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Pastor Column for June 2016

June Events:

- NEW MEMBERS' INSTALLATION
June 5
- FAMILY PROMISE WEEK
June 5 to 12
- MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY
June 12 10:00 AM
- CHURCH 125TH BIRTHDAY PARTY AND
DEACON'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL
June 12 11:30 AM
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 20-24
- SUMMER MAGIC (At the Barnes')
June 26, July 31, August 28, 4:00 PM
- LOS ANGELES ZOO
June 25 9:00 AM

Recurring Church Events:

- BAND REHEARSAL
Thursdays 6:00 PM
- BOOK BUDDIES
2nd Thursdays 4:00 PM
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
Thursdays 7:30 PM
- COMMUNION
1st Sundays 9:30 & 11:00 AM
- HANDCRAFTERS
2nd & 4th Tues. 10:00 AM
- LADIES' NIGHT OUT
Last Tuesday 6:30 PM
- MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays 7:30 AM
- MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY
Fridays 11:00 AM
- MISSION HIGHLIGHTS
4th Sundays
- PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES
See Schedule Page 8
- RECYCLING (For Camp Scholarships)
1st Sunday of each quarter
- 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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Parables are stories which are utilized as a fascinating teaching tool. We humans often learn more easily from stories which represent ways of living to us. Some say that is because we each live in stories of our own. The Greek word *parabolē* has a much broader meaning than the English word *parable*. It can be used of a proverb, a riddle, a comparison, a contrast and both simple and complex stories. This range of meaning derives from the Hebrew word *māšal* which is usually translated *parabolē*. In addition *māšal* is any saying intended to stimulate thought. I read this humorous modern parable recently.

Returning from their honeymoon, and wishing to impress his bride with the importance of cooperation, a young husband threw one end of a rope over the roof of their house and instructed her to go around and pull the rope to the ground. Since they both pulled in opposite directions, nothing was accomplished. Calling a halt, the man made his way to his young wife's side and showed her how easy it was for them to get the rope by pulling together. What a perfect illustration!"she said. And it will be just perfect if you always come around to pull on my side, as you now did."

The most famous parables in the West come from Jesus' teachings through them during His earthly ministry. Many of us have read, heard, and been taught by many of them. So here are my questions for you: *How many parables come to your mind if you sit down and think about it? Which ones have you applied to instruct you in life? How have they helped? Which ones tend to stand out as favorites?* Come and involve yourself in our Summer Series on **"Eye Witness Accounts of Jesus' Parables"** by sharing your answers to these questions.

Throughout much of the church's history Jesus' parables have been *allegorized* instead of interpreted. That is, people read into the parables elements of the church's theology that had nothing to do with Jesus' intention. The best-known example of this is Augustine's interpretation of the parable of the good Samaritan ([Lk 10:30-37](#)) in which virtually every item was given theological significance: the man is Adam; Jerusalem is the heavenly city; Jericho is the moon, which stands for our mortality; the robbers are the devil and his angels who strip the man of his immortality and beat him by persuading him to sin; the priest and Levite are the priesthood and the ministry of the OT; the good Samaritan is Christ; the binding of the wounds is the restraint of sin; the oil and wine are the comfort of hope and the encouragement to work; the animal is the Incarnation; the inn is the church; the next day is after the resurrection of Christ; the innkeeper is the apostle Paul; and the two denarii are the two commandments of love or the promise of this life and that which is to come.

That is not the way most Biblical scholars interpret them anymore. It is, however, fascinating, how important these stories have become and how



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Leadership Meetings:

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1st Mondays 7:00 PM

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

1st Mondays 7:00 PM

CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE

1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM

DEACONS

1st Mondays 7:00 PM

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

1st Tuesdays 7:00 PM

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

1st Thursdays 7:00 PM

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1st Fridays 8:00 AM

SESSION

3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM

STEPHEN MINIISTRY

4th Wednesdays See Calendar

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesdays 10:00 AM

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

1st Tuesdays 7:00 PM

YOUTH COMMITTEE

2nd Thursdays 7:00 PM

Upcoming Events:

BEGIN SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 3 9:30 AM

SANDY & FRED MCINTOSH PARTY

July 3

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

July 10-15

PW SYNOD SUMMER CONFERENCE

July 15-17

4TH-6TH GRADE SUMMER CAMP

July 17-22

JUNIOR HIGH SUMMER CAMP

July 31-August 5

HOLLYWOOD BOWL

August 6

JETHAWKS GAME

August 13

WASH & WORSHIP

September 11

FAMILY CAMP AT SEA

September 30-October 3

ADVENT DINNER

December 4



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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S

Glenda Johnson	June 6
Betty Morris	June 9
Lois Williams	June 9
Marilyn Tanner	June 20
Doris Lauffer	June 26



LADIES NIGHT OUT

How much fun can 9 ladies have eating out, laughing and cutting up and enjoying each other's company? **Crazy Plenty of Kicks!** That's what we had in April at CPK - California Pizza Kitchen. Our table was filled with pizzas, salads, soups, and even red velvet cake as we talked about our lives, got to know new friends and laughed louder than the noise in the restaurant. We were thrilled to have new women join us for the first time and even bring friends along who do not attend our church. What a blessing!



SUMMER MAGIC AT THE BARNES'

Sunday Evenings: June 26th, July 24th and August 28th
Food and Fellowship hosted by Church Life. Mark your calendars!



HANDCRAFTERS

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month (June 14 & 28), at 10am, people gather in the Evans Room to share their crafting skills, their interests, and their accomplishments. We are the *Handcrafters*, and everyone is welcome!



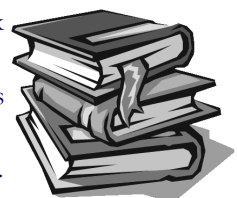
BOOK BUDDIES

"The Art Forger" will be discussed at the Book Buddies' gathering on Thursday, June 9th at 4:00 p.m.

Art history and techniques of forgery come together in this fiction by B.A. Shapiro.

Come to Ellie Fuller's home (25035 Greenmill Ave. Newhall) for discussion and salad supper.

R.S.V.P. 661-259-4983.



Join your Church Life Committee
JUNE 25th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Los Angeles Zoo &
Botanical Gardens

as we visit...

This is an ALL FAMILY event for all ages! Our own **Kelly Ramnarine** is a docent at the Zoo and has offered to give us a unique tour. Kelly has grown up in the church and has gone on to get an amazing education working internationally with a variety of primates.

We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday June 25th and carpool to the Zoo to begin our tour by 10:00 a.m. Kelly will lead us on a 90-minute guided tour ending at the Bird Show. We will then be on our own to enjoy the show or explore other parts of the zoo as we like. We will have lunch together at the zoo and return to the church by 4:00 p.m.

Visit the Church Life table after both services to get more information and to sign up your family. Bring the kids, grandparents, even a friend! All are welcome on this adventure. The Zoo has something to offer for everyone's interests!

2016 Spring Yard Sale

On Friday, April 29th and Saturday, April 30th, your Church Life Committee held its Annual Spring Yard Sale. It was a beautiful day and we were blessed to dodge the rain this weekend. We started at 10:00 am on Friday morning and we were busy all day. There was no time when there were not shoppers on the front lawn of the church, going through our collection of treasures, clothes, furniture, knick knacks and bric-a-brac. As Saturday came along, people continued to stop by and shop until our wrap up time of 12:00 noon.

We were so blessed to have been given all of **Star Stilling's** household items and furniture. **Cindy Donato**, Star's daughter, was incredibly gracious to help Star's church where she was loved dearly by all. We were so blessed to be given this generous gift. Church Life Committee needs to thank all these people who gave of themselves tirelessly.

Rod & Candy Belcher
Hannah Buhle
Shannon Buhle
Carol Cogley

Kathy Craig
Ken & Florence Craig
Jim & Susie Creighton
Linda Cummings

Glen Daugherty
Jung Favalessa
Sandy Gravitt
Don & Carol Hauenstein

Barbara Irwin
Dan & Cyndi Signett
Sharie Telles
Dave & Lynn Viggianelli

We also want to thank **Shawn Craig and her Hart Dance Team** who came in and helped us clean up everything that remained unsold. Their help was invaluable. Thanks also to **Garret** from our own troop 609 for coming out and lending us a hand. Thanks to everybody's generous donations, we made \$2,601.36 in the two days. It was a lot of hard work. Church Life Committee would like to thank everybody who was a part of this effort.

Patrick Stokes & Susan Fletcher, Church Life Committee Elders

Huntington Library - May 14, 2016

Submitted by Susan Fletcher

The temperature finally dipped below 80 in a week of 90+ degree scorches. The day was cool and overcast in Pasadena, perfect conditions to stroll, learn, appreciate and be in awe of God's beautiful creation on display at the Huntington Library. Ten of us met at church on a Saturday morning in May for a continental breakfast (we love the kiosk!). We were able to watch the Boy Scouts as they began installing the bases for our parking lot lighting. Although the jackhammers were loud, it was great to see these young men doing hard physical labor - all as a gift to our church!

Once at the Huntington, we split up into small groups to seek out as many of the exhibits as we could squeeze into 3 hours. The Huntington Library was originally the home of Henry E. and Arabella Huntington, avid collectors who amassed an extensive collection of art, books, and manuscripts and established one of the world's finest research libraries. The Huntingtons created an array of botanical gardens with plants from a geographic range spanning the globe. This beautiful estate is the setting of several galleries which house their splendid art collection. We noted that the many people who chose to enjoy their day at the Huntington made for a crowd diverse generationally, socio-economically and internationally. Whether visitors choose to tour the art galleries housing an array of artists ranging from Andy Warhol and Georgia O'Keefe to Thomas Gainsborough, peruse the extensive library, or stroll the variety of gardens, there is something for everyone here.



By 2:00 we were all tired and hungry and drove to Twohey's Restaurant in nearby Alhambra. This fun 50-s style diner offers a varied menu and great food. We all enjoyed the décor, delicious food and fun fellowship as we shared stories of the day and what we each enjoyed most at the Huntington - the rose garden, the herb garden, the Gutenberg Bible, Pinky and Blue Boy, the desert garden, the Chinese and Japanese gardens, the botanical garden and the beauty of the day. We said our good-byes and broke up into our carpools only to get stuck on the 210 in traffic clogged by multiple accidents. The trip back to church took us nearly 90 minutes! That's ok; it just gave us more time to spend together!



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.

A PROMISE TO FAMILY PROMISE

Mission Elder and Family Promise Coordinator, James Allison

As I turn the key to open the door to Fellowship Hall and I walk up the stairs, I look out to the empty hall and think, “What kind of magic will happen this week?” I wonder if our guest families will leave with full bellies and full hearts. I say out loud but softly, “Lord be with us.” By this time, I have everything scheduled, from the volunteers to the food, and I am ready to bring our guests into a world of Christ-like loving people. I open the supply closet and start to get out the containers for Family Promise. I line them up for access by my very important helpers, Troop 609 led by Scout Master David Lauermann, and Gary Kanagi. As I am lining the containers up, I hear David asking me, “Hey buddy, are you ready?”

Within a matter of minutes, literally in only about 20 minutes, all of the tents are up, tables are set, preparations are made, and logistics are being completed. I get to share great stories, tell jokes with the volunteers, and we talk about the opportunities we have for the week. I am so grateful for the volunteers I have; I have a volunteer who has 20 years of experience as a beautician who offers her services for free so we get a fun-filled hair/nail day, and she brings dinner! Saturday morning a breakfast is prepared by the giving hearts of the Stokes family. We do movie night Saturday night. And those, folks, are just the standards! Sometimes we will get the opportunity to create a special event. For instance, we expected a three-year-old guest who would turn four while being with us. I couldn’t help myself but to ask my own and church families to help plan a party. Later that week, we all had a wonderful time celebrating a four year old’s birthday with a cake made by my sister, presents from many (eight total), and cards of gratitude. An outpouring of love was shown to that little boy.

I have learned, it is never about the planning of meals and scheduling volunteers alone, as much as we need respect the plan. What is important is to take the moment, the opportunity, to go above the plan, because the plan isn’t what makes our program what it is. It is what we do in those moments to define our **Promise to Family Promise**.

This year, we wouldn’t be able to have our Family Promise be as fulfilling as it is without the assistance of the students over at Albert Einstein Academy (AEA). There is a wonderful volunteer coordinator, Susie Unkeless, who helps in getting volunteers together. The student volunteers’ families provides us with meals, sides for our main dishes, desserts, and occasionally we get one of these young families to be the evening host. Students from AEA who volunteer or donate food get service hours towards an honors program offered at AEA, so it is a win-win situation for all of us. Last but not least, we get help from Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH). Our beautician, Zip, comes from OLPH, as does another great volunteer, Ann Pfeifer, who has been with us from the very beginning.

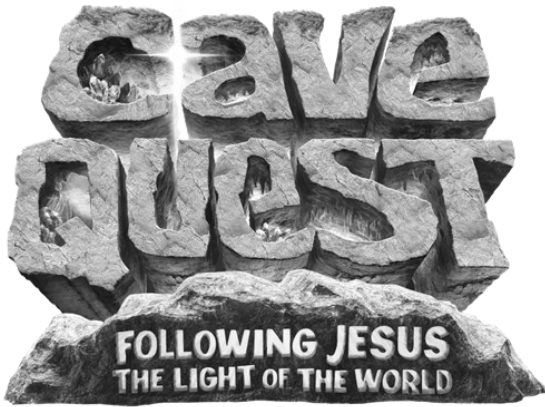
When families in the Family Promise program arrive at our church, I see a little resistance. I see a little hesitation, and I can’t blame them. I think I would be apprehensive too. I put myself behind their eyes. I’ll bet they don’t look forward to the tents. How can I make their time here seem like help rather than a struggle? Oh wait, I hear opportunity, I listen, and I act. The families come with a little hesitance, and leave with a lot of positive sentiments.



KIDS KIDS KIDS

The Children's Ministry Committee at First Presbyterian Church will invite children to EMBRACE the Word of God through worship, games, songs, and other activities; ENCOURAGE their spiritual growth to become closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ; and EQUIP them to go out into the world and share God's love.

VBS?
OH YES!!!



Cave Quest
June 20-24
9:00am-12:30pm
Preschool (potty trained) to 6th grade
\$30/ child until June 19
After June 19th, it is \$50/child
Cost includes: t-shirt, CD, daily snack, games, Bible lesson, music, crafts and fun skits

FPCN kids who bring a non-FPCN kid (who pays for the week) to VBS get a 50% dis-

count on registration.

We are looking for volunteers to donate their time that week or donate items we will need in order to keep our costs down.



CHILDREN

Summer camp is almost here! If you are an incoming 4th grader through incoming 6th grader then Adventure Mountain is calling your name! We will be camping under the stars in a cabana for a week's time while learning about God's love and how to show that love to others. Space is limited for this amazing week so be sure to tell Ms. Sarah asap if you would like to attend. Cost is \$415.00 per participant, and payment plans are available. We are adventuring on July 17-22. Be ready for an epic week of games, hiking, sports, skits and much much more. Forest Home is an amazing place, and trust me, you won't want to miss this! \$100.00 deposit due no later than July 1, 2016.



Church Life continued...

Dodger Game

May 1st 2016

On Sunday May 1st, some hard-core and not so hard-core Dodger fans (as well as one or two San Diego Padre fans) came together to catch the game in Chavez Ravine. We all met at church and carpooled to Dodger Stadium. We looked for a parking spot furthest away from the park that we could get, at least it seemed that way. We then hustled into the park and then to our seats right above 1st base on the reserved level.

In the warm California sunshine we enjoyed seeing our Dodgers win and their ace pitcher Clayton Kershaw pitch an uncommon 3-hitter and chalk up a completed game. It was a nice way for the Dodgers to end a terrible 6-game losing streak.

While the Dodgers were held to only three hits, they made the most of them and scored the only run they would need early in the game. It turned out to be all they needed as they defeated the San Diego Padres 1-0. It was a gorgeous day and a great ending. What more could you ask for?

We hope you can join us next time at Dodger Stadium!





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.

Presbyterian Women Tea May 7, 2016



Beverly Stokes, Moderator

This year the theme for the tea was "Stop and Smell the Roses". Tea chairperson and PW moderator Beverly Stokes opened with lighting of the Christ Candle, followed by the PW purpose and introduction of PW officers. Chi Kanagi presented the Fellowship of the least coin. Sonja Tweedie presented the Honorary Life Membership. Honorary Woman of the year is Kay Harris. She was presented with her pin and certificate during 2nd service on Sunday May 8th. Barbara Irwin gave the Blessing. Victoria Stokes introduced the entertainment for the day, which was a wonderful harp player Amy Hamaker.

Table hostesses were Marilyn Tanner, Connie Froeberg, Brenda Barnes, Carol Ramnarine, Barbara Irwin, Florence Craig, Beverly Stokes and Tina Pulliam. Each created a lovely table to make the guests feel elegant and special.

Servers for the day were Patrick Stokes, Bill Barnes, Jack Irwin, Richard Telles, Mark Gravitt, Don Trammell and Bob Balkcom.

We enjoyed tea by the tea-master himself Jeff Wheeler. Food was prepared by Val Boss and Nancy Spigelman. Tea menu included the following: rosemary scones with lemon curd and Devonshire cream, followed by asparagus and cream cheese roll ups, Italian caprese sandwiches, smoked salmon on rye, turkey and cranberry on wheat, chive and egg salad on pumpnickel. Desserts were lemon bars by Stephanie Linn, carrot cookies by Florence Craig, chocolate covered strawberries by Marilyn Tanner and cheese cake bites by Tina Pulliam. Excellent food all around!



Amy Hamaker, harpist, provided inspiring background music. Amy gained a love of music early, beginning piano lessons at 6 years old. She attended CSUN as a music major, and currently plays piano, percussion and harp. She also directs vocal and handbell choirs.

Val Boss was our chef. Val has attended First Presbyterian Church of Newhall since 2007. She also attended culinary school and had the opportunity to go to Italy for three months for her internship. She loves creating menus that are tailored to each special event and is so happy to have the pleasure to prepare food for this year's tea.



Carol Ramnarine & Glenda Johnson display hats.

2016 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HONORARY LIFE MEMBER—by 2015 Honorary Life Member, Sonja Tweedie

The woman we are honoring exemplifies the PW purpose. She puts her spiritual gifts to work by serving, leading, helping, supporting and encouraging others. While always a committed member of our church, she is equally committed to family and friends. When her children were young, she was an active member of their elementary school PTA, serving as president. She had her hands in everything from making cookbooks for the kindergarten class, writing out diplomas, organizing carnivals and helping with variety shows. It didn't matter whether her children were engaged in these activities; she did it for the good of the school and all of the students.

She is extremely devoted to her family and makes an effort to spend quality time with her children, siblings and a myriad of cousins, nieces and nephews. She is always willing to lend an ear, calm you down when you've had a bad day or drive you to a doctor's appointment. She is a fierce friend.



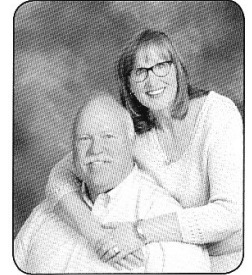
Prior PW Honorary Life Members

You would think with all this running around, her dance card would be full. No ma'am! She has been an active member of Lydia Circle, is on the PW coordinating Team, has served two terms as Elder on Session where she continually tells me to call her anytime I need an elder assist or someone to serve communion for *either* service. Along with her eldership, she has been an amazing head of her Session committee; she has headed the Church Nominating Committee at least twice and lovingly took me through the whole routine when it was my turn to chair it. She has worked many years for Vacation Bible School in registration and T-shirt distribution. She served as a Stephen Minister along with the extensive training that required. She has helped in the nursery and with the Alternative Christmas Market.

In the 2011 Lenten Devotional Booklet, she wrote, "The church has given me countless opportunities to serve. Sometimes it was easy to say "yes;" other things were a huge commitment, but with each "yes" answer I met people I would have otherwise not known; I saw the world in broader terms and I grew."

Of our honoree's favorite hymn, "Be Thou My Vision," she said, "I think the words and the music must resonate with my Irish DNA - or possibly it is my favorite hymn because it evokes in me a desire to have my eyes see people and situations the way God sees them. It is a balm to my beleaguered, rebellious spirit. It reminds me that He is my treasure and all I need I will find in Him."

Romans 12, verses 7 and 8 direct us to use the gifts that have been given to each of us - - "if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." Our honoree willingly does all of these and more. It is my great pleasure to present this year's Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership to our amazing member and friend, **Kay Harris**.



HARRIS, Lee & Kay

SAVE THE DATE!

Presbyterian Women of the Synod Summer Conference

Friday Afternoon July 15 - Sunday Morning July 17

Chapman University in Orange, CA

Theme - "**Reflecting Jesus: Lenses and Mirrors**" based on 1 Corinthians 13:2 (CEB)

"Now we see a reflection in a mirror, then we will see face to face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way I have been completely known."

The Conference includes forums, workshops (one led by "our" Rev. Rosie Kwak), a Mercado, and sessions with Rev. Judy Siker, author of the 2016-2017 Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible study, and Rev. Eugenia Gamble, a well-known retreat leader.

\$235 Full Time (2 nights, 6 meals)

\$65 One Day (2 meals)

Scholarships are available. Contact Tina Pulliam or Beverly Stokes.

PW Mission for June

"Help the Children" continues to thank you for your generous donations! For the month of June, PW is focusing on **canned meats**. Please put your contributions on the shelves in the Evans Room. Your support of the PW Mission is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



PW CIRCLES—ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

Elizabeth: Stephanie Linn (259-3914) - Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month at 11:30 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) - Meets first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Evans Room.

Mary Martha: Nancy Spigelman (254-0319) & Sam Spigelman (312-7111) - Meets second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in various homes.



The Worship and Music 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, glorious music, scripture, sacrament and message.

WHO INVENTED MUSIC? by Kathy Bressler, Elder, Worship & Music Committee

This month we are thinking about music as we look forward to Music Appreciation Sunday on June 12th. I love music and singing in the choir, but I don't really know a lot about music itself, certainly not enough to write an informative article. So, I begin to ponder....

Who invented music and what did it sound like?

We assume the earliest humans discovered their voices and used them to sing. Many ancient lyrics are recorded in various literary works such as the Psalms. But, when they were sung, what did they sound like?

Some early instruments have been discovered by archeologists and artistic images of instruments have been found in cave and tomb paintings. We can get a sense of the tone and pitch that these instruments might have produced, but not the melody or rhythm of individual musical pieces. We wonder, what did they sound like?

Early man had no way to record his voice or his musical compositions for posterity. Again we wonder, did they sound melodic; were there rhythms? Were there duets or orchestras or choirs? Would performances of these pieces be compelling to our ears? What did they sound like?

We might get a clue when we address the original question, "Who invented music?" My theory is that God invented music long before ancient man discovered his voice or made musical instruments, and that the earliest man-made music was patterned on and inspired by God's creation of melodic sounds.

Picture Maestro Adam sitting outside his cave on a summer evening listening to the cadence of crickets singing their rhythmic chants. Did he wonder how they managed to sing in unison?

Imagine him walking by a swamp enjoying the cantata of a thousand frogs accompanied by the harmonic humming of a million insects.

Join him strolling through a field ripe for harvest, tuning his ear to the scales and arpeggios of the larks and sparrows.

Follow him as he takes a break from his labors, kneels to drink from a brook then leans back on a comfortable rock to enjoy the soothing symphony of water bubbling on rocks.

Notice how he listens with trepidation to the night-ensemble of yipping and howling wolves, sopranos, altos, tenors and basses all in perfect harmony.

Watch him wonder at the orchestration of the wind, first pianissimo, accompanied by rustling leaves, then fortissimo, howling through the tops of bending trees, then suddenly pianissimo again.

See him tremble with fascinated fear at the deep resonating percussion of thunder accompanied by the counterpoint jolt of fizzing lightning.

Who invented music? God did! What did early human music sound like? We will never know exactly, but just as we today are awed by gazing at the exact same moon that inspired our ancient ancestors, we can also hear the same God-created music that they heard. Today talented humans imitate and embellish those sounds into musical compositions as they undoubtedly did before recorded history. As we share with our ancestors the experience of hearing God's music in nature, we feel kinship.



Everyone is welcome to join our 3-part celebration on

June 12

Part 1: 10am—ONE service: Music Appreciation Worship Service



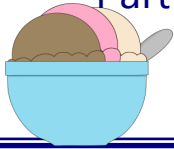
Note from Connie Woodson: Our Sunday worship on June 12 will be a day to honor and be inspired by the color and brush strokes painted through music. This service is a special opportunity for our Chancel Choir, Praise Band, Hand Bells and Instrumentalists to lead you in worship. Music lifts us up and brings us closer to a spiritual place. Our musicians dedicate their musical gifts and time to make your worship meaningful. Please join them on Sunday, June 12, at 10:00 a.m. to say a warm “Thank You” for all they do and to feel the Glory of God inspired by our wonderful singers and musicians.

Part 2: 11:30am—Church’s Birthday Party

No one throws a birthday party like our Church Life Committee! Join us on the patio and the lawn for an old-fashioned summer BBQ with pulled pork, all the fixin’s and a birthday cake with 125 candles! Bring your family picnic blanket or lawn chairs and your appetite. We will celebrate 125 years of congregations at our beloved 1st Pres!



Part 3: noon—Deacons’ Ice Cream Social



And no birthday cake is complete without ice cream. Our Deacons provide a delicious treat of a variety of ice cream and the toppings to finish our celebration.

The Youth Committee nurtures the Junior High and Senior High-aged youth as 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.



Whooooooooo lllloovveesss FOHO?!?!?! WE DO!



Forest Home Summer Camp Sign ups are in full swing for Junior High and High School. Camp is \$250.00 for both camps. Join High School camp on July 10-15 and Junior High Camp on July 31-August 5th. Enjoy staying up late, tons of games at free time and AMAZING worship with friends. It's the kind of summer you'll love, but only if you sign up ASAP. Spots are limited so be sure to tell Sarah or Ian if you plan to attend. It's going to be a week that will change your life!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Youth Summer Activities calendars for June, July & August have been sent by e-mail and snail-mail. Activities include swim parties, movie nights, beach days, Surf Camp, outings to Hurrican Harbor & The Aquarium of the Pacific PLUS Bible Study groups. For all incoming 7th graders—graduated Seniors!! If you need a calendar, please contact Ian Fletcher: ianfletcher909@gmail.com.



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

Pentecostalism and the “Frozen Chosen” by Art Moore

You may have overheard some of us referring to ourselves and other Presbyterians (with mirth – jokingly) as “the frozen chosen”. This comes out of the fact that, as a rule, we Presbyterians tend to be more quiet, reserved, and less spontaneous than our other Christian brothers and sisters. While at the other end of the spectrum, we have Pentecostals, who are anything but “frozen”. We believe we are “chosen” because, in spite of our general lack of spontaneity, God still loves us and invites us into His Kingdom.

To be fair to ourselves, we Presbyterians have much to be reasonably proud of. In spite of our quiet ways (or perhaps because of them) we have built hospitals, schools and fostered education throughout the world. As an example, when I was traveling to Israel many years ago on business, the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) was in charge of the education of English speaking children in Israel. And, speaking of Scotts (our spiritual forbearers), many have made significant contributions in government, science and industry (such as the steam engine) to the world as a whole. I am told that about one third of the signers of our US Declaration of Independence were Presbyterians.

Of course other ethnic groups and branches of Christianity have built hospitals and contributed to science and education, but considering our relatively small numbers and our “frozenness” we still have much to be proud of as Presbyterians.

Now, getting back to Pentecostalism, we need to remember that the movement began at the start of the 20th century. It came out of the “Holiness” movement of the 19th century and was based largely on taking the second chapter of the book of Acts very literally and applying it to the present day. These people spoke in tongues and expressed themselves with great emotion. Others observed these folks rolling in the church aisles when touched by the Holy Spirit. Hence the derogatory term “holy roller” emerged which definitely contrasts to our “frozenness”.

Today, we have many Pentecostal Church folks expressing a little less emotion than in earlier times, but still somewhat more than you would expect to see in a typical traditional Presbyterian worship service. This has led some in the Pentecostal Movement to suggest that we may not be truly authentic Christians because we have not been “baptized by the Holy Spirit”. **THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT THE CASE!** When we publically confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we are baptized by the Holy Spirit and are entered into the Covenant Community of Christ Followers, in spite of the fact that we may not have experienced a great deal of emotion. **(AND I MEAN IT!!!!)**

In my own experience with worship, I sometimes find myself with other Christians, who may not be Pentecostal, but are somewhat more expressive than I am accustomed. Their music is louder/ jazzier and they raise their arms and move about a good deal more. They shout “hallelujah”, and AMEN! Boxes of facial tissues are furnished at the end of each aisle for wiping tears and some folks even seem to dance. When I observe this, I must confess that I feel rather uncomfortable and awkward. I might think “maybe if I really loved Jesus like these folks do, I might be more spontaneous too”. Of course, this is nonsense, but I sometimes think that we Presbyterians could lighten up a little. That is why I support our second service, and would like to see it further enhanced. When Jack and I were in Guatemala in Dec. 2013, the church we worked in had liturgical dancing. Perhaps we could do something like that here in 1st Pres Newhall. Even though



Ken Blanchard is an author and management expert. He has co-authored over 40 books which have sold in the millions. The One Minute Manager is probably his most famous book. He has also written Legendary Service, Lead Like Jesus, The Secret, and The Mulligan. Sheldon Bowles has written Kingdomality; An Ingenious New Way to Triumph in Management. Together they have written Raving Fans, Gung Ho, and High Five. I have read most of their books and they are both entertaining and educational. They are usually written in parable or allegory form. Their latest collaboration is Big Bucks! How to Make Serious Money for Both You and Your Company. And I would like to share their “Guidelines to Becoming a Multimillionaire” with all of you. I knew that would get your attention!

So let's start off with their definition of profit (this is a business book after all). Profit is the applause you get for taking care of your customers and creating a motivating environment for your people. Now here is the parable. Len is a worker who doesn't just want more money, he wants to be a millionaire. Under the direction and guidance of a group of mentors, he must overcome three challenges on the way to attaining more wealth. He learns that these three tests can be undertaken by any individual or organization who is in the pursuit of big bucks. He also sees that while making big money, he can accomplish even more valuable achievements by being generous with his time, talents, and prosperity.

Len first meets Rabbi Silver, Father Murphy, and Pastor Edwards whose houses of worship occupy three corners of a busy intersection. Over the years they have learned that by pooling their resources together they could accomplish more for God than if they didn't. Each man has a “moneymaker” in their congregation who will lead Len as he learns to pass the three tests which are the Test of Joy, the Test of Purpose, and the Test of Creativity. Len is told that in order to be a big moneymaker, he must have character, to operate from a set of values, and to answer the question, why do you want to be rich?

He learns that success is about worth and significance is about worthwhile. In other words, success is getting and significance is giving – giving time, talent, money, and service to others. He understands that the only thing that matters when he dies is what he has done for others that will be remembered.

So let's talk about the Test of Joy. Money can be limitless. The more you create, the more you will have to spend or invest and that leads to others having more to spend or invest. Money is like love. To have it doesn't mean you have permanently diminished someone else's pile. You have created value for them. You have traded them something they can use to sustain themselves or to help them create value and earn more money. Money, like love, can be created. Money, like love, is limitless. Money, like love, is more easily created where it already exists. There is no limit to wealth. There is no limit to the money you can make.

The real creation of money comes from serving others. Creativity is a gift from God; we honor God when we use His gifts to serve others. Value is determined by what people will pay for something they want. But you create the value. It's making. It's doing – doing the right thing, doing the right work.

And here is the most powerful, greatest secret of the three tests – YOU CANNOT MAKE MONEY UNLESS YOU ARE HAVING FUN! That is the answer to the Test of Joy. Unless you meet this test; unless you understand and believe in this secret, you will never make big money. It might seem silly until you live with it and think about it. But it's one of the most profound and powerful truths ever learned.

Making money requires exuberance and intensity that is impossible to generate or sustain unless you are enjoying yourself enormously. If you are not excited about whatever you are doing, you cannot expect to make big bucks. Fun has to come first. You can't make money unless what you are doing already excites you. You can't make big bucks until you cannot tell the difference between work and play. Fun is when work becomes play. You cannot make money unless you are having fun. Fun provides commitment and intensity. Commitment and intensity mean focus. Focus leads to success. Success means making money.



Think about that until next time when I will discuss the Test of Purpose.

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