



# Good News

## Letter from the Pastor

I want to thank everyone who helped make the Lenten Soup Suppers such a success again. Thank you to all of you who shared your soup-skills, and helping with set-up and clean-up. I also enjoyed the time I got to teach. We only got to skim the surface of these deep questions and I look forward to teaching again soon.

My next teaching opportunity is the "Christianity 101" class that I'll be offering this spring. It's for people who are interested in joining the church, but also anyone who is curious in learning more about their faith. In four sessions I'll cover topics such as: how was the Bible put together, how have we formed our beliefs, and what was it mean to be a Presbyterian. Please talk to me if you are interested and I'll get dates and times on the church calendar.

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Finally, my sermon Easter morning highlighted something about the Bible I think surprised a lot of people. It was the most frequent command in the Bible that God gives to us; "Don't be afraid." Out of everything in the Bible that God has commanded us to do, "don't be afraid, fear not," is what God wants us to know above all else. As much as we need to hear this; it's difficult to follow it. If the Resurrection didn't happen exactly as described, we couldn't follow this command. We couldn't have real hope, or real forgiveness, or real joy. That's why the Resurrection is the centerpiece of our identity; it allows us not to be afraid.

Peace,



## Pancake Fundraiser to Support Our Youth! Bring Family and Friends to this Wonderful Event!



*Saturday April 16th*  
*8:00-10:30am*

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**IMMERSION TRIP  
FUNDRAISER**

**Buy a ticket from a student for \$5  
Cost will be \$10 at the door**

**All proceeds will support our Immersion Trip  
to Las Vegas!**

### FPCA Session Elders

**Rev. Christopher Peterson-**  
*Moderator*

**Jackie Barker-**  
*Finance & Stewardship Chair*  
*Music & Worship Chair*

**Jamie Cortes**

**Michael Helbush-**  
*Fellowship Committee Chair*

**Kay Lamon-**  
*Mission Committee Chair*

**Nancy Lewis-**  
*Membership Committee Chair*

**Claudia Perkins -**  
*Personnel Chair*

*Nominating Committee Chair*

**Kathy Smith-**  
*Clerk of Session,*

*Spiritual Development Chair*

**Deb Saltzman-**  
*Older Adult Ministry Chair*

**Barbara Wildman**

### FPCA Deacons

#### Parish A

**Bruce Parker**  
**Cathy Parker**  
**Damon Rodrigues**

#### Parish B

**Kathleen Berquist**  
**Andy Eggett**  
**Marilyn Johnson**

#### Parish C

**Lorene Eggett**  
**Bruce Johnson**  
**Kate Stiling**

#### Parish D

**Andy Henning**  
**Rheem Henning**  
**Stacey Rodrigues-**  
*Moderator*

Please contact your Deacon

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## Youth Ministry Update...

### HIGH SCHOOL WEDNES- DAYS – BUSYNESS

Does God care about the way we live? For 5-weeks we are having real discussions about our lives regarding stress, pressure, busyness, and over-scheduling. We are using Bible stories to help us better understand the life that God created for us to live. Every week we emphasize community, have fun, and talk about things that matter. We meet Wednesdays from 6:45-8:30pm.



### IN\*JUSTICE: A JUSTICE EVENT

Friday 3/4-Saturday 3/5, over 60 high schoolers from 5 churches got together for an incredible event. During IN\*Justice, students were divided into different "countries", some richer and some poorer, and were given different challenges to complete. We took time to get in God's Word, we worshipped, and even slept in card boxes! This was truly a blessed event!

Ask one of the students who went about their experience.



## Older Adult Ministries News...



The Older Adult Ministry is taking a Train Trip To Sacramento on Thursday April 21st. We plan to leave from the church parking lot at 7:00 AM to board the train at Jack London Square at 7:45 AM. We will carpool to the station. The senior fare is \$49.00 round trip. In Sacramento we will have an opportunity to visit the Crocker Museum or Old Z

Sacramento (which is adjacent to the station.) We plan to return on the 3:35 PM train. All are welcome. It is a wonderful scenic ride and there is a snack car on the train. If you plan to attend, please sign-up at coffee hour or contact Deborah Saltzman at (415) 602-5698.

There will be moderate walking involved. We can also pick you up if needed.

## House & Grounds “Work Party!”

*Time to Roll up your sleeves! Saturday, April 23, from 9 AM to noon.* We will be doing some weeding, shrub planting, and cleaning. If you cannot help with gardening or cleaning, we also would love to have some snacks and/or coffee for the workers. Please let Greg Klein know if you can help.

## Mission Committee News...

**2016 Pentecost Offering:** March to May the Mission committee is hoping you can donate. When you give to Pentecost you help provide opportunities for our young people to forge a deep and lasting faith on which to grow and build there lives.

Thank you for giving. *Lorene Eggett*

## Deacons' Corner

**Save the Date: Saturday, April 30th** New beginnings, new members, fellowship and love. That's what you get here at FPC of Alameda! Deacons are planning a **potluck Saturday April 30**, mark your calendars, dig up your favorite recipe and come join us for some fun! Look for sign ups at coffee hour. Woo hoo!

## Donate through Shopping

Did you know that you can contribute to the church by shopping. Its very simple. Please visit the church website for the link. Or click the picture to start shopping. All you need to do is give them your name and email address. Once you are registered you can start shopping as normal.



Click above to start shopping!

**\*\* You can also shop at local bricks and mortar merchants.**

Here's the list of Escript Merchants:

<http://www.escrip.com/wheretoearn/merchantsearch.jsp>

## What's New?

- **Tuesday Evening Discussion Group**

*Dangerous Wonder:  
Rediscovering Childlike Faith"*

**Tuesdays starting on April 12th  
6:30 to 8:00 pm.**

We meet upstairs in **Room 306** in the Education Building.

The study will be facilitated by Alisa Peterson & Kathy Smith.

*We hope you can join us!*



- **Christianity 101**

What is Christianity? Are you curious to know more about Presbyterianism? Needing another way to enrich your own faith? If any of these questions have you longing for an answer...then maybe our new class can help. Pastor Christopher will be offering a new member class after Easter. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Christopher or email him at [pastor@alamedachurch.com](mailto:pastor@alamedachurch.com)

## Mark Your Calendars

Youth Ministry  
Pancake Fundraiser  
Saturday, April 16th

Deacon's Potluck  
Saturday, April 30th

Church Retreat  
Fundraiser  
Sunday, May 1st

Pentecost  
Sunday, May 15th



## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday

April 15 Susan Jeffries  
April 18 Bailey Rodrigues  
April 20 Armand Acosta  
April 25 Lily Abraham  
April 27 John Hilton

### Happy Anniversary

April 11 Claudia Perkins & Bruce Johnson  
April 16 Angie & Greg Klein  
April 20 John & Johanna Schuitema

## April Schedule

### Sound Schedule

April 10 Rob Ade  
April 17 Raymond Cortes  
April 24 Joab Muchiri

### Greeters for March

April 10 Cindy Hovermale  
April 17 The Kleins  
April 24 The Cortes'

### Readers for March

April 10 Paul Scholz  
April 17 Jamie Cortes  
April 24 Rob Ade

*"Welcome  
each day as  
gift from  
God"*



2016 Church  
Retreat Fundraiser  
with  
1st Presbyterian  
Church of Alameda  
and  
College Avenue  
Presbyterian

Join us for a special  
**PRIMERO DE MAYO**

(The First of May)  
LUNCHEON, following church  
featuring the

## GIANT BURRITO!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2001 Santa Clara (at Chestnut)  
on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, from Noon to  
2 PM

Adults: \$10.00  
Children's special: \$5.00

Create your own part of a **GIANT  
BURRITO** with all the trimmings.

Savor the **FELLOWSHIP** of  
Presbyterians from **TWO  
CHURCHES**.

Bring your **CAMERAS**, for  
It's going to get messy.

Bring **FRIENDS** and **FAMILY**

Presale tickets available at coffee  
hour.

For more information contact  
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