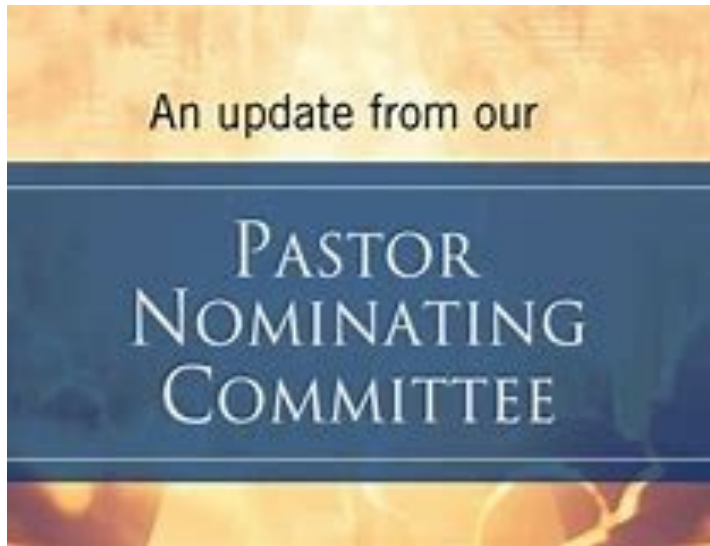




NEWS & VIEWS from the Pulpit & Pews

First Presbyterian Church of Fort Bragg, CA

Cheryl Finch, Interim Pastor
 Sid Long, Newsletter
 Roger Thornburn, Webmaster
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PNC ORGANIZES from Sid Long

Our Pastor Nominating Committee has been meeting weekly since May 20th. It has chosen officers: Nancy Jorgensen—chair, Marsha Jeffries—assistant chair, Eve Oliphant—secretary and internet interfacier. Other members of the PNC are Tara Estes, Sid Long and Steve Worthen. DeeAnn Payne, our seventh elected member, has moved away and the committee has voted to continue as a six member group with the advice and direction of Rev. Bill McGuinness as Presbytery Liaison.

Besides becoming better acquainted with each other and perusing *A Manual for Churches Seeking Pastors* created by the **CLC** (Church

Leadership Connection) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PNC WORKS ON THE MIF...by beginning to fill out the Ministry Information Form which provides a narrative picture of the mission and ministry of the congregation and its sense of call. Prospective pastors will use the form to help them discern whether God is calling them to serve our church. The MIF should express our ministry context, demographics, history, theory, values, leadership needs and expectations. The manual tells us that well written MIFs clearly communicate the above items and ensure the best referrals.

Actually, the MIF consists of two parts. The first asks for general information about our congregation: church size, racial ethnic composition, average worship attendance, church school attendance, curriculum, presbytery, community type, clerk of session contact information and whether the congregation qualifies to participate in the SDAP (Seminary Debt Assistance Program). The second part of the MIF asks for more in-depth information and includes narrative questions. Fortunately, verbosity is limited in that responses to each narrative question are limited to 1,500 characters, including spaces and punctuation. Our committee will have to respond to the following regarding what we are searching for in a pastor:

- Experience (no experience, first ordained call, up to 2 years, 2-5 years, 5-10 years or above 10 years). Our MIF will be matched with all persons who have this level of experience and above.
- Employment statues (full-time, part-time, open to both, or bi-vocational).
- Language requirements.
- Statement of Faith (optional—that will provide a written statement of a person's theology).
- Training/Certification Deadline date (CLC does not recommend entering a deadline date unless we believe it to be absolutely necessary).

The PNC will update its activities and progress at least every newsletter issue.

CLOSURE OF LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL 1994-2018 from Sunday Worship Bulletin

It is with a great amount of sadness that at the May session meeting the unanimous and painfully emotional decision was made to close Little Preschool at the end of this school year on June 8th. Since October of 2017 members of the session have been meeting regularly with Little Lambs staff in an effort to clarify and strengthen our mutual responsibilities to each other. In the midst of these conversations the financial situation of the school running a deficit budget for the last several years, and the reality that enrollment has continued to decline, primarily due to the advent of the state free preschool, came to light. In the end, given the realities of situation, the session felt it best to close the school now so that staff and parents would have the opportunity to find other employment and childcare for fall. We have been blessed by the extraordinary dedication Director Nancy Pollard and here staff have given to so many of the children of Fort Bragg for twenty four years on this church's behalf.

We are excited to announce that Nancy is planning to open her own preschool at her home and are pleased to be able to let her to take the things she needs from Little Lambs to start that venture. Teacher Donna Howard will be there as well. We pray them success in this endeavor.

If you have questions about the decision, or wish to help in any way, you are encouraged to speak to any of your session members.



Hero: *"A person who, in the opinion of others...is regarded as a model or ideal"* — Random House Dictionary of the English Language

Session has decided to acknowledge heroes and heroines of our congregation in the newsletter. Here is the second list of four, submitted by Elder Leo Lanigan:

LEAF KELLY

- Leaf is known for his infectious smile and positive demeanor.
- Leaf is the most popular employee that works at Safeway Deli because of this kindness to others.
- Leaf will officially become a member of the First Presbyterian Church on the church's 131st birthday in June.
- Leaf has always believed in God and was raised in a Christian home.
- Leaf has volunteered to the over making the traditional "Bill's Beans" for the homeless potluck now located at Hospitality House.
- Leaf will volunteer to help our church as his work schedule permits him to do so.

PAT LONG

- A Deacons Deacon!
- As a Deacon she has served as Secretary, writing up great minutes for their meetings.
- Pat is in charge of the Deacons Project Sanctuary Committee for our project family.
- Pat has been a Sunday School Teacher for many years and most recently the nursery caregiver.
- Pat is on the Christian Education Committee for our church.
- Pat is a hostess for our Social Hour.
- Pat prepares and serves communion.
- Pat volunteers at Sherwood Oaks Convalescent Hospital.
- Pat works at our annual Pie Sale.
- Pat works as a hostess at memorials at our church.
- Pat gives rides to members to church on Sundays.

MORE



JIM JEFFRIES

- Jim is a NAVY man, serving with distinction for our country.
- Jim is a pillar of our First Presbyterian Church.
- Jim serves as and Usher and Greeter at church.
- Jim serves Communion.
- Jim is the “fix it man” for everything at church including the yard.
- Jim designed and constructed our yard shed.
- Jim dismantled a shed that was moved to our yard from the GP site, but has fallen in disrepair over the years. That was a big job!
- Jim is a very detailed perfectionist on work quality.
- Jim is a man that quietly does so much for the church without any recognition.
- Jim is a loving husband, father and grandfather.
- Jim loves to shoot musket guns and “shoots” with his friends.
- Jim is a true Christian man and we are so fortunate to have him and his lovely wife Marsha as members and leaders of our church.

LARRY ROBINSON

- Larry is an ARMY veteran that promoted to the rank of sergeant while serving in the infantry during the Vietnam war and was stationed at Fort Knox Tennessee.
- Larry is a loving husband, father and grandfather.
- Larry is a retired Fort Bragg High School teacher.
- Larry comes from a Christian family and his parents were Elders of their church.
- Larry has tirelessly performed yard maintenance for the church.
- Larry has been a handyman for Jim Jeffries at the church.
- Larry is currently an Elder at First Presbyterian Church.
- Larry helps with the church Pie Sale, Thanksgiving Dinner, Easter Dinner, memorials and Texas 4000.
- Larry serves on the Facilities Committee.
- Larry’s been a great friend and mentor for Leo Lanigan.
- Marsha’s number one helper with all things.

Salad Luncheon



AUGUST SALAD POTLUCK LUNCHEON

The salad potluck luncheon will be on my deck on **Thursday, August 16 at 1:00 p.m.** Carpool at the church at 12:30. Bring a salad, a friend, but be sure get your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. I will be setting up for the number of people who let me know they're coming. Please let me know by August 14. In the 17 years I've been hosting this there has only been one day that we ended up inside because of the fog. I'm hoping for another sunny day

on the deck. Terry built that deck so we could invite our friends to come and enjoy it. Hope you will be there!

My address is 33121 Little Valley Road.

Lori

PIE SALE



(photo by Marsha Robinson)

The pie sale is September 1st from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Fruit gleaning has begun. See Geraldine at work in the picture above. We meet at the church at 10:30 Tuesdays and Fridays. We never know how much fruit we will have or what kind of fruit there will be. It is exciting!

Sign up sheets will be up on the bulletin board in August. Please volunteer to help! As always we need FIRM COMMITMENTS from volunteers as it is very stressful not knowing if you have the required people to do the job. A problem area every year is manning the ovens. The sheets of 4 pies each are hot and heavy. Here is where we need MAN power! This is such a worthy event as all the money goes to a long list of worthy causes.

Pies will be made on Thursday, August 30th and Friday, August 31st from 8AM to 5PM.

Sale begins at 10:00 AM Saturday, but people start lining up at 8:00 AM!

Lunch will be provided for the workers on Thursday and Friday.

Thanks soooo much!

Marsha Robinson

If anyone would like to have a grasshopper pie, please let me know. I'll only take pre-orders since they are a bit time consuming to make. They freeze very well. I don't set the price of them — that will be up to the pie sale folks. Lori



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Several women have been asking when we're going to get the new PW book. Here's what is holding it up.

First of all - we need leadership for September through June - These women just make sure that all the monthly coordinators have their meetings planned and give the information to Gary Champlin for the website, Isabel for the newspaper, Sid for the newsletter and Vicki for the screens in the sanctuary. Also lead the business part of the meetings of which there are few.

Here's what we need for the PW Book:

- Coordinators for September 20 (no meeting on the first Thursday because of the pie sale)
- Coordinators for April 4 & 18
- A CHAIRPERSON FOR THE SPRING BLOSSOM TEA ON APRIL 6

Responsibility is getting a program and getting the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board - Lori has them in her computer so you wouldn't have to worry about making them up. (Cathy Hollenback and Lori take care of the kitchen which is plating the sandwiches and cookies)

- Someone to be a coordinator with Nancy Jorgensen on May 2 & 16
- Coordinators for June 6 & 20

The rest of the months are filled and those who signed up are appreciated so much. THANK YOU!

There will need to be the main coordinator and 2 others to make up the budget for 2018-2019, It will be easy to follow the budget for 2017-2018.

Please contact Lori if you are willing to fill any of these positions. We need to get the PW book out soon. Lori and Nancy have decided not to be the leadership this next PW year.



Presbytery of the Redwoods

Regular Meeting

Friday, May 18, 2018

Church of the Roses, Santa Rosa, CA

The meeting was opened with the Call to Order and Opening Prayer. A lively time of worship, song, and a sermon by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Alloway followed. Special music was presented by a fantastic men's quartet "Four for His Glory" who sang, "Restore My Soul". The service ended with Communion. After worship, the proposed docket was approved and the business of the day commenced. There were reports, both written and oral and two short presentations by Elder Jane Odell of the Synod of the Pacific and the Rev. Mark Frey, Board of Pensions and a regional church consultant. One interesting fact is that currently, thirteen of the Presbytery of the Redwoods churches are in transition. Some due to upcoming retirements, but many congregations are in the process of finding a new installed pastor.

After lunch, a new procedure was started—On-going conversation-- which will now be part of the regular presbytery meeting process. Approximately 90 minutes was devoted to an on-going discussion about reaching out to our communities with the underlying question about the decline in church membership and finances. How do we grow, how do we keep going? The process used is where a topic is introduced to all and about 10 minutes are spent discussing it in small groups. After 10 minutes everyone is instructed to move to another small group and another question for discussion is raised. Throughout the 90 minutes, group notes and comments are shared.

The two scriptures were Jeremiah 29:4-7 and Mark 4:26-29 and the suggested questions for reflection and discussion were:

1. If this is the 'position description for church', what are we called to do?
2. How might this shape our understanding of the purpose of the church? How might this influence what we do as Christ's disciples?

The discussions were lively and thought provoking and will become an on-going conversation at Presbytery meetings.

Committee reports ended the day and the meeting was adjourned a few minutes after 3 p.m. Please refer to the docket and the accompanying packet on the Presbytery Bulletin Board in the hallway. Once the Presbytery sends out the minutes, they will also be posted.

Sincerely, Marcia Williams & Nancy Mantel



MYSTERY TRIP

Well, that's still a mystery!!!! Nancy and I are hoping that we can get one together sometime in August. At the present time I'm emailing back and forth with a potential location. Hopefully we can let you know soon.

Lori



Bulletin Board

The bulletin board has been changed for the summer and it is a rerun with a new look (the border has been changed) and I wanted to let you know its story. It resides on the back of my kitchen door leading into our garage, hence the need for a new border. I see it all the time. I would like to pass on to you how this theme began and how it progressed when it was first put up on the board in 2010.

BIBLEXICON! The idea came to me because several church members were playing the game Lexulous online. At the same time the theme for VBS was "Egypt" and hieroglyphics were part of Egyptian culture. Today the letters of our alphabet are the modern day hieroglyphics. We did have a couple of hiccups with the logistics of adding a couple of words each week. The first was when I had an unexpected extended stay at MCDH, also known as Mendocino Coast District Hotel? Hospital?, and the second when my loyal, trusty assistant had a senior catastrophe and lost the two words I gave her to put up. (They later turned up in my box - I never found out who put them there)

The game began with one word - JESUS - the founder of Christianity. I then thought of the beginning and the end -STABLE and CROSS. This led to MANGER and THORNS. I liked the connection between the words so tried to follow through with that thought. From there it went like this:-

- PRODIGAL SON
- BREAD WINE
- LIGHT CHRIST
- GRACE PEACE
- KING LAMB Now it was time to venture into the Old Testament.....
- ARK ARARAT
- ADAM TEMPTATION
- EVE APPLE
- GENESIS

.....and so we ended the game with the beginning of the bible. This was one of the most challenging but fun themes to work on. "Inspiration" comes to me from the Spirit. That's what the word means - ideas coming from divine guidance. Please take a look at the board. I enjoyed doing it for you so much.

Isabel Rogerson





KNOW THIS GUY?

He's one of our church heroes this issue. Usually you see him at the front door of the church wearing a sports coat (and maybe even a necktie) greeting arrivals and ushering on Sunday morning. But usually on week days he's around the church in his work clothes fixing this and that. Behind him is the new tall fence barrier on the west end of the deck. It has been in need of repair for several years, and luckily no one fell through the missing short slats. Jim Jeffries along with Larry Robinson, another church hero this issue, needs a tip of the hat and a big THANK YOU for all the work these volunteers do for our church facility!

(photo by Marsha Robinson)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 MARTHA MADRID
- 2 MARY SUE RHOADS
- 11 TOM ESTES, Jr.
- 21 LINDA MIHL D
- 22 RON MIHL D
- 29 FRED HOLLENBACK
ARLEU SIAS
- 30 TIM HUMECKY
- 31 SID LONG

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 CHUCK VIGGERS
- 7 PAT LONG
CRYSTAL SANDERSON
- 13 SYLVIA BURNS
- 16 CHARLETTA EVANS
- 19 MIKE CLEARY
STEVE WORTHEN
- 29 JIM JEFFRIES

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 CRYSTAL & IAN SANDERSON - 2004
- 24 ISABEL & BRUCE ROGERSON - 1963

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 IRIS & JIM LOUSHIN -1969
- 17 PAT & SID LONG - 1963
- 20 CAROL & BOB STEELE - 1954
- 22 ELAINE & PEPPER BALL - 1970
- 27 BETTY & RICK McMILLEN - 1960





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12:00 NOON**

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