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## Sunday Schedule

Worship  
10:30 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 a.m.

## Gifts of the Dark Wood

As we turn from the bright light of the season of Epiphany to the shadows of Lent, we will be searching together for the Gifts of the Dark Wood. Based on a book by Eric Elnes and worship suggestions by Worship Designer, Dr. Marcia McFee, in our Lenten worship, we will wonder about what we can find in the Dark Wood moments in our lives that are filled with...

**uncertainty**

**failure**

**emptiness**

**lost-ness**

**temptation**

**and so many other challenges.**

There are gifts to be found if we embrace them...

Uncertainty can help us let go of our fear of the unknown.

Emptiness can leave room for new possibilities.

Thunderstruck moments can offer insight.

Getting lost invites us to heighten our awareness.

Temptation can help us know our true path.

And reaching out to other "misfits" on the journey enriches our experience of life and love.

**And through it all, God is with us.**

Lent is a time of the liturgical year that evokes journey. It draws us into an introspective stance where growth happens. Let us journey together and look for the gifts as, still, the light shines in the darkness.



*Art by Christa Wallis*

*It is the Mission of First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship and celebration, and teaching and learning, so that lives are transformed and members are encouraged to use their special gifts to care for and value, as God's Beloved, each other and the community in which we live.*

## Pastor's Perspective...

### Here I am Lord, Send Me...

Our December/January newsletter was sent to you the day before the shootings at the Inland Regional Center that put the name of our city in the minds of people across the world, when in a few moments shooters visited violence on dozens of innocent people, and changed us all.

We are listening for the call of Jesus in this time and place? The news coverage has died down, and the furor has subsided. Now: how can we be part of the healing that must continue? How can we be Good News in our city, speak the gospel of peace in the face of violence, and bind up the wounds of those who are suffering?

The Session and the Deacons and the staff are thinking about these things and taking steps to care, trusting that they will lead to what God would have us do next. What we have done so far:

-We decided to set aside the planned curriculum for Fireside Lounge, and have begun **a class about understanding and loving our Muslim neighbors**. *Pat Morris* has convened the class, and we are using curriculum written by a PCUSA pastor. Last Sunday, *Amjad Khan* (who teaches at UCLA law and is a Harvard graduate) was our guest and spoke to us of the beauty of his faith and his longing for peace. The class has been packed, and people have found their hearts opening to people we have previously viewed with misunderstanding or mistrust. We have asked him back, and he has agreed to return.

- We are **sending cards to the families** of those who died, thanks to *new deacon Margaret Doane*. The vision is that we will send 4 sets of cards over the course of this year, so that the families who are grieving will know we are praying for their healing and hope long after the dust has settled and they may feel themselves forgotten. You may have signed one or more of these cards - the ones sent so far have been circulated at coffee hour.

- We are wondering about **supporting the counselors** who have been working with first responders, and who are now caring for families that have been traumatized- they carry a heavy burden as they lend their ears and hearts to the long work of healing the human spirit. We can pray for them, that God might use them in powerful ways. *Christa Wallis* and *Sara Hibbs* (who are members) are both a part of this team.

-I am wondering, too, about the people **who returned to work last week in the Inland Regional Center** buildings. Surely this familiar space is not the same for them. Some were eyewitnesses. Two of their number died in the violence. *Erica Mantei* works among them, and *Carol Cooper* and *Masami Mugiishi* both worked there in years past. These folks certainly need care and love- perhaps we as a church can reach out to them and express our support. Perhaps we are 'uniquely qualified' to help in this way.

- **we continue to receive support** and love from Presbyterians and others far and near. When they ask how they can help us (because we are planted here, in this city, where the need exists) they help me to hear God's call. And I am reminded that the Spirit of God is already out there ahead of us: working for healing, encouraging hearts, giving strength. My hope is that throughout this year we will be able to go outside our walls and join God in this work.

Here I am, Lord. Send me.

~Sandy



### New Officer Ordination and Installation



## Lenten Quiet Nights

By MARION WIENS

Ash Wednesday ushers in the church season of Lent, a time of reflection and deep awareness of Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week. Ash Wednesday falls on February 10th this year, with Quiet Nights beginning the following week on **Thursday, February 18** and subsequent Thursdays, **February 25, March 3, 10, and 17th.**

Quiet Nights, intended as opportunities for us to walk alongside Jesus in the darkness of Lent, consist of **20 to 25 minutes** of readings and silent contemplation. This year several of these brief services will be held at the labyrinth on the north lawn with seating nearby, weather permitting. Others will be in the Chapel. All will begin at **6:00 P.M.**

Following the quiet time, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a simple soup and bread supper and time together.

Please mark your calendars or place this article where you will be reminded of these opportunities to deepen your Christian experience.

## Christmas Joy at the Home of Neighborly Services

The San Bernardino Home of Neighborly Services is beginning to open its doors once again. Transitional Executive Presbyter, the Rev. Marilyn Gamm, currently sitting on the board, had this to say in the Presbytery newsletter about the Christmas dinner the Home offered:

While Christmas is not about the decorations – nor the exchanging of gifts, fun as that can be – it IS about wonder and the sense of possibility, and ultimately, about God's love for humanity – inspired by God's first Advent in a baby named Jesus of Nazareth.

I saw a glimpse of this sense of wonder and of possibility, indeed, of divine LOVE, this week as Craig and I helped host the San Bernardino Home of Neighborly Services' free Christmas dinner and first-ever toy giveaway. Founded by the former Presbyterian National Board of Home Missions and deeded to the Presbytery of Riverside by our synod in 2002, the Home has served the least of these, primarily Spanish-speaking neighbors, since 1922. Although the caterer provided meals for about 150 persons, nearly 300 children and adults were fed, enjoyed the presence of Santa, and had the opportunity to choose a toy. The food only ran out when the people stopped coming, and although we were concerned about running out of toys, there are some left over that can be given to clients for children's birthdays in the coming year. It truly was a "loaves and fishes" miracle and we felt the presence of Emmanuel! The sheer joy on the faces of children who were allowed to pick out a toy of their choice, the expressions of gratitude by their parents, the encouragement by parents to their children to say "thank you" or "gracias" have all made Christmas for me this year.

Sure, life is not fair, and wealth and earthly resources are not even remotely evenly distributed. But LOVE on earth, as in heaven, has walked among us...

### In Memoriam

December 2015

January 2016

**Angelina Cordova**

August 7, 1925-December 21, 2015

**Joyce Hendrickson**

May 16, 1931-December 26, 2015

**Sidney Kim Hurley**

July 13, 1963-January 4, 2016

*"In life and in death we belong to God"*

### In Life and in Death...

As a congregation, we continue to hold our Music Director and his family, Curtiss and Rebecca, Jacob and Jeremy Allen in our prayers as they grieve the loss of both Curtiss's mother, Phyllis Bush, and his father, Curtiss Allen, Sr., in such a short time span.

The service for Phyllis Bush will take place here at First Presbyterian of San Bernardino at 10:00 in the morning on Monday, February 15.

A service for Curtiss Allen, Sr. is planned to take place in the Memorial Chapel at the University of Redlands on Saturday, March 12 at 11:00 in the morning.

## New Beginnings

By ALEX RUEDA



This year we are trying to start things off on the right foot, which basically means that we are trying to stay ahead of the game so that we're not trying to rush when Spring actually appears. Towards the end of last summer (2015), I gave the kids the option of either building additional garden boxes for the upcoming year or to just use the ones we already had and make do. Without hesitation, new boxes were quickly decided. When asked why they wanted more boxes, the answer I got was "Well, because we can grow more stuff!" It turns out that was the exact answer I was looking for.



Towards the middle of January (2016) two additional boxes were added to the garden. At 8ft long and 4ft wide, tomatoes and zucchini are the intended occupants for these boxes. The bottom picture is the planting of this summer's seedlings. Tomatoes, peppers, cabbage and sunflower were planted here, with squash and many other seeds to be planted closer to spring time.



This year I let kids have full control on what seeds they wanted to plant. To my surprise, the majority said tomatoes, peppers and watermelon. My greenhouse at home is LITERALLY full of seed trays of all different kinds of vegetables just waiting to poke through and emerge. My goal for the 2016 growing season is to grow ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING from seed this year. This year our goal is to incorporate more colorful plants, such as sunflowers and sweet peas, to the garden boxes.

I'm very excited for the upcoming growing season. Thomas Jefferson once said "*No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden.*" I could not agree with him more.



# A note from FPCCC

By SALLY EARP

This note comes to you for the first time without our founding director Lynette DuClos Adelson who retired on Jan. 17th. She founded the school almost 25 years ago and this was our first week without her, and we survived! I (Sally Earp) have taken over as interim director, Ms. Donna has continued as Assistant Director, Ms. Chris, Ms. Lolita and Ms. Carly have all continued with the center. We are excited about the new year and the new challenges!

We are working on ourselves this month-one day we wore our favorite shirts, other

days we brought our favorite books, and games and fruit in! It's always fun to see what the kids bring in for these days. The kids got the chance this month to use a camera remote and a digital camera to take self portraits. We developed the pictures and put them up in the classrooms, some took 80 pictures in a 5 minute time frame and some just a few- it was a really fun thing to see. We are ending the month talking about our families. We will start February talking about sports and then make our way into love and Valentine's Day.



*In their favorite shirts!*



*A goodbye and good luck picture for Ms. Lynette*

## Photo Directory

The photo directory has been on hold due to the need for more congregation members to have their photos taken. LifeTouch will set up one more day of photos if we have 25 appointments. If you did not make it to one of the previous photo days and would like to participate, Donald Dudley will be making a list so he can set up a date and make those appointments.

## Per Capita

Per Capita, the money sent to Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly for administrative expenses such as lay workers' salaries, office supplies, etc., insures that mission dollars are spent on mission. Session is asking members to pay \$35.00 per member for Per Capita Apportionment. The church must pay our Per Capita Apportionment amount of \$10,086.80 to the Presbytery by April 1st, so if you can contribute before that date, it is helpful, but it helps our budget whenever you give your PCA donation. Thank you for your help.

## Session Synopsis

By LYNETTE DUCLOS ADELSON

*Session member Lynette DuClos Adelson reflects on the Session Meetings and the things your Session is doing.*

It was with trust in God and great hope for the future that your Session met in January - a new year and newly ordained and installed faces around the table!

After working with the Scripture reading from Luke 4:21-30 we looked at the 2015 financial statement. Although the childcare center struggled, the Deacons fund and general fund ended the year with surpluses.

We talked about the transition at FPCCC

to a new interim director and the enthusiasm and creativity with which Sally Earp started her leadership. There was a surprise visit from state licensing on Sally's second week and the Center sailed through it!

Amy Smith, Melodee Kistner and Shannon Nolin will be FPC's representatives to Presbytery.

There was a discussion about fundraising at church. What is appropriate? How often? For what purpose? Although we did not reach a conclusion it was a gift to hear many differing, well thought out opinions.

Great gratitude was expressed for the San Bernardino high school internship program. There was no question that it should continue under Mark Adelson's leadership, and perhaps, including graduates of the program as supervisors. Your Session voted to use up to \$10,000 from the Maupin gift in 2016 to insure the continuation of this ministry.

The evening concluded with our intention to continue to look for ways to support Inland Regional Center employees, victims, first responders, counselors, etc. as, with God's love, they heal.

### 2016 Session by Committee:

**Sandy Tice, Moderator; Amy Smith, Clerk of Session**

**Building and Grounds:** Dan Direen (chair), Ed Congdon, Lynn Usher

**Nurture:** Mindy Rueda (chair), Zachary Garcia, Randy French, Shelby Obershaw

**Financial Stewardship:** John-Paul Fletcher (chair), Brent Nord, Jim Siegmund

**Worship:** Beth Keiper (chair), Lynette DuClos Adelson, Melodee Kistner

## SB Strong" Update on Caring for our Community

By CHRISTA WALLIS

As a therapist with The Counseling Team International (TCTI), I have first-hand experience of the devastating effects of trauma on human beings. But nothing could have prepared me for the shock, fear and horror that ripped our community apart on December 2. My colleagues and I responded that day and in the following days, weeks and months to assist first responders, victims, victims' families and those affected by this tragedy. We conducted Critical Incident Stress Debriefings for the police, fire, dispatch and emergency responders, assisted employees and consumers of Inland Regional Center (IRC) and San Bernardino County Dept. of Public and Environmental Health. We counseled families waiting for their loved ones, accompanied victims' family members as they visited the site of the attack in the following days and, unfortunately, delivered death

notifications.

The work is on-going as we continue to provide services to those returning to work and coping with the grief, loss, and post-traumatic stress reactions still prevalent in their lives. The concentric rings of affected individuals that ripple out from that day continue to emerge. Therapists from TCTI are working with families of the victims, survivors and colleagues of the employees so affected by the terrorist attack. A TCTI therapist has been on site each day at the Dept. of Public Health as employees return to their work and try to find some normalcy in their everyday routines. There have been touching and caring tributes and fundraisers for the victims and their families and amidst the pain, there is hope. The surrounding community has risen to the challenges presented by December 2. Many, many community groups have offered support in varied

and multiple forms to help and assist, and our church is included in this effort.

You will be hearing more information about these efforts, but our congregation is looking to support the therapists at TCTI in their continuing work through prayer and small gestures. We will be asking members to hand-write encouraging notes to the personnel at IRC to let them know that we have not forgotten them and to extend the church's mission in our own community. Please know that all prayers and encouraging thoughts and words have assisted in healing our community. You will hear more in the coming weeks and months, as we have the opportunity to support these projects to show all that we are SBStrong!

## A Deacon Digests: Compassion as Intentional Spiritual Practice

By MARILYN KRAFT

*Deacon Marilyn Kraft reflects on her experience as a deacon and lets us know what is happening in our Deacon Ministry.*

Our Deacon's ministry can teach us something about spiritual practice.

1. We practice acts of compassion as a team, made stronger, more effective, and more joyful by diversity in gifts and characteristics. We rely on each other as team members to encourage each other and to cover with strengths our individual or temporary weaknesses. To one is given the gift of making beautiful creations for homebound members and to another the gift of organizing baggers.

2. Our practice is made stronger by regular commitments, routines, traditions, and rituals. We prepare but we don't wait, or expect for, things to be perfect. Whether it is monthly food

distribution day, communion Sunday, or a planned outreach activity, we are forced by our commitments to get together, to serve people, and to keep practicing.

3. We are open to new resources and partners whose contributions become essential as we continue to learn how to be more effective with individuals, programs, and a changing congregation and context. We evaluate, repeat, and try to improve. So now fruits and vegetables are a regular part of Saturday food distribution and we find ourselves sharing squash recipes with our neighbors.

4. Our practice is centered in compassion. We are clear and repeatedly grounded in scripture, tradition, and personal experience that compassion is something dear to the

God who holds all people dear.

In all of this, we enjoy the love of God and experience it in our practice as life-giving and hopeful. And so it is natural to invite people into this experience.

As I've considered this, I wonder: What is missing in my other spiritual practices when they don't result in excitement, hope, joy, and invitation? Is it that I tried to do it alone or without adequate support? Could it be that I expected too much from too little actual practice? Did I expect to be or expect someone or something else to be perfect? Have I not adapted to the changes in myself or the gifts God has brought into my life? Is my practice ultimately grounded in the nature of God?



### From the Deacons...

#### Easter Boxes

Signups start Sunday, February 21st for sponsors who wish to nominate families to receive Easter boxes of dinner supplies. The food ministry takes care of all the contents of the box. Our youth decorate these boxes in holiday themes. Sponsors arrange to deliver the box to the family on Palm Sunday, March 20.

#### Do you have an Eye for Food Specials?

While the Feeding America Food Bank is our food ministry's primary strategy for stretching our food dollars, store purchases add protein and other nutritional value to our bags. We are very often looking for cereal, peanut butter, canned meats and beans. If you see a high value store special on these or other items that may be of interest, please contact Don Dudley.

#### Neighbors Wanted

How often have you missed a chance to do something you loved because you didn't have a car or couldn't drive? Some of our members come to church activities because others of you give them a ride. Some other members could also do that with transportation. Could you swing by and pick another member up? If you are willing to be put on a list to be invited on occasion for this service, please contact Don Dudley. Whether or not you drive or have a car, if you'd be willing to coordinate drivers and riders, Don would love to talk to you.

### 2016 Deacon Board by Committee:

**Donald Dudley, Moderator; Steve Smith, Pastoral Support**

**Congregational Care:** Al Rueda (chair), Robin Edwards, Wanda Gernux, Judy Steppins, Carol Valentine

**Community Outreach:** Marilyn Kraft (chair), Margaret Doane, Sonia Martin, Bill McIntosh

**Food Program:** Don Dudley (chair), Judy Brewer, Mark Freeman, Linda Kaufman, John Valentine



# Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

## How Grateful We Are To Be Loved

By DEBBIE LAW, Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

*“Let all that you do, be done with love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14*

We celebrated the Season of Advent, we readied for peace and joy. He crowned the year with His goodness, and His paths drip with abundance. As we enter the 2016 New Year, we carry an awakened, profound healing of reformation in our hearts. We are united by a unique love that is shared through grace, hope, friendship, kindness, and faith. We have devoted ourselves to our body of faith and community in creating something that gives us purpose and meaning.

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation extends a gracious THANK YOU to our congregational friends and family who supported and gave to our Annual Alternative Christmas Market. Through your generous giving and support, Presbyterian Women is able to continue our support to the FPC Child Care Center, to our local community with Updraft and Habitat for Humanity, and globally aid through the Presbyterian Mission Agency and Living Waters for the World. We would also like to share that with your generosity, along with an anonymous gift, the Men’s Group with Living Waters for the World will travel to Guatemala later this month and build a clean-water system that will be dedicated in memory of Joan Carpenter!

*May the words of our mouth and the mediations of our heart be pleasing so all that we do, be done with love. How grateful we are to be loved, Thank You from Presbyterian Women in the Congregation!*



Presbyterian Women in the Congregation  
presents their annual

### Super Bowl Bake Sale



Join us after worship in Fellowship Hall on  
**Sunday, February 7**

Enjoy Super Bowl Sunday and catch some sweet and savory snacks!

The Super Bowl Bake Sale supports PW’s promise to The Mission Pledge.







## 2015 Building and Landscape Internship Program (BLIP)

By MARK ADELSON

*Mark Adelson sent this report, along with recommendations for the future, to Session last month regarding the High School Intern Program. As reported in the Session Synopsis, your Session has happily voted to fund the program for another year.*

Eight San Bernardino High School students have been able to gain confidence and self-respect, contribute to their community, acquire new skills, push their capabilities, grow and cement friendships, and earn some money and take a step toward financial independence, as proud interns of First Presbyterian Church, San Bernardino.

This experimental Building and Landscape Internship Program, or BLIP, arose from the LifeSkilz Circle, a project of our Up Draft outreach initiative and partnership with San Bernardino High School. Juniors who participated in the LifeSkilz Circle program were eligible for the FPCSB internships. We started the BLIP during the Spring semester of the 2014/15 school year, and continued it through Summer 2015 and into the Fall semester of the 2015/16 school year. Each internship term was ten weeks. Intern candidates had to submit an application and endure an interview before being selected. Spring and Fall interns each worked 5 hours a week, and Summer interns worked 6 hours a week.

All interns earned \$9.00 an hour. This was the first employment experience outside of family for all but one of our interns.

Some of what our BLIP interns were able to accomplish on and off the Church campus include:

- Participating in the life of our church by providing child care, attending worship services, serving at coffee hours, and helping to decorate the sanctuary and to set up for other events.
- Helping to make our Church campus water-wise, by participating in the construction of our three water-conserving landscape projects along D Street.
- Locating and helping to repair a major water leak.
- Rebuilding the FPCCC sandbox.
- Cleaning and polishing brass and bronze door hardware.
- Cleaning and washing windows.
- Scraping, cleaning and repainting metalwork.
- Participating in the Fireside Lounge project by stripping wallpaper, removing old draperies, and painting and repainting woodwork.
- Planting, replanting and caring for

trees, plants, and the labyrinth.

- Cleaning rain gutters
- Participating in the rehabilitation of a house owned by the Del Rosa Methodist Church

At least once during each BLIP term, we set aside work and encouraged our interns to reflect, talk or write about what they were learning from their internships. Our BLIP interns told us that:

- They learned to trust, respect and learn from each other and their supervisor.
- They experienced that work is rewarding and fulfilling, and builds self-respect.
- They appreciated having mentoring, adult leadership.
- They felt more connected to the communities in which they live and learn.
- They felt accepted, cared for and loved by our Church community.
- They were proud to have been FPC interns.

Our interns also learned life skills, like how to open and use a bank account and the importance of being at work on time.

## Friends in Sight

By MARILYN KRAFT

CA Friends in Sight is coming to First Presbyterian Church on February 6, 2015 from 8am to 3pm. Please help spread the word in the community and help people get to our location at 1900 N D St in San Bernardino.

Eyeglasses remain one of the areas without adequate insurance coverage and the lack of proper glasses can contribute to headaches, accidents, and poor job or academic performance. CA Friends in Sight does a vision screening and usually can fit the participant with a pair of eyeglasses that day. If not, they will send glasses in the mail to the participant as a follow-up.

CA Friends in Sight is happiest if there are a LOT of people in attendance so they make the most of what is a big pool of optical talent and eyeglass resources they bring out on these occasions. If you would like a flyer to give someone, please check with me (Marilyn) or the church office.

*Note, we are still collecting eyeglasses for the Lion's Club so they can continue to offer these kind of community events. A box is always behind reception.*

## Valentine Luncheon

February 14th (hey, it's actually on Valentine's Day!) will be our annual Mariners' Valentine Brunch and will be held in Fellowship Hall following worship. John Valentine will start selling tickets every Sunday, so make plans to join our congregation in supporting our Mariners' fundraiser. Tickets are \$13. Children 10 years old and younger are free. It is being catered with many different, yummy salads to sample and there will be red velvet cake for dessert. Mark your calendars and help by purchasing your tickets early so they will have an accurate count. In this new year, come join family and friends for good food and fellowship. Thank you for your support.

Robin Edwards

Mariner Fleetboard



## All Church Family Camp

Memorial Day Weekend (May 27-30) is **ALL CHURCH FAMILY CAMP!!!** If you've never gone, you might want to consider the experience this year. If you've been before, we hope that you'll want to come again! ACFC takes place at Arrowhead Ranch in the San Bernardino Mountains of Lake Arrowhead. The weekend is filled with Fellowship, Fun and Food. Reading, walking, hiking, napping, singing by a campfire, eating s'mores, crafting, worshipping and game playing are also opportunities that are available!!! If coming for the weekend is more fun than you can take, consider coming for the day! All are welcome, but you **MUST** register. Registration takes place during the month of March.

**Save the Date:**  
 On Sunday, March 13, 2016, stay after  
 Worship for a hotdog lunch to raise funds  
 for Family Camp!

## Filling Fat Fish

The children of our congregation join in the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering by collecting change. On February 14, in worship, each child will be given a colorful cardboard fish bank. They fill the banks throughout Lent and bring them back to give toward this offering during worship on Palm Sunday, March 20.



Sunday, February 7, we will hold  
 our Annual Meeting of the  
 Congregation to review the year  
 and the budget and elect  
 nominating committee members.

## Our Hands of Hope



The *One Great Hour of Sharing* is collected during Lent, ending on Palm Sunday, March 20. This is what the Presbyterian Mission Agency says about this offering:

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing you are assisting in the empowerment of others as they move past emotional, physical, and spiritual misfortune. Your help gives hope.

At home and abroad, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance helps strengthen the faith community and enables those affected by natural or human-caused disasters to be part of the rebuilding and recovery efforts in their communities.

Life-changing grassroots programs like Huerto de la Familia (The Family Garden) are supported by the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Huerto de la Familia strives to cultivate community integration and economic self-sufficiency through training in organic farming and the development of food-based small businesses.

Self-Development of People, through your generous gifts, provides grants to organizations like A Community Voice in New Orleans, a neighborhood group which assists low-to-moderate-income families in applying for jobs, housing, and food assistance.

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing to support these Presbyterian Mission Agency ministries as they strive to help all of God's people find resilience, hope, and faith in the face of challenging circumstances.



## February Celebrations

- Feb 2 Marc DiCarlo, Sr.  
Sally Earp  
Bridget Lee
- Feb 6 Kiera Everly French
- Feb 7 Stephanie Fletcher  
Clara Gresham  
Frank Thomas
- Feb 8 Dorothy Morrison  
Hannah Huffstutler  
Roy Nix  
Jean Randall  
Grace Wilson
- Feb 9 Anne Pleiss
- Feb 10 Marian Klefstad
- Feb 11 Carol Cooper  
Tim Garcia
- Feb 12 Sue Alexander
- Feb 13 Nita Zwolinski
- Feb 14 Eva Diane Olsen  
Ray Snell
- Feb 15 Randy Mantei  
Joanna Nord
- Feb 16 Kendra Elizabeth Lamb  
Doris Schiavone
- Feb 17 Katie Earp  
Marjorie & Paul Owens
- Feb 19 Kevin Law  
Amy Smith
- Feb 20 Ruth Carter
- Feb 22 Ron & Rosemarie Evans
- Feb 23 Mark Bakker  
Lynne Beard
- Feb 24 Betty Bean
- Feb 26 Christa Wallis
- Feb 28 Jo Ann Von Wald

### Financial Notes

Financial Report as of as of December 31, 2015

	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
Pledges	\$388,341.01	395,000.00	(6,658.99)
Other Income	\$ 72,302.03	66,015.00	6,287.03
Expense	\$449,326.82	451,325.03	(1,998.21)
Net Income	\$ 11,316.22	9,689.97	1,626.25

### Website Photos

Photographs are often taken at church events. These photos may be used in the newsletter and/or posted on the church's public website and social media platforms. If you object to having a photograph that may contain your image (or your child's image) posted on the church website, please notify the office in writing.

### Keep Military Members in Your Prayers

**Lt Col David Le Roy,  
US Air Force,  
The Pentagon, Washington, DC**

**Seaman Mark Munz,  
US Navy, San Diego**

**Seaman Robert Sandoval,  
US Navy, Pearl Harbor, HI**

**CW3 James Bentley Wilson,  
US Army, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA**

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**Deadline for the March issue of the  
*First Press*:**

**Saturday, February 20**

(Early submissions are *always* welcome)

***New Policy: The due date for articles will always be the 20th of the prior month unless other arrangements are made.***



Please go to [www.fpcsb.net/news/calendar](http://www.fpcsb.net/news/calendar) for the most up-to-date calendar information.

**FEBRUARY 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 8:45 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Adult Ed- The Jesus Fatwah 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Bell Choir practice 12:00 PM Fellowship of the Carpenter	<b>1</b> 4:00 PM PW Coordinating Team	<b>2</b> 6:00 AM Election Polling 11:00 AM CA Retired Teachers' Assn. 1:00 PM RPEA Board	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Worship Committee 7:00 PM Earth Care Committee 7:00 PM Nurture Committee	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM Kerygma	<b>6</b> FOC progressive dinner 9:00 AM Eye Care Clinic 9:00 AM Symphonie Jeunesse
 <b>7</b> PW Super Bowl Bake Sale 8:45 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Adult Ed- The Jesus Fatwah 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM PW Fair Trade Coffee Sales 11:45 AM Bell Choir practice 3:00 PM Galleons	<b>8</b> ChildCare Center CLOSED. 5:30 PM Circle of Grace 7:00 PM M.A.L.E.s	<b>9</b> 6:30 PM Deacon Committees 7:30 PM Deacon Board	 <b>10</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM Kerygma 11:30 AM Lenten Task Force	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Symphonie Jeunesse 10:00 AM Mariners' Event Set-Up
 <b>14</b> 8:45 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Bell Choir practice 11:45 AM Mariners' Valentine Brunch 12:00 PM Fellowship of the Carpenter	 <b>15</b> ChildCare Center & Church Office CLOSED 10:00 AM Phyllis Bush Memorial Service	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM Circle of Kindness	<b>17</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Committee 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee	<b>18</b> 9:30 AM Friendship Circle 6:00 PM Lenten Quiet Night 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir	<b>19</b> 8:30 AM Food Bagging 9:30 AM Kerygma	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Deacon Food Distribution 9:00 AM Symphonie Jeunesse
<b>21</b> 8:45 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Bell Choir practice 12:00 PM Fellowship of the Carpenter	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1:00 PM Circle Of Hope 6:30 PM Circle of Faith	<b>24</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM SESSION	<b>25</b> 6:00 PM Lenten Quiet Night 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir	<b>26</b> 9:30 AM Kerygma	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Symphonie Jeunesse 12:30 PM Ripples/Voyagers
<b>28</b> Companions on the Inner Way Retreat 8:45 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Bell Choir practice 12:00 PM Fellowship of the Carpenter	<b>29</b> Companions on the Inner Way Retreat	<b>1</b> Companions on the Inner Way Retreat	<b>2</b> Companions on the Inner Way Retreat 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Worship Committee 7:00 PM Earth Care Committee 7:00 PM Nurture Committee	<b>3</b> Companions on the Inner Way Retreat 6:00 PM Lenten Quiet Night 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir	<b>4</b> Companions on the Inner Way Retreat 9:30 AM Kerygma	<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Symphonie Jeunesse



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