

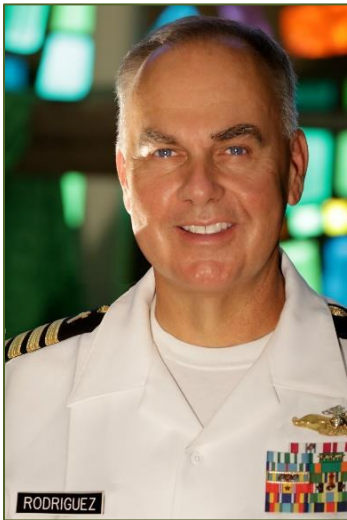


# Presbeat



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## "THE RELATIONSHIP PRINCIPLES OF JESUS"



One of the great things about August is that the US Congress will be taking a break. Which means that we'll get a break from all of the insulting, judging, bickering, and other mean, nasty, and ugly things. Have you ever found yourself asking, "What's wrong with these people?" The answer is simple. They are people – just like us.

All of us struggle in our relationships with others. Instead of following the command of Jesus to love others as we love ourselves, we're tempted to love others as we have been loved. There's a big difference. Sometimes we're been treated horribly. Abusively. Mercilessly. And so, we sometimes treat others horribly – and even worse. But there is hope for us.

In August we'll be continuing our sermon series based on the book, *"The Relationship Principles of Jesus"* by Tom Holladay. In his book, Tom Holladay writes on page 23:

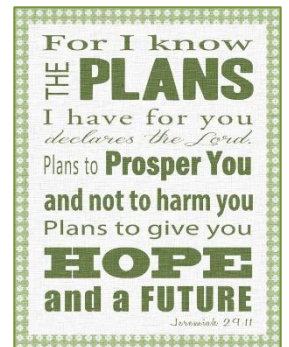
*"When Jesus came to this earth, He demonstrated that He understands both the wonder and the pain of your relationships. He experienced them both. He came to begin a new relationship with you – a relationship that will strengthen all your relationships. Jesus came to show you how to enjoy a new way of relating to God and to others."*

As we are being transformed by God into the image of Jesus, we are becoming more and more like Him. Which means that we are becoming people who can love others like Jesus does. We can become forgiving, merciful and gracious like Jesus is. We can experience healing and restoration in our broken and complicated relationships, just like Jesus did.

I wish the US Congress was taking a vacation in Ukiah during our study of the "Relationship Principles of Jesus". But, alas...

I am glad that we can spend this time together and learn from Jesus about relationships. We can also spend time together praying for the members of congress and the healing that God can bring to their relationships.

In Christ ~ *Pastor David*



# Happy Summer FPCU Families!



So much has been happening this summer at FPCU!

As summer stretches on, we continue to hold our **GIRLS' BOOK CLUB** for all ladies at FPCU grades 8 and up. This summer, we have four generations of women currently joining with each other to go through the bestselling Christian novel by Francine Rivers, "Redeeming Love". Each week we get together to eat snacks and have insightful conversation about the book. It has been a great opportunity for us to read an inspiring work and get to know each other better, too!

In July, we sent eight students to camp at **WESTMINSTER WOODS** in Occidental, CA! While at camp, our students were able to worship with their peers, learn from a great speaker, and spend time forming friendships and making memories! Many of our students went on camperships that FPCU awarded to them based on the community service they completed throughout the year. We are so thankful for their service and so happy they were able to go!

Coming up in August, our 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders are going on a Youth Group **CAMPING TRIP** to Van Damme State Park! We will be leaving after church on August 4<sup>th</sup>, and coming back the following day. Together, our 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders will enjoy a time of swimming, hiking, and being outside in nature!

As we look forward to the beginning of another school year, we are busy here at church solidifying our Fall schedule. Please stay tuned for updates about Youth Group, Hangout, and upcoming events for our Youth and Family Ministries!

In the meantime, we are continuing to hold the **NURSERY, SUNDAY SCHOOL**, and **DONUTS & DEVOTIONALS** (a Bible study for grades 6-12) on Sunday mornings throughout the summer. Please join us for these exciting ministries. We are going to have a fabulous summer here at FPCU!

And finally, here are some photos from VBS:



For more information about Children and Family Programs, contact me at 707-391-9460 or [alexis@fpcukiah.org](mailto:alexis@fpcukiah.org). You can also find us on Facebook at "First Presbyterian of Ukiah Youth Activities" and on Instagram at @fpcuyouth

In Christ ~ *Alexis*

## SCHOOLS BEGIN AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>!

Be mindful of school buses and children on the streets & sidewalks as you drive around town.



## WHAT'S UP WITH OUR STAFF? *Jerry Garcia, Elder*

The summer is rapidly coming to an end, and as it has moved along, our staff was busy doing their thing to make it as memorable as possible.

Alexis completed a wonderful VBS, attended camp with our campers at Westminster Woods and as of this moment is preparing a camping trip for our students at Van Damme State Park. Pray for them!!

Pastor David has been ever as busy completing his military obligations and attending educational courses to enhance his teachings. We look forward to new and challenging sermons.

Denise continues to provide outstanding music for our congregation even with low attendance that the summer usually brings with members on vacation. We are blessed with her talents.

On a sad note we have lost our talented assistant to Alexis, Julia Rodriguez, who has moved on to devote more time to her new work position. We wish her the best in her endeavors. With that said we once again are seeking a person to fill this vacant position. Please put the word out and pray that we are able to quickly find a helper for Alexis (see job announcement at end of Presbeat).



**Power is out? It's OK – Come to worship.**

**We'll sing hymns, read scripture, pray, and worship together come rain, shine, or 'dark'. God's Church is ALWAYS open for business!**

## MOMENT FOR MISSION *Mark Smith, Elder*



In June, the Missions Committee agreed to donate \$500.00 to the **UKIAH SENIOR CENTER**. The money was used to replace their old, worn out ovens. We received a very warm thank you letter from their Executive Director. As you may remember, we use their ovens to help bake the potatoes when we have our Meals-To-Go fundraisers. It's good that we are able to provide this kind of support to our local community as part of our Missions efforts.

**PEDAL-FOR-PROTEIN** Ride Director, Patty Sanders, will be presenting a **MOMENT FOR MISSIONS** on Sunday August 18. Patty will be discussing this year's ride that starts September 21 in Orick and ends September 28 in Santa Rosa. The group will be riding down the coast this year, so they will not be riding through Ukiah. Patty would love to have any interested folks join them for the final days ride. The money raised from this ministry goes to supply food banks within our Presbytery. The money that is contributed from our donations collected the first Sunday of each month is given to the Cents-Ability ministry. These donations are also used to support the food banks.

We continue to work towards funds collection to support sending Kevin & Shelly Mack and David & Cathy Rodriguez to **UGANDA** to visit the orphanage and meet with Pastor Dan to discuss how we can best support his work.

Thank you for continuing to support the **DJIBOUTI CARITAS ORPHANAGE** by providing peanut butter, beans and the chewable vitamins that are so much appreciated by those children.

And finally, we are sending the **LAST SHIPMENT OF SHOES** this week. We have decided to focus our efforts in other areas of Mission Ministries, so we will no longer be collecting shoes.

May God and the teachings of Jesus go forth as we continue to generously support our various missions.



## Operation Christmas Child Back to School Sales!

Operation Christmas Child national collection week begins on Monday, November 18, 2019. Now is the time to start looking for those summer bargains for plain T-shirts, flip-flops and the like, then back to school specials for pencils, paper, crayons, etc. And don't forget a WOW gift of a toy, stuffed animal and/or soccer ball with pump. Or you can start making crocheted purses, scarves, dresses, wash cloths, etc. Below is a link to the official Samaritan's Purse website on how to pack a shoe box. **PLEASE NO** candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war-related toys, breakables, food or liquids.

More information will be coming in October and November newsletters. Thank you for supporting this world wide ministry. <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

## .NOTE FROM THE DEACONS:

The church kitchen (also café and fellowship hall) are, once again, having a critter problem.

How can you help?

- By not leaving crumbs, or food or beverages lying around on the counters or on the floor. If you spill something, please take the time to clean it up.
- Please keep EVERY ITEM contained within either zip-loc bags, or the plastic storage containers in the food cupboard. This includes sugar, creamer, cookies, potato chips, snack foods – EVERYTHING EDIBLE! Item that are not ‘contained’ are an attractant to the evil rodents and ants with which we seem to be beleaguered)!
- Also, please do not put wet items into the container for washing – they should be taken home and laundered by those groups who use them.



We are grateful for your help in keeping our kitchen, café, and fellowship hall clean and healthy.

... AND FROM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS... *Randy Beckler*, Elder

As mentioned by the Deacons, we have been battling rodents for the last few weeks. We have identified and ‘closed up’ some places of entry, and continue to look for ways they are getting inside. We’re not finished, yet.

WE DO NEED YOUR HELP! Along with the enclosed containers in cabinet, etc., we also must enclose everything. Please do not leave any open containers anymore. Inconvenient, but necessary.

- We’ve asked the office to order two ‘step-on’ garbage cans. They will be labelled as “Trash” and “Green Waste”.
- Deacons will set these out and not the big open-container bins. The large ones will be used ONLY for events like potlucks and memorials when a larger can is needed. Occasionally there will be a “compost bucket” on Sunday mornings, as well, but when it’s not there, please use the “green waste’ can. (The large garbage cans will be stored in the back storage room to deter regular use.)
- Since plastic bags cannot go in the green waste bins outside, the contents will need to be emptied and then throw the bag in regular garbage. We will move a Green Waste bin close to the kitchen to make disposal easier.
- Reminder – absolutely NO WASTE of any kind should be dumped in the manse bins. Those are reserved for the manse residents only.

- We encourage everyone to please READ SIGNS – on trash cans, doors, cabinet doors, and gates. We need everyone to pay attention to all signs. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask someone.

Finally, I just want to say THANK YOU, to everyone who faithfully participates in our All Church Workdays. The maintenance and day-to-day tasks can't get done without your help. FPCU is blessed to have a loving, faithful, and hardworking family!

Dear FPCU Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and kind words & hugs we received when Randy's mother passed away last month. It's so good to have a church family when we walk through the difficult times. God bless all of you!

Love, Randy & Denise Beckler and Family

## Nor Cal Christian Ministries...

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Greetings Dear Friends,

In our July newsletter we began a series dedicated to highlighting the different local agencies we partner with, and for the month of August the focus will be on our partnership with Salvation Army International, an organization that is well-known for its charity work as well as its mission to preach the Gospel.

Speaking of partnering, we have recently updated our web site to include several interactive features to keep you up to date with what we're doing and how you can help. You can now make a donation by going to the "Donate" page, or if you'd like to volunteer with us, see the "Get Involved" page for ways to do that. You can also subscribe to our newsletter as well as read current and back issues on the "Newsletter" page, or if you'd just like to get in touch with us, we have included a "Contact" page with a simple form to fill out.

### THANKS TO OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

Last Tuesday, a woman arrived at the Center and asked if we had a Bible she could use. Of course we gave her one, and she went on her way. By Wednesday morning, God had impressed a

brother to share the Good News with her if she returned to the Center, and when she came back, our brother "walked her down the Roman Road" and she asked Jesus to be her Savior!

Sharing the Gospel is our number one priority here at NCCM, and we are able to carry out our mission because of faithful people like you who support us with your prayers, your time, and your donations. Thanks to you, the poor and disadvantaged in our community have a place to go to get the help and support they so desperately need.

## Opportunities to Give

The Center for Hope is in need of some items to get us through the summer. Please help us out if you can by dropping supplies off at the Center for Hope, 150 Luce Avenue, Ukiah, Monday through Friday. Items needed are:

- Water
- Laundry Detergent
- Coffee
- Sleeping Bags
- Men's Underwear (sizes M and L)

To read more of this newsletter, please go to the NCCM website:

<https://www.norcalchristianministries.org/newsletters/>

God bless and thank you!!



## *Session Meeting: July 17<sup>th</sup>*

### **Decisions / Action Items:**

- Rescheduled August meeting to Wed., August 14<sup>th</sup>
- Letter sent to Presbytery of the Redwoods regarding sale of property in the name of Ramos Family Trust
- Create Task Force to write a Key Management Policy
- Accept Julia Rodriguez' letter of resignation, with regret
- Approve increase in compensation for Children's Ministries Assistant Position from \$12.00/ hour to \$15.00/ hour.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- Served communion to shut-ins
- 4 Study Leave days away 7/29 – 8/1
- 1 Military Paid Leave Day away, 8-18-19
- 4 Military Telecom Days away, 9-19-19 to 9-22-19.

### **Director of Youth/Families Report:**

- The end of year Hangout Celebration at Todd Grove Park on 6-5-19 included 15 kids plus parents
- 8 youth helped with the rummage sale on 6-7-19, earning Community Service Hours
- Girl's Books Club began 6-10-19 and will continue throughout the summer
- VBS (6-24-19 to 6-28-19): 35-44 students each night, numerous volunteers, and 4 high school volunteers.
- Westminster Woods Summer Camp: 1) 8 youth from the congregation are going to summer camp; 2) I will be attending camp with the high school youth, 7-21-19 to 7-27-19; 3) 4 camperships were given to 4 students totaling about \$1800; 4) With funds left over in campership budget, plans are being developed to send our youth to Westminster Woods' November Bash and December Bash weekends later this year.
- A camping trip is planned for 8-4-19 to 8-5-19 at Van Damme Star Park.
- Fall Youth Plans:
  - Junior and Senior High Youth: I am leaning toward combining together one night and then splitting them into gender groups for discussion (students seems to be able to focus better when split by gender).
  - Hangout: I was hoping to have Hangout on a weekly starting in the fall, then Julia resigned. Further discussions will be held regarding the programs. After discussion, the following motion was **MSA: To accept Julia Rodriguez's letter of resignation, with regret.**

**PRESBYTERY MEETING:** Travis Air Force Base on 5-17-19. The Moderator to the 223rd General Assembly, the Rev. Cindy Kohlmann preached during the worship service. Elder Ariel Mink was elected to serve as the Associate Stated Clerk for a three-year term, a volunteer position. The by-laws were changed to state that the presbytery will meet no fewer than 3 times per year as opposed to no fewer than 4 times per year. The presbytery approved all of the proposed amendments, with the exception of 18-C, Officers.

### **Resource Council**

- **Finance:** 1) The General Fund Income for the year, noting the following June 2019 highlights: income was \$27,317 (budget \$23,502); total expenses \$19,163 (budget \$20,686); through June \$12,000 was received above expectations; 2019 shortfall to income anticipated to be \$8,793 (budgeted \$31,467). 2) The Designated Funds Income-Expenses noted income of \$14,412 and expenses of \$10,703. Income centered on Missions Tri-Tip dinner, fundraiser garage sale, youth bake sale, as well as \$1,577 of the annual per capita budget. Expenses focused on Missions fundraiser, compassionate ministries, and per capita. 3) The Presbeat Summary as of 5-30-19 showed an income of \$106,968 and expenses of \$100,581 (-\$3,613). Additionally, total balance in checking is \$133,537, while total savings balance is \$149,884. The final section is the listing of the Designated Funds in the checking account which, on 5-30-19, totaled \$42,948.
- **Buildings and Grounds:** The next meeting is 8-1-19. The next workday is 8-3-19. The committee has been alerted to the problem of vermin in the kitchen and is addressing the issue.



## Family / Outreach Council

- **Worship and Music:** In the coming months and in developing the 2020 budget consideration needs to be given to upgrading the sound and video systems (computer, programs, headsets, mics). Family Council will continue to meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- **Missions:** The **rummage sale** earned \$3,100. The route for **Pedal for Protein** this year is Highway 1. 8-18-19, Patty Sanders will present a program to the congregation. **Meals-to-Go** fundraiser is planned to take place after the grape harvest when Len B. is more likely to be available. Shirley indicated that New Life Community Church may become the central drop off point for Operation Christmas Child for Humboldt, Mendocino, and Lake Counties instead of Santa Rosa. As such, there would not be a need for FPCU to be a drop off point. Instead, we might help man the New Life center. Plans are still in fluid.
- **Congregational Life:** The questions are being prepared for the initial interview for the Presbeat. VIP'S start again in September.

### **Session Members:**

*Randy Beckler, Kevin DeVries,  
Jerry Garcia, Randy Huffman,  
Shirley Lewis, Alexis Moore,  
David Rodriguez (ex-officio),  
Roe Sandelin, Mark Smith, Lenord Swope*

*Did we miss your birthday???*

Please contact the church office or email Denise, [denise@fpcukiah.org](mailto:denise@fpcukiah.org) so that we can celebrate with you!



## **Happy Birthday!**


8/1 Patti Longstreth	8/7 Ron Tysseling	8/18 Barbara McLean
8/2 Myrinda Head	8/8 Eduardo Vega	8/23 Austin Haselswerdt
8/3 Martha Vega	8/9 Jerry Garcia	8/26 Randy Huffman
8/4 Mary Vickers	8/11 Maggie Singleton	8/29 Debbie Holland
8/5 Benjamin Aguilar	8/12 Nancy Gilmore	8/31 Linda Logan

## Event Calendar ~ July



Sun weekly	10:00am	Worship Celebration
Mon weekly	6:00pm	Girls' Book Club
		Cub Scouts
Tue. weekly	7:00am	Men's Bible Study
	8:30am	Serendipity Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Spanish AA; NAHOP
Wed. weekly	7:00pm	Worship Team
Thurs. weekly	6:00pm	Spanish AA
Mon-Fri weekly	9:00am-4:30pm	Salvation Army (James Room)

## ...additional events for the month

8/1	5:30pm	Buildings/Grounds	8/14	1:30pm	PW Bible Study
8/4	10:00am	Cents-ability/Communion		6:00pm	Session (alt. date)
	11:15am	Autumn Tea Planning	8/17	2:00pm	Rayleen Beyer Memorial Service
8/6	10:30am	Worship Committee	8/18	11:15am	Missions Committee
8/8	12:30pm	ABC Program	8/19	School Starts	
	6:30pm	Scouts BSA	8/20	11:30am	Family/Outreach Council
8/10	8:00am	Church Work Day	8/22	12:30pm	ABC Program
	9:00am	Stitches from the Heart		5:30pm	Deacons
8/11	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	8/28	1:30pm	PW Bible Study
8/13	10:30am	Communications Committee	8/30	7:00pm	Men's Poker / Women's Bunko

**Our Calendar is also available online @ <http://fpcukiah.org/calendar/calendar/>**

(Note: if using a phone, view in landscape orientation to view properly)

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Ukiah, California

**Position Description:** Children's Ministry Assistant

**Incumbent:** OPEN

**Department:** Christian Education

**Effective Date:** June 19, 2016

**Remuneration:** \$15.00/hour

**Position Summary:** To work with the Director of Youth and Family Ministries and Session through the Children's Ministry Committee in planning, developing, and supervising the Christian Education of nursery through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah.

**Responsibilities:**

- Schedule, oversee, and train Nursery and Sunday School volunteers
- Keep Nursery and Sunday School rooms clean and stocked with necessary supplies
- Keep detailed records of Nursery and Sunday School students and their attendance
- Coordinate activities, crafts, and curriculum for nursery through 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- Lead Sunday School on Sunday mornings (10-11:30am) and Children's Ministry every Wednesday (5-8pm)
- Study and enforce Safe Church policies to ensure child safety
- Use social media and technology to advertise and inform families about Children's Ministries activities
- Form healthy relationships with children and parent attendees of First Pres Ukiah
- Availability to help with other occasional Children's Ministry activities or events as needed

**Requirements:**

- Experience working with children from infants to 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- Knowledge of the Bible
- Personal commitment to the Christian faith
- The desire, joy, and enthusiasm to work with Children's Ministries
- Trained in CPR/First Aid (or willingness to become trained)

**Remuneration:** First Presbyterian Church agrees to pay the Children's Ministry Assistant \$15.00 per hour/6 hours per week.