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From My See Level:

Having now been part of your faith community since May 1st, let me share some random early impressions.

1. **Leadership** – I wondered how a congregation of your size and membership could have so many critical social action commitments. It is obvious that FPCPA, like most congregations, once had a much larger number of worker bees. Yet you continue to have eyes and heart to see the critical needs. There are conversations about how much we can do well both in our commitment to each other's spiritual growth and in our responding to the critical needs all around us in the community. The scripture says Jesus told his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Most churches need more leaders; I believe we need more laborers. Perhaps this should be part of our mission – to disciple workers and give them God's green card. We might use a more active process to recruit laborers. I know that the unique message and ministry of First Palo Alto is very appealing to many who seek a more progressive understanding of the good news. Yet many have said to me that they have it all together and don't need any more laborers. We should attack that myth vigorously!!

2. **Communication** – Given the extensive effort to communicate within the faith community, I have been amazed to hear the number of people say, "I didn't know about that!" The response of the leadership has usually been, "We have printed it in so many places, didn't you see it??" We need to think about alternate means of communication in a world so soaked with information. I like the idea of the old buddy system. As a child, when I went to summer camp and it was time to go to the lake for a swim, we had to choose a buddy before we went into the water. Then when the leader blew the whistle, we had to join hands and be accounted for. I guess I am asking about personal accountability for communication in a workable format. We have committees who labor to think through our mission and then do it. However, what would happen if each member of the committee then would personally contact two or three others who are marginal workers to bring them along? That would mean that each committee member would be like the camp counselor who was accountable to those who were learning the ropes. Many of those kids later became camp counselors/leaders.

3. **Conflict** – You have given me the opportunity to share in a number of conflict situations. By now you must have heard that I believe every conflict is an opportunity for growth! Much of the time, people feel they haven't been heard or have been hurt by words (intended or unintended). The purpose of our Sabbatical experience is to become more proficient at early intervention in communicating more effectively with people individually and in groups.

4. **Anticipation** – I am personally very excited about the potential for ministry through your faith community and the way in God is leading you in this dynamic path towards the good news that, through you, God cares about many who believe others no longer care about them. Through you, many come to know the loving sense of inclusion in a diverse community of faith. You have certainly welcomed me and my quirks in a most gracious way.

Pastor Bob



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Worship Schedule for July and August 2011

Sunday, July 3rd Communion/Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 A.M. Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:30 A.M. Coffee /Fellowship on the Patio

Sunday, July 10th Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 A.M. Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:30 A.M. Coffee / Fellowship on the Patio

Sunday, July 17th Social Justice Sunday: “God’s Liberating Love and Justice”

8:30 A.M. Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:30 A.M. Coffee /Fellowship on the Patio

Sunday, July 24th Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 A.M. Early Church in the Chapel
10:30A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:30 A.M. Coffee /Fellowship on the Patio

Sunday, July 31 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 A.M. Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:30 A.M. Coffee / Fellowship on the Patio

Sunday, August 7th Worship Team Service

8:30 A.M. Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:30 A.M. Coffee /Fellowship on the Patio

Sunday, August 14th Union Service (**Note Worship Time**)

8:30 A.M. Early Church in the Chapel
10:00 A.M. Worship Service at Covenant Presbyterian Church
11:00 A.M. Coffee /Fellowship

Sunday, August 21st Union Service/Mission Trip Sunday (**Note Worship Time**)

8:30 A.M. Early Church in the Chapel
10:00 A.M. Worship Service in the First Pres Sanctuary
11:00 A.M. Coffee /Fellowship on the Patio

Sunday, August 28th Union Service (**Note Worship Time**)

8:30 A.M. Early Church in the Chapel
10:00 A.M. Worship Service at First Baptist Church
11:00 A.M. Coffee /Fellowship

Other Summer Activities

HOTEL DE ZINK

The Deacons thank all of you who have signed up to bring food for dinners for the Hotel de Zink program. A few reminders: Our guests arrive at 9 p.m., eat dinner, spend the night, eat breakfast, and clean up before leaving at 7 a.m. A supervisor from InnVision spends the night with our guests. Each week, two of our Deacons are in charge; one Deacon will open the kitchen each evening and help with setup and serving. A Deacon will also remind you of what you have signed up to bring. Deacons are the people to contact with questions about logistics and meal planning. If possible, bring your dishes ready to serve at around 8:30 pm, plan to stay for at least an hour to help serve and visit with our guests, then take your serving dishes/leftovers home. We know that this is not always possible, so please communicate with a Deacon to work out the details for your meal. The schedule for Deacons who are in charge of Hotel de Zink is:



Mon, July 4 - Sun, July 10: Ian Mallace and Margaret Tompkins
 Mon, July 11 - Sun, July 17: Trish Hallenbeck and Pat Levin
 Mon, July 18 - Sun, July 24: Jim Hewlett and Mary Alice Thornton
 Mon, July 25 - Sun, July 31: Hwaja Choi and Ellen Perry

Pat Kinney will maintain the master signup sheet, so please contact her with any changes (pkinney@ix.netcom.com). Many, many thanks to Paul Jones, Evan Hughes, and Gail Thompson for running the breakfast program!

SABBATICAL EXPERIENCE, JULY 10-AUGUST 7

This summer can be a time for all of us in our church to experience new growth and new ideas, just as Rob is through his sabbatical!

We can:

1. Strengthen our listening and conflict management skills through engagement in conversations around issues of importance for our church.
2. Build a stronger sense of community among members and friends through personal connection in small group settings.

Fortunately, our interim pastor, Dr. Bob Butziger, is especially prepared to help us do this with small cluster group experiences. Bob has extensive training in this model, and it has been tried previously in at least a dozen congregations around the country.

Every member and friend of the church is invited to participate. Groups of no more than 12 people will be established, each with 2 group leaders. Group leaders have met and are already developing plans. There will be choices of evening meetings or Sundays at 9:15 AM. Groups will meet each week from July 10 to August 7.

We recognize that many of you are looking forward to summer vacations. We encourage you to join a group and participate when you're here, so you won't miss out on the overall experience. People may continue in the same group over time or choose another group that has an opening.

Sign up by contacting the church office today (325 -5659) or sending an email to John Zlatnik at jzlatnik@mills.edu. We need to know your name and whether you prefer Sunday morning or a weekday evening, perhaps Tuesday or Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to attend. As we plan the times and locations of the groups, we need to know the preferences of the participants. If you are unable to sign up ahead of time, you are welcome to come to the church at 9:15 on a Sunday morning during this period, and we will find a group for you.

Other Summer Activities—continued

YOUTH MISSION TRIP



The youth are headed to San Francisco and Oakland for a week of service and urban immersion **August 7-13. Come bid them farewell when they depart from church at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning, August 7!**

Here're the participants: Alex Iyer, Alex Merkle-Raymond, Anita Silver, Ben Clock, Chris Iyer, Chloe Patterson, Claire Jensenrose, Colin Patterson, Drew Keller, Katherine Craig, Matthew Keller, Morgan Keller, Sam Craig, and Tommy Evans-Barton. They'll be accompanied by Marissa Myers, Rus Kosits, Gordon Craig, Joy Sleizer, and Pat Kinney.

The Center for Student Missions (CSM), a highly regarded mission organization with experience with mixed middle/high school groups, is planning the week. With homelessness a focus, our people will go out in small groups and rotate ministry sites throughout the week. Among possible service opportunities are the following: The Salvation Army Tenderloin Central Corps' After School Program and Summer Day Camp; meal preparation, meal delivery, and grocery shopping for Project Open Hand's work with people living with HIV and AIDS; work (and play) with Laguna Honda Hospital's long term residents; participation in City Team Oakland's multi-faceted ministry to the homeless population in West Oakland; assistance in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County's thrift store, dining room, and drop-in center for women and children; playing with kids and helping kids learn new skills at the St. Vincent's Day Home's programs for single parent families; and sorting and packaging food for the Alameda Food Bank.

If you're interested in knowing more about plans, check the church web site (http://www.fprespa.org/youth_summer_mission).

PRIME TIMERS: Bhutan

Tuesday, July 12, 2011, 12-2 P.M. in the Chapel

In October 2010, Paul Jones joined a group of 30 Stanford Alumni and friends for a trip to Tibet, Nepal, and Bhutan. Bhutan made the most lasting impression. It is as near to Shangri-la as any place Paul has visited. Where else could Pat have found Mun? The country is caught in the crossfire between tradition and the twenty-first century. By focusing on **Gross National Happiness**, the Bhutanese Government is trying to reach a compromise solution embodying the best of both worlds.



Paul will show a few slides (remember them?) to introduce the exquisite physical beauty of the country and discuss a little history, a little of the government, and some of the problems that the Bhutanese face in the future.

Bring your own bag lunch. Cookies, cakes, and fruit are donated by the attendees. If you haven't donated in a while, perhaps it's your turn. Coffee and tea provided.

All are welcome.

Next Prime Timers: September 13

Don Fidler

PLEASE DONATE: TOILETRIES FOR WOMEN IN EPA COMING OUT OF JAIL

When coming out of jail, many women find that they do not have basic toiletries, and this can be disheartening and embarrassing, not to mention making these women feel dirty and unable to care for themselves. They usually have very little money to spend on things besides food.



If you don't know me, my name is Anita Silver and I am part of the youth group here at church. I am going to be assembling Care Kits, which I will be distributing through the Bread of Life ministry (whose sanctuary we painted on FLOW Sunday). This drive is part of my project to earn a service award in Girl Scouts. I am confident my project will be a great help to these women. Please help me help them by donating one or more of the following items (new, if at all possible):

Other Summer Activities—continued

- Underwear and bras- new, all sizes welcome
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, floss
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Soap

You can bring donations to church and leave them in the box in the entry area. The donation box will be out until the end of July. I will be standing next to it on several Sundays to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for caring!

Anita Silver

Also Note

SENIOR CHATS

Our current senior chats will deal with personal issues and social issues. We meet during July on the second and fourth Fridays from 10:00 - 11:30. Please join us and make new friends from other congregations. This program is one of the truly ecumenical offerings in Palo Alto, and we hope you will support it. The Fireside Room of Covenant Presbyterian is in back of the church off the parking lot, 670 East Meadow Drive. If you have questions, call Rev. Dona Smith-Powers at 650-494-3093.

We will not meet in August but plan to start again in September.

July 8: "How Resilient Are You?"

All species live longer if they are able to adapt and make changes as necessary. Sometimes it is difficult for the human species to "bounce back." Wally Anderson, a relational coach who does workshops in schools and companies, will present the subject. We will measure our resilience, explore qualities of resilient people, and learn some personal resilience builders.

July 22: "Gender Issues"

Some personal friends from my church who are transgendered are willing to share of their experiences with us. They are willing to answer any questions that we may have, so

please come with your questions. Suzie and Aejai have grown up in this area, worked in this area, married and had families in this area, attended churches in this area, and their stories are fascinating !

**Come and celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary
And celebrate YOU, our wonderful family and friends!**



On Saturday, July 30, 2011, First Presbyterian Church

4:00 PM Worship in the Sanctuary

Followed by a jump house for kids and a buffet dinner for all.

You are our best present! Please do not give any other present, unless you wish to make a donation to a charity of your choice.

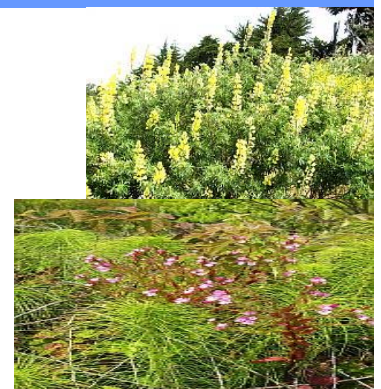
Please RSVP to Schaupp@aol.com, 650-494-8340, by **July 6th** for the dinner.

You are welcome to our worship and jump house without reservations.

Jack and Arlene Schaupp

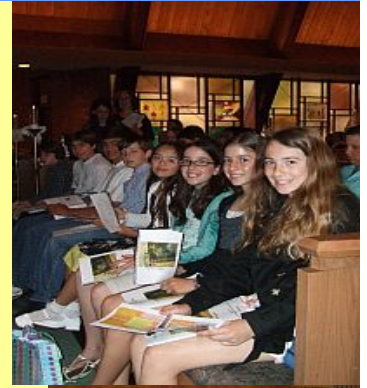
Looking Back...

WILDER RANCH WILDFLOWER HIKE JUNE 11th, 2011



Looking Back...continued

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY MAY 15TH, 2011



JUSTFAITH FOLKS HEAD TO SACRAMENTO



Three members of JustFaith recently joined Peninsula Interfaith Action (PIA) in a bus trip to Sacramento in early June to talk with our legislators about the budget crisis and its effect on the poor. Nan Swanson, in formal vestments, was accompanied by Gail Thompson and Holly Brady. A crowd of about 800, organized by People Improving Communities Through Organizing (PICO), came together from all over the state to express their concerns. Nan was one of the clergy who stood on the steps of the Capitol, sign in hand, during the noontime rally.

After the rally, we visited the offices of Joe Simitian and Rich Gordon to plead for some better understanding of how the budget cuts will affect lower-income folks in our communities. Our presence was probably more important than any questions we asked or ideas we offered.



Holly Brady



IN MEMORIAM
Barbara Katherine Gray
March 28, 1924—May 18, 2011

**A memorial service was held at First Pres
on Saturday, June 25th, at 10:00 a.m.
in the Memorial Garden.
A reception followed in the courtyard.**

Looking Ahead



The Walentina Choir from Helsinki, Finland, is giving a concert in our sanctuary on **Sunday, August 7, at 4 p.m.** The concert is open to the public; a \$10 donation is requested and a reception will follow in the courtyard.
Don Fidler

SECOND ROUND OF S.A.C.R.E.D. MEALS

Community Building will be organizing S.A.C.R.E.D. (Shaping and Creating Relational Experiences over Dinner) MEALS again in the fall for the purpose of spending time together and getting to know each at a deeper level.

This year we had 5 groups of 8 adults that met several times during the year. We will have sign-ups in September. Keep tuned.

Questions? Contact Joy Sleizer at joysleizer@sbcglobal.net or 650-493-4868.

HOLD THE DATE!

Ingathering is scheduled for September 11th.

ROBERT MCAFEE BROWN LECTURESHIP SERIES November 4-6, 2011

This year's lecturer is Dr. Larry Rasmussen, one of the world's foremost Christian environmental ethicists. Dr. Rasmussen has mentored a generation of Christians in eco-theology and "green religion." He spearheaded the "greening" at the Union Theological Seminary as an institution and rooted his courses and scholarship in the practice of environmental justice with communities and their leaders. Dr. Rasmussen was invited to be a presenter at the 2009 Nobel Conference. He is currently Reinhold Niebuhr Professor Emeritus of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary



He has published more than a dozen books, including the award-winning *Earth Community*, *Earth Ethics*. Rasmussen is currently in the third year of directing this 10-year project on Earth-Honoring Faith at Ghost Ranch. His June, 2010, article in *Sojourners Magazine*, "An Earth-Honoring Faith: What does it mean that planet Earth is jeopardized by its supposed stewards, who fail even to wince at our species' cumulative threats to life," is a wonderful introduction to his thought. Please email Judy Zlatnik, jzlatnik@yahoo.com if you would like a copy of the article.

The Host Committee for the Lectureship currently has two volunteers. We would welcome your offers to help us with this exciting event.

We also need suggestions and volunteers for the Lectureship 2012 Committee if we are to have a Robert McAfee Brown Lectureship speaker in 2012. This committee also has two volunteers, one of whom is Judy Zlatnik who is also chairing the Host Committee. I am sure you will agree this is a practical impossibility! Contact Judy at jzlatnik@yahoo.com or at church if you have suggestions or would like to serve on the committee. We would like to conduct as much of our business as possible on-line.

Session Highlights

Special Session Meeting, May 15, 2011

The purpose of this meeting was to vote on the standing of the 12 students who had completed the confirmation process this year. Session had spent time during the morning examining the confirmands and discussing their faith journeys with them. We had a very enjoyable morning sharing breakfast and conversation together.

8 of the 12 requested to join First Presbyterian Church as members: Colin Patterson, Chloe Patterson, Tommy Evans Barton, Matthew Keller, Drew Keller, Morgan Keller, Alex Iyer, and Nicky Ravishankar. Session voted unanimously to accept all 8 as members.

Session Highlights—continued

3 of the 12 requested to become friends of First Presbyterian Church: Claire Jensenrose, Anita Silver, and Katelyn Simons. Session voted unanimously to accept all 3 as friends.

May 25th Meeting

In our May meeting, Session discussed further the Interim Report from the Music Task Force. We are still considering and reviewing the options, and asked the Task Force to map out some of their suggestions in further detail. We believe that we need to take a comprehensive look at our overall staffing before we decide how to structure the Music Director position.

We will continue our conversation on this topic in June.

Hwaja Choi brought us an update from the Deacons. First Pres hosts Hotel de Zink in July, so the Deacons have set up a schedule for 2 of them to coordinate each week of the month. August 21st is Marissa's last Sunday at First Pres, so they are considering what to do in recognition of her work. The Deacons are also exploring dates for Ingathering in coordination with the Worship Ministry.

Bob Butziger presented his idea for a sabbatical experience for the congregation. Like many congregations, we have issues dealing with conflict within the church, burnout, feelings of being left out, etc. We need to find ways to resolve these issues. Bob suggests we work in clusters to work through these and other issues (each group picks one issue). More than anything, this is an exercise in listening to each other. We will have two leaders for each cluster, which will meet over the summer.

We will discuss how to deal with an issue whether or not your view carries the day.

Dave Thornton and Bob met with Nan Swanson, and she has agreed to be engaged with the congregation while Rob is on sabbatical. She will be part of the communion service with Bob in June and preach during the September service. The Worship committee brought a motion that we officially invite her to preach in September. The motion passed unanimously.

June 22nd Meeting

Session welcomed Ellen Perry as Deacon rep to its June meeting. Ellen reported that the planning process for Hotel de Zink, along with their regular duties, is keeping the Deacons very busy. She also told us that they have decided to schedule In-gathering on September 11th this year.

The Worship Ministry brought a motion to Session requesting approval for Geoff Browning and a Stanford student to lead us in worship on 7/31/11. The student will be speaking about his/her spiritual life as a student. The motion was approved.

Arlene Schaupp has asked permission to re-post a lawn sign in front of the church supporting marriage for all, similar to the one we had posted during the 2010 election. The request was approved.

Paul Jones, the chair of the Facilities Ministry, brought us a request to approve a new short-term tenant. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is requesting to rent a classroom every week on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We will charge them \$42.50 per meeting. Session prefers that they meet in Classroom 3 so as not to disturb anything in Classroom 1, which is used for Godly Play. With that proviso, the request was approved.

Paul Jones and Bob Butziger brought us a draft of a new schedule of rates for short-term rentals. Sarah Clementson has worked on streamlining the rate structure and would like us to approve a new structure. The current 6-level fee structure is very complicated; the new proposal will have only 3 levels. The Facilities Ministry will bring us a detailed breakdown of the new fee structure prior to our July Session meeting so that we can vote on it at that meeting.

A final note from Paul is that both the Financial Affairs Committee of Presbytery and the full Presbytery approved the amended lease agreement that the church has with The Learning Center (TLC). TLC had requested some amendments as they are undertaking renovations of their space. Craig Nordlund worked diligently with TLC on our behalf, and his concise explanation of the amendments satisfied the Presbytery.

Bob Butziger provided us with the following news:

August 14, 21, and 28 will be the union services with Covenant and First Baptist. The 21st will be the service at First Pres.

The cluster groups will begin meeting in July. John Zlatnik will be sending out information to the congregation via multiple forms of communication.

MAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Early Service	10:30 Service	TOTAL
5/1	9	91	100
5/8	9	96	105
5/15	6	127	133
5/22	8	76	84
5/29	7	52	59
Total for Month of May: 481			

JUNE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Early Service	10:30 Service	TOTAL
6/5	8	76	84
6/12 Church Picnic	8	60	68
6/19	7	76	83
6/26	10	68	78
Total for Month of June: 313			

Presbytery Report

SAN JOSE PRESBYTERY MEETING
Trinity Presbyterian Church of Santa Cruz
 June 4, 2011

San Jose Presbytery met at Trinity Presbyterian Church of Santa Cruz on June 4th. A worship service with an inspiring sermon on healing preceded the opening of the meeting. The formal meeting opened with a prayer at 10:05 A. M.

The Moderator announced that Stated Clerk John Lococo has been hospitalized with encephalitis and will be on medical leave for an indefinite period. Rev. John Kelso was appointed Stated Clerk-Pro-Tem.

The closing of Immanuel Church, San Jose, was announced, and the Immanuel Church members present were recognized. Corresponding members and first time attendees were recognized.

The consent docket, which included the amended lease between First Pres. and TLC, was approved.

Claudia Hamm gave an enthusiastic report on women's activities.

Skip Herbert gave a brief description of the Presbyterian Foundation, stressing the social responsibility of the Foundation's investments and the attractive returns that they have earned.

Mark Fry reported on recent activities of the Board of Pensions. The Board is keeping pace with the Health Care Reform legislation that will not be fully implemented until 2014. Medical claims may no longer go back to the old system but must be kept current. Medicare will provide medical examinations for all retirees. Despite the current recession, pensions are secure with 100 percent funding.

Jim Bass reported on Church Health and Growth. Evangelism remains a serious challenge. Only 4 percent of the churches have increased their membership through adult confirmation. Only Onnuri Church is actively pursuing the Alpha Evangelism Program.

Bob Bowles reported on Synod activities. The difference between loan interest charged and savings interest paid is only 1.5 percent. Synod has \$33 million available for loans and needs more borrowers. Synod loan interest rates are generally lower than those charged by other available sources. Synod has recently sent some of its excess revenue to the presbyteries. San Jose Presbytery received \$10,000.

Council presented nominees to serve on the Presbytery Nominating Committee: Jane Odell, David Rodriguez, Bill Ribbie, Shari Grover, Judi Johnson, Nan Swanson, and Dick Spencer. The nominees were unanimously elected.

Polity and Government is nearing approval of a policy for dealing with churches seeking to withdraw from the denomination. It will go to Council this summer.

The Belhar Confession was ably presented by Edd Breeden, Bob Butziger, Ruth McCreath, and Charlotte Powers. Favorable comments were made, including a long statement by Dale Bracey. Bob Fitch presented the only negative remarks. Presbytery approved adoption of the Belhar Confession by a vote of 72 to 14.

Representing the Committee on Ministry, David McCreath reported that Rebecca Kuiken will be taking a position in France. Dale Bracey gave a prayer for her safety and success. Presbytery approved the following recommendations from COM:

The call of Evie Macway to Trinity Church of Santa Cruz.

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The call of Dan Hoffman to Westview Church, Watsonville.

The call of David Rodriguez to Mayflower Church, Pacific Grove.

The call of Mike Hogg to Hollister Church (Mike was examined prior to his approval).

Permission for Rev. Anne McAnelly and Rev. Hsien Chang Lai to labor within the Presbytery prior to examination by COM.

Commission of Josh Fox and Dan Kimball as lay pastors to serve First Church/Vintage Faith, Santa Cruz (both were examined prior to their approval).

Permission for Taiwanese American Presbyterian Church to move into Immanuel Church, San Jose.

Presbytery adjourned at 12:35 with a prayer.

Paul Jones

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY RECEIVES FUNDING FOR HEATING AND LCD PROJECTOR

First Pres' Social Justice Ministry has donated enough money to allow the Bread of Life Ministry in East Palo Alto to purchase a new LCD projector and screen for their sanctuary, and to help that ministry cover costs for a new heating system. Bread of Life Ministry's sanctuary was painted by volunteers from First Pres during our most recent FLOW (Faith Lived Out In the World) Sunday.

Holly Brady

SECOND JUSTFAITH CLASS CONCLUDES

Another JustFaith group has finished its 30-week class in social justice--celebrating with a potluck supper before engaging in a spiritual retreat at Vallombroso Center in Menlo Park. Over the weeks, the group discussed books and video documentaries, invited speakers to meet with us, and participated in "immersion experiences" that took us into the community to listen and learn. We sorted and packed food for the needy at Sacred Heart Community Center in San Jose, and met with women coming out of prison in East Palo Alto. Our favorite books of this session were *Half the Sky*, a gripping study of women's plight throughout the world; and *Tattoos on the Heart*, the story of a man who built Homeboy Industries to get gang members in Central Los Angeles off the streets.



The class was co-led by Nan Swanson and Holly Brady.

Coming Up: While we'll be taking a break from offering the class again in the fall, Nan Swanson will be co-facilitating with Ann Teegardin a JustFaith module called **Engaging Spirituality** starting in September. That class will meet Friday mornings for 21 weeks starting in September. For more information, check the FirstPres website or contact Nan or Ann.

Holly Brady

Updates from Ministries, Small Groups, Committees, and Task Forces

FILM REVIEW: "Chocolat"



"Chocolat" (2000), a film directed by Lassa Hallstrom and set in the late 1950s in a medieval French town, incorporates fable-like elements in a real setting. The mayor of the town, Comte de Reynaud (Alfred Molina), tries to preserve the gray tranquility of the town, but the North wind blows into the town a couple of strangers in red capes, the life-affirming Vienne (Juliette Binoche) and her small daughter. Vienne sets up a chocolate shop in the town square, and her sensitivity to others' needs, coupled with her exotic chocolate delicacies, awakens the joy for life in the town people. Among others, Vienne helps her dour, 70-year-old landlady Armande (Judy Dench) to reconnect with a grandson, and an abused wife (Lena Olin) to regain self-confidence. The free-spirited Vienne enjoys the arrival of river gypsies and their guitar playing leader Roux (Johnny Depp). In the Comte's view, though, the "river rats," as well as chocolates during

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Lent are sinful, and he sets out to expel them and to destroy the chocolate shop. Vienne's stay in the town is also thwarted by the return of the North wind, which awakens her Mayan ancestral yearning for moving again.

Faith issues in the film deal with a release to a fuller life and measuring one's goodness not by what we exclude, but what we embrace. Rated PG-13, 121 minutes.

P. S. Chocolate delicacies prepared by Anne Irons and Ann Teegardin provided a sensorial enhancement for the film group's discussion.

Vija Lusebrink



Come and Celebrate Our 50th Wedding Anniversary

On Saturday, July 23rd, 2011
4:00—7:30 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church
1140 Cowper Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301
In the Fellowship Hall

Your presence will be our present

**Please RSVP to mjlanphere@att.net
Or 650-323-7403 by July 13th**

So we have enough food for the buffet and cake

Joyce & Marvin Lanphere

Please note: There is a new arrangement for paying for janitorial services when church facilities are rented for non-church purposes. The cost of those services will now be included in the basic rental cost, rather than requiring a separate check. If you have any questions about the new policy, please talk with Sarah Clementson in the church office.

Sarah Clementson

Welcome to the Hope of the Lord Presbyterian Church, which has been worshipping in the First Pres chapel at 4:00 p.m. each Sunday since June 5th. Their pastor is the Rev. Scott Joo.

And Finally...

we congratulate our graduates from college:

Drew Anne Wolfson has received a B.A. in Community Studies with a Minor in Education from UC, Santa Cruz. She's applying to teach English in either Central or South America through a non-profit called World Teach. World Teach places volunteers in under-served and developing countries that want to expand their knowledge of the English language but do not have the resources to pay a full-time teacher. Programs run for 1 year, and many volunteers won't leave until January or February 2012. In the meantime, she'll be in Palo Alto with her "wonderful parents," looking for a short term job, as well as finding ways to fund raise the cost of the program.

Drew Durham has received a B.A. in Sociology with emphasis on Inner City Studies from Notre Dame de Namur University. Drew was honored with the NDNU Sociology Department's Community Service 2011 Award. He is pursuing Library and Information Sciences. His goal is to become a research librarian, while still being active in community service and justice advocacy.

and from eighth grade:

Alex Iyer has graduated from Hillview Middle School in Menlo Park, and **Katherine Craig** from Jordan Middle School in Palo Alto.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

As Presbyterians, four Special Offerings a year help us respond to the Gospel's concern for the poor, the persecuted, the marginalized, and the outcast. This chart explains the purpose of each of these offerings. You may contribute in the envelopes provided, or by a check to First Presbyterian Church, with a note designating the Special Offering for which it is intended:

EASTER—ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Sharing resources, changing lives through disaster response, refugee assistance/ resettlement, and Self Development of marginalized people.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

PENTECOST OFFERING (50 days after Easter)



Focusing on children at risk, youth and young adults. We retain 40% to address immediate needs in our community. The rest goes to programs at the national level.

“If you do not receive this little child, you will never know the kingdom of God.”

PEACEMAKING OFFERING (October—World Communion)



Working for peace, justice and reconciliation here and around the world.

The church reaches out where conflict is rampant and people are deprived of the Peace of Christ. “A Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace” (James 3:18).

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING



Focusing on the unmet needs of retired clergy through the Board of Pensions (50%) and Racial-Ethnic Education (50%).

First Pres July and August 2011 Calendar

Sun Jul 3, 2011

8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel
Worship service of reflection and sharing.

10:30am - 11:30am Community Worship Service, Sanctuary

Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. Child care is provided. Please bring food to donate to the Palo Alto food closet.

Tue Jul 5, 2011

10:45am - 11:45am Worship & Music Ministry, Pastor's Study

Worship & Music Ministry monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month.

Wed Jul 6, 2011

2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 4, First Pres, Fellowship Hall

Volunteer team that cooks, serves and cleans up after dinner for our local homeless, organized through First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto and the Urban Ministry of Palo Alto. Each team commits to serving in a five-week rotation. Coordinators: Joy, Derrick and Craig. Dinner at 5pm.

Sun Jul 10, 2011

8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel
10:30am - 11:30am Community Worship Service, Sanctuary

Please bring food to donate to the Palo Alto food closet.

Tue Jul 12, 2011

12pm - 2pm Prime Timers, Chapel

Paul Jones will share slides and special travel stories from his trip to Bhutan, Tibet and Nepal. Bring a bag lunch and cookies or other dessert treats to share.

7pm - 9:30pm Super Tuesday, Fellowship Hall and Classrooms

Ministry and Committee meetings start at 7pm in various rooms on the church campus. Come participate in the leadership and planning for our teaching ministry, community building activities, finance and facilities ministries.

Wed Jul 13, 2011

2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 5, LDS Church, Palo Alto 1st Ward, Fellowship Hall

Coordinator: Heidi. Dinner at 5pm.

Sun Jul 17, 2011

8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel
10:30am - 11:30am Community Worship Service, Sanctuary

Please bring food to donate to the Palo Alto food closet.

Wed Jul 20, 2011

2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 1, Beth Jacob, Fellowship Hall

Coordinator: Carol. Dinner at 5pm.

7pm - 8:30pm Deacons Meeting, Classroom 1

Monthly meeting of the Deacons, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The Board of Deacons is the primary caregiving leadership group for our church community.

Sat Jul 23, 2011

4pm - 7:30pm Joyce & Marvin Lanphere's 50th Anniversary Celebration, Fellowship Hall

Sun Jul 24, 2011

8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel
10:30am - 11:30am Community Worship Service, Sanctuary

Please bring food to donate to the Palo Alto food closet.

Wed Jul 27, 2011

2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 2, Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Coordinator: Rajesh Philipos. Dinner at 5pm.

4:30pm Press Deadline

Please send Press articles and news items to Lela Noble (lnoble@sbcglobal.net) and Sarah Clementson (sclementson@fprespa.org)

7pm - 9:30pm Session Meeting, Classroom 1

Monthly meeting of Session on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Session is the operational leadership board for our church congregation.

Sat Jul 30, 2011

4pm Jack & Arlene Schaupp's 50th Anniversary Celebration, Sanctuary

Worship service in the Sanctuary at 4pm, followed by a jump house for kids and buffet dinner for all.

Sun Jul 31, 2011

8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel
10:30am - 11:30am Community Worship Service, Sanctuary

Worship led by Geoff Browning and a Stanford student. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. Please bring food to donate to the Palo Alto food closet

Tue Aug 2, 2011

10:45am - 11:45am Worship & Music Ministry, Pastor's Study

Worship & Music Ministry monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month.

Wed Aug 3, 2011

2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 3, Etz Chayim, Fellowship Hall

Coordinator: David. Dinner at 5pm.

Sun Aug 7, 2011

Youth Mission Trip, San Francisco and Oakland

Sun Aug 7, 2011 - Sun Aug 14, 2011

Contact Marissa Myers for details.

8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel
10:30am - 11:30am Community Worship Service, Sanctuary

Please bring food to donate to the Palo Alto food closet.

Tue Aug 9, 2011

7pm - 9:30pm Super Tuesday, Fellowship Hall and Classrooms

Wed Aug 10, 2011

2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 4, First Pres, Fellowship Hall

Coordinators: Joy, Derrick and Craig. Dinner at 5pm.

Sun Aug 14, 2011

8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel
10am - 11am Union Service at Covenant Presbyterian Church (NOTE TIME)

Joint worship service at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 670 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto.

Wed Aug 17, 2011

2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 5, LDS Church, Palo Alto 1st Ward, Fellowship Hall

Coordinator: Heidi. Dinner at 5pm.

7pm - 8:30pm Deacons Meeting, Classroom 1

Sun Aug 21, 2011

8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel
10am - 11am Union Worship Service in First Pres Sanctuary (NOTE TIME)

Wed Aug 24, 2011

2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 1, Beth Jacob, Fellowship Hall

Coordinator: Carol. Dinner at 5pm.

4:30pm Press Deadline

7pm - 9:30pm Session Meeting, Classroom 1

Sun Aug 28, 2011

8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel
10am - 11am Union Worship Service at First Baptist Church (NOTE TIME)

Joint worship service at First Baptist Church, 305 North California Avenue, Palo Alto.

Wed Aug 31, 2011

2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 2, Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Coordinator: Rajesh Philipos. Dinner at 5pm.

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto is to make our personal witness and public work consistent with the prophet Micah's challenge to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. As a community of faith, we center our communal life in worship and are challenged to live out the good news of the Gospel. Following Jesus the Christ, we pursue God's nonviolent vision of justice and human dignity for all people and share this understanding with our children, our members, our community, and the World.