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Love and peace to you,

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This month it is my honor and pleasure to be with you as your temporary pastor and guide for the sabbatical of First Presbyterian Church, for 4 months from mid-May to mid-September. The concept of sabbatical is an ancient one going back to our story of creation with six days of labor followed by a day of rest. That break in the cycle is as effective for overworked fields as it is for each of us in our frenzy of life. Yet, the break did not anticipate emptiness of mind or action. It sought a different type of mental and physical activity. So, after seven years of faithful pastoral responsibilities, Rob will take a break both for refreshment and for learning. He has shared with you his plan and will debrief his experiences with you when he returns.

In the meantime, it is your opportunity to also take a sabbatical from the routines of congregational life. Your Staff Relations Committee has accepted the challenge from Session to direct the progress of your learning and reflections during this time. Several areas of interest have emerged, including developing greater communications skills within the faith community. Accordingly, I have agreed to lead the adult class on the five Sunday mornings in May on the creative use of conflict. I have also agreed to help develop a listening process that I hope will involve every member and friend who is so inclined. This is not to solve some problem but to advance our ability to share the love of the Holy Spirit more fully. Toward this end, we would ask you to be engaged in directed small group conversations to enrich the intimacy (love) that results from more effective communication skills.

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During my professional training and forty years experience in family systems thinking as a pastor and a pastoral counselor, I have joyously observed the growth of intimacy in faith communities. Rather than boring you with too many details, let me share with you part of an article by Dr. Thomas F. Fisher entitled *Intimacy Is the Issue!* We begin at the section entitled "Implications for Parish Ministry":

If intimacy is the primary means by which emotive forces permeate a system, the implications are nothing short of profound. Consider for example the following implications.

1) Leadership Styles: *If intimacy is such an issue, then the styles of intimacy will certainly affect church health, growth and vitality. It means that churches, as other living, vibrant and dynamic organizations, can be characterized by their patterns of intimacy. Violation of these patterns of intimacy can lead to dramatic changes in the organization—spectacular renewal for growth, dramatic repeated conflict, rejection of leaders or members, etc.*

2) Leadership Strategy: *Not every relationship is created equal. One can't treat everyone the same way. The intimacy styles vary. Healthy relationships recognize and respect the styles of intimacy which characterize that relationship. From this basic sense of mutual, loving trust, change, growth and further development of intimacy occurs.*

3) Recurrent Intimate Patterns: *Congregations do have personality. These personalities are characterized by firmly established styles of intimacy. In healthy congregations, these patterns of intimacy continue to be the engine of growth, vitality and genuine fellowship.*

There you have it! My hope is that we will be energized by new patterns of intimacy as we share the love of Christ with the gifts of the Spirit. Thank you for inviting me to share this time with you.

Bob Butziger



Worship Schedule for May and June 2011

Sunday, May 1 st	First Sunday After Easter / Communion
8:30 A.M.	Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary—Bob Butziger preaching
11:30 A.M.	Refreshments in the Courtyard—Reception for Bob and Rob
Sunday, May 8 th	Second Sunday After Easter / Mother's Day
8:30 A.M.	Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary—Rob Martin preaching
11:30 A.M.	Refreshments in the Courtyard
Sunday, May 15 th	Third Sunday After Easter / Confirmand Sunday
8:30 A.M.	Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary—Led by Confirmation Class
11:30 A.M.	Refreshments in the Courtyard
Sunday, May 22 nd	The Fourth Sunday After Easter
8:30 A.M.	Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary—Bob Butziger preaching
1:30 A.M.	Refreshments in the Courtyard
Sunday, May 29 th	Fifth Sunday After Easter
8:30 A.M.	Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary—Bob Butziger preaching
11:30 A.M.	Refreshments in the Courtyard
Sunday, June 5 th	Sixth Sunday After Easter / Communion
8:30 A.M.	Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary—Bob Butziger preaching
11:30 A.M.	Refreshments in the Courtyard
Sunday, June 12 th	The Day of Pentecost / Church-Wide Picnic
8:30 A.M.	Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M.	Worship Service at Palo Alto Foothills Park
11:15 A.M.	Church Picnic / Games
Sunday, June 19 th	Trinity Sunday / Father's Day
8:30 A.M.	Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M.	Worship Service in Sanctuary—Arlene Schaupp and Geoff Browning leading
11:30 A.M.	Refreshments in the Courtyard
Sunday, June 26 th	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M.	Early Church in the Chapel
10:30 A.M.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary—Bob Butziger preaching
11:30 A.M.	Refreshments in the Courtyard

Other May and June Activities

ADULT STUDY

9:15-10:15 in Fellowship Hall

Come and get to know our supply pastor, the Rev. Robert Butziger, by participating in our Adult Education Series in May: "How to Disagree and Stay in Community." This will be the introduction to a process that will be offered to the entire congregation in clusters throughout the four months.

The series is as follows:

May 1: Role of Conflict in the Sacred Community

May 8: A New Paradigm for Change

May 15: Do Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly with Your God

May 22: Prophetic Voices

May 29: The Faith Community as a Family System

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Church school ends on May 22. On that Sunday, there will be a breakfast for members of the Confirmation Class and Elders; then class members will also be responsible for leading the 10:30 service that day.

The next big event for youth is the summer mission trip. Here's an excerpt from the announcement on the church website, frespa.org. Check the site for the full story.

Come on a mission to SF & Oakland in Summer 2011! We are going to San Francisco and Oakland for a week of service and urban immersion experience. We are partnering with the Center for Student Missions (CSM), a highly regarded mission organization with experience with mixed middle school/high school groups.

When is the trip? August 7-13, 2011. We will depart First Pres at 9 a.m. on Sunday, August 7, and return on Saturday, August 13. Our service week concludes on Friday, but we will spend an extra night and have some well-deserved fun.



Who is eligible? The minimum age is 12. CSM typically arranges mission trips for students 12-18, but we have negotiated 3 spots for incoming sixth graders. For the younger students, CSM is making special arrangements at service sites that are age-appropriate. They will likely be transported in a separate car, as they'll be going different places from older students.

Maturity, attitude, and physical stamina are important considerations for your student on a week-long mission trip. We work hard. Days are long. Wakeup time is early morning. Even so, students consider this trip the highlight of their year. If you have any questions about your student's fitness for this trip, please talk to Marissa. There will be 5 adult leaders. Friends are welcome. We have reserved 14 spaces, and can scale to a maximum of 20 participants. Space is reserved on a first come, first served basis.

What is the commitment? Students are expected to attend three preparation sessions leading up to the trip and to lead worship as a team (with Marissa's leadership) the following Sunday, August 21, sharing their experiences with the congregation.

How much does the trip cost?

- The program cost per person is \$350. This includes lodging and most meals. The church comps students' transportation, gas, and parking fees.

Other May and June Activities—continued

- Students will need c. \$75 for 5 meals out (2 travel meals, 1 fun day meal, 1 night out) and a day of fun.
- Scholarships are available. Don't let money get in the way of going! Talk to Marissa about it.
- \$350 is due by May 1. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church Palo Alto.
- Space is reserved on a first come, first served basis. If you cancel within 60 days or less before August 1, your deposit and fees paid will be forfeited.

Who hosts and supervises? Marissa will lead this trip, along with 2-3 adult volunteer leaders. The host will give us instruction on what to do/not do and talk us through every activity before we do it. The debriefing is the biggest part of the learning activities. As groups talk about an activity, they can see it from God's perspective and grow in some really neat ways.

Marissa Myers

COOL PLANET SPONSORS "CLIMATE REFUGEES"



The devastating impact of global warming on communities worldwide is the subject of a powerful Sundance documentary aiming to put a human face on climate change.

Michael Nash's film "Climate Refugees" is a compelling look at the millions of humans displaced by disasters arising from incremental and rapid ecological changes to the environment and more frequent extreme weather events such as hurricanes, cyclones, fires and tornadoes. This film has been screened at the UN Climate Summit in Copenhagen and at the Sundance Film Festival in 2010.

The Cool Planet Working Group invites you to see and discuss it with us on **Monday, May 9, from 7-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Refreshments will be served; donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the film. See www.climaterefugees.com for more about the film.

Pat Kinney

PRIME TIMERS

**Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 12-2 p.m.,
in Fellowship Hall**

Growing Up

Our guest, **Rev. Robert Butziger**, comes to First Presbyterian Church as Supply Pastor during Pastor Rob Martin's sabbatical from mid-May to mid-September. Bob will talk about his growing up..."which continues," he says. He is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and earned his doctorate in Pastoral Counseling at the Graduate Theological Union in



Berkeley. Bob has served a wide variety of congregational settings including urban, Appalachian, suburban, new church development, and most recently as interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church of San Jose. Post-retirement, Bob directs a private practice focused on mediation, family interviews, and work with the developmentally delayed. At present he is organizing an Interfaith Counseling Center in San Jose at Grace Baptist Church. Bob has been married to Marianne for 49 years, and they have three children and three grandchildren.

**Tuesday, June 14, 2011, Noon to 2 p.m.,
in Fellowship Hall**

Books We Are Reading



What are you reading that might appeal to others in our community? Prime Timers again offers an opportunity for all to select their summertime reading after hearing brief book reports from those who wish to share. We hope five or six among us would be interested in participating as presenters. We expect each presenter to spend approximately 10 minutes talking about the recommended book. If you would like to be one of the presenters, please contact Don Fidler (don@don.fidler.name) or Minako Sano (minako328@gmail.com) by May 20 giving the title of the book and a sentence on what the book is about. This popular program returns in time for your summer book selections. But it only succeeds if you volunteer to talk about your latest engrossing read.

Bring your own bag lunch and sweets or fruit to share. Coffee and tea are provided.

Don Fidler

Other May and June Activities—continued

PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 12, 2011

Mark your calendars for the church picnic to be held at Foothills Park on June 12th. We will worship at Foothills at 10:30 A.M. followed by BBQ lunch, games, fellowship, and possible hikes. We will be taking signups beginning **May 15th**. Please be sure to sign up since the city requires a list of attendees a week before the picnic. We have the Oak Grove Picnic area reserved. Community Building will provide the burgers and drinks; you'll provide salads, chips, and desserts. Due to limited parking, we will want to take as few cars as possible. We will have carpools leaving from the church and the Park N Ride lot at Page Mill/Arastradero. Keep tuned. Please contact Joy Sleizer at joysleizer@sbcglobal.net if you have questions.



Also Note

SENIOR CHATS – MAY AND JUNE

May and June will bring us both practical and inspirational presentations. The Chat is open to anyone, any time. Our fellowship is rich and our subjects are valuable. If you see a theme that interests you, please join us. No RSVP is necessary, and we meet the second and fourth Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room of Covenant Presbyterian Church, 670 East Meadow Drive. If you wish more information, please call Rev. Dona Smith-Powers 494-3093.

May 13: "Are You Good to Go?"

It never hurts to be prepared and to know how to act when someone we love has died. Marjorie Bridges, a staff person from the Funeral Education Foundation who is also part of the Funeral Consumers Alliance, will discuss the options available and decisions to make about end of life affairs, from body and organ donation through memorials. She will bring several valuable handouts for us to take home and study.

May 27: "Veterans Share Their Stories"

In considering Memorial Day, we will have the rare opportunity to hear stories from three veterans. Each will share something of their lives in the service: heart-warming, funny, and serious. Our lives will be enriched as we listen to Chuck Scott of Covenant Presbyterian, Don Hildenbrand of First Presbyterian, and Will Stone of First Congregational Church. Also, we will have some time to share brief stories of servicemen and women whom we've known.

June 10: "Sitting and Standing Tai Chi"

Tai chi instructor Cindy Mason will explain the philosophy of tai chi and teach us some moves that we can do at home.

June 24: "Sound Sleep"

Jean Elvin, a Feldenkrais teacher, will give us some exercises to help us get to sleep and stay asleep.

SOUTH BAY SANCTUARY COVENANT

invites you to a lively, passionate presentation from our 19-member delegation to El Salvador, with a focus on Liberation and the Struggle for Human Rights. Hear experiences of commemorations of Archbishop Oscar Romero on the 31st anniversary of his assassination; interviews with political, social, environmental and religious leaders; and staying with families in our rural partner community.

4:00 P.M., Sunday, May 22, 2011,

First Presbyterian Church

Program and Salvadoran Pupusa Dinner

Please RSVP to steering@southbaysanctuary.org

or 650-494-8340.



Looking Back...

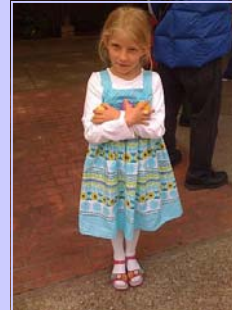
**Crop Walk
April 3rd, 2011
Photo from Holly Brady**



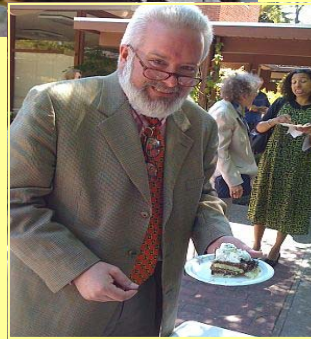
**First Pres Hikers
Spring Wildflower Hike
Photos by Helene Butler**



**Easter Sunday
April 24th, 2011
Photos by Holly Brady**



**Welcome/Farewell Reception for
Bob Butzger and Rob Martin
Sunday, May 1st, 2011
Photos by Holly Brady**



Session Highlights

At its meeting on April 27th, Session received an interim report from the Music Task Force, represented by Mohan Iyer and Greer Ellison. The Task Force has been working very hard collecting data and input from various sources. They have done two surveys, one of the choir and one of the congregation. They also have spoken with prior First Pres Music Directors and looked through 40 years of Session minutes regarding music in the church.

While the Task Force has not yet put together any detailed recommendations, they would like us to commit to employing Lara Garner through year-end. The Worship Committee supports this recommendation. Session passed unanimously a motion from the Worship Committee to make a formal commitment to Lara Garner through the end of the year.

Karen Peterson-Iyer, Chair of the Ministry for Children, Youth, and Families, reported that, while they understand her choice, the families and youth are very sad that Marissa Myers is leaving First Pres. Marissa has been a wonderful presence among the children and has great pastoral gifts in working with the youth.

Clerk of Session Helene Butler brought a request for removal from active membership from Darlene Eft, now a member at Christ Church Episcopal, Lake Oswego, OR. The request was approved.

Karen Wentzel, Chair of Staff Relations, brought news that Russ Kosits will be here August 2011 through May 2012 as a full time intern for Youth and Children. Russ is a student at San Francisco Theological Seminary and will be fulfilling his internship requirement at First Pres. He is planning to attend the Mission trip with Marissa and the youth, which will be a good opportunity for them to all get to know each other.

Rob Martin brought a request from Hope of the Lord Korean Church to use our chapel and a classroom on Sunday afternoons June through October 2011. They are a new congregation with about 30 members. They are insured, and they have agreed to go through the Safe Church training prior to working with their children on our church property. Their use should not impact any of our regular church groups. The motion to rent to them for a total of \$6065 was passed.

Joy Sleizer gave us the happy news that the Santa Clara Water District has given us a \$5785 rebate because we replaced the lawn on the Cowper Street side of the property with more water efficient plantings. The funds will go into the Facilities budget.

Helene Butler, Clerk of Session

Key Financial Highlights (Through March 31st)

Major Categories	Status <i>(Rounded actual compared to prorated budget)</i>
Pledge Income	☺ \$12,000 ahead of budget
Total Congregational Giving	☺ \$7,000 ahead of budget
Staff Compensation	☹ \$7,000 under budget
Administrative	☺ \$2,000 under budget
Facilities	☺ \$4,000 under budget
Presbyterian & Ecumenical Giving	☹ \$4,000 under budget
Social Justice	☺ Right on schedule
Total Income	☹ \$7,000 under budget
Total Expenditures	☺ \$15,000 under budget
Income – Expenditures	☺ \$7,817 surplus

Key Financial Highlights—continued

FINANCIAL REPORT COMMENTARY

The church had a surplus at the end of March (reflected in the report above).

We are pleased to report that pledge income is on schedule overall. Many thanks for keeping your pledges current.

On the spending side, our expenditures are under budget so far this year. Staff compensation is under budget, primarily due to an allocation for Bob Butziger that will be paid later in the year (May through September) and to reduced Music Director expenses. Administrative expenses are also under budget, primarily due to office supplies and postage.

Our Social Justice donations seem to be right on schedule. Thank you to the Social Justice ministry!

Susan Phinney-Silver

APRIL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Early Service	10:30 Service	TOTAL
4/3	8	82	90
4/10	6	60	66
4/17 Palm Sunday	10	83	93
4/21 Maundy Thursday		27	27
4/22 Good Friday		12	12
4/24 Easter Sunday		167	167

Total for Month of April: 455

Presbytery Report

San Jose Presbytery met at the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos on April 2, 2011. Following a stimulating worship service, the Presbytery was called to order at 10:00 A.M. Corresponding members were seated and first time attendees were introduced.

The consent docket was approved, including the adoption of Presbytery templates for long and short term leases between churches and outside tenants.

Joey Lee, Executive Presbyter, gave an outstanding plea for calm judgment and reconciliation as Amendment 10A approaches passage by the presbyteries. He described an inner and outer approach to achieve reconciliation. First, the Council will meet to deal with hopes and fears and to attempt to actively listen. Thereafter, meetings with individual churches will attempt to set aside the merits of the debate in order to set the stage for reconciliation. It is a vital and massive undertaking.

David Rodriguez presented the Council's nominees for the Nominating Committee, including Nan Swanson, Bill Riddle, Dick Spencer, and Shari Grover.

Elsa Amboy described the Refugee Ministry and the ongoing cooperation between the Presbytery and Catholic Charities. Jim Hagen announced a joint Peace and Justice trip in conjunction with the Unitarian Church of San Jose.

Pat Plant announced the Ecumenical Advocacy meeting in Washington, D. C., and stressed the importance of the One Great Hour of Sharing Program to the Hunger Advocates. She also asked for support through the General Assembly for the Japanese victims of the earthquake/tsunami.

For the Council, Ed Lee announced that Darrell Bush is moving to New Harmony Presbyterian Church and will no longer be a member of San Jose Presbytery.

John Kelso reported on the proposed New Form of Government that would replace a large portion of the Book of Order. In addition to giving Middle Governing Bodies freedom to establish their own policies, it lays out several principles, including:

1. The activity of God in the world—what the Church is called to be
2. How confessions fit into worship
3. A constitutional framework for church order and government, including offices and councils, and the proclamation and diversity of the world
4. Means for amending the Constitution

The Study Committee appointed to evaluate the New Form of Government voted unanimously to reject the proposal. Only one member of the Presbytery spoke in favor, and his remarks were lukewarm. The Presbytery seemed disinterested in the whole matter—a little like, “What is it; I don’t like it.” The vote of Presbytery was 25 to approve the New Form of Government and 76 to reject it.

Lyle Schmidt reported on Church Health and Growth. The average age of members of churches in the Presbytery is 61 years. Very few churches are successfully recruiting young members. Much work is needed in this area.

Presbytery Report—continued

David McCreath reported on the Committee on Ministry. Immanuel Church of San Jose reported on its options for the future and the basis for its request to be dissolved. Presbytery assented. Joey Lee stressed the importance of inviting Immanuel members to worship with other congregations. COM recommended that Rev. Tim Carlson's work with Terra Nova Church not be approved and that he be prohibited from engaging in such work as an officer of the church. The Terra Nova Church has been formed from members from Union Presbyterian Church following Rev. Carlson's departure from that church. The Presbytery agreed with the recommendation.

Jane Odell reported on a Safe Church Training Program scheduled for May 21 and another in September. Her Committee is working on a refresher course for clergy dealing with sexual misconduct.

The Presbytery meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Paul Jones

Deacons' Diary

During Rob Martin's Sabbatical Leave from May 16 to September 16, the Deacons will be helping our Stated Supply Pastor, Bob Butziger, with needs of the congregation that he is unable to cover. Rev. Bob will be working three quarters time, so please call your Deacon or leave a message with the church office if you need a contact from your Neighborhood Deacon. Since this is a vacation time for many of us, we will arrange to cover for one another during an absence.

Due to patient confidentiality laws hospitals no longer notify pastors or churches when they have admitted a patient even if the patient requests such notification. If you wish to have the pastor/church informed of your or a family member's hospitalization, you need to call the church office.

Hotel de Zink is coming again throughout the month of July. Each month one of twelve participating congregations hosts 15-17 clients. Our guests, who have been screened by InnVision, arrive at 9 p.m., enjoy dinner, spend the night, have breakfast, and then clean up before leaving at 7 a.m. A supervisor from InnVision spends the night with our guests.

We will need people of all ages to help by bringing a course for dinner every night of the month. Anyone who participated in previous years will tell you it was a wonderful experience. The Deacons supervise this program, and we will take sign-ups during the month of June. We will also have Philip Dah, the Director of Hotel de Zink, speak with us on Sunday, June 26th.

Pat Kinney and Mary Alice Thornton

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

AMENDMENT 10-A VOTE CHART

May 5, 2011

85 Yes / 2 Ties, 60 No

Presbyteries changing compared to 08-B:

18 in favor, 3 opposed

Net gain: 15, out of a required 9

Counted presbyters voting yes:

9282 (55%) / voting no: 7683

(not including 6 presbyteries approving strongly without a recorded tally, 4 disapproving)

Presbytery votes needed to approve Amendment 10-A: 87

Covenant Network

TWO PLUS TWO SPRING HIKES

First Pres Hikers Covenant Group

May 7, Sat - San Bruno Mountain State and County Park (Julie)

June 11, Sat - Wilder Ranch and Santa Cruz Lunch (Paul)



Sierra Club Hikes

May 21, Sat - Russian Ridge OSP (Julie)

Jun 9, Thu - Wunderlich County Park to Alice's Restaurant on Skyline Blvd (Julie)

For more information and reservations, contact hike leaders:

Julie Barney (650)494-2020

Paul Seever (831)440-9018 pseever@prodigy.net

Sun May 1, 2011**8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel**

Worship service of reflection and sharing

9:15am - 10:15am Adult Study Classes, Fellowship Hall

Adult study topics led by Rev. Robert Butziger each Sunday during the month of May. Come and get to know Bob through his teaching: "How to Disagree and Stay in Community"

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

Child care is provided. Children participate in the first 15 minutes of worship, leaving at 10:45 for educational classes. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. Please bring food for the Palo Alto food closet

10:45am - 11:45am Children & Youth Educational Classes, Classrooms

Children and youth leave Community Worship to attend one-hour educational classes

11:30am - 1pm Reception for Pastors Rob Martin & Bob Butziger, Courtyard

Please come to a special reception to say farewell to Rob Martin as he leaves for his sabbatical, and to welcome Bob Butziger, who will serve as Temporary Pastor at First Pres in Rob's absence

Tue May 3, 2011**10:45am - 11:45am Worship & Music Ministry Monthly Meeting, Pastor's Study**

Worship & Music Ministry monthly meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month

Wed May 4, 2011**2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 5, LDS Church, Palo Alto 1st Ward, 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. Coordinator: Heidi. Dinner at 5pm

Sun May 8, 2011**8:30am - 9:30am Early Church,****Chapel****9:15am - 10:15am Adult Study Classes, Fellowship Hall****10:30am - 11:30am Community Worship Service, Sanctuary**

Please bring food for the Palo Alto food closet

10:45am - 11:45am Children & Youth Educational Classes, Classrooms**Tue May 10, 2011****12pm - 2pm Prime Timers: "Growing Up," Fellowship Hall**

Rev. Bob Butziger will talk about his background, ministry and work in pastoral counseling. Bring a bag lunch and dessert treats or fruit 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, finance and facilities ministries

Wed May 11, 2011**2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 1, Beth Jacob, Fellowship Hall**

Coordinator: Carol. Dinner at 5pm

Sun May 15, 2011**8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel****9:15am - 10:15am Adult Study Classes, Fellowship Hall****10:30am - 11:30am Community Worship Service, Sanctuary**

Worship will be led by youth members of the Confirmation Class. Please bring food for the Palo Alto food closet.

Wed May 18, 2011**2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 2, Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Fellowship Hall**

Coordinator: Rajesh Philipos. 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

Sun May 22, 2011**8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel****9:15am - 10:15am Adult Study Classes, Fellowship Hall****10:30am - 11:30am Community Worship Service, Sanctuary**

Please bring food for the Palo Alto food closet

10:45am - 11:45am Children & Youth Educational Classes, Classrooms**4pm - 7pm Salvadoran Pupusa Dinner & Program, Fellowship Hall**

Presentation by South Bay Sanctuary Covenant about the recent delegation to El Salvador

Wed May 25, 2011**2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 3, Etz Chayim, Fellowship Hall**

Coordinator: David. Dinner at 5pm

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

Sun May 29, 2011**8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel****9:15am - 10:15am Adult Study Classes, Fellowship Hall****10:30am - 11:30am Community Worship Service, Sanctuary**

Please bring food for the Palo Alto food closet

Wed Jun 1, 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 Jun 5, 2011**8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel**

Worship service of reflection and sharing.

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

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

Tue Jun 7, 2011**10:45am - 11:45am Worship & Music Ministry Monthly Meeting, Pastor's Study**

Worship & Music Ministry meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month

Wed Jun 8, 2011**2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 5, LDS Church, Palo Alto 1st Ward, Fellowship Hall**

Coordinator: Heidi. Dinner at 5pm

Sun Jun 12, 2011**8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel****10:30am - 1pm Worship Service & Church Picnic, Palo Alto Foothills Park**

Church picnic immediately following the 10:30am Worship Service at the Park. Burgers and drinks will be provided. Please bring salads, chips and desserts to share. Contact Joy Sleizer to coordinate car-pools to the Park

Tue Jun 14, 2011**12pm - 2pm Prime Timers: "Books We Are Reading," Fellowship Hall**

Come to listen and create your summer reading list as friends share comments about books they have enjoyed reading.

Bring a bag lunch and desserts or fruit 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, finance and facilities ministries

Wed Jun 15, 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

Sun Jun 19, 2011**8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel****10:30am - 11:30am Community Worship Service, Sanctuary**

Please bring food for the Palo Alto food closet

Wed Jun 22, 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

Sun Jun 26, 2011**8:30am - 9:30am Early Church, Chapel****9:15am-10:15am Adult Study: Phillip Dah, Director of Hotel de Zink speaking****10:30am - 11:30am Community Worship Service, Sanctuary**

Please bring food for the Palo Alto food closet

Wed Jun 29, 2011**2pm - 6:30pm UMPA meal-Team 3, Etz Chayim, Fellowship Hall**

Coordinator: David. 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.