



NEWS & VIEWS from the Pulpit & Pews

First Presbyterian Church of Fort Bragg, CA

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The next step on the search for a new pastor:

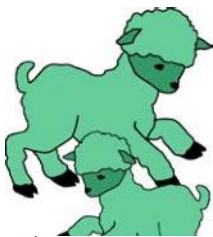
Final touches are being placed on the mission study. Your session has worked hard gathering, analyzing, processing and praying over the question "Who are we?" The final document will be available for anyone who wishes a copy either digitally or in print. And as the session completes this step....

Your church nominating committee has also been at work. The session tasked them with finding a slate of 7 folks willing to be elected to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) They have completed this task, therefore,...

A Special Congregational Meeting has been called immediately following worship on **Sunday May 6th**. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The nominating committee has vetted and submits a full slate of nominees (7) for the congregation's consideration and affirmative vote. They are:



Tara Estes, Marsha Jeffries, Nancy Jorgensen, Sid Long, Eve Oliphant, DeAnn Payne, and Steve Worthen. As always nominations will be accepted from the floor, but please be sure you have spoken to the person and they have agreed to be nominated (and serve if elected) BEFORE you nominate them. If other nominations are placed from the floor, a paper ballot will be taken and 7 will be elected.



Little Lambs Spring Fundraiser It's not too late to get your raffle tickets for some really great prizes and to help support our Little Lambs Preschool. Tickets are \$5 each and a plethora of prizes including a redwood Child size picnic table and an Adult size park bench made by Parlin Forks, as well as a MAC folding wagon, \$50 Roundman gift certificate, and much more.

See Pastor Cheryl or one of your elders to buy your tickets. Drawing will take place at the Parent Tea on May 9th. You need not be present to win.



Westminster Woods – Time to make plans for Summer Camp at the Woods! "The Woods" has been a special place for children and youth to grow in their walk with God, and a place where many lifelong friendships have developed. If your child is planning on going funds are available to help defray the cost of camp but we need to know who is going by **May 6th**!

Please contact Pastor Cheryl, elder Marcia Williams or CE chair Mary Sue Rhodes and let us know of your child's desire to attend.

Camp brochures are available on the bulletin board, in the church office or online www.westminsterwoods.org

Elders:	<u>Class of 2018:</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
	Lori Cole	Jacque Moore	Ian Sanderson
	Sid Long	Marcia Williams	LeoLanigan
	Nancy Mantel	Sylvia Burns	Larry Robinson

Moderator: Pastor Cheryl

Clerk of Session: Marsha Jeffries

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS April 18, 2018

- An idea to create a comprehensive facilities manual was discussed to include (but not limited to) such things as emergency contacts, service vendors and schematics of the church plant to show breaker boxes, shut off valves, etc. (Leo Lanigan will begin work on this project with Pastor Cheryl.)
- Our Mission budget is \$5000. We are committed to \$1500 for Compassion for Kids and \$500 for Pastor Emergency Fund to provide help for people who come to the church office seeking assistance. Motion to keep the remaining \$3000 for mission giving opportunities as they arise. Motion passed.
- Bayer Scholarship —A committee will be formed to decide on criteria and read applications for candidates going to Mendocino College. Cindi Hood, Printha Worthen and Claudelle Zack will be approached to be the committee, as well as Pastor Cheryl. Marcia Williams will be on the committee if one of the others can not. Last year's recipient had to drop out, so the scholarship money is still with Mendocino College.
- AED -- Leo Lanigan provided excellent information regarding AED and provided us with his recommendation. An automated external defibrillator (**AED**) is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. **AEDs** are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). SCA is a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. Motion to purchase ZOLL AED Plus (Recertified) with wall case passed. The money will come from the Building Endowment Fund—capital improvement. Pastor Cheryl will place the order.
- It was moved and seconded to fly the American Flag outside in front of the Fort Bragg Presbyterian Church on the Sunday closest to or that represents the following dates: Memorial Day Weekend (May), Flag Day (June), 4th of July, Labor Day Weekend (September), Veteran's Day (November 11th), when requested by family for a Memorial Service , and when Session deems it important to display our country's flag. Motion passed. Larry Robinson agreed to put out/bring in flag.
- Building use request--to allow use of building May 11th, Friday night, for Ukiah choir to sleep here. About 35 kids plus adult chaperones. We would collect \$225 deposit to cover any cleaning or repairs that might need come as a result. Motion passed.
- Motion passed re Mission Giving Pledge of \$500 to Redwoods Presbytery in 2018. Pastor Cheryl will submit our pledge.
- Little Lambs Preschool: Nancy Pollard, LL director gave an overview of the school, stating the budget for the next fiscal year will be discussed the following day, April 19th. Pastor Cheryl stated the session/LL task force continues to work together to help clarify board responsibilities and how session should be involved in overseeing the running of the school.
- The next Session meeting is May 16.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY—The First Sunday After Easter

Our church along with many other American churches, celebrated an old Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity on the Sunday after Easter—"Holy Humor Sunday" celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday, including "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced.

The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "*Risus paschalis* - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it.

Colleen Cleary costumed five clowns from our congregation, Lori Cole, Pastor Cheryl, Pat and Sid Long, and Nancy Mantel who performed as detectives in "The Case of the Empty Tomb" skit.



Marcia Williams emceed a Question and Answer session in which members of the congregation found matching colored plastic eggs in various pews. Each identical colored egg had either a question or an answer which the egg finders read aloud.



Q: Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

Look for the colored "Answer" eggs elsewhere in this newsletter!!



A TALE OF WOE from Isabel Rogerson

I am a pushpin. My name is Peter and I reside at the end of the hall in a clear container. I live there with my friends Percy Push Pin and Penelope Push Pin and many others of our clan. It's a great place to live because my friends and I can see right down the hallway. We see everything that is going on in the church. We see children and we hear children all the time. It is such fun. Our container is warm and snug. I know that it is not politically correct but we are all clear pushpins. We don't encourage blue, yellow, red or green pushpins in our container. Woe betide anyone

who infiltrates our domain. They will not be comfortable! Sometimes we get to be on the bulletin board. That is also an exciting time because we can see right out of the windows and lo and behold there are many things going on in the parking lot. People coming and going, people gardening, cars coming to and fro and other exciting things.

Recently we got lost. Some people were looking for us so we could go on the board and we couldn't be found anywhere. Now you realize that we can't move on our own (although sometimes I jump out of people's fingers), we are stationary push pins. It took quite a while to find us. Some neat freak had put us into a drawer! My, oh my. It was horrible in there. It was so dark and we were so upset because we might have missed some good stuff going on in the hall. However, all is well. We were found and restored to our rightful abode.

Check out the bulletin board as you pass it. Sometimes there is some interesting stuff on it. Right now I am the one stuck in the right hand top corner of the sign about Forgiveness. Give me a wave as you pass by and I'll give you one back and please if you find us wandering elsewhere in the church return us to our cubby.

Peter Push Pin

Friday Bible/Book Study will be taking a break for the month of May but will return again June 8th.

We hope you will join us when we reconvene to view and discuss the National Geographic series "The Story of God" In this National Geographic series, Morgan Freeman "presents his quest in order to find how most religions perceive life after death, what different civilizations thought about the act of creation and other big questions that humankind has continuously asked."

This group meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 10am in the Fireside room, and we are always delighted to see new faces join us. Won't you join us this summer for this fascinating series and some lively discussion?



Q: Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?



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 first list of four, submitted by Elder Larry Robinson:

SYLVIA BURNS

- Music Director plus playing the piano and organ for Worship Service
- Communion Bread—Bakes fresh bread monthly for the communion table
- Trustee
- Elder
- Treasurer
- Bookkeeper
- Budget & Finance Committee Chairman
- Little Lambs board member
- Worship Committee member



A: Because Noah was standing on the deck.

SID LONG

- Church newsletter editor
- Trustee
- Elder
- Facilities Committee chairman and recorder
- Lay Leader
- Serves Communion
- Chairman Personnel Committee
- Budget & Finance Committee member
- Pie Sale baker
- Session/Little Lambs Taskforce member
- Former Sunday School Teacher
- Pat's helper for Deacons
- Clown for the Labor Day parade for fun
- SOB— Seniors on Bikes

(Sid only paid Larry \$20 for this glowing acknowledgement. Not sure how much he charged the other three!)

MARCIA WILLIAMS

- Sings in the choir
- Elder
- Christian Education Committee member
- Chairperson for Worship Committee
- Lay Leader
- Communion Server
- Mission study author.
- Volunteer for EVERYTHING
- Representative to Presbytery
- Chairperson for Advent and Lenten Service Activities
- Sunday School Teacher
- Grandma Angel to Tessa



A: The area around Jordan because the banks were always overflowing!

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Heroes, continued

STEVEN P. WORTHEN

- Sings in the choir, is now Choir Director
- Lay Leader
- Serves communion
- Deacon
- Elder
- Trustee
- Facilities Committee member
- Kitchen King
- Worked Pie Sale & Easter & Thanksgiving dinners
- Railroad enthusiast
- Mendocino Theater Company member



I'm looking for a new 2 bedroom to rent. If anyone knows of anything please give me a call on my cell at 530-215-7908.

Thanks! DeAnn Payne

Happiness Is!

Since that totally fun service with all you folks in your magnificent costumes 😊 I have been inspired to come back "home" here in our letter to share some Happy thoughts. I was taken back to my own childhood particularly by the laughing picture of Jesus on the screen. (Did you notice it?) My parents had that picture on their living room wall where ever we/they lived, and I loved it. I smiled WITH Jesus that way-- what a wonderful blessing right there! The service also magnified our joy in singing "What a friend we have in Jesus". This is what we do every Sunday when we greet one another with hugs and love. Our church family has gone through so much together, joys and blessings, but also holding together with sorrows and losses. So many changes, so much in the world to deal with, just SO MUCH altogether-- it is so wonderful to laugh together. Wow-- I guess I no longer need to be aghast at our daughter's favorite blessing, when it was her turn at dinner. That would be "Rub-a-dub-dub- Thanks for the grub- Yayyy God!" Here we go folks-- Happiness Is! Yayyy God!

With sincere loving blessings--so Happy to be here in this place, with "all of us"

Pat DeBruyn



COMMUNITY EASTER DINNER served approximately 350 meals of which 140 were delivered to home and apartment dwellers. Way to go Chairperson Kathy Orsi and ALL volunteers!!!



Q: Where is medicine first mentioned in the Bible?

THANK YOU from Jacque Moore

Thank you so much to the following folks who helped with the annual Spring Blossom Tea. This is taken from the sign up sheets and if there were those who participated and not on the lists - thank you as well!

The hostesses and their beautiful tables: Charletta Evans, Marsha Robinson, Colleen Cleary, Roen Mallory, Nancy Mantel, Isabel Rogerson, Jacque Moore (thank you Marsha for setting up the table), Marcia Williams, Eve Nighswonger and Crystal Sanderson.

Cookie bakers: Charletta Evans, Marsha Robinson, Colleen Cleary, Roen Mallory, Ruth Sommer, Isabel Rogerson, Eve Nighswonger, Cathy Hollenback, Julee Estes and DeAnn Payne.

Sandwich makers: Marsha Robinson, Lori Cole, Nancy Mantel, Charletta Evans, Helen Marie Rogers, Nancy Jorgensen, Pat Applegate, Marcia Williams, Claudelle Zack and Carletta Hollenback.

The kitchen staff: Thank you to Cathy Hollenback, Lori Cole, Cathy's grandchildren who made sure the ladies had tea and everything else they needed - Wyatt and Austin Sallinen and Pearl Koskinen-Sloan.

**NOT ANOTHER SIGN-UP SHEET? from Charletta Evans and Lori Cole**

It's time for the Presbyterian Women to start thinking about what's going to happen in 2018/19 since we have no leadership and no one seems to want to do it. The current leaders are retiring from the job after volunteering for a long, long time. There need to be new leaders volunteering by the end of June. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to sign up as coordinators each month. Get someone to sign up with you! Whether or not there are meetings really depends on YOU!

On **May 3rd** the program will be to bring something your grandparents gave you. Tell the group about it even if you don't have the item. We also need to discuss finding leaders beginning in September.

On **May 17th** Charles Bush from the Senior Center will come and tell about what is going on there. He will give a 1/2 hour talk and then take questions.

June 1st & 3rd Thursday meetings are TBA.

Nancy and Lori are planning a Mystery Trip sometime in June.

Not one to desert a sinking ship, Lori WILL BE the PW coordinator for October and December and will have the annual salad potluck luncheon on her deck in August. .

A BIG THANK YOU!!! from Lori Cole

Thanks so much to all those who donated food and labor that made the Petker Choral Workshop on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 & 29. Because of your generosity we had enough food for lunch on Sunday as well as Saturday and were able to take leftovers down to Hospitality House. No food went to waste.

These names were taken from the sign-up sheet and there were a couple of people that hadn't signed up who helped.

Those who contributed to the Continental Breakfast were:

Workers: Julee Estes, Mary Sue Rhoads and Pat Applegate

Food donations: Ruth Smith, Kathy Orsi, Carletta Hollenback, Mary Sue Rhoads, Roen Mallory, Geraldine Loomis, Julee Estes and Nan Halstead

Luncheon on Saturday:

Cathy Hollenback, Marsha Jeffries, Nancy and Bob Jorgensen

Sandwiches: Marsha Jeffries, Lori Cole, Helen Mrie Rogers, Cathy Hollenback, Pat Applegate, Cindy VanWormer, Claudelle Zack and Nancy and Bob Jorgensen

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Petker Thank You, continued

Cookies: Colleen Cleary, Cathy Hollenback, Steve and Printha Worthen, Marsha Robinson, Pat Long and Claudelle Zack

Nancy Mantel donated the ingredients for the green salad and Cathy Hollenback and Nancy & Bob Jorgensen made the salad on Friday.

Wine & Cheese Tasting Event: Bob & Nancy Jorgensen hosted the event and donated Bob's wine and cider. Cindy VanWormer and Lori Cole donated wine as well. Pastor Cheryl made up the cheese & cracker plates.

Marsha Jeffries took care of registration on Saturday Morning.

Thank you coffee hour hostesses Mary Sue Rhoads and Julee Estes and thanks to Cathy Hollenback who took the leftovers to Hospitality House.

Thank you everyone - we couldn't do this event without you! Great teamwork!



A: When God gave Moses two tablets.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 VICKI HAUTALA
- 2 CINDI HOOD
LYDIA MANTEL
- 3 CAROL STEELE
- 11 NANCY JORGENSEN
- 19 DUANE TELL
- 21 BRUCE ROGERSON
- 23 TAMI SMITH

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 HOLLY UGULANO SKINNER
- 8 EMMITT SANDERSON
- 10 BOB STEELE
- 12 HANNAH BOSMA
GINABELLE SMITH
- 16 NANCY HERRON-PIKE
- 23 RILEY LANIGAN
- 24 DEANNA LOWE
- 27 CECILIA TOWNSEND
- 30 KASSI EVANS

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 HOLLY & LEO LANIGAN
- 10 KAREN & JOHN ANDERSEN - 1997
- 20 ROEN & NORMAN MALLORY - 1956
- 22 GINABELLE & JIM SMITH - 1994
- 31 JULEE & TOM ESTES - 1964

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 SHANNON & ADAM VANWORMER
- 18 YVONNE & FRANK DOBBINS - 1949
- 20 PAULA & DAN FOWLER - 1987
- 24 MACY & KYLE NELEPOVITZ - 2006



Q: What do they call pastors in Germany?



A: German Shepherds

“The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending and to have the two as close together as possible.” — George Burns





Spring Blossom Tea

First Presbyterian Church First Steps

Saturday, April 7, 2018 1:00 PM

No Charge

