

**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.

**LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE TODAY:** Drop by the library today, August 23rd, between worship services. The library setting and resources have been remodeled and upgraded. New paint, furnishings, and a newly installed computer have made this room a destination for reading, study, and small gatherings. The library committee hopes to help you become better acquainted with the library and its resources.

**LADIES' CRAFT NIGHT!** Join us Friday, August 28th, at 6:30 pm in Room 113 to work on your own scrapbooking or craft project or learn to make a simple beaded bracelet. RSVP with Allie at 542-0205 x122 or [allie@fpcsantarosa.org](mailto:allie@fpcsantarosa.org).

**LAST ENLIGHTEN UP! FOR 2009** Our last discussion, *Christianity Encounters the New Age*, is Sunday, August 30th, 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Room 113. A huge range of New Age spiritual practices flourishes in Sonoma County. Joanna Quintrell and Ruah Bull discuss the New Age spiritualities they have met here. Joanna is a pastor with the Evangelical Covenant Church, a spiritual director and Executive Director of the Journey Center in Santa Rosa. Ruah specializes in the contemplative journey and works with people on a wide variety of traditional and non-traditional faith paths. She describes herself as "a recently returned contemplative Catholic who is also familiar with Native American spirituality." She holds a PhD from Mercy Center in Burlingame.

**MISSION LUNCHEON INVITATION**

The 16 participants in July's short-term service trip to Mendenhall, MS will report their experiences Sunday, August 30th ~ 12:15 in Ingram Hall

**"PEOPLE CARING FOR PEOPLE"** is the motto of Stephen Ministry—caregivers who minister to care receivers with Jesus as the "cure giver." This "behind-the-scenes" ministry of caring relies upon the direction of the Holy Spirit. We are paired in a one-to-one, compatible caring relationship in which needs, concerns, and fears are shared safely and confidentially. Seven trained leaders—Joyce Bryant, Dale Johnson, Carlyn Knight, Steve & Patrice Frary, Colleen Soldate, and Popie Stafford—are responsible for this program. Our active, trained Stephen Ministers are: Alma and Bob Evans, Sheryl Harden, Dave Johnson, Arlene Johnston, Erin Thomas, Jan Thomas, Helen Vick, Susan Weber, and Debbie Yamagishi. If you would like to be part of this ministry please come by the Stephen Ministry table in Ingram Hall today for a brochure, an application or to have your questions answered. Otherwise, you may contact Popie Stafford at 542-0205 x105. Our next 50-hour training course will be offered October 4th through February 28th on Sunday mornings.

**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)

<p><b>Pastoral Staff</b></p> <p>Rev. Dale Flowers ..... Pastor Rev. Mike Griffin ..... Assoc. Pastor</p> <p><b>Program Staff</b></p> <p>Bob Brazeau ..... Dir. of Music Min. Peggy Dyslin ..... Dir. of Children's Min. Cory Myers ..... Dir. of Youth Min. Wendy Taylor ..... Dir. of Caring Ministry Amanda Becker ..... Summer Youth Intern Grant Cogan ..... Summer Youth Intern Helen Deal ..... Sunday School Coord. Nancy Glazier ..... Nursery/Toddler Coord. Ann Hall ..... Club Paradise Coord. Philip Harrell ..... Contemporary Worship Tm Ldr Jenna Johnson ..... Youth Min. Intern Michael Lindsey ..... Organist Allie Shoulders ..... Congreg. Life Coord.</p>	<p><b>Support Staff</b></p> <p>Eileen Haynes ..... Finance Coord. Jeanette Larson ..... Operations Coord. Leigh Rodriguez ..... Communications Coord. Alex Ross ..... Publications Editor Moses Metke ..... Full-Time Custodian Carlos Perez ..... Full-Time Custodian</p> <p><b>Associated Staff</b></p> <p>Popie Stafford ..... Counselor-in-Residence Linda Albert, Carlyn Knight, &amp; Linda Maloney ..... Pres. Preschool Directors Patty Quigley ..... Tuesday Toddler Playgroup</p> <p><b>Affiliated Clergy</b></p> <p>Rev. Dale Johnson, Rev. Dr. Ed Peacock, Rev. Carl Vogelaar, Rev. Dr. David B. White</p>
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# IMPARTS

August 23, 2009

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~

In our Reformed tradition, leadership is a shared role. *All* members of the church are called into ministry—to bear witness of our faith in Jesus Christ and to serve in his name. *Some* are called to a particular responsibility and authority, referred to as church officers. These leadership roles are: minister of Word and sacrament, elder, and deacon.

Today our **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** immediately follows the second worship service to elect elders and deacons who will serve a three-year term as the class of 2012 (the year they rotate off). The Nominating committee proposes the following slate of church officers:

**ELDER** nominees: SARAH HELD, JACI RIENECKER, LAURA THIEL, CARL VANDEN HEUVEL, STEVE VONK, and BLAKE LARSON (youth, 1 year term). The COVE elder nominees are: Andy Hemphill, Paul Nuss, and Beryl Uribe.

The primary role of an elder is to: strengthen and nurture our faith and life as a congregation; encourage worship and service of God; and equip us for ministry as a church and in mission to the world.

**DEACON** nominees: ALMA EVANS, MARTHA KÖHN, ESSY PIRANNEJAD, JOANIE SHOOP, BROOKE & DAN STENECK. The COVE deacon nominees are: Stuart Burlingham, Lisa Langdale, and Pat Parker.

The primary role of a deacon, is to minister care to those who are in need and lead our congregation, in the example of Jesus, serving with compassion.

The slate of nominees is prepared by the Nominating Committee. This committee is comprised of a designated elder, deacon, and four members at-large elected by the congregation to serve a two-year term. The 2011 Nominating Committee candidates are: LEE CRETIN and LINDA MALONEY.

Through prayer, the election process, and ordination, we act to confirm God's choice of these leaders who will serve in these respective roles among us.

August marks the anniversaries of four staff members, two of whom have reached milestones: **BOB BRAZEAU**—has completed 20 years as Director of Music Ministries and **EILEEN HAYNES**—has completed 10 years as Finance Coordinator. Bob and Eileen, along with Allie and Carlos (who have both served 5 years) will be honored for their service milestones at our All Elder Dinner on September 15th. The other two anniversaries this month are: **ANN HALL** — three years as Club Paradise Coordinator; and **MOSES METKE** — two years as custodian. We welcome HELEN DEAL back from sabbatical to her role as Sunday School Coordinator. Please join our Personnel Committee in expressing gratitude for these members of our staff and the important roles they fulfill.

Alongside you for Christ, *Dale*

## ADULT MINISTRIES

*We are committed to offering opportunities that further the discipleship of all who attend. If you have questions about any of the activities listed below contact Associate Pastor Mike Griffin at 542-0205 x107 or Coordinator for Congregational Life Allie Shoulders at 542-0205 x122. You may also consult the Adult Discipleship Board.*

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS LIVING A CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE:** This class explores key themes and scriptures that help us develop a Christ-centered life. Participants have an opportunity to memorize scripture and pair up with others to do the same. We meet Sundays at 9:45 am in Room 113.

**PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS:** Dale and Mike offer an in-depth study linked to the sermon series. We study the Biblical text for the forth-coming sermon and topics related to its background and meaning. You are welcome to attend as many or as few classes as you choose. Bring a Bible. The class meets Wednesday, 5:45 to 6:45 pm in the Choir Room.

**THE MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP** will not meet in September. Join us Friday, October 2 when we view "The Soloist" with the goal of better understanding the world in which we all are called to be salt and light.

**TODAY** is the deadline to register for our All-Church Retreat. We may be able to accommodate registration that comes in after that date but would appreciate receiving registration today if you are planning to attend. For questions or concerns please contact:

**Registration:** Leigh Rodriguez x102 or Pat Cuneo 837-8616

**Scholarships:** Mike Griffin x107 or Pat Cuneo

**Housing:** Pat Cuneo

**Vegetarian Meal Requests:** Mary Rodgers 544-1552

**Transportation:** Wendy Taylor x122

**Program Questions:** Mike Griffin x107 or Allie Shoulders x122



*Looking Forward to The Fall...*

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** Join us Tuesday, September 8th, as we preview our Bible study on Joshua.

**NEW SERMON SERIES:** September 20th we begin a focus on the Gospel According to Matthew. Adult Discipleship will provide questions that coincide with the sermon texts for small group and individual use.

**THE REASON FOR GOD:** Beginning September 20th, our Adult Education class will examine Tim Keller's book *The Reason for God*. Keller looks at faith through the lens of doubt, causing people to grapple at a deep level with what they believe. Awarded *Christianity Today's* "2008 Book of the Year," *The Reason for God* engages questions of open skeptics and ardent believers. Keller draws from literature, philosophy, reason, and real-life conversations to explain how faith in a Christian God is a soundly rational belief. The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in Room 113.

**ALPHA KICKS OFF** with a Celebration Dinner on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00 pm. Look for details on the information tables.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT:** Friday, September 18th, is our first Marriage Enrichment Date Night. We'll enjoy pizza and view the film *Fireproof*. Childcare will be available on site! In the following months (except for December and January) on the third Friday night we'll offer date nights as a source of encouragement for married couples. The usual schedule will be 6:00 to 8:30 pm, with time for you to go out to dinner, return to church for dessert and fellowship followed by teaching and enrichment. Childcare will be provided from 6:00 - 8:30 pm with reservations needed at least three days in advance. To RSVP and request childcare, contact Allie Shoulders at 542-0205 x122 or e-mail [allie@fpcsantarosa.org](mailto:allie@fpcsantarosa.org).

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

*Sing and make music in your hearts unto the Lord Ephesians 5:19*

Use your talents for the Lord this year by serving God in Music Ministry at FPC. Whether you sing or play an instrument, God can use you.

**CHOIR KICK OFF:** The Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir potluck will be **Thursday, August 27th, at 6:00 pm** in Room 113. This is a great way to meet others in the choir and hear about the upcoming season. If you would like more information about choirs, call Bob Brazeau at 542-0205 x106.

**Choirchimes Choir:** Wednesdays at 3:45 pm in Room 209. Open to grades 3 through 6.

**Psalm Singers & Sonshine Singers:** Psalm Singers—choir for grades 4-6 and Sonshine Singers—choir for grades 1-3. Wednesdays, beginning September 2nd, from 4:45 to 5:30 pm in Room 201. Ruth Batzel and Penny Vanderwolk, Directors.

**Gloria Deo:** Tuesdays, beginning September 2nd, at 4:15 pm (**note corrected time**) in Room 201. Open to singers in grades 7-12. Margi Vonk, Director.

**Spirit Live Choir:** Tuesdays, from 5:45 to 6:45 pm in Room 210. Open to developmentally disabled older teens and adults. Sandy Gilliom, Director.

**Choral Ensemble:** Tuesdays, beginning September 8th, at 6:00 pm. Open to high school – adult by audition. Please call Bob Brazeau at 542-0205 x106 to arrange for an audition.

**Chancel Handbell Choir:** Thursdays, beginning September 10th, at 6:00 pm in Room 209. Open to high school - adult. Please call Bob Brazeau at 542-0205 x106 to arrange an interview.

**Chancel Choir:** Thursdays, beginning September 10th (**note corrected date**) at 7:15 pm. Open to all singers, high school-adult.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**MOVIN' UP SUNDAY IS TODAY!!** Today, August 23, your children will move to their new classroom and meet their new teachers!

**THE ALL-CHURCH RETREAT** is NOT just for grown ups!! We have a special program just for KIDS - babies through 6<sup>th</sup> grade – so bring these precious ones to the retreat.

**CLUB PARADISE KIDS!** 4th, 5th and 6th graders...follow the footprints to CLUB Paradise! We start up on SEPTEMBER 2nd! Bring a friend and come to CLUB P. from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in Ingram Hall. We're starting the year off with games, friends, leaders, lessons & fun! And footprints? Check out the CLUB webpage anytime for info! (link from [www.fpcsantarosa.org](http://www.fpcsantarosa.org))

**CLUB PARADISE PARENTS:** Plan now so you don't miss the **CLUB Parent Meeting on Sept. 16 during CLUB**. It's the perfect opportunity to find out what's up this year, meet other CLUB parents, and ask questions. We love having your support!

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**"GRANITE" MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Granite is for 7th and 8th graders. Come join us on Wednesday nights for Crazy Fun! Meetings are held in the Youth Room from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. **Back to School Break** - No Granite Youth Group on August 26th. **Fall Kick-Off** - is Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:00 pm!

**"DECADE" HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Decade is for grades 9 through 12. All high school students are invited for Fun, Faith, and Fellowship every Sunday night from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Youth Room. **Back to School Break** - No Decade Youth Group on August 23rd. **Fall Kick-Off** is Sunday, August 30th at 7:00 pm. Don't miss it!

**Fall Calendars Coming Soon!**

## CARING MINISTRIES

**PRAYER NEEDS:** *for health concerns:* Paul Anderson, Ruth Anderson, Iola Bryant, Tom and Joyce Bryant, Claudia Caffey, Dee Chelli, Grid Clement, Ginny Clough, Helen Corniola, Brian Duncan, Nettie Elias, Kathryn Forsythe, Don Gooch, DeDe Grandall, Coleen Guerrant, Dick Lamar, Viola LeBaron, Irene Maxwell, Hulda McMillan, Louise Morin, Bob Overcashier, John Peterson, Bill Pipal, Barbara Simpson, Fran Sudduth, Elaine Tennyson, Erin Thomas, Dave Umino, and Jill White.

*for those serving in the military:* Brady Smith, Cameron Hamilton, Robert Haynes, Josh Landreth, Rich Lawson IV, Gordon McDonald, Luke McDonald, John Schaefer, Melissa Swart Sandberg, and Jake Van Riper.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** No meetings in August. We will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 pm in the Pastor's office.

**DIVORCE CARE:** Caring Ministries is forming a group to support those in the process of rebuilding their lives. We have chosen *Divorce Care Curriculum*, an international divorce recovery support group program. Our group begins **September 16th for 13 weeks from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Freeman Room** with Judy Cumbo as our facilitator. If you, or someone you know, needs to find healing in the midst of the hurt of separation or divorce call Judy at 537-9649.

**HOME VISITATION:** Bring a smile to the face of one of our church friends! For those who are homebound, a visit from you will transform loneliness into a heart warming day of friendship and comfort! If you are interested in a simple way to bring God's love and care to someone in need - this is the ministry for *you!* Call Wendy at 542-0205 x110.

## MISSIONS

**IS THERE A MISSION IN SANTA ROSA?** by Tim Stafford

When people say "missions" they often think of foreign locations. Mission, though, is our calling by God to represent Jesus Christ in the world—everywhere in the world, including our neighborhood. Santa Rosa and Sonoma County are as needy of God's good news as anywhere on the globe. Our call as Christians is to the woman or man next door as well as to the ends of the earth.

We try as a church to take that responsibility seriously, and so we have three local Mission Partners. **Redwood Gospel Mission** helps the poor and needy through a variety of innovative programs: beds and meals for the homeless, shelter for vulnerable women, and counseling for those with drug-and-alcohol addictions. We're proud to financially support and serve alongside this outstanding organization.

Many of our members also volunteer regularly with **The Living Room**, a safe place for homeless women to spend the day with their children and receive a good home-made meal along served with encouragement and care. We've been with The Living Room since the beginning, and for the long-haul.

Thirdly, we partner with **Habitat for Humanity** in their attempt to provide good affordable housing for those who can't afford it. Habitat has faced many challenges in Sonoma County due to the high price and low availability of land, but we believe in the organization, its goals and its values.

In addition to these partners, we support other organizations financially; such as: hunger programs through Two-Cents-A-Meal offerings; Child Evangelism Fellowship; the Presbyterian Preschool; Pregnancy Counseling Center; FISH, juvenile hall and Justice Ministry.

We have also increased our volunteer service opportunities to people in need through our Community Service Team with A Special Place Preschool; Kid Street Learning Center; and the Wellness Center. We care about Santa Rosa and Sonoma County, and want to show our concern *as a church*. That's why some of our offering goes to these causes and why we organize teams of volunteers.