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# THE NEWHALL PRESS



## PASTOR COLUMN

*As the late E.B. White watched his wife, Katharine, planning the planting of bulbs in her garden in the last autumn of her life, he wrote, "There was something comical yet touching in her bedraggled appearance . . . the small hunched-over figure, her studied absorption in the implausible notion that there would be yet another spring, oblivious to the ending of her own days, which she knew perfectly well was near at hand, sitting there with her detailed chart under those dark skies in dying October, calmly plotting the resurrection. Katharine was a member of the resurrection conspiracy, the company of those who plant seeds of hope under dark skies of grief or oppression, going about their living and dying until, no one knows how, when, or where, the tender Easter shoots appear, and a piece of creation is healed."*

We are part of that "Resurrection Conspiracy" every time we look the problems of life in the eye and confidently proclaim, "This (situation) does not define me or my existence!" Jesus' presence in my life means there is more strength, more joy, more hope than I ever even realize. And also for you!

As we move into Fall this October we will celebrate:

- All Saint's Day with a Fall Festival for our children.
- An exciting new program of Life Academy classes in Adult Education.
- The commissioning of a team of our men to help bring clean water to Laos.
- A team of men and women building a house in Mexico for AMOR,
- Hosting Family Promise for another week.
- An exciting (Yes I said EXCITING) and creative stewardship series with the theme, "My Cup Runneth Over!" Our Stewardship Committee will have some fun surprises planned for us as we take time to review how important our part is in the survival and future of our congregation. Each one of us is necessary as we pull together to remember and reinforce the power of the "Resurrection Conspiracy."

In the Hope of Living the Resurrection Conspiracy,

### October Events:

- FAMILY CAMP AT SEA  
Sept. 30 to Oct. 3
- AMOR TRIP  
Oct. 7-11
- FAMILY PROMISE WEEK  
Oct. 9-16
- FALL YARD SALE  
Oct. 21-22
- JOB'S DAUGHTERS' PRESENTATION  
Oct. 23
- LIFE ACADEMY—THE COSMOS  
Oct. 23 4:00 PM
- LAO PARTNERS' MISSION TRIP  
Oct. 24-Nov. 11
- SENIOR LUNCH  
Oct. 26 11:30 AM
- FALL FESTIVAL  
Oct. 29
- STEWARDSHIP WRAP-UP PARTY  
Oct. 30 10:00 AM & Following

### Recurring Church Events:

- EVERTHIRST (Band) REHEARSAL  
Thursdays 6:00 PM
- BOOK BUDDIES  
2nd Thursdays 4:00 PM
- CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL  
Thursdays 7:30 PM
- COMMUNION  
1st Sundays 9:30 & 11:15 AM
- HANDCRAFTERS  
2nd & 4th Tues. 10:00 AM
- LADIES' NIGHT OUT  
Last Tuesdays 6:30 PM
- MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY  
Thursdays 7:30 AM
- MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY  
Fridays 11:00 AM
- MISSION HIGHLIGHTS  
4th Sundays 9:30 & 11:15 AM
- PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES  
See Schedule Page 10
- 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 (Starts Oct. 14)
- YOUTH GROUP  
Sundays 6:00 PM

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### FALL SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am—First Service (Traditional).

10:45 am—Fellowship time on the Patio, hosted by Deacons, for attendees of **both services**. (Coffee and treats will NOT be provided after 2nd Service.)

11:15 am—Second Service (Contemporary).

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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 MINISTRY

4th Wednesdays

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesdays 10:00 AM

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

1st Tuesdays 7:00 PM

### YOUTH COMMITTEE

2nd Thursdays 7:00 PM

## Future Events:

### SANBORN BENEFIT CONCERT

Nov. 6

### NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

Nov. 6 & 13

### NEW MEMBERS INSTALLATION

Nov. 20

### LIFE ACADEMY—HANUKKAH

Nov. 20

### CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Dec. 11

### SANTA BARBARA MISSION CONFERENCE

Jan. 27-28



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.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S

Millie Tanner October 5  
 Laralea McLaughlin October 8  
 Jim Combs October 10  
 May Valiton October 15  
 Becky Combs October 29



## LADIES NIGHT OUT

Last Tuesday of Every Month at 6:30 pm.  
 Oct 25<sup>th</sup> - Bongfish Grill  
 24201 Valencia Blvd.  
 Won't you join us?



## HANDCRAFTERS



Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month (October 11 & 25), 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

Book Buddies will meet Thursday October 13th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss "Best Boy".

This novel by Eli Gottlieb is a story of an autistic man in his fifties who lives in a state of childlike innocence.

Come to Ellie Fuller's home, 25035 Greenmill, Newhall, for discussion and salad supper. RSVP 661-259-4983.



## OCTOBERFEST SENIOR LUNCHEON

Join us for lunch and fellowship on October 26th in Fellowship Hall. Cost—Only \$7.00!

EVERYONE IS WELCME.



# FALL YARD SALE—OCTOBER 21 & 22

Got Good Stuff ???”

Then donate it to our Church Life’s Yard Sale.

Friday October 21, 12-7 pm and Saturday, October 22, 7 am-12 noon.

Bring items to Church from noon to dark on the 21st. Large items can be arranged for pick-up during the week before by calling the Belcher’s at 661 297-2445 or 645-2449



## *Church Life Trip to the Hollywood Bowl*

### *Maestro of the Movies*

On Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> Church Life Committee sponsored a trip to the Hollywood Bowl to See Maestro John Williams and the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

We had 38 people signed up for this event—a great turnout. We met in Fellowship hall at 5:00 pm. We all enjoyed a nice chicken dinner from El Pollo Loco. We’d had dinner from KFC last time, so we decided to go for a little change of pace.

We hopped into our cars and cruised down to Studio City where we promptly joined a shuttle bus that delivered us to the front of the Hollywood Bowl. We picked up our programs, went through “security”, showed them our tickets and then began our brief hike up to our seats.

It was a clear and calm night and with the sun fading, it cooled down wonderfully and really made this concert even more magical. When night fell, two search lights came on and crossed beams over the bowl to let local aviation know to stay clear and do not disturb. Great idea!



John Williams

We settled in, relaxed and chatted a little until the music began...

For the first half of the Concert we were treated to music by Alfred Newman. All of the first half was conducted by David Newman who is the son of the composer Alfred Newman. We heard A Musical Salute to Paramount Pictures. It included A Suite from Forrest Gump, A Suite from Sunset Boulevard, and music from the romantic comedy Sabrina. Next we listened to “The Wild Ride” from the movie by Alfred Hitchcock, North by Northwest. Next came music from The Godfather, by Nino Rota. To end the first half of the show we watched and listened to the 2014 Star Trek – Into the Darkness.

After intermission the star of the show stepped onto the stage and raised his baton. We were treated to some beautiful music composed by the “Maestro of the Movies” John Williams. It is always great when we get to see and hear a composer conduct his own music. It is such a tremendous blessing experience. It started with a rarely performed piece called Flight to Neverland from the 1991 Steven Spielberg’s Hook. Next came a suite from Disney’s newest movie of 2016 called The BFG, now playing in a theater near you. Finally what would a John Williams movie concert be without music from everybody’s favorite space movie... Star Wars? They performed a Medley of six themes from the seven Star Wars movies while thousands of guests waved their colorful light sabers. It was quite a sight!

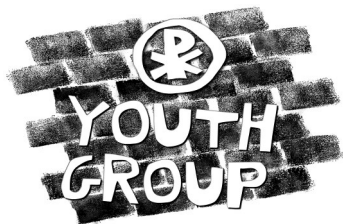


For the 3<sup>rd</sup> half (ha ha), the audience pursued Maestro Williams to three encores! Music from Harry Potter, Superman, and ET the Extraterrestrial delighted us all.

Everybody had a great time! It was a beautiful and fun evening for sure. We hope you can be a part of it next time.

May The Force Be With You!

Patrick Stokes  
Elder of the Church Life Committee



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.

## WASH 'N WORSHIP—HUGE SUCCESS!

The Youth Committee and our YOUTH wish to thank you ALL for allowing us to wash your car on September 18, 2016. We had an *exhausting* but *generously supported event* to add to our Youth Camp funds ... depositing \$1,211.01 in the church accounts!

Thank you so much! We will have a Rain Check if we missed your car! Listen for announcements in Church.

Barbara Irwin, for Youth Committee



## KIDS, KIDS, KIDS

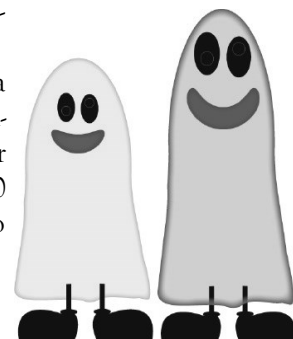
The Children's Ministry Committee at First Presbyterian Church will invite children to EMBRACE the Word of God through worship, games, songs, and other activities; ENCOURAGE their spiritual growth to become closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ; and EQUIP them to go out into the world and share God's love.

Here is an overlook of things that will be happening this month in our Children's Ministry:

**October 14- TGIF Starts up-** Join us for fun, food, and fellowship in Fellowship Hall with Ms. Sarah and the TGIF volunteers. This is an activity that's on-going through December for potty-trained pre-ks through 6th graders. We sing songs, dance, play crazy games and have Bible study after we eat dinner all together. The cost is a one time \$35.00 per participant and \$4.00 per student for dinner each Friday night. Join us, and refer a friend to get a percentage off your registration cost!

**October 29- FALL FESTIVAL-** From 5:30 to 8:00 pm we will be having spooky fun, scary snacks, a s'more station, themed Bible study, and a Trunk or Treat! Everyone is welcome to participate. We encourage you to invite friends outside of the church to join us in a fantastic night of spooky fun! Trunk or treat will be hosted by anyone who would like to participate from church! Trunk set-up will begin at 6:30 pm. Students will start to Trunk or Treat at 7:30. There will also be snacks and cider at the Deacon's patio table for all those who provide trunks. Please join us for a night of FUN!!!!!!

(The October 22- Parents Night Out has been postponed.)





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.

### "You never know when God will put a gift into your hand"

With a little help from you and a little help from all of the First Presbyterian Newhall Church musicians and singers, we will give a gift to Jan Sanborn and her husband, Loren Janes, a highly honored Hollywood stuntman. Jan is a marvelous pianist, composer and arranger. We got to know her when she played for our church services and accompanied the choir for a period of time while we were in the process of finding a permanent accompanist. How fortunate we were to have her with us for a while. Jan is well known in the world of music and her talents are in high demand.

As many of you may know, they lost their home in the Sand Fire this summer. When Jan was able to go back to see the condition of their home, she was stunned to find that everything had burned to the ground. The only thing left standing was the harp from her beautiful grand piano. Even Loren's safe, that held and protected years of film depicting his fine stunt work, had melted into a puddle of metal.

When I heard the news of the fire, I called Jan. Thank goodness, she answered her cell phone. She was in good spirits and was so moved by my phone call. She said people from all aspects of her life were calling. Her spirits were very positive, even though that very day she had seen the empty space where her home had been. Fortunately, Jan and Loren were able to stay with friends in Sherman Oaks after this dramatic loss. She is very close to God and said that He will provide, as was already shown in the generosity of her friends.

So, we are presenting a musical fundraiser for Jan and Loren on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. We will have lots of wonderful music from the Chancel Choir; Praise Band; our Hand Bell choir, the "Ringtones"; Jim Perodi, our organist; Marie Gilbert, pianist; and Ben Ginsberg, the pianist from the Ojai Community Chorus, who has performed with us at our Christmas concerts. There may also be some surprise guests! You'll want to be with us for a great afternoon of music. Your free-will offering will go directly to Jan and Loren to help rebuild their lives and create new memories for their future. Be part of our simple gift of love for them.



Jan Sanborn and Loren Janes

Warmest Regards,

Connie Woodson, Music Director

## Friday Midday Bible Study

A new beginning - - a new study! This fall our Friday Midday Bible Study is examining the book of Hebrews, of which Origen said, "Only God knows who wrote Hebrews!" We do know that the author was writing to Jewish Christians who were being tempted to revert back to Judaism due to persecution and fear. The author was adamant to show that "Jesus is better," believing that Jesus was the culmination of God's revelation through the prophets. Hebrews begins, "In many ways and by many means, God spoke in ancient times to our ancestors through the prophets but in these last days, He spoke to us by His Son..."



If you would like to discover how so much of the Old Testament shows God's plan for grace and salvation for all, please join us, both men and women, in an exciting discussion and discovery of the scriptures. We meet each Friday in the Evans Room from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you cannot be with us on a weekly basis, we understand busy schedules and other com-

## The Futures Sub-Committee of Session

Almost two years ago, at the annual Congregational Brunch, our church had blue placemats at each seat with a kite pictured on it with the words "Let's soar together ... Tell us your dreams for Newhall Pres." Those placemats and the comments written on them were the catalyst for Session to appoint a sub-committee of Session which is called The Futures Committee to look at what First Presbyterian Newhall has been doing right and make suggestions to Session of what we might do to meet the challenges of this 21<sup>st</sup> Century and the overall downturn of denominational Christianity in the USA.



Challenges facing the PC(USA) in our San Fernando Presbytery and the USA:

- Average member age is 59 ¾ which makes PC(USA) the oldest denomination in the country.
- PC(USA) membership is less than half of what it was 50 years ago: 5.5 million down to 2.2 million.
- Program oriented churches (*like ours*) are fading away.
- Mission oriented churches, with active involvement in the community, are on the rise.
- Hollywood Presbyterian's attendance has decreased from 7,000 in the 1970's to today's 1,000.
- Glendale Presbyterian has decreased from 3,000 in the 1970's to today's average of 200 on any given Sunday.
- Bel Air Presbyterian, chose the most dynamic, engaging, connective head pastor they could, but the steady decline in membership and attendance continues, from 3,200 to 1,200.

The Futures Sub-Committee meets monthly. We have those 2-year-old placemats in our possession! However, we need your help. If you have visited churches that seem to be thriving and being Christ in their community, share with us what you see and hear. We are examining our strengths to build them up and analyzing our weakness in the hopes of adjusting them.

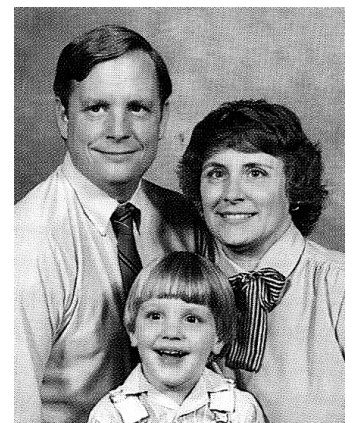
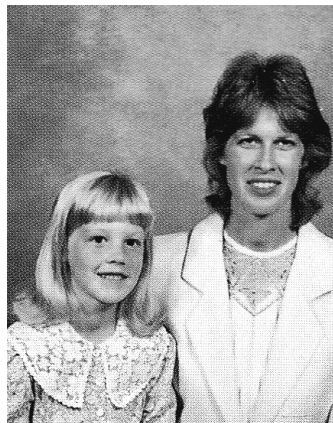
Here is what we believe we are DOING RIGHT:

- We are a family of Prayer Warriors, both in our worship and quietly at home.
- We are a Loving Community, saved by God's Grace, encouraging each other.
- We are Open-Minded, overcoming prejudice, yet we remain Biblically grounded.
- We are Respectful of one another, even if we disagree with each other.
- We are Concerned about the people of the World, bringing health, clean water, & education where we can.
- We are Scientifically Open, and appreciate what Science brings to our lives.

The Futures Sub-Committee, headed by Barbara Irwin and Carol Ramnarine, includes Dorothy Ng, Tim Pulliam, and Bryce Morrow. Feel free to speak with any of us. We encourage all of you to give us your ideas and suggestions about the future of this church. If you are interested in joining this dynamic and forward-thinking sub-committee, please contact Barbara Irwin at [barblissirwin@gmail.com](mailto:barblissirwin@gmail.com).

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**HISTORY QUIZ:** Here are some more photos from our 1987 church directory. Guess who they are, then confirm your answers by peeking below. (Thank you Glenda Johnson for sharing your collection of church directories!)



History Quiz Answers:

Durwood & Wanda Lewis, Judy Carter & daughter Andrea, John & Ann Barrett, Terry & Dee Ann Woods & son Ian



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.

## Consider Unlimited Possibilities!

by Sue Stanger, Elder of the Stewardship Committee

This is the theme for this year's Stewardship Pledge Campaign which has an easy way to remember it: CUP. Now this isn't the cup you usually think about: an open usually bowl-shaped drinking vessel. This is the cup the Scriptures talk about which acts as a metaphor for an individual's fate, as something to be partaken of or endured, a lot or portion to be suffered or enjoyed. The Psalmist writes about it in Psalm 23:5 – *my cup overflows* (NIV), *my cup brims with blessing* (The Message), *my cup is full and spilling over* (Easy to Read), *my cup runneth over* (ASV), and *filling my cup again and again with Your grace* (The Voice).

The Psalmist also mentions the cup in Psalms 16:5: *O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot*, and Psalm 116:13: *I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord*. Nothing but good stuff. However, the cup is also mentioned in Isaiah 51:17: *Awake, awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk of the hand of the Lord the cup of His fury; you have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling, and drained it all*; and Jeremiah 25: 15-16: *For this says the Lord God of Israel to me: Take this wine cup of fury from my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it. And they will drink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them*. In these scriptures the cup is referenced as a cup of wrath. Jesus also speaks of the cup in the Garden of Gethsemane when He speaks of the pain, degradation, and death he must drink for all the nations. **And then He transforms the cup of wrath to the cup of life and uses the cup as a symbol of the new covenant.**

So with what does your cup overflow? Would it be blessings, love, friendship, peace? Or maybe it is hardship or health concerns? God has promised us all abundant lives filled with blessings, but sometimes those blessings come after the hardships. But even during the hardships, count your blessings. You have more than you probably realize. We, the Stewardship committee, hope you count this church – First Presbyterian Church - as a blessing.

**CONSIDER UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES** for your life and for this church's life. Imagine two worship services overflowing with congregants, classrooms bursting with Sunday school students, the mention of our church's name in the community bringing smiles to people's faces. It can happen but we need your help.

We cannot make these things happen without the funds. We have creative minds that can do amazing things and have found more efficient ways to do them but unfortunately money is still in the equation. No organization can run effectively without it.



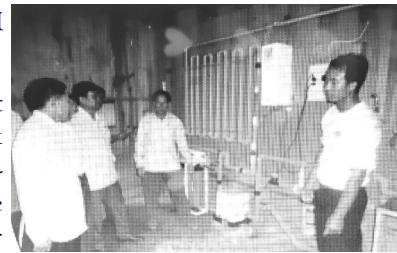
We all want our church to grow. We want our mission projects to grow. It takes all of us doing our share. You know God wants His share also. The Bible recommends we give 10 percent which is the definition of a tithe. We should all strive to achieve that goal but all gifts are precious to God. Give what you can with a joyful heart and your cup will overflow abundantly. You will be amazed at the possibilities not only for this church but for your personal life as well.



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.

**LIVING WATERS MISSION TRIP TO LAOS, OCT. 24 TO NOV. 11, 2016, THE 15TH YEAR OF MISSION TRIPS TO LAOS BY LAO PARTNERS**

Five Lao Partners of University Presbyterian Church, Fresno will be joined by Jack Irwin, Art Moore and Scott Bullock of First Presbyterian Church of Newhall. The Lao Partners' Team will work with the Lao Evangelical Church to visit all seven installations of the Living Waters "Clean Water System" that have been installed in prior years by Lao Partners to provide villages with clean water. We will check out the clean water systems for maintenance and repair and conduct advanced training for the local operators. We will also conduct hygiene education for community leaders at each village or site. We will also visit the village of Ban Houy Nam Youn near Vientiane to sample and test the water of the new well the village has installed, so that we can plan on installing a LWW system there in 2017.



Yod Keua, Xien Khouand, Laos  
November. 2015



Lao Partners is a mission founded through the University Presbyterian Church, Fresno in 2002. For 14 years Lao Partners has assisted the Lao Evangelical Church in ministering to the needs of the people of Laos. Projects have included computer centers, medical facilities, sports equipment and uniforms, equipment for schools, and seven clean water systems. In 2015 the Newhall Presbyterian Church joined Lao Partners, when Jack Irwin and Art Moore joined the mission team. Laos is a developing country, which was a colony of France until independence in 1954. It was established as the People's Democratic Republic (PDR) of Laos in 1975. It suffered extensive warfare that spilled over from the Vietnam War. There are 6.6 million people of 143 identified ethnic groups, the most populous being Lao and Hmong. Official language is Lao (not much English spoken). Laos is landlocked by Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar and China. 58% of the population is Buddhist, 35% ethnic religions and 3.5% Christian. Presently, the Christian churches are growing and ministering to the needs of all Laotians.

**Join the Team:** The cost for each team member is about \$2300, including international airfare from LA to Vientiane, and in-Laos travel, hotels, and meals. The cost also includes equipment and education supplies we will take with us or purchase in Vientiane. We are asking you to consider joining our team. We need prayer and financial support. The benefits are eternal. Below is a form you can use to indicate your support. The churches will send you a tax deductible receipt. We are encouraging you to support us financially through "Shares." We recommend that each share be \$25. You choose how many shares you want to give.

Yes, I will join the Team with Support and Prayers. (Please supply the following information and return, as directed below, with your check.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of shares \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

I will pray \_\_\_ send me newsletters \_\_\_ send me daily updates from Laos \_\_\_

Make checks out to First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, give to Jack, Art or Scott, or deliver to the church office or mail to the church at 24137 Newhall Ave, Newhall, CA 91321, noted for Laos Mission project.



**PICTURE THIS!!!**

Welcome to the newest member of the Nehall Presbyterian family, SETH ANDRES MURRIETTA, who was baptized on September 25th. Seth is the son of Amy Porter-Murrietta and Gino Murrietta Jr., and brother of Gino and Dominic.



## There is still time to join our Family AMOR trip October 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

How can we live out one of Christ's top passions - the caring for the poor? How do we change our "me-centered" mindset, to a "God-centered" and "others-centered" one? **Come build more hope on our Amor trip.** Amor ministries has been serving God by mobilizing His church to build hope for families in need. It began 36 years and 20,100 homes ago! And First Presbyterian Church of Newhall has been going twice a year for 20 years...we know how to do this and it is a blast!



To a watching world it seems radical to spend your vacation time and money on a mission trip to Mexico – enjoying such amenities as camping out in the dirt, taking bag showers and working hard building a home alongside a Mexican family you don't even know yet. Yes it is a financial sacrifice, but that is what Christ followers do. And it's oh, so worth it...when you risk your comfort so you can be the ones who offer hope to those who have little or none.



The cost is \$235 per person, which pays for all the building materials, food and gas, etc. We are also paying to have the slab poured by local labor to save our backs! Scholarships are available if needed. Even if you cannot come, your prayers and any support are coveted.

We will leave the church on Friday morning October 7<sup>th</sup> and return Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> arriving back at church in the afternoon.

Contact John Favalessa at [amor@presby-newhall.org](mailto:amor@presby-newhall.org) or Art Moore for details. See AMOR's website at [www.amor.org](http://www.amor.org)

# SAVE THE DATES



**SAVE THESE DATES: JANUARY 27 AND 28  
SANTA BARBARA MISSION CONFERENCE 2017;  
"ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN"**

- \* At the beautiful Santa Barbara First Presbyterian Church
- World Renowned Keynote Speakers
- Evening Appetizer Reception
- Delicious Lunch
- Discounted Overnight Accommodations Available
- Some partial Scholarships available through your Adult Education Committee – First come first served
- Don't miss out on these wonderful opportunity to learn in a supportive Christian environment



**PRE-REGISTRATION COMING SOON!!**

# SAVE THE DATES



# Little Shepherd's Nursery School

at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall



The school year is off to a busy start! This month the children learned all about apples; we examined their shape and colors, and explored the textures, tastes, and smells. We painted with apples, studied them under magnifying glasses, and even ate a few!

We also had a very special guest stop in to visit! Cartoonist, writer, voice actor, producer and the creator of Cartoon Network's "Uncle Grandpa," Peter Browngardt gave the children a mini art lesson in September. He drew a few familiar characters that the children knew from cartoon shows, and showed us how we can turn basic shapes into characters of our own. Some of our little artists were so inspired that they used their play time to draw.

Supply donations continue to come in, and we are so grateful for them. Thank you, First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, for your continuing support.



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 MISSION PROJECT

"Help the Children" thanks you for your generous donations of canned goods and non-perishable items. In the past few months, 186 items were delivered plus over 70 backpacks from PW filled with school supplies. Your generosity is much appreciated! In October we will focus on **peanut butter and jelly**. Please put your donations on the shelves in the Evans Room. PW appreciates your support in our mission. Thank you!



### PW CIRCLES—ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

Elizabeth: Barbara Irwin (296-4135) - 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 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.

## New Members Class Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

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. Did you happen to see our church marquee this week? It reads, “We are all different, but of one body in Christ”.

The next new members’ class will be November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The classes are informal and led by Pastor Bill. Any and all questions are encouraged. Attendees are also invited to the Session meeting on November 15 to meet the Elders and see how the business of running this church is accomplished.

There is no obligation to become a member, but if you choose to, you will be received into this family of faith at services on November 20<sup>th</sup> with a welcoming celebration between services on the patio.

If you are not yet a member and want to be a part of this caring church family of faith or just have questions, please contact the Outreach Committee chairperson John Favalessa (661) 755-4269 (email [favalessa@yahoo.com](mailto:favalessa@yahoo.com)).



### Patio Fellowship Table by Lorraine King

Have you visited the Patio Fellowship Table lately? Yes, you can complete your nametag. But there are other items of interest at the Fellowship Table:

**Flower arrangements for the sanctuary on Sunday mornings:** Sign up for a particular Sunday to honor a birthday or anniversary or in honor/memory of a loved one(s). The list is reviewed by the church office (Bob Balkcom) every Sunday. He will contact you regarding the flowers. You can bring your own flowers or designate a dollar amount, and Bob will order the flowers for you. (Please reimburse the church for the dollar amount within the week and take the flowers with you after second service.)

**Adult Education Lending Library:** Books are displayed every Sunday with a sign-out sheet. There is no charge, and no deadline in returning the book you’ve selected. Peruse the book selection as it changes every few weeks.

**Sign-up Lists for New Member Classes and Senior Lunches and many other events:** There are notifications in the newsletter and the bulletin for these events. Stop by and sign up at the Fellowship table.

**Names Tags:** Folks often say that “everyone knows me,” and they don’t need to complete a name tag. In reality, not everyone knows you (including those manning the table). Name tags are for other folks to call you by name, put a name with a face, and the opportunity to chat and get to know you. Red tags are for first-time attendees so those of us who attend church on a regular basis can greet the newcomers. First-time visitors also receive a “welcome bag” with information about the church, a copy of the Newsletter and the past year’s Lenten Devotional.



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## OCTOBER 2016



### Sunday Worship Services

Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship 11:15 a.m.



## Deadline for the November Newsletter: October 16, 2016

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address:

[newsletter@presby-newhall.org](mailto:newsletter@presby-newhall.org)

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