

**WELCOME!** We appreciate your participation with us in worship. We would like the opportunity to know you better, so we invite you to 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.

**COME AND SEE!** Have you considered being a **Stephen Minister**, but dismissed the thought because you don't feel you have the time or skills needed. This is your opportunity to come check it out at an introductory class to Stephen Ministry. Join us **October 25th from 9:30 am to noon** in Room 114. Come learn something, have your questions answered and curiosity satisfied with no strings attached. All are welcome. Bring a friend and expect the unexpected.

*With God all things are possible. Luke 1:37*

**BLOOD DONORS:** Help save a life by signing up to give blood as part of our blood drive on Sunday, November 8th in Ingram Hall. Your donation will make a significant difference for those in need. Shirley Fitterer will be in the Narthex and Ingram Hall today, October 18th and Sunday, October 25th to schedule your time for November 8th. You can also call Shirley at 570-0318. Scheduled times are every fifteen minutes between 9:30 and 1:00 pm.

**FREE MUSICAL DRAMA:** The fifth annual benefit show for the Redwood Gospel Mission is set for Sunday, November 8th at 3:30 pm. A cast of talented local actors and musicians, including Jeff Gilman, Executive Director of the Redwood Gospel Mission, will present "Henry Hope." The play will be held at Santa Rosa Church of the Nazarene at the corner of Hoen and Farmers Lane. Producer is FPCSR member, Wilma McAdams.

**PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL** is hosting its first parent meeting on Monday, October 19th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Ingram Hall. Laurel Marlink Quast will be discussing the book, "The Five Love Languages of Children." Family and friends are welcome to join us for this exciting and educational event.

**ANOTHER METHOD OF GIVING:** For those who use electronic or automatic bill payment systems through your bank to pay bills each month - you can also use this method for your church contribution. About 40 families do so. While this may not be everyone's preferred method for donations, some find it very helpful for consistent, "from the top" giving. If you have questions about this method or any other form of giving, please contact Eileen at 542-0205 x103 or [eileen@fpcantarosa.org](mailto:eileen@fpcantarosa.org).

FPC Budget Income Recap		
	September	YTD
Projected Donations	\$87,581	\$788,233
Actual Donations	\$89,023	\$735,600
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$1,442	(\$52,633)

**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)

<b>Pastoral Staff</b>		<b>Support Staff</b>	
Rev. Dale Flowers.....	Pastor	Eileen Haynes.....	Finance Coord.
Rev. Mike Griffin.....	Assoc. Pastor	Jeanette Larson.....	Operations Coord.
<b>Program Staff</b>		Leigh Rodriguez.....	Communications Coord.
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Cory Myers.....	Dir. of Youth Min.	Carlos Perez.....	Full-Time Custodian
Wendy Taylor.....	Dir. of Caring Ministry	<b>Associated Staff</b>	
Helen Deal.....	Sunday School Coord.	Popie Stafford.....	Counselor-in-Residence
Nancy Glazier.....	Nursery/Toddler Coord.	Linda Albert, Carlyn Knight, & Linda Maloney	Pres. Preschool Directors
Ann Hall.....	Club Paradise Coord.	Patty Quigley..... Tuesday Toddler Playgroup	
Philip Harrell.....	Contemporary Worship Tm Ldr	<b>Affiliated Clergy</b>	
Genny Johnson.....	Youth Min. Intern	Rev. Dale Johnson, Rev. Dr. Ed Peacock,	
Jenna Johnson.....	Youth Min. Intern	Rev. Carl Vogelaar, Rev. Dr. David B. White	
Michael Lindsey.....	Organist		
Allie Shoulders.....	Congreg. Life Coord.		

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# IMPARTS

October 18, 2009

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~

In an effort to live out Jesus' announcement of God's kingdom come and make our life experience reflect our worship of a holy and just God, we are taking the call to serve others seriously, especially those in need. We have made community service—in the form of a relational connection with vulnerable people—a ministry priority. 45 members and friends have been trained and make up our Community Service Team which serves children and adults at one of three community service organizations: A Special Place Preschool; Kid Street Learning Center; and The Wellness Center. In addition to these organizations, we are adding two to three more which will allow team members to serve at times other than weekday hours.

Our next **COMMUNITY SERVICE ORIENTATION & TRAINING** event is scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Freeman Room. To become part of this team and begin serving, you must attend one of these orientation/training events. Participants will learn listening skills and become oriented toward being with and serving people whose needs and situations in life are very different from our own.

To register for this event, contact Jeanette Larson, 542-0205 x101 by Wednesday, October 28th. If you have questions or would like more information, contact any one of our Steering Committee members: Karen Caskey, Dale Flowers, Penny Vanderwolk, or Wayne Yamagishi. Over the next two years, we hope to see over 200 of our worshipping community involved in this strategic work of the gospel.

*Today*, we present the students of the Third Grade Sunday School class with a Bible during the 9:45 worship service. This gift, which encourages students to read and study God's word, is a wonderful tradition we celebrate together.

*Next week*, I urge your participation in either: the weekend, New Members Class; the Sunday morning "Come & See Class" which offers a preview to Stephen Ministry training; or the Sunday afternoon "Ring & Sing" Children of God Concert.

*This month*, Personnel Committee celebrates the one year anniversary of **PHILIP HARRELL**, Contemporary Worship Team Leader. I encourage you to express your gratitude for Philip's worship leadership among us.

Alongside you for Christ, *Dale*

## ADULT MINISTRIES

*We are committed to offering opportunities that 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.*

**SERMON & SMALL GROUP SERIES:** This fall we meet Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Look for the small group discussion guides, and the reading plan on the information tables.

**THE REASON FOR GOD:** This fall our Adult Education class is exploring Tim Keller's book *The Reason for God*. Keller looks at faith through the lens of doubt, causing people to grapple with what they believe at a deeper level. Awarded *Christianity Today's* "2008 Book of the Year," *The Reason for God* engages questions of skeptics as well as believers. Keller draws from literature, philosophy, reason, and real-life conversations to explain how faith in the Christian God is a sound, rational belief. The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in Room 113.

**PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS:** We study the Biblical text for the forth-coming sermon and topics related to its background and meaning. You are welcome to attend as many or as few classes as you choose. Bring a Bible. The class meets Wednesday, 5:45 to 6:45 pm in Room 201.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** Join PW on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am in Room 113. On October 20th we continue our Bible study in Joshua. *Together in Service* meets October 27th.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** Membership in a Presbyterian Church (USA) is by profession of faith in Jesus Christ. We offer three new members classes each year in February, May, and October. Such classes present: our mission statement; core values; organizational life; theological tradition; and church government. Church friends and visitors are welcome to attend the class for information without making a commitment to become a member. Our next New Members Class is scheduled for Friday, October 23, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 24, 8:30 a.m. - Noon. Sign up for the class by contacting Leigh Rodriguez at 542-0205 x102. Childcare is available by request.

**THE MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP:** Our movie for November will be *State of Play* (PG-13). This movie raises some challenging questions about finding truth in a changing society. We meet Friday, November 6th at 6:30 pm in Room 113.

**SMALL GROUPS** are where discipleship is modeled, tested, and nurtured through Bible study, prayer, and mutual support. The Study of Romans: facilitated by Jud Heckler on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Room 212. Families with Young Children: Parents and children will gather at Andy & Lisa Kiehl's home (near church) on Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, twice a month. For more information about these or other small groups, contact Mike or Allie.

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

Our next **MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT** is Friday, November 20th. You are invited to go out to dinner with your spouse from 6:00-7:15 pm, and then come to church for dessert fellowship with other couples and a presentation by Steve and Carrie Morris on "Building Fondness and Affection In Marriages." Childcare is offered at church from 6:00-8:30 pm with a reservation before November 18th. Contact Allie to reserve a place for your child at 542-0205 x122.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**BIBLES FOR THIRD GRADERS:** Today in worship, our third graders received their Bibles as a gift from our congregation. This is only the START. For the next four weeks, our third graders will meet to learn how to use and apply this important book!

**CLUB PARADISE:** the Harvest Party is a GO! Wear your costume to CLUB (if you want) on October 28th, invite a friend, and have a blast with us playing carnival games in the classrooms! Many thanks to those parents who have already volunteered to help run a game--Parents, we definitely need more help, so talk to Ann if you can join us that night! [ann@fpcsantarosa.org](mailto:ann@fpcsantarosa.org).

**FOR FAMILIES WHO WORSHIP AT 11:15 AM:** There's a fun class for elementary-aged children during 11:15 worship. Children begin worship with their parents in the Sanctuary, then are led upstairs to Room 222. The children and their teachers return to the Sanctuary for the closing song and benediction. In the coming months we'll learn about Jesus, discipleship, prayer, and forgiveness.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**DESTINY QUEST RETREAT:** You are invited to this awesome young membership class. Learn fundamentals of your faith and become a member of First Presbyterian Church. This is for all youth! Friday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm. You'll stay overnight. Have parents pick you up on Saturday, October 24th at 3:00 pm.

**GRANITE YOUTH GROUP** on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Meet in the youth room #226. **G-Groups** meet on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. **Novemberbash** is November 6th through 8th at Westminster Woods. Register at [www.westminsterwoods.org](http://www.westminsterwoods.org).

**DECADE YOUTH GROUP** on Sundays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Meet in the youth room #224. **D-Groups** meet on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

**RING AND SING, CHILDREN OF GOD!** Our Children and Youth Choirs present their fall concert, *Ring & Sing, Children of God* on Sunday, October 25th, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The choirs and ensembles participating are the combined Sonshine Singers and Psalm Singers, Gloria Deo, and the Celebration Ringers. We will also feature the *Spirit Live Choir*, directed by Sandy Gilliom. The *Spirit Live Choir* is a group of developmentally disabled singers who sing with great joy and enthusiasm, a presentation you will not want to miss.

**THE SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE:** Rehearsals for The Singing Christmas Tree have begun! The performances will feature choirs, handbells, and orchestra. If you would like to join the Chancel Choir for the Christmas season, call Bob Brazeau at 542-0205 x106. Choir rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:15 pm. The Singing Christmas Tree will be presented Saturday and Sunday, December 12th & 13th at 4:30 & 7:00 pm.

**CONGREGATIONAL SINGING:** In an effort to instill an even greater sense of joy and to increase the vitality of our singing, the second Sunday of each month has been designated as a time for practicing prior to our start of worship. We hope this will make our singing more inspirational, and a worthy offering to God. We begin working on a selected familiar hymn ten minutes before the service begins, so please make a special effort to arrive early. Our next practice will be November 8th.



### *Congratulations*

to Terah and Scott McIntosh on the birth of their son  
*Cooper Scott McIntosh*  
born September 25th  
weighing 6 lbs and 9 oz

and

to Beth and Mike Hall on the birth of their daughter  
*Piper Amelie Hall*  
born October 3rd  
weighing 7 lbs and 12 oz

## CARING MINISTRIES

**PRAYER NEEDS:** *for health concerns:* Paul Anderson, Jean Anderson, Ruth Anderson, Virginia Bailey, John Britton, Iola Bryant, Tom and Joyce Bryant, Claudia Caffey, Dee Chelli, Grid Clement, Helen Corniola, Brian Duncan, Kathryn Forsythe, Don Gooch, DeDe Grandall, Coleen Guerrant, Ruth Hays, Toni Kibbish, Viola LeBaron, Irene Maxwell, Hulda McMillan, Louise Morin, Bob Overcashier, John Peterson, Martha Pfaeffle, Bill Pival, Barbara Simpson, Fran Sudduth, Elaine Tennyson, Erin Thomas, and Jill White.

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

**MILITARY SUPPORT:** On November 1st in Ingram Hall you will have the opportunity to send a message and sign a Christmas card to our active military individuals and family members. Receiving a card from you helps encourage them in knowing they are prayed and cared for. *A word spoken at the right time is like fruit of gold set in silver.* ~Proverbs 25:11

**THE CANCER MINISTRY GROUP** is for those dealing with cancer as a patient or caregiver. There are two parts of this ministry, *group* and *individual*. As a group, we meet the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Pastor's Office (Room 110). The *individual* ministry includes a home visit to discuss how we might help. Ministry leader is Catherine Barnard, Ph.D., who has personal experience as both caregiver and patient.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP RESUMES WITH NEW FORMAT!** We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month - 7:00-8:30 pm in the Pastor's Study. Sharing & prayer follow a talk on the topic of grief. Our group leader is Catherine Barnard, Ph.D.

## MISSIONS

**REDWOOD GOSPEL MISSION:** Once again, Redwood Gospel Mission is preparing a Thanksgiving celebration for families in our community who, on their own, would have no Thanksgiving celebration. Part of this process is to collect specific food items from churches in Santa Rosa. In late October, we will have food barrels in the narthex and breezeway to collect food for RGM, please give generously. On Saturday, November 21st, there will be a food packing and sorting event at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds at Finley Hall. The event starts at 9:00 am and should be complete by 1:00 pm. Families are very welcome. The food bags we pack will be handed out to people who attend the Thanksgiving feast for them to take home. If you can come to the Saturday morning event, let Jack Swearengen know that you will be there. His number is 527-5633.

Please mark your calendars for the Christmas food packing and sorting event that will be on Saturday, December 19th at the same location. Once again we will have food barrels for several weeks prior to the food packing and sorting event. If you can come to the December 19th event contact Doug Webb at 586-3777.

**FISH** is a non-profit community food cabinet in our neighborhood located on the corner of North and Benton Streets. It is run completely by volunteers.

We have supported FISH financially for several years with local missions giving and 2-cents-a-meal offerings. Church member and FISH board member, Carolyn Hinton, is making us aware of new volunteer opportunities as follows:

Saturdays—10:00 am to noon—fourth and fifth of the month working two and three hour shifts of answering phones and taking orders; bagging food; giving out bags at the door. Some weekdays are needed also (hours are from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm). Call Carolyn Hinton at 542-5852 or FISH at 527-5151.