery/Toddler Coordinator  
Ann Hall ..... Club Paradise Coordinator  
Philip Harrell ..... Contemporary Worship Team Ldr  
Steve Hinkle ..... Interim Organist  
Jenna Johnson ..... Youth Ministry Intern  
Allie Shoulders ..... Congregational Life Coord.

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Jeanette Larson ..... Operations Coordinator  
Leigh Rodriguez ..... Communications Coordinator  
Alex Ross ..... Publications Specialist  
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Carlos Perez ..... Full-Time Custodian

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Popie Stafford ..... Counselor-in-Residence  
Linda Albert, Carlyn Knight, & Linda Maloney  
..... Pres. Preschool Directors  
Patty Quigley ..... Tuesday Toddler Playgroup

#### Affiliated Clergy

Rev. Dale Johnson, Rev. Dr. Ed Peacock,  
Rev. Carl Vogelaar, Rev. Dr. David B. White

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# IMPARTS



July 11, 2010

## ~ FROM THE PASTOR ~

### *How Large is First Presbyterian Church?*

June 13th Covenant Presbyterian Fellowship Church (aka: The Cove) was chartered by the Presbytery of the Redwoods with Jeff Johnson installed as its pastor. Following the ceremony, a Press Democrat reporter caught me off guard when he asked, "How large is First Presbyterian Church?" I felt a tinge of irony in my response, "I don't have the number in my head, but as a result of this event, we are now 130 members less than we were an hour ago." From a statistical point of view we drastically diminished in size. Prior to 2000 our membership total was slightly above 800. With The Cove's charter, our official membership is now 659. But statistics do not tell the whole story. Not even close.

What began in 2000 as a strategic goal for future growth - planting a new church following a mother/daughter model - was celebrated in June as the formation of a self-supporting congregation with 130 members on its rolls. Each of the two churches are healthy and vital and show signs of continuing growth. Our membership number is significantly below 800; however, our average worship attendance is near its highest level at 523 (or 80% of our membership). A mainline church typically reports less than 40% of its membership in worship attendance.

We continue to pray for a favorable outcome of The Cove's bid to secure the former Evangelical Free Church site located on Old Redwood Highway in Wikiup as their future church home. Even this pursuit is a hope made possible through the generosity and commitment of both congregations through prior investments. Given the opportunity to answer the question again, I would tell that reporter the size of our church is measured by the heart and vision of a congregation willing to take bold and courageous steps to see God's kingdom expand in Santa Rosa. "Large" is hardly an adequate word to describe such a congregation.

*Next Sunday, July 18th . . .*

We commission a short-term **NEW ORLEANS MISSION TEAM**. The team includes: Steve Duranceau; Steve Frary; Destinie Gaucasana; Mike Griffin; Gerald Hauprich; Dave Johnson; Luis Patrick; Cindy Pedrazzini; Peter Schell; Rochelle Tompkins; Paul Verdier; and Doug and Judi Webb. They will do construction and home repair projects.

In Ingram Hall, between the worship services - 9:15 to 9:45 and 10:45 to 11:15 - stop by the table hosted by mission partners, **PAUL & REBECCA GRAF**, who reside in northern India and train church leaders for mission work in Nepal. They will be delighted to see you, share of their recent developments, and have you choose some handmade crafts as part of a fundraiser they are supporting.

Alongside you for Christ, Dale

A bulletin announcing opportunities to deepen commitment of faith in Christ and provide connections for community life.

## ADULT MINISTRIES

FPCSR is committed to developing the discipleship of adults and families in the life of our church. The opportunities below represent our desire for people to experience a life-transforming encounter with Christ through Bible study, experiencing community, and engaging in service. For questions regarding any of these resources or activities, call Associate Pastor Mike Griffin or Congregational Life Coordinator Allie Shoulders at 542-0205.

**ENLIGHTEN UP!** Join us tonight, July 11th, to hear Scott Pingel on *The Faith and the Symphony*. Scott Pingel is Principal Bassist of the San Francisco Symphony. He will perform for us and speak about the intersection between his faith and his music. Pingel teaches at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and considers cultivating the next generation of musicians an important part of his career. FPCSR sponsors Enlighten Up! on Sunday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Room 113. The full series schedule is on the information tables.

**FOLLOW-UP TO STEP INTO AFRICA:** Knowing that many in our community were affected by volunteering at or experiencing World Vision's Step into Africa exhibit which FPCSR helped host in May, we invite you to join us for a dessert pot-luck Wednesday, July 14th at 7:00 pm in Room 113. Close to 2,400 people experienced the exhibit and over 300 children were sponsored as a result. Let's gather to celebrate, share, and pray for the work that God has done in our own hearts and in the lives of these children.

### Looking Forward

#### Fall 2010 Discipleship & Family Ministry Opportunities

**SMALL GROUP CONNECTION OPPORTUNITY:** Are you are looking to connect with a small group, adult education class, or other discipleship opportunity? We invite you to come to Ingram Hall between services on Sunday, September 12th. New and existing small group leaders will be present to invite you to check out their group. Curriculum for our sermon and small group series on the Psalms, "The Rhythm of Life & Language of Prayer" will be available, along with information about other opportunities for spiritual growth.

**THE MARRIAGE COURSE** is a six-week learning experience designed to strengthen marriages. Over a series of Friday nights (not consecutive), couples enjoy a delicious dinner at tables for two, watch video talks by Nicky & Silla Lee (colleagues of the Alpha Course creators), and converse privately using a response guide. For couples with children, childcare will be offered on-site with advance registration. The course begins Friday, September 17th. Look for brochures with more details on the information tables soon.

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

**DISCOVER SPIRITUAL GROWTH HALF-DAY RETREAT:** Join us Saturday, August 21st from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at FPCSR. This retreat is designed to help you discover basic spiritual disciplines or practices that will enable you to maintain your relationship with Christ through the support of Christian community. During our time together, our hope is that you will grow in the following areas:

- What it means to practice the presence of God as part of a balanced Christian life.
- Awareness of the core practices (disciplines) of a growing Christian.
- Exposure to a number of tools that can encourage your growth in Christ, including: Bible reading plans and devotional resources, examples of different prayer forms and practices, listening and guidance exercises, and opportunities to connect with others who are seeking to grow as followers of Christ.

To RSVP for this half-day retreat, call Allie at 542-0205 x 122 or fill out one of the brochures at the Adult Discipleship Information Board in front of Room 113.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

*I saw this in the June "Children's Ministry" magazine and thought it was a great idea! Happy travels!*

~Peggy

As families hit the road this summer on vacations, they can use fun ways to discover God on the road! Our "Road Trip God Sightings" page offers ways families can see God while driving and exploring. For a downloadable page, go to "Web Exclusives" for May/June 2010 issue at [www.childrensministry.com](http://www.childrensministry.com) and click on "Road Trip God Sightings."

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

**SUMMER OFFERTORIES:** Dr. Randall Bradley states, "The purpose of worship is not primarily to receive blessings from God but to make offerings to God." We see this as the psalmist exhorted, "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts." (Psalm 96:8) Worship is the offering of ourselves to God - our intellect, feelings, attitudes, possessions, and our talents.

The music presented during the giving of our tithes and offerings is an offering to God. It's not music to fill a space in time, but the offering of musical talent which God has given our musicians to use for his glory. Music provides expression for our most exuberant praise and lament for our deepest grief. As you listen to the offering, may it be a blessing which transports you into God's presence.

We are blessed with many who present their musical offering to God each week: Bob Shoulders, trombone; Steve Hinkle, piano & organ; Paul Hadley, horn; Norma Doyle, piano & organ; Mary Kennec, flute; Hannah Dyslin, flute; Peter Duranceau, piano, the Fynan family, violin, recorder & piano; Don McMillan, trumpet; Joanna Schaefer, handbell soloist.

Take an opportunity to express your appreciation to those who share their musical offering to God each Sunday.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### ALL YOUTH

**THE LAST R.O.T.S.** is Thursday, July 22nd from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. *Reach Out To Serve* at "A Special Place Preschool" with your fellow youth. R.O.T.S. is a way we explore ways to support children in our community. Bring money for lunch and meet at the church.

### DECADE

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** Join us for **Decade** on Sunday, July 18th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Have parents pick you up at the church by 10:00 pm if you are grabbing PIE.

**DECADE'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE NIGHT** is tonight (July 11th) from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Drop off and pick up at Doyle Park.

**GREAT AMERICA DAY TRIP:** Decade is going to Great America on Tuesday, July 20th from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. This is the BIG highlight of the summer! Time to go crazy on the rides. Space is extremely limited, so pick up a registration sheet and turn it in no later than July 11th. Cost is \$35.00 for transportation and admission. Bring money for food and things to buy. Don't wait - you won't want to miss this!

### GRANITE

Calling all 7th and 8th graders – come join us for **Granite** on Wednesday Nights for Crazy Fun! Meet in the Youth Room from 7:00 to 8:30 pm on July 21st.

**GRANITE WATER WARS:** Show up for wild activities that are all wet on Wednesday, July 14th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm! Bring a towel and a change of clothes. Shoes that can get wet are required. And only one piece suits please. No Youth Group meeting tonight.

## CARING MINISTRIES

**PRAYER NEEDS:** *for health concerns:* Paul Anderson, Ruth Anderson, Phyllis Apfel, Virginia Bailey, Paul Bartholow, Iola Bryant, Tom and Joyce Bryant, Claudia Caffey, Pat Collins, Helen Corniola, Dee Chelli, Diane Cretin, Jack Denton, JoAnn Erwin, Shirley Fitterer, Rose Flowers, Don Gooch, DeDe Grandall, Coleen Guerrant, Dick Ketcham, Toni Kibbish, Linda Kirsch, Irene Maxwell, Louise Morin, Tom Oleari, Bill Pipal, Florence and Bill Slyker, Fran Sudduth, Erin Thomas, Evie Trowbridge, and Chris Van Der Maas.

*for those serving in the military:* Justin Erwin, Cameron Hamilton, Josh Landreth, Rich Lawson IV, Gordon McDonald, Luke McDonald, Brady Smith, and Jake Van Riper.



*We offer our prayers of support to June Funk in the recent loss of her brother, Richard Ford, who died on July 1.*

## MISSIONS

**LOCAL MISSION PARTNERSHIP:**  
*CITY KIDS FESTIVAL*

For the fifth year we will participate in Redwood Gospel Mission's *City Kids Festival* on Saturday, August 14th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at Juilliard Park. Along with area churches we help provide children in need with basic school supplies in a carnival atmosphere.

There are three ways for you to be involved with this city-wide ministry: (1) Shop for school supplies from the list provided by Redwood Gospel Mission. For the next few weeks, barrels will be placed in the Narthex and Adamson Hall Breezeway with a list of items that will be given to the children. Take a list from the barrel, shop for the items of your choice and return them to the barrels.

(2) Our church hosts a game booth at the festival. You can sign up for a shift to work inside the booth. It is a lot of fun and a great opportunity to involve your children in service to those in need. Families who serve are also invited to enjoy the event by playing games, enjoying a sno-cone or getting their faces painted. Volunteers are needed from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm - preferably for two hour shifts. We recommend that families serve together. Volunteers under the age of 12 are most welcome. Last year a three-year-old volunteer brought his parent along.

(3) Our church takes on the assignment of keeping the park clean by gathering garbage for the greater glory of God. This is a fun way to help because you walk the entire park and see everything that is happening. We need volunteers for two shifts: 10:30 am – 1:30 pm or 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

Look for the *City Kids* volunteer sign-up table in Ingram Hall between worship services beginning July 24th. For questions about garbage pickup call Doug Webb at 586-3777 or Paul Verdier at 889-1668 and for the game booth contact Allie Shoulders at 542-0205 x122 or by email at [allie@fpcsantarosa.org](mailto:allie@fpcsantarosa.org).