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# THE NEWHALL PRESS



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## PASTOR COLUMN MAY 2017 — FORGIVENESS

### May Events:

- SENIOR LUNCH  
May 3 11:30 A.M.
- PETERSON AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM  
May 6
- YOUTH SUNDAY  
May 7 9:30 A.M. (One Serv.)
- PW SPRING TEA  
May 13 11:30 A.M.
- MOTHERS' DAY  
May 14
- DODGER DAY  
May 20
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING INFO MEETING  
May 21 4:00 P.M.

### Recurring Church Events:

- BOOK BUDDIES  
2nd Thursdays 4:00 P.M.
  - CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL  
Thursdays 7:30 P.M.
  - COMMUNION  
1st Sundays 9:30/11:15 A.M.
  - EVERTHIRST (Band) REHEARSAL  
Thursdays 6:30 P.M.
  - HANDCRAFTERS  
2nd & 4th Tues. 10:00 A.M.
  - LADIES' NIGHT OUT  
Last Tuesdays 6:30 P.M.
  - MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY  
Thursdays 7:30 A.M.
  - MEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY  
Mondays 5:30 P.M.
  - MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY  
Fridays 11:00 A.M.
  - MINUTE FOR MISSIONS  
4th Sundays In Services
  - NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
3rd Sundays
  - PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES  
See Schedule Page 10
  - RECYCLING  
1st Sundays of Calendar Quarter
  - RING TONES REHEARSAL  
Sundays 2:00 P.M.
  - STANDING TOGETHER  
2nd Wednesdays 7:00 P.M.
  - TGIF (Children's Program)  
Fridays 6:00 P.M.
  - YOUTH GROUP  
Sundays 6:00 P.M.
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For a long time God has been showing me just how important it is that I confess my sins to Him for my own welfare. Yet some people at my former church argued that we don't emphasize the grace of God enough when we focus on our sinfulness. For me, there can be no grace without the admission that we need grace! I even changed what I called it for a contemporary service; instead of calling it confession, I labeled it MYSTERY and approached it tactfully with people using various experiences like crumpling up paper, symbolic of things they didn't like about their behavior, and burning it. Lately I've been explaining the need for Confession as we confess in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Service. Then I came upon an article from Jill Duffield, the editor of our Presbyterian Outlook Magazine. She remembers picking up one of her children from school one day. Her daughter could hardly wait for her teacher to shut the car door before telling her what happened on the playground. A classmate, one with whom she had a strained relationship, one who had that very day teased her about her relative lack of athletic skills, had, while showing off her own athletic prowess, unceremoniously fallen face first out of the swing. My child finished off the telling of this morality tale of instant retribution with a loud, satisfying, sing-songy, "Karrrrrrmaa!"

Jill responded with "No! We believe in grace, not karma." To which her young daughter rolled her eyes and continued grinning at the karma this girl received.

I ask you, "Do you believe in karma, or grace?" It has occurred to me that it can't be both. Our Bible is filled with examples of God not giving us what we deserve, rather offering us His grace. We sing the hymn "Amazing Grace" with gusto, but we often operate out of the principle of karma. "He'll get what's coming to him some day."

Week after week we recite the prayer of confession and hear the assurance of pardon, but do we pray and receive them? Are we aware deep in our bones of our need for mercy—both God's and other's—or are we secretly (and not so secretly) hoping for some karma, because, compared to most, we aren't that bad? Could it be that we have lost sight of the radical nature of the words we speak on Sunday morning, "Forgive us our debts, AS we forgive our debtors"?

Unless we have a deep sense of our need for God's grace and mercy, we really can't genuinely extend it to others. Miroslav Volf asserts that we live in a "culture stripped of grace," yet the voice of the prophets keeps ringing out, "God desires mercy, not sacrifice." In fact, we salivate not just for karma, but for payback pressed down, shaken up and running over. And too often it's not justice we want to flow down like a river, but revenge, humiliation, and punishment.

This is food for thought (at least in my life). Indeed, wrote Canon Peter Green, "Only the man who is prepared to own his share in the guilt of the cross may claim his share in its grace."

In His Grip,  
Pastor Bill

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## Leadership Meetings:

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| <b>ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE</b>        |            |  |
| 1st Wednesdays                          | 7:00 P.M.  |  |
| <b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS COMMITTEE</b> |            |  |
| 1st Mondays                             | 7:00 P.M.  |  |
| <b>CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE</b>             |            |  |
| 1st Mondays                             | 7:00 P.M.  |  |
| <b>CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE</b>            |            |  |
| 1st Wednesdays                          | 7:00 P.M.  |  |
| <b>DEACONS</b>                          |            |  |
| 1st Mondays                             | 7:00 P.M.  |  |
| <b>FUTURES COMMITTEE</b>                |            |  |
| 2nd Tuesdays                            |            |  |
| <b>MISSIONS COMMITTEE</b>               |            |  |
| 1st Tuesdays                            | 7:00 P.M.  |  |
| <b>OUTREACH COMMITTEE</b>               |            |  |
| 2nd Thursdays                           | 7:00 P.M.  |  |
| <b>PERSONNEL COMMITTEE</b>              |            |  |
| 1st Fridays                             | 8:00 A.M.  |  |
| <b>SESSION</b>                          |            |  |
| 3rd Tuesdays                            | 7:00 P.M.  |  |
| <b>STEPHEN MINISTRY</b>                 |            |  |
| 4th Wednesdays                          | 6:30 P.M.  |  |
| <b>STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE</b>            |            |  |
| 2nd Tuesdays                            | 10:00 A.M. |  |
| <b>WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE</b>      |            |  |
| 1st Tuesdays                            | 7:00 P.M.  |  |
| <b>YOUTH COMMITTEE</b>                  |            |  |
| 2nd Wednesdays                          | 7:00 P.M.  |  |

## Future Events:

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| <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>                                    |                      |  |
| June 4   |                      |  |
| <b>NEW MEMBERS' CLASS</b>                                  |                      |  |
| June 4 & 18  | 12:30 P.M.           |  |
| <b>MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY</b>                           |                      |  |
| June 11  | 10:00 A.M. One Serv. |  |
| <b>CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY &amp; DEACON ICE CREAM SOCIAL</b> |                      |  |
| June 11  | 11:30 A.M.           |  |
| <b>LITTLE SHEPHERD'S GRADUATION</b>                        |                      |  |
| June 15  | 11:00 A.M.           |  |
| <b>FATHERS' DAY</b>  |                      |  |
| June 18  |                      |  |
| <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b>                               |                      |  |
| June 20 to Jun. 24   |                      |  |
| <b>NEW MEMBERS' INSTALLATION</b>                           |                      |  |
| June 25  |                      |  |
| <b>LITTLE SHEPHERDS' 50TH ANNIV.</b>                       |                      |  |
| Sep. 10  | 10:00 A.M. One Serv. |  |
| <b>SANTA CLARITA RIVER RALLY</b>                           |                      |  |
| Sep. 23  | 8:00 A.M.            |  |



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.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S

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|----------------|--------|
| Hilde DeBord   | May 1  |
| Cathy Johnson  | May 1  |
| Jim Didrickson | May 6  |
| Richard Kost   | May 25 |
| Ed Bolden      | May 26 |



## HANDCRAFTERS

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month (May 9 & 23rd), at 10 a.m., people gather in the Evans Room to share their crafting skills, their interests, and their accomplishments. We are the *Handcrafters*, and everyone is welcome!



## JOIN CHURCH LIFE FOR A TRIP TO THE PETERSON AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM ON MAY 6TH



## BOOK BUDDIES

Amy Stewart has written a series of books about the Kopp sisters and their real-life adventures. These sisters tackled crime as some of the nation's first sheriffs.



On Thursday, May 11th at 4:00 p.m. meet at Ellie Fuller's home to discuss their stories.

25035 Greenmill Ave. Newhall.

RSVP: Ellie 661-259-4983.

**SENIOR LUNCH** — May 3 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall.. Tickets: \$7:00.

Join us for **DODGER DAY**, May 20th, when our heroes will play the Miami Marlins. Infield reserved tickets are \$25 each. Carpools leave the church at 5:10 pm.



## CHURCH LIFE TRIP TO FOREST LAWN REMEMBERED



On Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> a dozen or so First Presbyterian Church of Newhall members gathered together and made a trip to Glendale to experience a unique Southern California adventure. Nestled in the hills of Glendale is a Treasure I never knew existed. The Hall of the Crucifixion – Resurrection.

About 2 years ago Pastor Bill spoke about his trip to the Hall of the Crucifixion – Resurrection. The seed being planted, Church Life Committee finally was able to put together this visit to Forest Lawn.

The masterpiece of noted Polish artist Jan Styka, **The Crucifixion**, is the largest framed mounted canvas painting in the world, standing 195' long by 45' high. It is behind a massive curtain, and as it is dramatically revealed, shows the stories of the Crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. What makes **The Crucifixion** so impressive is not its size, but its detail. It is not just a great painting, it is many masterful paintings within a painting.

In 1894, Ignacy Jan Paderewski, noted musician, statesman, and Premier of Poland conceived a painting of the crucifixion of Christ and inspired fellow countryman Jan Styka with the idea. For two years, the artist studied and sketched in the Holy Land - and on his way back to Poland, Styka knelt in Rome before Pope Leo the XIII to have his palette blessed. The gigantic canvas, made to order, awaited his return.

The first exhibition in Warsaw was marked by all Europe as the greatest religious and artistic event of the century. In 1904, Styka brought the painting to America hoping to see it displayed at the St. Louis Exposition, but no suitable place was found. Pressed with obligations and expenses, he was forced to return to Poland without his masterpiece. He never saw it again.

**The Crucifixion** was lost to the world until news of its existence reached Dr. Hubert Eaton, founder of Forest Lawn. After a lengthy search, he located and purchased the painting in 1944 and set in motion the work that would lead to its permanent display.

After enjoying this magnificent program, we meandered over to an exhibit of David Bowie called **David Bowie: Among the Mexican Masters**. It was an interesting display chronicling the rock legend's trip to Mexico 20 years ago. We all enjoyed the beautiful thoughtful photography.

Next on our agenda was the **Last Super Window**. It is a stunning stained glass masterpiece recreating Michelangelo's greatest art piece. As we sat in the "Memorial Court of Honor" and admired it, we listened to and enjoyed its story. It was a wonderful exhibit of a magnificent work of art. We were all very impressed.

We then cruised on over to the **Church of the Recessional**, and enjoyed this gorgeous little church and its beautiful gardens. John had the opportunity to try out a cart that is used to move coffins; it was not that comfortable!

We then parted company and cruised the grounds of this peaceful and gorgeous place on our own . We encourage all of you to visit Forrest Lawn in Glendale and take in this magnificent place. Oh yeah.... And it's free. Maybe the whole church

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# LADIES' NIGHT OUT

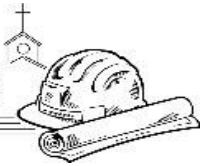
We will gather on May 30th at 6:30 PM at Buca di Beppo, Westfield Valencia Town Center, 26940 Theater Dr., Santa Clarita, CA 91355.

## SPRING YARD SALE



Our **Yard Sale on April 7th** was a huge success, despite some unusual challenges. The sale coincided with the influx of Boy Scouts and church members working on the landscaping, and thus was confined to the back section of the lawn with paths from the street and parking lot. This is a hugely popular neighborhood event, and the many patrons didn't seem to mind the inconvenience. We took in approximately \$1,500 to help fund Church Life events. The overall impression by those of us who came by that day was of a busy crowd of happy people working together to improve and serve our neighborhood.

### Buildings & Grounds Committee



The Buildings and Grounds Committee is responsible for diligently maintaining and thoughtfully developing the buildings and grounds of the Church facility that the Lord has provided, so that we may carry out His Ministry.

### Transformation of our front lawn is in full swing!

You've noticed, of course, that the planting of drought-friendly plants is progressing at breakneck speed thanks to the dedication of our Building and Grounds Committee, particularly Lynn Parkinson who has been coordinating expertise and resources for the project. On April 6th



Lynn Parkinson and Florence Craig smooth the edges with lots of encouragement from Hayden Beiter.



Boy Scout Troop 609

and 7th, church volunteers were joined by prospective Eagle Scout Emil Guzman and his crew of Scouts from Troop 609. They shared the front area of the church with Church Life Committee and many volunteers running the Spring Yard Sale, and it was certainly an uplifting sight to see such upbeat activity on the campus. Work on the planting, drip irrigation, installation and mulching continued on April 22nd and will be an ongoing project as the landscaping will be maintained into the future. We are looking forward to seeing the beautiful results once the yellow caution tape and little colored flags



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

## YOUTH ARE HOME FROM MISSION TRIP TO MIAMI FLORIDA—Sarah Bolin and Youth Committee

Thank you so much for giving our High Schoolers the opportunity to serve in Miami Florida this past Spring Break. Here are some pictures from our trip.

While in Miami our kids served in two different areas, *The Miami Children's Initiative* and a foster community known as *His House*. With the Miami Children's Initiative, the Team did a lot of cleaning until the kids finished their school time, then played with them and assisted them in classrooms where they were doing homework. This was a real cross-cultural event for the Team.

His House is a former military base with 30 homes, each housing 5 or 6 foster children assigned to the home's foster parents. The Team assisted in organizing community resources (stacks of board games, donated clothing, sports equipment and a "market" for the parents) used by the families. Then after school, the Team played outdoors with the children, sang with them, and interacted well with over 150 kids!

Affirmation Night for the Team was particularly powerful for each and every one of them.

Again, Linda and Jesse were the Praying Pelican Mission team leaders, the same ones our Team had last year in San Francisco, and they have promised to try to be our FPCN team leaders next year, wherever we go with PPM. Linda and Jesse have been very pleased with our youth missionaries.

On May 7th, our students will share their experiences in church on **Youth Sunday**. They will share stories, preach the sermon, provide music and share their hearts in church for one service at 9:30. There will not be a 2nd service on Youth Sunday. Plan to be there and be blessed!





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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS —MEETING TO DISCUSS HUMAN TRAFFICKING

First Presbyterian Church of Newhall will host a discussion about human trafficking at 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 21 in the Sanctuary. A representative from ZOE International will be the speaker. The organization was founded in 2002.

ZOE fights against child trafficking in three ways: prevention, rescue, and restoration. The goal is to rescue children from human traffickers and provide the children with new life. With currently 20.9 million victims of human trafficking worldwide, ZOE makes every effort to rescue children in need. From spreading child trafficking awareness to feeding and educating human trafficking survivors, ZOE does everything it can to ensure the safety and well-being of children.

ZOE currently has a home in Northern Thailand and has been doing work there for almost 15 years. Currently their children's home has over 70 children, both girls and boys, and is continuing to grow.

As of August 2016 ZOE purchased property in the north end of Los Angeles to open a children's home to care for children that are being rescued right here in LA County. The ZOE team is working with a team of professionals in order to build the first home for 6



Jack Irwin, Lynn Parkinson, Sharie Telles and Susan Fletcher

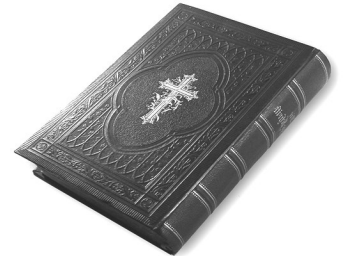
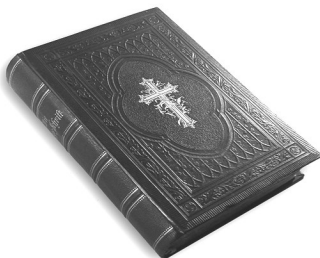
In April, Jack Irwin hosted three of us to attend a Bridges Gala Fundraising Dinner in Pasadena. Bridges is an organization that meets with people in the community who choose not to go to church, and brings church to them. It is a very heartwarming and important way to introduce our faith to others who might not have heard the word. —Lynn Parkinson

### FREE BIBLES

There are Free Bibles on the Narthex table for you to take for yourself, a child, a neighbor, a friend, or to share with someone you visit in the hospital, etc.

Please feel free to take one and Spread the Gospel.

Adult Education Committee



Pastor Bill will be basing his Sermons in May and June on a book entitled "FEARLESS" written by Max Lucado.

The Adult Education Committee will have paperback books available for sale for you to read, be informed and enjoy along with the sermons.



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 of Newhall.

## Announcing the next New Members Class coming this June

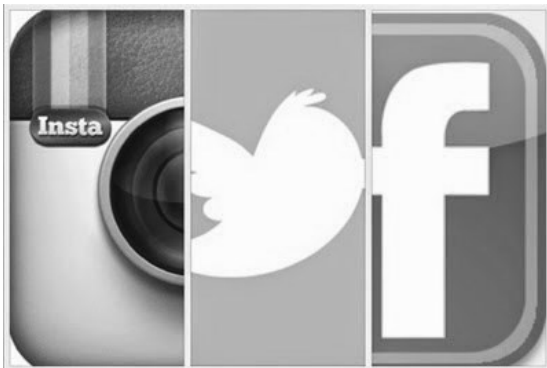
**Everyone already “belongs” at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall - but maybe you are ready to make it “official.”**

The dates are set and the Outreach Committee is getting ready for the spring New Members Class. There are two classes - Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> & June 18<sup>th</sup>, after 2nd service in Bill’s office. The classes are informal and led by Pastor Bill. There is absolutely no obligation to become a member, but if you choose to, you will be received into this family of faith before the congregation on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sign up at the Fellowship table with Lorraine King on Sunday mornings, call or email Bob at the church office: 661-259-0555, [churchoffice@presby-newhall.org](mailto:churchoffice@presby-newhall.org), or contact John Favalessa Elder of Outreach: [favalessa@yahoo.com](mailto:favalessa@yahoo.com).

One of the distinctive characteristics of Christian faith is that it is shared—in community, in the company of others. Paul described the church as “the Body of Christ”. No one person is the whole body, each is a part. We need each other’s gifts to complement our own. Membership means we are all necessary parts of the whole. Membership also professes the kind of commitment that God looks for from us in our relationships.

- Sponsored by the Outreach Committee



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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.

## WHAT IS WORSHIP? By Kathy Bressler

The word "Worship" is a very common term in Christian circles; I have always wondered exactly what it meant. Strangely, the word itself sometimes seems to have negative vibes for me. I am a lover of classic novels and often come across the phrase, "Your Worship" when someone is petitioning for favors to a person of a higher status. In satirical writing, it is often used facetiously as a term of groveling. I think it is also an uncomfortable word in our culture where we believe "All people are created equal." As Christians, we expect ourselves to be humble and not accept worship of ourselves by anyone. Nor should we worship anyone else. One exception in our culture, of course, is the somewhat irrational practice of worshipping rock stars, athletes and the like, and they in turn being most happy to accept the worship of hordes of fans. Jesus taught that they have their reward and that we should seek other things such as the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 6). Considering the above, when we are taught that we should "Worship God," it could make us feel uneasy, that we are perhaps giving Him something that He wouldn't want: groveling for His favor so that He would be flattered and give us the things that we want, or aggrandizing Him as if He were some supernatural ego-centric rock star.

So, I go to Webster's to find the definition of worship and try to determine how it applies to what we do on Sunday mornings and how we relate to God in general.

1. *Chiefly British*: A person of importance – used as a title for various officials (as magistrates and some mayors).
2. Reverence offered a divine being or supernatural power; *also*: an act of expressing such reverence.
3. A form of religious practice with its creed and ritual.
4. Extravagant respect or admiration for, or devotion to, an object of esteem, *worship of the dollar*.

Definitions 1 and 4 are the negative meanings of "worship" that were tripping me up, and they actually have nothing to do with God or our church experience. Definition 3 explains our experiences on Sunday mornings in church and justifies calling that activity "Worship." Definition 2 is the expression of how we relate to God. We have (or should have) **reverence** towards God and act in ways that express that reverence. This is what He wants in a relationship with us: the same thing that we also want in all our own close relationships, honor, respect, appreciation, unconditional love and admiration (Webster's again). There are many examples in scripture; there is plenty of material for a future article.

As a member of the Worship and Music Committee, and a long-time history buff, I decided to look into definition 3 (above). How did our form of religious practice, with its creeds and rituals, develop? To do it justice would take far more space than I have here. Just to trace back the origins of the multitude of rituals and practices in the various modern denominations would be more than daunting.

For the purposes of this article, I will skip all that and go back to the basics: the earliest believers. What did their corporate worship look like? All of the Disciples and earliest followers of Christ were Jews or Jewish proselytes. Their worship centered in the Temple in Jerusalem and in synagogues and homes in outlying areas. They did not see their movement as a "new" religion, or separate in any way from Judaism. What we call the "Old Testament" was the scripture they studied fervently. An Apostle or other learned person was their pastor (rabbi) who stood or sat in front of the parishioners, presided and taught. They had music including scripture chanted and sung, liturgy and prayer. Even the sacraments of Baptism and Communion had Jewish roots in the practices of dedicating their babies (Circumcision), ritual bathing (Mikveh) and the Passover Seder. Sharing of a meal was standard. All of that sounds very familiar to our modern ears.

To be fair, some of their communal practices fell out of use fairly early in Church History. They kept the Sabbath (Saturday) religiously, met as a congregation daily, and were expected to share all of their earthly possessions with one another. In our culture, we would find those practices a bit too much!

Gradually as the church disbursed through persecution, and Gentiles were added to their numbers in far-away places, Sunday (called the Lord's Day) developed as the Holy Day of Worship, along with many other additions and changes. However, for the most part, we have kept the basics forms of worship handed down from the first-generation Christians who inherited them from their Jewish roots.



# 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 IS COMING! VBS IS COMING! MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS!

You are invited to something NEW and EXCITING for VBS and YOU! Make plans to join us for a fantastic **Maker Fun Factory** VBS June 19 to 23 from 9:00 am -12:30 pm daily – for potty-trained preschoolers through 6th graders. It's going to be great fun, with lessons from the Bible, skits, crafts, games, snacks, videos, songs, and FUN, FUN, FUN! We want YOU to be there!



Registration begins May 1st. VBS registration for preschool through 6th graders is \$30/child for the week, or two children for \$50. If you invite a friend who doesn't attend church at First Pres, you get a 50% discount on your tuition when your friend pays his/her tuition. Registration includes a fun daily skit, Bible lessons, games, a t-shirt, snacks, crafts and one VBS CD per family.

VOLUNTEERS we want YOU too! Please sign up at the VBS table and pay \$5 for your volunteer t-shirt. You are welcome to choose your top three choices for placement during the week. We need teens and adults in ALL areas!

We know that without the love and support of our congregation, we couldn't make this annual week of worship happen. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you, Lelia and Sarah

Children's Committee would greatly appreciate donations of any baby/infant/toddler items that are in good condition. Our nursery could use: a high chair, swing, books and toys. We appreciate your support of all our children's programs.



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.

## EASTER MEMORIES

On April 16th we were blessed with a gloriously perfect morning for celebrating the resurrection of Christ. Members and friends in Easter finery (and some very interesting hats) came for two services to enjoy worship and music and ponder the wonderful gifts of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, freely given to us.

Tina Pulliam and a crew of Deacons and volunteers decorated the church with great thoughtfulness as to the meaning of the day. Tina explained the symbolism of the decorations: "The vase is a watering can. Jesus is the living water. The green represents eternal life. The palms are from Palm Sunday. The three calla lilies trumpet the Trinity. The pussy willow represents the crown of thorns, Christ's suffering and death. Moving clockwise, the purple chenille symbolizes His triumph over death into Kingship. The red butterfly reminds us of His blood shed for our rebirth."

Who can forget the beautiful music presented by choir, bells, organ, piano and soloists? A highlight for many was the closing anthem, Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, which swelled the choir with congregation members (even children) joining in the uplifting rendition. Did you see those smiles?

Thanks to all of you who gave many hours of your time to make Easter so special!



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.



## ANNUAL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S TEA "Gardens Around the World"

Saturday, May 13, 11:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Tickets \$20, or two for \$20 for young women ages 13 - 23  
and their mothers or another family member

All women are invited to attend this festive annual event!



Carole Wheeler



## PW MISSION PROJECT



Since December, 2015, at least 194 cans, jars, boxes, and packages of food plus a big bag of shampoo and lotions have been donated to “**Help the Children**” through the generosity of the members of First Pres Newhall. Thank you for your contributions! For the month of May, PW is focusing on mac ‘n cheese and boxes of instant rice packages such as rice-a-roni and hamburger helper. Please put your items 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 - First & Third Tuesdays of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Evans Room. Babysitting is available.

**Lois:** Sharon Dziubala (297-6200) - Meets second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Evans Room.

**Lydia:** Judy Reinsma (296-6869) - 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.

**Rachel:** Tiffany Aune (478-2056) - Meets second Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in various homes and shares a salad dinner.

# Little Shepherd's Nursery School

at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall



We have celebrated Easter with egg dyeing and egg hunts; we have celebrated Dad with our "Greatest Man On Earth" theme; now we look to May!

May is here, flowers are in bloom and now we look forward to celebrating Mom with our "Have You Had Your Hug Today?" theme. We will serve our moms finger sandwiches, fruit and brownies that we will make in the classroom. We are practicing and will sing "Oh What A Miracle", "Skidamarink" and "Four Hugs A Day"

May will also bring our caterpillars to the classroom as we watch them turn into butterflies before releasing them.

We also will be celebrating the alphabet in the Pre-K class as we have now finished all 26 letters and put together our ABC books. We are graduating to Kindergarten on June 15 at 11am in the Sanctuary (you are welcome to join us!) We will begin practicing songs for this program soon.

Here are programs coming up:

Summer School runs 3 weeks in July (11-13, 18-20, 25-27). Our summer program is an all outdoor program which will include water activities—and traditionally includes popsicles to end our summer mornings!

Fall Enrollment for 2017-2018 is now open to the public and Miss Dawn has been scheduling tours to fill the spaces. At this time we are just about half full and have openings in all age groups. We will have a solid start date when we see the Newhall school calendar but it typically starts in mid-August and ends in mid-June.



Casper (church member Joan Baumann's great grandson), Emeric, Wally and Owen are "all ears" after the egg hunt!

## SENIOR MOMENT

Encouragement for the Home Stretch

*Forgetting what is behind and  
Straining toward what is ahead,  
I press on toward the goal  
To win the prize  
For which God has  
Called me Heavensward  
In Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 3:13b-14*

Our biggest news is that on September 10th, Little Shepherds will be celebrating 50 years of serving families in our community! The nursery school opened its doors on September 11, 1967. A celebration is being planned for Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> starting with a blended church service honoring all past and present staff of the nursery school, so mark your calendars for this date and more information will follow!!

"Nobody gets enough hugs a day cause the minimum number is four, now if you haven't had four hugs today you better get some more....." from Charlotte Diamond's "10 Carrot Diamond" CD.

"We need four hugs a day for survival, we need 8 hugs a day for maintenance, we need 12 hugs a day for growth" .....Virginia Satir

Hugs to you this May.

Sharie

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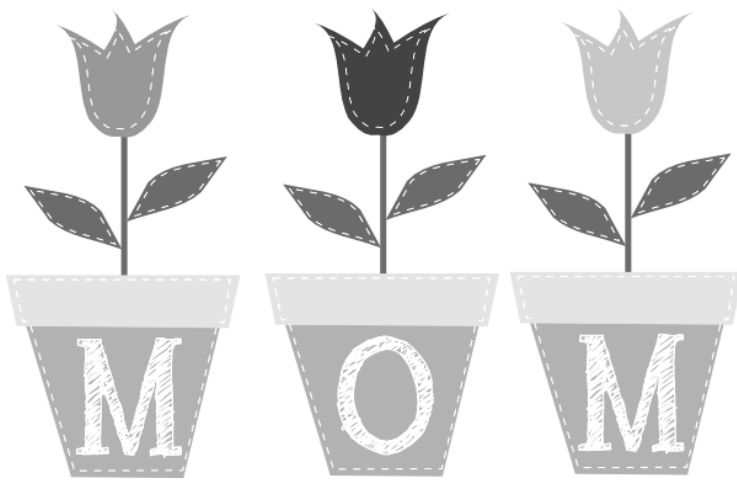
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