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February 2015

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February Events:

FLOCK FOR ALL*
Feb. 1, 8
BOY SCOUTS SUNDAY
Feb. 8 9:00 AM
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
Feb. 18 7:00 PM
HIGH SCHOOL WINTER CAMP
Feb. 20–22
BLOOD DRIVE—UNITY CENTER*
Feb. 22 10 AM–4 PM
FAMILY TABLE* (Weekly through Lent)
Starts Sun. Feb. 22 5:00 PM

Recurring Church Events:

BAND REHEARSAL*
Thursdays 6:00 PM
BOOK BUDDIES*
2nd Thursdays 4:00 PM
CHOIR REHEARSAL
Thursdays 7:00 PM
COMMUNION
1st Sundays 9, 10:45 AM
HANDCRAFTERS*
2nd & 4th Tues. 10:00 AM
LADIES' NIGHT OUT*
4th Fridays 6:30 PM
MEN AT WORK*
3rd Saturday 8:00 AM
MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY*
Fridays 11:00 AM
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES*
Elizabeth 1st, 3rd Tues. 10:30 AM
Lois 2nd Thurs. 10:00 AM
Lydia 1st Mon. 9:00 AM
Mary Martha 2nd Mon. 7:00 PM
Rachel 2nd Tues. 6:15 PM
RING TONES REHEARSAL
Sundays 2:00 PM
STANDING TOGETHER*
2nd Wednesdays 7:00 PM
TGIF (Children's Program)
Fridays 6:00 PM
YOUTH GROUP
Sundays 6:00 PM

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Pastor's Column

Easter comes early this year. So what's happening around here for Lent? In worship we are delving into the Gospel of Luke. In general all four Gospels tell the story of Jesus and His ministry and life here living among people. Jesus loved people and called them to more "abundant life." *I heard a story about a preacher who said to a farmer. "Do you belong to the Christian family?" "No." said he, "they live two farms down." "No, no! I mean are you lost?" "No, I've been here thirty years." I mean are you ready for Judgment Day?" When is it?" "It could be today or tomorrow." "Well, when you find out for sure when it is, you let me know. My wife will probably want to go both days!"* The gospels instruct us on how to follow Jesus' lead and live life well, sharing love and good will for all people.

Luke's Gospel offers a distinct look at Christ and His amazing compassion for all people. Luke tells us that he had had a chance to stand back from the extraordinary events that had been going on in this new movement of people called the "Way." Luke talked to the people involved in the leadership, read some earlier writings, and wrote his own version so that readers could know the truth about the things to do with Jesus. He was an educated and cultured man, the first real historian to write about Jesus. His book places Jesus not only at the heart of the Jewish world of the first century, but at the heart of the Roman world into which the Christian gospel exploded and which it was destined to change so radically. This exciting Gospel is the only Gospel with a sequel - the book of Acts (the only history of the early church found in the Canon of Scripture).

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE! (as they say on those late night infomercials) We're also trying something new this Lent. Lent is a time to do some new and different things which remind us of God's great ministry among us and help us keep Christ closer to us as we journey through the 40 days with Him. We are providing special dinners and a really fun program called, "Family Table Time" on Sunday nights from 5 to 6:30 in which we'll eat together, and explore in some very fun ways, the stories of Luke's Gospel. Our Adult Ministry is joining with our Children and Youth Ministries to plan very special nights for everyone. We want all ages to come and be a part of our church family preparing for Easter.

Let's all come back Sunday evenings for "Family Table Time."

Have a Prosperous Lenten Journey,

Pastor Bill

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Leadership Meetings:

- ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE
1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM
- BUILDING & GROUNDS COM.
1st Mondays 7:00 PM
- CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE
1st Tuesdays 7:00 PM
- CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE
1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM
- DEACONS*
1st Mondays 7:00 PM
- MISSIONS COMMITTEE
1st Mondays 7:00 PM
- OUTREACH COMMITTEE*
2nd Thursdays 7:00 PM
- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
1st Fridays 8:00 AM
- SESSION*
3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM
- STEPHEN MINISTRY
4th Wed. Leaders 5:00 PM
Ed. 6:30 PM
Groups 8:00 PM
- STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
2nd Tuesdays 7:00 PM
- WORSHIP COMMITTEE
1st Tuesdays 7:00 PM
- YOUTH COMMITTEE*
1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM

Upcoming Events:

- YOUTH MISSION DINNER*
March 1
- FAMILY TABLE LENTEN EVENT*
March 8, 15, 22, 29
- ONE SERVICE+CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
March 15 postponed from Feb.1
- PALM SUNDAY
March 29
- EASTER SUNDAY
April 3rd
- LIFE ACADEMY STARTS
April 12

* Additional info. in newsletter



The Church Life Committee promotes fellowship and fun activities for the church family by providing a variety of church, community, cultural and special events throughout the year.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S

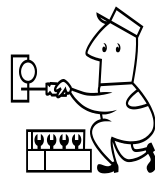
Dee Lewis	Feb. 1
Lillian Wilson	Feb.3
Les Tanner	Feb. 5
Barbara Trout	Feb. 26

MEN AT WORK

Next meeting: February 14, 2015

Join the men of the church on the third Saturday of each month at 8:00 am for breakfast and a time of fellowship.

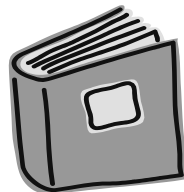
Each month there will either be a guest speaker or a project at the church or in the community.



BOOK BUDDIES

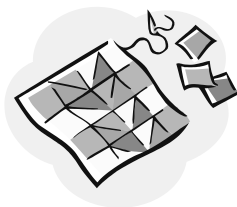
Book Buddies will meet Thursday, February 12th 4:00 pm at P am Trammell's home to discuss "Orphan Train" by Christine Baker Kline. This is a historical novel about orphans from cities on the East Coast sent to the Midwest in the 1920s.

Pam's address; 22254 Oxford Lane, Santa Clarita. RSVP for discussion and salad supper 661-255-1727.



HANDCRAFTERS

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, at 10am, people gather in the Evans Room to share their skills, their interests, their accomplishments. We are the handcrafters, and everyone is welcome!



LADIES' NIGHT OUT

February 24, 6:30 PM
Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill
25580 The Old Road
Stevenson Ranch 91381



LIVING WATERS MISSION TO GUATEMALA

From Dec. 13 to 20th Art Moore and I (Jack Irwin) traveled to Iglesia Bethania, Coatepeque, Guatemala with Living Water World Missions .

We installed a very sophisticated water filtration system with three filters and an ozone generator The purified water is stored in an adjacent tank. All this equipment and piping was assembled by our team together with men and boys of the church.

Living Water staff taught high school girls, women college students and mothers to, in turn, teach children about germs, how they are transmitted, the necessity of washing hands, the necessity of identifying pure water to use for cooking, teeth brushing, drinking and cleansing babies. Education is a part of the Living Water program.

In summary, we were met with extreme friendship by the people of Iglesia Bethania. We spent a lot of time having lunch daily and talking with all of them in broken English on their part and broken Spanish on our part.. We built bonds of love and joy between us and them, so that hugs and tears were shed when we said goodbye at the end of the dedication service.



The team: Mark Cunningham from Pres. church, Bakersfield; Beatriz from EV Free, Visalia; Sally and Mark VanCiel of Visalia Pres Church, Art Moore & Jack Irwin of Newhall Pres.



Iglesia Bethania (Bethany Church) where the team worked with their men and boys to install the water system.



The water system installed and operating



The dedication/worship service on Thursday evening. Cups of the purified water were handed out to all and we all drank together -- a true communion!



The purpose of The Mission Committee, in order to further share the gospel of Jesus Christ, is to responsibly use the resources of First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, wherever we find a neighbor in need. We are committed to meeting mission needs in our local community, across the nation, and globally, by sending money, food, clothing, volunteers, or whatever else is needed.

2015 Mission Beginnings

Can you believe it is already February? The year 2015 will fly by faster than the previous year and before you know it, you will be receiving Newsletters for 2016. The Mission Committee has one question for you as we begin the journey towards 2016, "What will you remember about 2015?" Will it be a memorable moment during one of our Amor Trips or another mission trip? Will it be the time you gave in rebuilding the church or helping the surrounding community? Will it be being a part of an organization that helps family with temporary housing and employment? For myself, I hope to remember 2015 as a year of giving; of giving time, finances, and efforts to improve the lens of our society. To best summarize, I hope that during 2015 we will all give another stone towards *Building the Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven*. Will you join us in adding a stone?

Alternative Christmas and Giving Tree

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to everyone who gave during our Alternative Christmas and for donating countless toys for our Giving Tree (see photo). Through your generous donations we were able to raise over \$6,000 for Alternative Christmas and give over 90 toys to children who are in need. The Mission Committee takes great pride along with a wealth of humility in how thoughtful and giving our church members are. All of the contributions we can do here, every single one of your donations, have a priceless impact on those who receive your love. Thank you.



Family Promise Representative Needed

The Mission Committee NEEDS YOUR HELP! Our church helps Family Promise four times a year with providing space in our Fellowship Hall for families who need our services. Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley brings shelter, meals, and support services to families without homes, helping them to get back on their feet. By mobilizing community faith groups in the SCV to assist homeless families, Family Promise works to achieve sustainable independence for our guests while offering hope and compassion, and preserving individual dignity. We have had a wonderful volunteer, Pam Trammell, who has been our coordinator in bringing Family Promise to our church for the last 4 years and is now looking for a replacement for her position. Pam is willing to train a new priceless individual by giving detailed instruction and joining them in the upcoming March meeting. If you are interested in taking up this position, please contact Mission Elder James Allison or Pam Trammell. We would love to have anyone who is willing to be a part of this effort. Just imagine what you could do for those in such need. Please consider this opportunity and the Mission Committee will be behind you in support all of the way.



STANDING TOGETHER

Third Annual Blood Drive
 Sunday, February 22
 10:a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 Unity Center of Santa Clarita
 22621 8th St., Newhall

Members of our congregation are again invited to join our Standing Together Muslim friends for their annual blood drive. The Red Cross mobile unit will be in the Unity Center (old Newhall Post Office) parking lot that is entered off of Walnut St. Please consider donating blood after church on Feb. 22!

Inviting Everyone to:

“Family Table”

For All of the First Presbyterian Family and Friends

Sundays 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Feb. 22, March 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Dinner, singing, activities around the Lenten Scriptures

Make your reservations on the patio

Children 2 and under free, 3-11 \$3, Children Over 12 and Adults \$5

**Family Table is a Time to Journey Together
 Through Lent To Easter As a Family of God**

Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee

In Cooperation with Presbyterian Women and the Youth Committee

FRIDAY MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY

Although Lenten Bible studies are not scheduled for this year, the Friday Midday Bible Study will focus on the book, Lent for Everyone - Luke by N.T. Wright, which the Adult Education Committee is making available to all members for \$5.00. The book is a daily scriptural devotional with thoughtful comments by author Wright. On Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. we will explore our thoughts and questions about the focused scripture for each day. By the end of Lent we will have completed the Book of Luke. If you are available, we would love to have you join us; bring your Bible and a sack lunch or snack, in case you get hungry for *more* than just the Word of God!



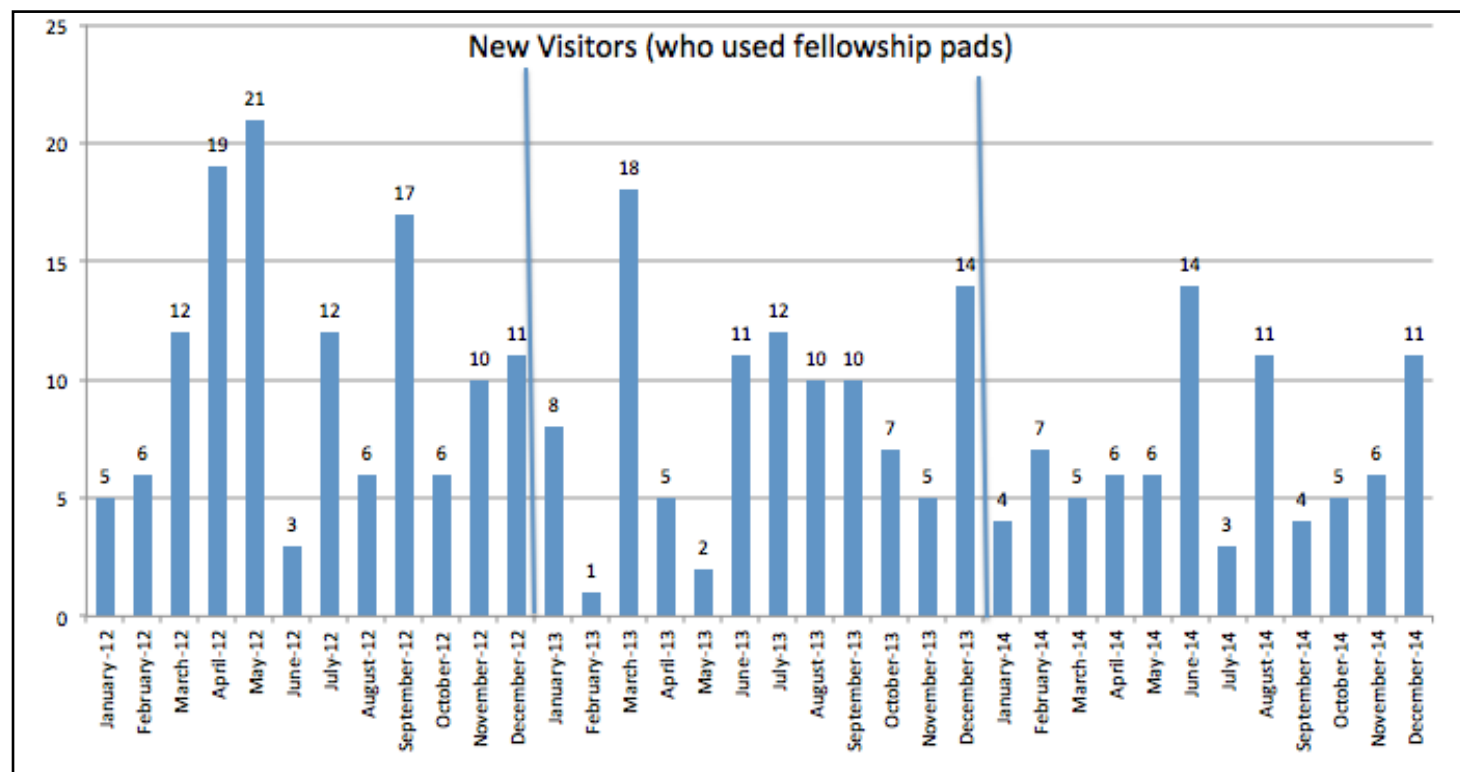


The Outreach Committee is called by our Heavenly Father to extend the hospitality that we find in our fellowship to the community, to visitors, and to new members, in order to draw them into the family of Christian faith at First Presbyterian Church.

Outreach is Everyone's Mission

Why do we get new visitors? To name a few reasons, there is the inspirational messages on our marquee, our robust and informative website (www.presby-newhall.org), our very active Facebook social media page, a newly visible old cross and of course word of mouth and invitations from members.

The trend chart below shows the number of new Sunday morning visitors (who put their names on the fellowship pads). For 2014 there were 87, which trended slightly downward from 2013. Unfortunately, most new visitors come only one time. Therefore, **we (that means all of us) have one shot at showing that we are a welcoming and loving church family.**



The Outreach Committee, (Rod Belcher, Jim and Becky Combs, Teresa Howell, Lorraine King, Coleen Knox, Bryce Morrow, Pat Stokes and John Favalessa), invite you to join us in promoting this wonderful family of faith. Our meetings are open to all...the second Thursday of the month at 7pm. See John Favalessa for details.



The Adult Education Committee at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall encourages the congregation to mature in their knowledge and practice of their Christian faith as disciples of Jesus Christ both personally and in community with other believers.

TAKE LENT INTO THE COMMUNITY: PEACEMAKING IN OUR TIME by Cecil Ramnaraine

Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

January 19th was Martin Luther King Day, celebrating one of the great Christian peacemakers of our time.

Who doesn't realize that Peacemaking is something needed in our time! We as Christians can learn to be peacemakers and teach others to be peacemakers. I have written a curriculum that does just that. The curriculum has also been taught in adult education in churches, in teacher training in college, and in high schools in Minnesota. It is free. It is on-line. I want to suggest that we as Christians in the SCV can use this also in our community.

First, a little bit about myself. I am an old Presbyterian. I attended an elementary school run by The Canadian Presbyterian Mission in Guyana, South America. I was baptized there when I was in the fourth grade by Rev. James Dickson who was head of the mission. Then I enrolled in the Presbyterian high school. Upon graduation at fifteen, I began teaching in their elementary schools as a student teacher. In 1952 I was granted a partial scholarship to Macalester College in St. Paul, MN, a school sponsored by the Presbyterian Church. I have been a teacher.

The Peacemaking Curriculum: I have retired from teaching in Minnesota, and while teaching, I wrote a curriculum on peacemaking. On November 2, 2014, I signed up for the Adult Education Committee of our church. The committee has a great Lent program called Family Table. It co-ordinates with Pastor Bill's able leadership during Lent to study the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. We can make our study of Lent count by taking the teaching of Jesus into the community. That is where He did His ministry. My peacemaking curriculum can be used to do this. It can be viewed on the internet at www.CecilRam.com or in the two paper copies in our church office.

The curriculum is based on the work of ten Christian peacemakers in our time. Examples are: Mother Teresa, who helped the poor, the helpless and the orphans; Martin Luther King who dealt with peace and racism and whose birthday is a national holiday (January 19); Eleanor Roosevelt who worked for human rights and equality; Nelson Mandela, who practiced forgiveness and reconciliation; Dag Hammarskjold's work for world peace in the U.N.; Franz Jaggerstalter who lived and died following the commandment "Thou shalt not kill," as a choice in war and peace; President Woodrow Wilson who proposed disarmament and the League of Nations; Dietrich Bonhoeffer who opposed Hitler and World War II; Albert Schweitzer, a Christian Missionary; and Will Rogers, a promoter of racial tolerance.

Using the Peacemaking Curriculum in the SCV: We can propose this curriculum to our children's and grandchildren's schools. As tax payers we can meet with the school teachers and principals and show them a free curriculum. We can encourage them to teach some or all of the above and by using our peacemakers we can continue the work of Jesus. Barbara Irwin conducted an Adult Education class on this curriculum at our church four years ago and has the material. In addition, we have a start in education ~ Rebecca Cranert will be teaching it at Monticello School in the fall of 2015.

These are noble starts to project the teachings of Jesus into our SCV community. If you are interested in the issues of peacemaking and justice, you can view the curriculum on-line or see the hard copy at the church office. Perhaps there are some of you who, like Becca, are in education and could use this material in your classes. If you do feel nudged by the Holy Spirit, please let Cecil or Barbara Irwin know of your interest.

Catechism Lesson: Questions and Answers to Instruct the Faithful- The Ten Commandments Given by God through Moses at Mt. Sinai after the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt (circa 1200 BC). These Commandments tell us how God expects us to live as a response to God's gracious saving acts toward the Jews and toward Gentiles, as well.

What is the Second Commandment? Answer: "You shall not make for yourself an idol." (Exodus 20:4 and Deuteronomy 5:8)

What do you learn from this commandment? Answer: "First, when I treat anything other than God as though it were God, I practice idolatry. Second, when I assume that my own interests are more important than anything else, I make them into idols, and in effect make an idol of myself." (see Deut. 6:14, I John 5:21, Exod. 34:14, I Chronicles 16:26, Romans 1:22-23, and Philippians 2:4)

From our Presbyterian Church USA "Study Catechism" approved by the General Assembly in 1998.



Presbyterian Women, as forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves: To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the Church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.



A Love for Mission - - in Our Homes by Sonja Tweedie

Last month, our PW article concentrated on our theme: “A Love for Mission - - in Our Hearts.” This month the focus is on “A Love for Mission in Our Homes.” This is an interesting concept considering *mission* is generally thought to apply only to people or groups of people in other places - not in our homes. In fact, mission at home is as equally important if not more so. Our “home” can actually refer to at least three places: the house where we live, our country or a place where we feel “at home.” In this case, “our home” is our place of residence where we eat, sleep and spend time with our family.

So, how can we show our love for mission in our homes? Several things come to mind: love, grace, kindness, consideration, a positive attitude and cooperation, to name a few. *Grace* is defined in Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary as “the friendly disposition from which the kindly act proceeds, graciousness, loving-kindness and goodwill.” Also in Vine’s, *Love* is defined as “*agape*, the characteristic word of Christianity. It is used in the NT to describe the attitude of God toward His Son and the human race, to convey His will to His children concerning their attitude toward one another. Love can be known only by the actions it prompts. Love has its perfect expression among people in the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Our spouses and families are our most valued gifts, but it is easy to allow ourselves to get frustrated or upset when things do not go as we would like. Those are the times when we need to use love and grace in our words, thoughts and deeds. We can use grace and love as we debate an issue or as we attempt to show our children a way to make better choices. We must leave anger out of the equation by using words that do not harm or hurt, but show love and forgiveness. We have learned how to treat others from the example of Christ. We just have to stop and think before we act in anger.

Mission in our homes simply means to treat others we love, as well as ourselves, with grace, love and forgiveness. Let those words be our mission as we live in loving fellowship with Christ in our homes - - the perfect place to show the virtues of mission.



PW CIRCLES—ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

Elizabeth: Stephanie Linn (259-3914) - Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Evans Room. Babysitting is provided.
Lois: Florence Craig (255-1389) - Meets second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Evans Room.
Lydia: Cathy Johnson (263-7193) & Kay Harris (993-0732)- Meets first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Evans Room.
Mary Martha: Nancy Spigelman & Sam Spigelman (254-0139) - Meets second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in various homes.
Rachel: Tiffany Aune (478-2056) - Meets second Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in various homes and shares a salad dinner.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW & OUTGOING ELDERS & DEACONS!

Thanks to the persistent efforts of the 2014 Nominating Committee, we have a roster of new elders and deacons. The 2014 Nominating Committee was led by Elders: Gail Stewart, Kay Harris & Drew McCreery; and Committee members were Rod Belcher, Barbara Irwin, Richard Telles, Chris Clewett, Kathy Rakness and Dale Boss.

On January 18, 2015 the following deacons and elders were ordained and installed as the class of 2017, with one additional deacon installed in the class of 2016:

Incoming Deacon – class of 2016:	Jana Baker
Incoming Deacons – class of 2017:	Julia Ballou, Terri DeYoung, Jung Favalessa, Diane Renfro, Victoria Stokes
Incoming Elders – class of 2017:	Jim Combs, Barbara Irwin, Carol Ramnarine, Sue Stanger, Sonja Tweedie

Thanks are owed to the officers who have served for the past three years:

Outgoing Deacons:	Ginger Balkcom, Sharon Dziubala, Patrick Stokes & Lynn Viggianelli
Outgoing Elders:	Candy Belcher, Susan Fletcher, Jim Linn, Dave Moore, Jr., Gail Stewart

Additional thanks are due to deacon Gloria Boss who has worked hard during the past two years as a replacement, and to Carol Hauenstein who has been a faithful deacon for four years and who continues to work on the 2015 Lenten Book.

“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”
 Romans 8:28 NRSV



New Deacon Terri DeYoung



New Elders Sue Stanger and Sonja Tweedie



The Stewardship Committee will strive to build stewardship disciples of our church family by: *transforming the hearts of believers to reflect the image of Christ, to become generous “as Christ is generous in being rich toward God” in the stewardship of all our gifts; to empower God’s Kingdom work to be fully staffed, funded and shared throughout our community, country and world; and, as a committee, to monitor the fiscal responsibilities of our church ministry.*

Our budgeted expenses for the calendar year 2015 are currently \$82,270 greater than our projected income. Expenses for 2015 are already budgeted below our budgeted expenses for 2014. Like most churches, a great deal of our expenses is for personnel. Our pledged income for 2015 is well below last year’s giving, and, as such, we will either need to cut salaries or staff to make up for the shortfall if we are unable to budget additional income.

Before cutting salary or staff, we have been directed by Session to make one last attempt to seek your help. If you have not pledged for 2015 and would like to do so, or if you are able to increase your existing pledge for 2015 or you would like to provide a one-time gift please return the enclosed pledge card to the church February 6, 2015. You can also submit your pledge by contacting the church’s administrator, Sandy McIntosh, at (661)259-0555 or email Sandy at churchoffice@presby-newhall.org.

Thank you for prayerfully considering an additional contribution. The Stewardship Committee

Little Shepherd's Nursery School

at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall



The children at Little Shepherd's had plenty of wintery fun this month! We had "Snow Day" with the children in hats and mittens, newspaper snowballs to throw, and a bin of crushed ice to play with. We also had "Pajamas and Hot Cocoa Day" with the little ones coming to school in their snugly pj's and sipping on hot chocolate (with marshmallows, of course!).

We want to thank the congregation of Newhall Presbyterian for your continued support of our school. Your generosity in both time and resources has been such a blessing.



The Youth Committee nurtures the Junior High and Senior High-aged youth as well as the college-aged young adults of First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, and the community; by providing a Christ-centered program of worship, education, fellowship, and service in order to equip them with a framework in which they can realize their spiritual gifts and live a Christian life.

Flock For All

It's that time of the year again and families everywhere have already spotted flamingos flocking in their yards. However, this year we are trying to make it so that anyone and everyone can get involved in the fun spirit of flamingo flocking. On February 1st and February 8th the Youth group will help out with a one of a kind event that will get everybody smiling and laughing, with our first ever Flock For All. We will have a special table set up on the patio, before and in between services. On these dates, for a suggested donation of \$10 dollars you can flock your church friends right then and there. With the donation you are able to give someone else a personalized flamingo name tag that will say, "I have been flocked by _____." as well as a little memento for them to carry around for that service. All donations that are collected will go to the Youth Group's 2015 Dominican Republic Mission Trip. See you out on the patio!!!



Thank you for your continued support.

Youth Committee

Youth Auction Dinner

March 1st is a date for all to save for the annual Youth Auction Dinner. A creative and experienced staff of chefs will be presenting us with a destination themed meal that will set the tone for the evening and transform Fellowship Hall. Auction items, which are donated by local businesses and members of our church, will go to the highest bidders in our **Live and Silent Auctions**. Tickets for this for the dinner will be on sale Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 on the front patio. \$12 per person, or \$25 per family. Space is limited so don't delay!! This year Youth Ministry will be sending 15 missionaries back to the Village of Polo in the Dominican Republic. We have 10 students, 3 sponsors, and 2 chaperones. Please join us in this exciting event and help support our mission team. Please call Ian Fletcher at 661-414-2373 for any questions about the evening or donation possibilities.



Worship

The Worship Committee will strive with God's guidance and grace, to create Christ-centered worship experiences, inspiring God's people as they respond to the word proclaimed in prayer, song, scripture, sacrament and message.

Second Service Band

Contemporary Christian music is a genre of modern music focused on the Christian faith. It began as those affected by the 1960s Jesus movement revival began to express themselves in a more contemporary style of music than hymns and gospel music.

Though there were Christian albums in the 1960s that contained contemporary-sounding songs, there were two albums recorded in 1969 that are considered to be the first complete albums of Contemporary Christian music one of which is Pastor Barnes' favorite: Upon This Rock by Larry Norman.

The music has certain themes and messages behind the songs and lyrics including praise and worship, faith, encouragement, and prayer. The songs also focus on themes of devotion, inspiration, redemption, reconciliation, and renewal.

Contemporary Christian music has influences from folk, gospel, pop and rock music. Genres of music such as soft rock, folk rock, alternative, hip-hop, etc. have played a large influence on CCM.

Lyrical, informal, sometimes intimate, language of relationship is often used. The terms 'You' and 'I' are often used rather than 'God' and 'we', and lyrics such as, '**I, I'm desperate for You**' and '**Hungry I come to You for I know You satisfy, I am empty but I know Your love does not run dry**' exemplify the similarity of the lyrics of some Contemporary Christian music to popular love songs.

Contemporary Christian music is a powerful blend of scripture or scripture-based messages, physical involvement in the act of singing, and readily memorized phrases and ideas in the form of choruses and bits of melody. It is not just singing a song; it is worshiping God, learning about God, and being encouraged by God through the Holy Spirit. The music is a gateway experience that opens our hearts to enthusiastically worship with our congregation (and then hum a favorite line from a song throughout the day).

Peace,
Sam Besse

REMEMBERING JERRY VEENENDAAL

Dick Jerold Veenendaal (known to all as Jerry) was born Oct. 8, 1929 in Wendell, Idaho and died on December 27, 2014.

Jerry spent 27 years as a Los Angeles County firefighter. During that time he also served 3 terms as an Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall: 1967; 1970-72; 1976-78. Jerry & his wife, Sigrid, retired to Hagerman, Idaho in 1985 where Jerry used his energy to create flower gardens throughout their property.

Cards may be sent to Sigrid Veenendaal; P.O. Box 512; Hagerman, Idaho 83332.

The editors would like to chronicle all of your milestone events. Please e-mail your photos and brief descriptions to Sandy at churchoffice@presby-newhall.org, or text them to Kathy at 818-720-1017.