



## NEWS & VIEWS from the Pulpit & Pews First Presbyterian Church of Fort Bragg, CA

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### SPECIAL FRIENDS

We had a wonderful time kicking off our Special Friends program. (Such a good time we all forgot to take pictures) If you were ever in doubt about the future of the church, you need only have witnessed the wonderful conversations around the breakfast table as our friends got to know one another. We are already planning our next big event together for January so keep watching the bulletin and newsletter for details. In the meantime we pray the relationships that have begun will continue to flourish as our friends.

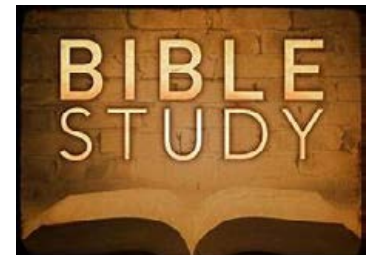
And watch the bulletin boards for some pics too!

\*\*We still have children we would like to match with a caring adult friend. If that's you or you want to know more please contact Pastor Cheryl!

### FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

Friday Bible Study meets for the last time in 2018 on **Friday November 9th**. Pastor Cheryl will lead a study on Getting Ready for a Calm and Bright Advent. We hope if you're free on Fridays at 10am you'll join us.

Bible Study will begin meeting regularly again in 2019 on Friday January 11th when we will begin a new DVD based Bible Study on *12 More Women of the Bible*. And this study isn't just for women! We will look at what some of the lesser known, and sometimes unnamed, women of the Bible have to teach us all. Women like Puah and Shiphrah, the Bent Woman and the Shulamite Woman to name a few. We hope you will join us November 9th and in January.



\*\*If you missed it and are interested in borrowing the DVDs from our last series *The Story of God*, they are available to borrow from the church office.

Friday Book/Bible Study meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 10 am in the Fireside Room.

**Purpose and Mission Statement First Presbyterian Church of Fort Bragg  
Spreading God's Love Through Jesus Christ**

***"As Christians, we warmly embrace our congregation and community, believing that all people are the children of God, and that God's house is for all people.***

***As a church, we are an anchor in life's storms, offering safe haven through God, His Son Jesus and the Holy spirit, who give us hope, grace, healing, peace and endless love." Adopted October, 2012***



**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

Mark your calendars! **Stewardship Sunday is November 11th.** On this day we will celebrate the abundance God has blessed **this** congregation with and make our commitments to the future. Bring your 2019 pledge cards and a dish to share at the potluck after worship on the 11th. We will celebrate and share in not one but TWO meals together; the gift of God’s grace given in the communion meal, and a meal of fellowship with one another (including a sparkling cider toast to the future) Come be a part of the celebration!

**HANGING OF THE GREENS**

**Wednesday November 28th 5:30 pm**

Come help in the greening (decorating) of the church! Lots of fun for everyone we will ready the sanctuary for Advent, learn a bit about the symbols and meaning of the “decorations” (and have pizza and hot chocolate too!). A fun time for everyone of all ages. (Also a great bonus opportunity for our special friends to gather)



**ADVENT TEASER**

Advent will be here before we know it! This year the worship committee is planning worship and midweek Advent activities around the 200th anniversary of the beloved hymn Silent Night. Our theme for the entire season will be *Calm and Bright*. It will be lots of fun and we hope filled with meaning and memories for everyone. So mark your calendars not only for Sunday worship but for our midweek gatherings on Wednesday evenings in Dec 5, 12, 19 when we will gather for a simple meal, discussion and a project for ALL ages.



**WESTMINSTER WOODS RETREATS FOR ADULTS**

Time to start thinking about the Men’s and Women’s retreats at Westminster Woods in 2019.

There are some exciting speakers this year:

**WOMEN’S** retreat is **Jan 11-13 (Head Start 10-11th)** and the

speaker will be the Rev. Linda Lane-Bortell. Linda is the pastor of Christ

Presbyterian Church in Terra Linda and working on her Doctorate at San Francisco Theological Seminary.



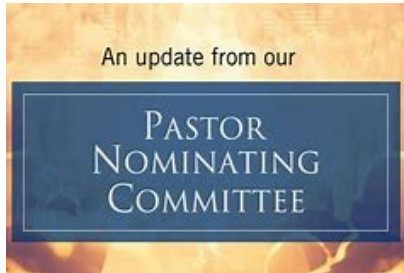
**MEN’S** retreat is **Feb 15-17** and the speaker will be the Rev. Dr Garrett Andrew. Garrett graduated with Pastor Cheryl from SFTS and is a dynamic and enthusiastic speaker who never disappoints.

(Pastor Cheryl is a little jealous that it’s a men’s retreat so she can’t go hang out too!)

Check out the brochures on the bulletin board, pick up a registration form in the office or online at [westminsterwoods.org](http://westminsterwoods.org) Need based scholarships are available to help defray the cost, please see Pastor Cheryl.

**ANOTHER NEWSLETTER IN DECEMBER!**

Because November & December are such busy months in the life of our church—and in the lives of our members and friends, there will be a December newsletter to help everyone keep up to date. If you have something you want to put in the December issue, send it to [slong@mcn.org](mailto:slong@mcn.org) by Friday, November 23rd—the day after Thanksgiving.

**WHO (or is that WHOM) WILL IT BE... OUR NEXT PASTOR?**

After sending our MIF (Mission Information Form) which included our mission statement and other statistics about our church and community to the Redwoods Presbytery Committee on Ministry, our search for a new full-time pastor was sent out on the CLC (Church Leadership Connection) Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) On that website our church can be viewed by pastors who might be interested in pursuing a call to become our next pastor.

Our PNC, which meets weekly, has begun to receive email PIF's (Professional Information Files) from those pastors interested in learning more about, or in applying to become our next full time minister. As PNC Chairperson Nancy Jorgensen keeps emphasizing, "God has someone in mind for our church and we will find each other." Besides Nancy, the other five members of the PNC are Tara Estes, Marsha Jeffries, Sid Long, Eve Oliphant, and Steve Worthern. A non-voting member is Rev. Bill McGuinness, our Presbytery Liaison.



Deacons are again putting together a Holiday Gift Bag for twenty four friends at Hospitality House. These Thanksgiving care packages include hand knit scarf and stocking caps, socks for men, women and children, \$10 gift card for a meal at McDonalds, hand sanitizers. Thank you Vicki for making a small card for each bag explaining these gifts are from the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Bragg.

These holiday gift bags plus the hearty bean casserole made once a month for Hospitality House are obvious ways we carry out the traditional mission of Deacons: "to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless and any who may be in distress."

The Deacons have stuffed "food bags" to hand out to the homeless. These bags are available in the social hall after worship. One recent e-mail we received said: *"Dear Deacons, We just finished walking our dog, Bella at Pomo Bluffs and stopped by the college to walk around. That's when we met Kevin and his dog Bishop. Kevin is recently homeless and using his bike and bike trailer for transportation and storing his things. After talking with him for a while and letting Bella interact with Bishop, we gave him the care bag from the Church and some dog treats that we had in the car. We really enjoyed our conversation and hearing his story. **He was most appreciative of our generosity on behalf of the church.** We reminded him of the community Thanksgiving meal and he said he attended it last year and plans to go again. Our thanks to the Deacon team for giving us a way to connect with and provide a little assistance to Kevin and Bishop."*



Thanks so much to those who helped set up, served beverages and cleaned up after the United Christian Women's Luncheon. Eve Nighswonger, Gary Champlain, Marsha Robinson, Larry Robinson, Christine Stone, Charletta Evans, Julee Estes, Pastor Cheryl and anyone who I missed. Jacque Moore - thank you so much for centerpieces which everyone loved and commented on. Also a big thanks to our wonderful ladies who brought salads and desserts. **Lori**



### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session met October 17th. Here are some of the highlights:

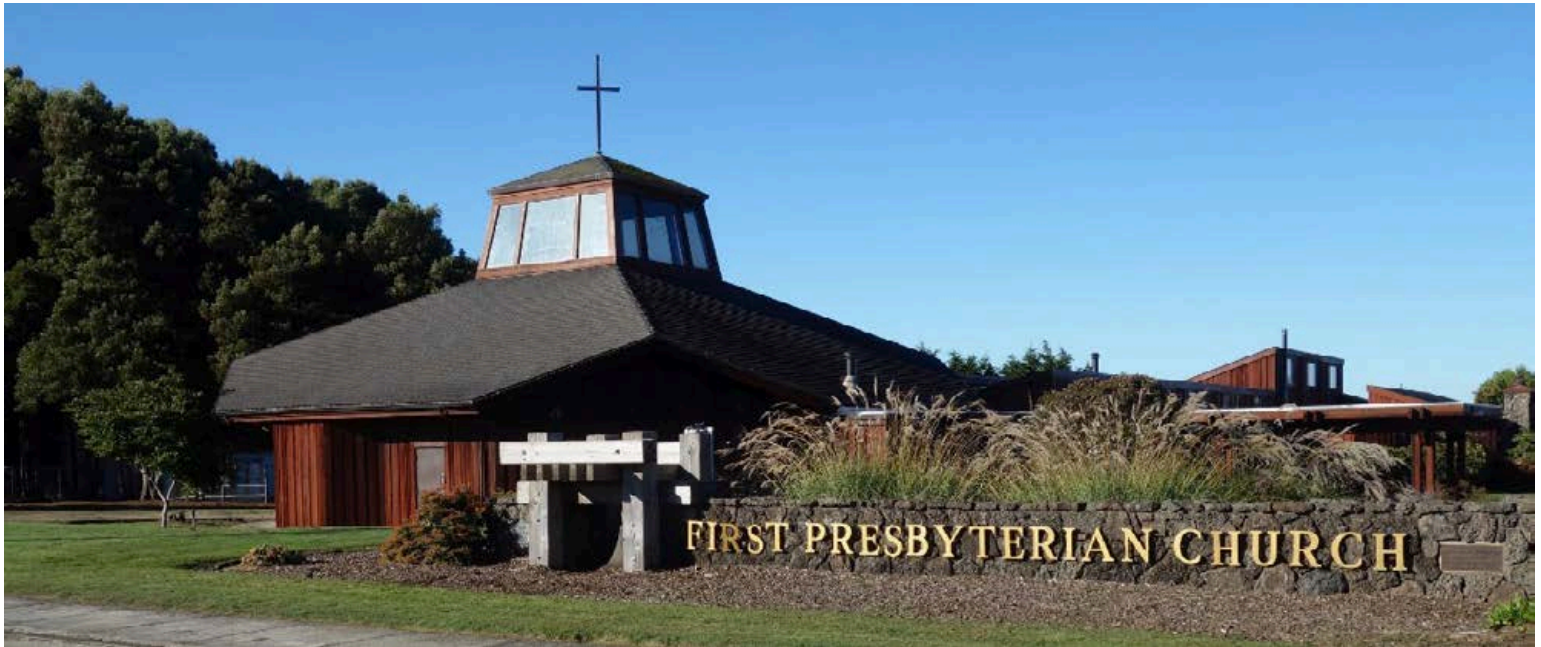
- After worship on October 28, there will be the Blessing of the Animals
- Communion will be moved from November 4th to November 11th
- November session meeting moved from November 21st to November 14th because it is so close to Thanksgiving
- Preparations for Thanksgiving Community Dinner will be Tuesday and Wednesday, November 20th and 21st
- Wednesdays December 5th, 12th and 19th will be ADVENT midweek dates at 6:00 p.m. Theme is "Silent Night".
- Session voted to send budgeted Mission funds in the amount of \$1,200 each to Presbyterian Disaster Aid for hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Mangkhut and to Habitat for Humanity in Santa Rosa to help victims of the wildfires.
- Pastor Cheryl will be out of the office October 29th through November 6th on Study Leave at a CREDO conference.
- Whether or not to host the Texas 4000 in July, 2019 was tabled until the November meeting.



### SPOOKY GAME NIGHT, OCTOBER 26th, AT THE CHURCH

photos by Pastor Cheryl





The Facilities Committee is inviting everyone to walk around the church grounds and admire the newly oil stained exterior of our church. The building was pressure washed and primed before being stained by 5 Star Painting of Fort Bragg in early October. The \$20,800 cost was paid from the Edward Jones fund for Building/Endowment.

photos by Pat & Sid Long

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL

Once again the First Presbyterian Church is gearing up to host our annual COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL! Last year we served almost 700 people --- at the church or with meals delivered to homes! This complete traditional dinner will be served this year on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 from 2pm to 4pm at the church.

Anyone is welcome to attend! This is truly a community event celebrating our Thanks! Families, folks who need a meal, folks who do not want to cook for just a few, and many good hearted community volunteers make the day so very special.

If you know of someone who needs a meal but cannot attend, here is how to request meal delivery: follow the link on the Church website - <http://www.fortbraggpresbyterian.org>; or send an email to [meals@fortbraggpresbyterian.org](mailto:meals@fortbraggpresbyterian.org); or pick up a request form at the church: or call to place a meal order to the church 707-964-2316 or Printha 707-357-5480. Meal Delivery is available in coastal communities from Cleone south to Albion.

This huge event is made possible because of the many volunteers from our church and the circle of community support who come out on and before Thanksgiving Day to prepare food, set up the dining room, prepare food, bake desserts, deliver meals, and clean up. Volunteer sign up sheets are posted on the church bulletin board and will be updated every week. You can also volunteer by contacting [volunteers@fortbraggpresbyterian.org](mailto:volunteers@fortbraggpresbyterian.org).

Please consider joining us for this wonderful COMMUNITY TRADITION OF LOVE, GIVING, AND GRATITUDE by volunteering or bringing family and friends and help us ensure that anyone who needs a Thanksgiving meal can have one - either at the Church among friends or in their home with our blessings. For more information please contact Printha 707-357-5480 Church Liaison.



photos by  
Pastor Cheryl



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN? NOPE! from Lori Cole

Got your curiosity up? Here's the answer! At the September "PW" meeting it was voted to change the name of the group to Presbyterian Fellowship. This was done to include the men in the congregation. They have always been invited to come to meetings especially when we had programs that might interest them, but changing the name has made it more inclusive. Our "PW" has not been affiliated with the national Presbyterian Women for several years so changing the name also makes it more definite. So here we go, men! We expect to see you at our meetings! We have refreshments so maybe that will lure you to come?

Since the beginning of the pie sale we have always appreciated the help the men have given us and now it's really your project as well. Thanks to all of you who have helped "PW" in one way or another over the years. Now you have ownership!



The Presbyterian Fellowship (formerly Presbyterian Women) meets on the first and third Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All are welcome!

In November our substitute coordinator is Colleen Cleary. Please Pray for Nancy Mantel as she is undergoing treatment for lung cancer. She is doing well and we hope she can be back with us again soon.

November 1 - The program is Women in Leadership with Tess Albin-Smith, Mary Rose Kaczorowski and Jessica Morsell-Haye. There will be no campaigning or soliciting funds. This program is about the influence of women in leadership. Colleen will serve refreshments and will be assisted by Christine Stone.

November 15 - The speaker will be Dan Hess, County Librarian Fort Bragg. He will be speaking about the plans for the library addition. Lori Cole will serve refreshments. All are welcome!

We will have a "craft" day to make snowflakes to put up on the windows in the hall. It only requires a sheet of paper and scissors. It's a very easy project and we will have a morning to do this which will be set at a later date. This is if Lori can figure out the last fold of the paper!! Possible date will be the morning of November 16, location to be announced later.



The Christmas Bazaar will be on December 1. Those who have "booths" will need to start planning. We will need someone to take Nancy's place manning the food booth, so please don't hesitate and either email Lori or give her a call. We need to take care of this for Nancy. Lori will be doing the luncheon again and Cathy Hollenback will be helping her. She thinks she'll do the same as last year since everyone seems to like it and will limit the seating to 50. We will begin discussing this at the November 1 meeting and try to finalize things by the 15th.



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

Session wants to acknowledge heroes and heroines of our congregation! Here is the latest list of four, submitted by Elder Larry Robinson:

### **GERALDINE LOOMIS**

- Deacon
- Elder
- Nominating Committee
- Member for 55 years
- Usher
- Greeter
- Offering Plate Counter
- Choir member
- Coffee Hour Hostess
- Bazaar contributor and worker
- Spring Blossom Tea Hostess
- Thanksgiving & Easter Dinner Volunteer
- Pie Sale Volunteer
- PW/PF Member
- Provider of Worship Service flowers
- AND a lot more!

### **CARLETTA HOLLENBACK**

- Member for 50 years
- Elder
- Deacon
- Fellowship
- Communion Server
- Church Bookkeeper
- Greeter
- Coffee Hour Hostess
- Pie Sale Volunteer
- PW/PF
- Desserts for Thanksgiving & Easter Dinner
- Hostess for Spring Blossom Tea
- Bazaar, Homemade items and helper with Luncheon
- AND so much more!



## MORE HEROES.....

### CLAUDELLE ZACK

- Member for 20plus years
- Deacon
- Elder
- Budget & Finance Committee
- Christian Ed Committee
- Worship Committee
- Communion Server
- Lay Leader
- Coffee Hour Hostess
- Pie Sale Chairperson & Helper
- Thanksgiving & Easter Dinner Desserts
- PW/PF member and Chairperson
- Bazaar jams and jellies
- AND a lot more!

### FRED HOLLENBACK

- Member for 50 years!
- Deacon
- Elder
- Facilities Committee
- Fellowship Committee
- Communion Server
- Usher
- Greeter
- Coffee Hour Host
- Ordained Minister
- Chief Cook for many Church Dinners
- PW/PF
- Cleared the current church property for building
- Planted the trees on the back of the church
- Hauling loads for the church of this and that here and there in his handy, dandy trailer
- AND many other important activities

**FOR THE LADIES:**The annual **Christmas Tea** is scheduled for **Thursday, December 13**. Colleen Cleary will be hosting this wonderful event again. There will be more information in the December newsletter. Mark your calendars now!



PHOTOS FROM 2017 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER PREPARATION by Pastor Cheryl



PHOTOS FROM THE OCTOBER 28, 2018 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS by Pat Long



BOB, *BORIS*, & PASTOR CHERYL

ARLEU & *TOBY*

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 SYDNEY LANIGAN
- 7 CLAUDELLE ZACK  
HELEN MARIE ROGERS
- 11 LEO LANIGAN
- 13 IRIS LOUSHIN  
TERESA UGULANO
- 14 JACQUE MOORE
- 22 LINDA RUNNER



**CRAIG CUMMINGS**

NOVEMBER 21, 1944 - SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

**ALMA RUTH LAMPSON**

NOVEMBER 17, 1918 - SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

# COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL NO COST - COME ONE, COME ALL



**NOVEMBER 22 2018 2 - 4PM**

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Home Delivery Upon Request

**CELEBRATE FAMILY**

**CELEBRATE FRIENDS**

**CELEBRATE COMMUNITY**

A Community Event Hosted by Fort Bragg Presbyterian Church

Volunteers Needed - Contact Gary - [volunteers@fortbraggpresbyterian.org](mailto:volunteers@fortbraggpresbyterian.org)

To Request Home Delivered Meals - Contact Printha - [meals@fortbraggpresbyterian.org](mailto:meals@fortbraggpresbyterian.org)