

**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.

**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. You may call Shirley Fitterer at 570-0318 to schedule a time. 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.

**MILITARY CARE:** Today as you enjoy a donut or cup of coffee in Ingram Hall please stop by to send a message, a prayer or just sign your name to a Christmas card being sent to our serving military and family members. Receiving these cards means a great deal to all those who receive them.

**COMMERCIAL SPACE NEEDED:** The Living Room needs a commercial space in downtown Santa Rosa November 15th through January 15th for holiday storage and sorting. Please call Carole Keiner at 546-7745 if you have a space that we could use rent-free for this period.

**LIBRARY NEWS:** Please search your bookshelves for overdue books, DVD's, and videos. A friendly reminder from your library volunteers.

*Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall  
Reading library books all fall  
But, not returning the books on time  
Causes creation of this silly rhyme!*



Sara Benedetti has been recommended by our Session and Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry to be approved as a candidate for ordination. Sara will appear before Presbytery at its November meeting held at Westminster Woods. If you would like to be present and support Sara at this event, it will take place Friday, November 13 at 4:30 pm (and last about 30 minutes). Sara is in her second year at Princeton Seminary where she is completing a Master of Divinity degree. In addition to her education, Sara will need to complete a series of five ordination exams and two internships over the next two years.

**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.  
Ann Hall ..... Club Paradise Coord.  
Philip Harrell ..... Contemporary Worship Tm Ldr  
Genny Johnson ..... Youth Min. Intern  
Jenna Johnson ..... Youth Min. Intern  
Michael Lindsey ..... Organist  
Allie Shoulders ..... Congreg. Life Coord.

**Support Staff**

Eileen Haynes ..... Finance Coord.  
Jeanette Larson ..... Operations Coord.  
Leigh Rodriguez ..... Communications Coord.  
Alex Ross ..... Publications Editor  
Moses Metke ..... Full-Time Custodian  
Carlos Perez ..... Full-Time Custodian

**Associated Staff**

Popie Stafford ..... Counselor-in-Residence  
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

November 1, 2009

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~

In the Christian year today is known as **ALL SAINTS DAY**. Protestant Christians do not venerate (worship) saints, yet we have good reason to thank God for the exemplary lives of women and men whose faithful witness and service to Christ have influenced our own.

November begins end-of-the-year appeals for charitable giving both within and outside of church. It may help you choose from the **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES** presented over the next two months to see them listed in advance and at-a-glance:

- Our annual Blood Drive provides a vital way for those able to donate blood to support the lives of patients in need.
- Our youth invite us to participate as their sponsors for World Vision's 30-Hour Famine program. As a way of identifying with the world's hungry, our youth will go without food, stay overnight at the church, do community service projects, then break their fast with communion and a light meal.
- Our local mission 'Fall/Thanksgiving offering,' combined with the final quarter of 2¢ a-meal offerings, will be given to provide food to three community service groups: The Living Room; Kid Street Learning Center families; and FISH.
- Redwood Gospel Mission food (barrel) contributions will be received during November and December for their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners given to serve Sonoma County families.
- Contributions to the Deacon Fund helps provide Thanksgiving food baskets for low-income families.
- Kids-at-risk including children in foster care and homeless shelters are recipients of our Deacons' Angel Tree gift giving that fulfills a child's wish with a wrapped gift.
- Our Christmas mission offering will support an international project chosen from proposals submitted by our global mission partners.
- Our church operating budget shows a shortfall of giving.

Giving may also be in the form of service. Such opportunities to serve will be presented in forthcoming issues of *Imparts*.

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:** 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 November 3rd we continue our Bible study in Joshua, Lesson 5. On November 10th our coffee and program will include a *Book Review with Leigh Rodriguez*. On November 17th we'll look at Joshua, Lesson 6.

**THE MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP:** We meet this Friday, November 6th at 6:30 pm to watch *State of Play* (PG-13) in Room 113. If you would like to join us for pizza at 6:00 pm, RSVP with Allie Shoulders by noon of the 6th. The goals of the movie group are posted on the Adult Ministry Bulletin Board.

**SMALL GROUPS** are where discipleship is modeled, tested, and nurtured through Bible study, prayer, and mutual support. New groups include: The Study of Romans: facilitated by Jud Heckler on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Room 212 and Families with Young Children: Parents and children will gather at Andy & Lisa Kiehl's home (near church) on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. 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 may 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 teaching and discussion on topics central to a healthy marriage. 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.

**ADVENT WREATH-MAKING FESTIVAL:** All are welcome to begin the Christmas season by joining us at the Advent Wreath-Making Festival Sunday, November 29th at 4:30 pm in Ingram Hall. Look for more details in the next *Imparts*.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AGES:** Help us operate a children's activity booth at the Redwood Gospel Mission Christmas Banquet on Wednesday, December 23rd. Call Allie about signing up for a two-hour shift!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**PARENTS (+) KIDS (N) GODS WORD (=) JUMP 2G!** Join us after the 9:45 service for JUMP 2g – It's Sunday school *Family Style* - 20 minutes of puppets (proclaiming God's word!), singing, and good times with your kids. Your kids will be waiting for you in their classrooms. Pick them up and come across the hall to the JUMP room.

**CONTACT:** Have you seen people dressed as astronauts walking around the upstairs Sunday School classrooms? Have you wondered who they are and what is going on in the JUMP Sunday School program? The Fall curriculum is called CONTACT. In this unit, the 1st through 4th graders have been learning about the attributes of God; GOD is all knowing, God is everywhere, God is King and ruler over all, God is eternal; God is holy and perfect. The children are learning these attributes through the stories of David in the Old Testament. By learning about these attributes, they will come to understand that in a big universe, God wants to have CONTACT with them.

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR ABC'S?** ABC's of Bible Memory started in October and the kids are LINING up to say their verses! This month, we've been focusing on the "C" and the "H" verses! What's the H verse? "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Join us in our quest to place God's word deeply in our hearts.

**CLUB PARADISE** is meeting on November 11th (the Veteran's Day holiday) and we have a VERY special evening planned! We'll have a special guest Vietnam veteran, learn a lot, and have a ton of fun! You get a day off school, but don't miss CLUB that night! And parents, be sure to check out the "Home Discussion Page" that your child brings home each week. It includes info about our lesson, as well as challenging questions for you and your kids to talk about during the week. Questions? [ann@fpcsantaro.org](mailto:ann@fpcsantaro.org).

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

**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.

**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.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**30-HOUR FAMINE:** The 30-Hour Famine is set for November 20th and 21st and is open to all youth in 7th through 12th grades. Pick up your packet today to participate in this international youth movement to fight hunger. Youth will be asking family and friends for support. Sponsor one of our participating youth today!

**GRANITE:** Novemberbash is Nov. 6th through 8th). You can still sign up at: [www.westminsterwoods.org](http://www.westminsterwoods.org). Granite Guys Overnighter: November 10th and 11th is our Granite Overnighter. There is no School on the 11th, so the Granite guys are invited to meet at church Tuesday at 7:00 pm to have some Xtreme Fun Overnight. Parents pick up at 7:00 am on Wednesday.

## 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 Pipal, Barbara Simpson, Fran Sudduth, Elaine Tennyson, Erin Thomas, and Doris Topper.

*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.

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**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** Stephen Ministry has been at First Presbyterian for 17 years! Today our newest training class will begin their 50 hours of training.. Please pray for them as they learn caring skills that will be relevant to ministering to those at First Pres and beyond.

*Christ Caring for People  
Through People*

## MISSIONS

**Community Service Team Update**  
by Penny Vanderwolk

Could this be you? Imagine waking up in the morning and, while mentally reviewing your busy day ahead, you suddenly remember that TODAY is the day you get to go to A Special Place! Perhaps you'll help Maria with her colors, bounce a ball with Joshua, or console Katie because her mom forgot to visit....again. It might appear hard to fit that in between work, family, and the many tasks that make up our hectic lives but imagine this- what if *you're* the one Jesus is calling to be alongside Katie...will you listen for that call?

The members of our Community Service Team are excited to "be Jesus" to the children and adults they serve at Kid's Street, A Special Place Pre-school, The Wellness Center, The Living Room and Los Guilicos Juvenile Hall.

Gayle Paull, who serves at A Special Place, recently shared her Profile of Service during worship. She said, "The hardest part about this is just deciding to do it." We are humbled that 59 of you have said "Yes" to being trained to join us in this strategic ministry. The 3<sup>rd</sup> orientation/training class was held yesterday. Our next class will be Wednesday, January 13 & 20, 7:00-9:00 pm. Evening and weekend service opportunities are now available.

Once you complete the orientation/training, you choose the service agency where you want to serve and receive support from our steering team liaison and a "service buddy." Our Community Service Team meets quarterly to share joys, struggles, and insights of how God is working in our own lives as we come alongside others.

We would love to have you join us in bringing God's love to our community, one relationship at a time. Please contact anyone on the steering team if you want to talk about how God might be calling you to serve: Karen Caskey, Dale Flowers, Penny Vanderwolk, or Wayne Yamagishi.