

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! We appreciate your participation with us in worship. We would like the opportunity to know you better, so we invite you to please fill out a *Welcome Card* located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. On the reverse side of the card you may indicate a need for prayer or an area of interest. Between our morning worship services, coffee and refreshments are served in Ingram Hall. Join us there! If you are interested in more participation with us, request to have your name placed on our mailing list by contacting the church office, 542-0205. Thank you for being our guest and may God bless you.

MASSIVE JC OUTREACH!

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is hosting a major outreach at the JC and needs your help. 40 staff are coming in from around the West and we need to house them during their stay. We are looking for homes for 2-3 staff beginning Sunday, July 12th, with staff leaving Thursday morning, July 16th. Basically, they will need a bed and breakfast. We also would love to have a prayer team and help with a few other logistical details. Please contact Kurt Thiel at 707.843.6489 or kurtthiel@comcast.net. Thanks so much.

LOOKING FOR SOME SUMMER READING?

Our library has a great selection of books looking for a new home! Come visit the tables filled with books, CDs, and DVDs at the Book Mart in Ingram Hall on Sunday, July 12th.

IT'S MOMS DAY OUT!

The Cove offers a childcare program that is designed to support families in our community. We provide a loving and safe environment for your child (aged two to five). Moms Day Out happens on Thursdays from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at The Cove (1835 West Steele Lane) and Fridays from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at FPCSR. Call Kirsten Carpenter at 546-6706 or 548-3460 for more information or to register.

ENLIGHTEN UP!

For the fifth year, FPCSR sponsors the Summer series we call Enlighten Up! Join us from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Room 113.

June 28th Dan Melligan on *Flannery O'Connor: Hillbilly Philosopher*

While Europe responded to twentieth century postmodern thought with existentialism, the American South produced some of the most prolific writers of the time. Many of these writers represented an unusual vantage point: southern Roman Catholicism. Flannery O'Connor was the chief storyteller and told tales of comedy and redemption. For many years Dan has been a systematic and scholarly reader of the great works of Western literature; in 2006 he taught us about Dante. When he isn't reading Dan is pastor of Oakmont Community Church.

July 12 Gordon and Jean Duffy on *The Call to Public Service*

It takes common people stepping forward and getting involved to really make our state, country, and world a better place to live. Too often we shift the blame for problems and say "After all, they're only politicians!" The Duffys will suggest that there are biblical references criticizing those who cast stones like this. Jean was a member of the California State Assembly for eight years, her efforts crowned by passage of the toughest drunk driving law in the nation (1980) and the establishment of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving). Gordon served on the school board, planning commission, City Council, and as mayor of Hanford; then 18 years in the State Assembly, where he specialized in health care issues. He is a graduate of U.C.-Berkeley School of Optometry.

The full Enlighten Up! 2009 series schedule is on the information tables.

ABOUT FPCSR

First Presbyterian Church of Santa Rosa is committed to a mission of following Jesus Christ and making his gospel known in our community and throughout the world. Our core values direct us to love the Lord, our God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength (Mark 12:30): worship and prayer engages our *soul*; Bible study and theology engages our *mind*; fellowship and lifestyle engages our *heart*; and evangelism and service engages our *strength*. Jesus taught us to extend our love for God to our neighbors. We desire to follow Jesus in such a way that makes his life, our way of life.

OUR MISSION

Submitting ourselves to the claims of Jesus Christ, together we seek to honor Him, embody His presence, and proclaim His gospel with authenticity, humility, and love.

OUR CORE VALUES

WORSHIP which honors and glorifies God

PRAYER which opens our hearts and aligns our wills to God

BIBLE STUDY which leads to the formation of Christian character

THEOLOGY which challenges and matures our understanding of faith

FELLOWSHIP which allows all individuals to know and be known

LIFESTYLE which reflects our trust in and commitment to God

EVANGELISM which tells the gospel message

SERVICE which demonstrates the love of Christ

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 am (Contemporary)

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dale Flowers Pastor
Rev. Mike Griffin Assoc. Pastor

Program Staff

Bob Brazeau Dir. of Music Min.
Peggy Dyslin Dir. of Children's Min.
Cory Myers Dir. of Youth Min.
Wendy Taylor Dir. of Caring Ministry
Helen Deal Sunday School Coord.
Nancy Glazier Nursery/Toddler Coord.
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Linda Albert, Carlyn Knight, & Linda Maloney
..... Pres. Preschool Directors
Patty Quigley Tuesday Toddler Playgroup

Affiliated Clergy

Rev. Dale Johnson, Rev. Dr. Ed Peacock,
Rev. Carl Vogelaar, Rev. Dr. David B. White

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IMPARTS

June 28, 2009

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~

Session has set Sunday, August 23rd as a congregational meeting to elect church officers: elders, deacons, and nominating committee members. Each role is important to the governance and organizational life of our church. Elders are responsible for the direction, priorities, and operation of the church. Deacons are responsible for the care and support of those in need. Elders and deacons are elected to serve a three year term. Each year a new class of elders (5) and deacons (9) are needed to replace those who rotate off (after their third year of service).

Our **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is in the process of contacting members whom they discern God has gifted in one of these areas. You might be among those who are invited to consider serving in such a leadership role. If so, I urge you to prayerfully ask what God desires. The Nominating Committee is not looking to fill slots, but to discern where and how each of us might serve God's purpose.

Personnel Committee celebrates this month's employment anniversary of **CORY MYERS'** 7th year as Director of Youth Ministries and **ALEX ROSS'** 2nd year as Publications Editor. Join us in expressing your gratitude for the work and ministry of these dedicated staff members.

We received the following thank you note from missionary partner, **DR. BEVERLEY BOOTH** after her recent visit on May 31st. The mission luncheon that day afforded her the opportunity to report on urban health and socio-political developments in Nepal, and gave us the opportunity to celebrate Dr. Booth's retirement from full time mission service (she now resides in Tallahassee, FL). She wrote:

What a reception, and what a sendoff! I was so moved – I felt like I was walking on a cloud of uplifted hands of so many at First Pres SR who have walked with me these many years. Thank you all so much for your prayers and support over these years. And thank you for your gift – how thoughtful. I will miss you all – a sister in Christ, Beverley

The last Sunday of each month, friends of our Missions Committee stand in the Narthex with offering baskets labeled "**2-CENTS-A-MEAL.**" This offering goes to meet local hunger needs; such as: FISH, Redwood Empire Food Bank, and food prepared and served at the Living Room.

Alongside you for Christ, *Dale*

A bulletin announcing opportunities to deepen commitment of faith in Christ and provide connections for community life.

ADULT MINISTRIES

We are committed to offering opportunities to further the discipleship of all who attend. If you have questions about any of the activities listed below contact Associate Pastor Mike Griffin at 542-0205 x107 or Coordinator for Congregational Life Allie Shoulders at 542-0205 x122. You may also consult the Adult Discipleship Board.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: THE PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS is on a break during June and July and will resume Wednesday, August 5th.

LIVING A CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE This summer our adult education class will be exploring key themes and scriptures in the Bible that can help us develop a well-rounded, Christ-centered life. Participants in the class will be given an opportunity to put scriptures to memory and to be paired up with someone who is also seeking to do so, but everyone is welcome and will benefit from the class regardless of whether they choose to do this or not. We meet on Sundays at 9:45 am in Room 113.

PARTNERS IN CHRIST—MENTORING MINISTRY: Mentoring has been a significant part of the spiritual growth for many people in the history of the church and in our congregation. Mentor pairings are currently being formed. Those interested in being paired with a mentor may call Allie Shoulders at 542-0205 x122 or Mike Griffin at x107.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: *Together in Service* continues to meet through the summer on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

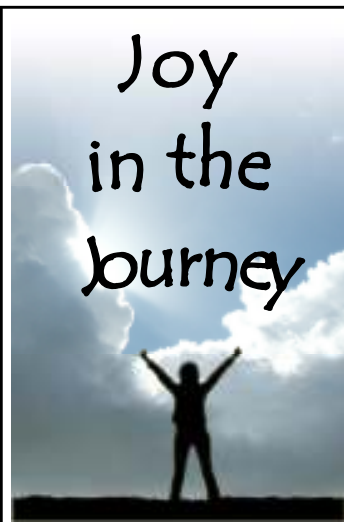
MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP: We are going to the Roxy to see "Up" (PG) on Thursday, July 9th. Contact Allie if you are interested for the showtime and meeting place. On Friday, August 7th we'll view and discuss Grand Torino (R) at 6:30pm in Room 113.

ALPHA IS COMING! Our first Alpha Course in 2009 kicks off with our Celebration Dinner, *A Taste of Alpha* on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00 pm. We encourage you to prayerfully consider the family, friends, and neighbors God is calling you to invite to this exploration of the basics of the Christian faith. Following our Celebration Dinner, groups will be formed to meet in homes for the duration of the course with a combined retreat in the middle of the course.

MEN'S BACKPACKING TRIPS 2009: Dates are set for two Men's Backpacking Trips this summer. The first is July 17th through 19th and the second is July 31st through August 2nd. For more information contact Mike Seger at mbseger@gmail.com or Steve Frary at pfrary@comcast.net. Space is limited - sign up now!

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Joy in the Journey is the theme of our 2009 All-Church Retreat held at Westminster Woods the weekend of September 11th-13th. During this fun-filled, fellowship-oriented weekend, the Rev. Dale Johnson will lead us through an exploration of Paul's letter to the Philippians with a focus on how joy is God's gift to us in Christ. Registration forms are available on the information tables.



FAMILY MINISTRIES



The Presbyterian Preschool has immediate openings in our 4 year-old classes for the 2009-2010 school year! Tell a friend! Of special interest are the current openings in our popular "Half Step More" program. Half Step More is a transitional program (4 afternoons/week) for children who may not be quite ready for kindergarten but are very ready for a fun, exciting, and growing experience in a small class format. To learn more about Presbyterian Preschool, you are welcome to call the school at 542-7396 or visit the website at www.presbyterianpreschool.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL A huge thank you to all of you who prayed, donated food, and served in any and all capacities before, during, and after VBS! It was a fantastic week in Rome! 300+ children walked through these doors during the week of June 15th to learn about the apostle Paul, God's love, and Kid Street Learning Center (our mission project). Our sanctuary was packed FULL of kids! The children raised \$2377.56 and donated 497 books for Kid Street School! The VBS team was amazed by the generosity of time and energy given by so many of you, both adults and students! Thank you!



YOUTH MINISTRIES



ALL YOUTH ROTS: We head out to work at *A Special Place Preschool* on Thursday, July 9th from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Bring money for lunch.

SUMMER CAMP AT WESTMINSTER WOODS: Our middle and high school students go to camp July 12th through 18th. Sign up at www.westminsterwoods.org.

GRANITE - Meets on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Youth Room. Don't miss the **Raging Waters Day July 1st from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm!** Sign up by June 28th. **Join a G-Group Bible Study**, "Getting to Know God Better." We meet Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Ask your youth leaders about it today!

DECADE - Meets on Sunday Nights from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Youth Room. After Decade join us for a "Pie Run." Come experience a **"BBF Roadshow"**: Meet at a different home (TBA) each week from 5:00-7:00 pm on Tuesdays. Don't miss the **Great America Day Trip** on July 7th. Space is limited so sign up by July 5th. **Ultimate Frisbee Night** is at Doyle Park on July 12th. Drop off and pick up at the park, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CLUB PARADISE isn't gone . . . it was on vacation for VBS! If you're a kid entering 4th, 5th, or 6th grade this fall, YOU are invited to CLUB Paradise, our awesome 4th-6th grade youth group! CLUB P will be having some fun activities in July and August, so watch your mail, the CLUB bulletin board, or our webpage (www.fpcsantarosa.org and link to CLUB Paradise) THIS week to find out what we're up to! Be sure to invite your friends and join us!



CARING MINISTRIES

PRAYER NEEDS: *for health concerns:* Paul Anderson, Ruth Anderson, Catherine Barnard, Iola Bryant, Tom and Joyce Bryant, Claudia Caffey, Dee Chelli, Ginny Clough, Helen Corniola, Brian Duncan, Nettie Elias, Kathryn Forsythe, Don Gooch, DeDe Grandall, Coleen Guerrant, Dick Lamar, Viola LeBaron, Irene Maxwell, Hulda McMillan, Louise Morin, Bob Overcashier, Bill Pipal, Alex Ross, Barbara Simpson, and Fran Sudduth.

for those serving in the military: Brady Smith, Cameron Hamilton, Robert Haynes, Josh Landreth, Rich Lawson IV, Gordon McDonald, Luke McDonald, John Schaefer, Melissa Swart Sandberg, and Jake Van Riper.

GRIEF GROUP: Catherine Barnard facilitates the Grief Support Group on July 1st and 15th at 7:00 pm. We meet in the Pastor's study.

HOME VISITATION: Bring a smile to the face of one of our church friends with a visit! For those who are homebound a visit from you will transform loneliness & isolation into a heart warming day of friendship and comfort! If you are interested in a simple way to bring God's love & care to someone in need this is the ministry for you!



Congratulations to Lucy and Brian Gierhart on the birth of their son Linden Elijah Gierhart born on June 13 at 11:59 am weighing 10 lbs and 7 oz

Congratulations to Melissa and Dale Green on the birth of their son Denver Allen Green born on June 13 at 11:57 pm weighing 9 lbs and 9 oz

If you have questions about Caring Ministries, contact Wendy Taylor 542-0205 x110

MISSIONS

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM is up and running and exciting things are happening! To date, we have added about 40 FPC folks to our team who have been trained in a relational model of service and most are in service at one of our three service partner agencies. Our inaugural training in April was professionally videotaped (thanks Herb and Georgia Hogle!) so we are able to repeat trainings as needed. Dale Flowers facilitated a training session in May which was well received by those who participated. Those thinking of joining us should look for our training date in early fall.

Our students are also joining us in service at *A Special Place*. Cory Myers has organized three "ROTS" (Reaching Out To Serve) days for youth to do work projects at the therapeutic pre-school. The first ROTS occurred on June 11th and involved 12 students who modified a play structure and organized a garage space. We'd love to see more at the next ROTS on July 9, 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Here's what *A Special Place* director Bria Gere had to say about the ROTS team, "These kids are amazing...I can't believe they would take time out of their summer vacation to come and help us...it means so much!"

The teens aren't the only youth learning about relational service. The VBS Mission Focus was *Kid Street*, another one of our service partners. Each day, the students learned about a social issue that impacts children in our community, including some who attend *Kid Street*; issues such as immigration, gang affiliation, homelessness, and hunger. On Friday, Linda Conklin, director of *Kid Street*, helped the children integrate their learning on these big issues into real life application related to how they can appreciate the similarities and differences between themselves and children living with these issues and to identify specific ways to care about them.

We are in awe at the work God is beginning on this team and we thank you for your prayers and support.