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Good News

The Retreat Is Coming!

September 16-18th at St. Dorothy's Rest, Camp Meeker

This year's retreat is sure to be memorable. We have joined with another small, but dynamic, Presbyterian Church from College Avenue in Oakland. We expect to share fellowship and study with 20 or more from CAPC and Rev. Monte McClain. Monte lead our last retreat at St. Dorothy's in 2011.

Each retreat has been filled with unique blessings and grace notes. The setting at St. Dorothy's allows us to step back from the day-to-day "busy-ness" of life, or even dramatic world events, to find the sacred center of our truly "real" world. We find new ways to experience God and each other. One-on-one conversations, group discussions, singing and board games often last until the wee hours of the morning.

Rev. Ray Campton, always a popular leader, returns with a broad theme of "communication", with each other, our church, our community and the world around us. We look forward to an inspirational message of hope, faith and love.

Kelly Vaughn returns to run the children's program making special memories for the children of our church family. Don't forget the kid's costume "fashion show" Saturday evening, which is enjoyed by all. Parents are expected to help clean up the costume shop!

Teenagers from our congregation have embraced the retreat experience in recent years.

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The Retreat Is Coming!

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Some have gone on to work at St. Dorothy's summer camp program. This year's youth leader will be our own Paul Scholz.

We close each Retreat with a communion service in the St. Dorothy's chapel. It is a worshipful time of praise, celebration, and thanksgiving for our church family and those who have shared their talents in

leading the programs and music. The Retreat worship service reinforces the many blessings we share as a community of believers.

Each year's feedback from Retreat participants has been overwhelmingly positive. People appreciate "the quality time with family and friends" and have declared the group to be "... so alive, full of laughter, great input, and kindness." One person summed up the Retreat experience by saying "the blessing of the church family increases ten-fold by an event like this."

For more information contact Marge Harvey, Registrar, at 510-823-4716 or Bruce Johnson, Coordinator, at 510-908-4156



"Praise is the song of a soul set free."

Church Retreat Fundraiser Saturday, July 23.

We will be collecting electronic waste to raise funds for our All-Church retreat. We ask that you save your e-waste until that day, and please encourage your friends and family to do the same. More info to come!



Youth Ministry Update...

A BIG THANKS!

The youth and those going to Las Vegas would like to thank all that were a part of making our Pappo's Wine Makers Dinner last Sunday a huge success. The event helped to fund raise over \$1500! This event has truly helped to make the difference in helping students to attend this life changing trip!

PRAYING FOR VEGAS!

Please pray for our Summer Immersion Trip to Las Vegas! We are partnering with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) and will be serving the local community. Pray for our students, our leaders, YWAM, and Las Vegas!



Congratulations to Rev. Dr. George Fitzgerald

The Rev. Dr. C. George Fitzgerald recently returned from Denver where he received the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education. ACPE provides training and supervision for chaplains who wish to become supervisors and manage a training program at their institution.

ACPE has supervisors, programs and chaplains in many settings including hospitals, hospices, prisons, military, college campuses, prison and addiction recovery programs, police/fire and emergency service groups and anywhere spiritual care is appropriate and needed.



Dr. Fitzgerald received his award after over 60 years in Chaplaincy service and ACPE.

Deacons Corner

Shop for the Church

Make it easy to remember to shop online through the Escrip program to earn money for our church. You can easily download a toolbar app to your device or computer that will remind you to do this. This new one doesn't slow down your browser and it will help you to get special deals also. It just takes a minute to install, just click on this link:

<https://shopping.escrip.com/client/>

Thanks for thinking of our church next time you shop online. Install this at work also if you purchase items for your workplace.



"Compassion, witness and service, sharing the love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures or anyone in distress."

These are what your Deacons in our Church Family here at the First Presbyterian Church do. "Ask a Deacon" has been a Church Family word for years. For those of you that do not know who your Deacons are, or have no clue what a Deacon is or does, please keep reading!! Uh, the Deacons also do their best to keep YOU and YOURS, the Church Families, the whole of the Church Household, informed.

First off, you do not need to have an issue, situation, or problem to talk to the Deacons. They are folks like you and I that believe in what they are doing and have found themselves in a position to be of service to the Church. Deacons like most barbecues, conversation, and fun like everyone else!

In addition, a Deacon will always listen or assist immediately when called upon, if possible. Each individual decides their own level of "Deacon Involvement", Deacons respect individual needs and wishes. There are three Deacons per each of our four parishes, which are designated A, B, C, and D. That's twelve Deacons. And the Deacons know folks..... My point is that the Deacons provide Church Families with a LOT of resources! No topic or conversation to big or small.....

The Deacons also have a fund for the emergencies, situations, and other such pitfalls that occur in life to assist others in our Church Family and carry on our Church's work. As Bruce Johnson told you in the last Deacon's Corner, we regularly cook for the Alameda Midway Shelter, which we do as the Church.

One thing that is of importance for you to know is that your Deacons work for you through YOUR contributions and funding. The Deacon's fund is a separate fund from the Church Offering. There is a Deacon's Treasurer who accounts for all Deacon transactions. All very transparent. There are special brown and white envelopes marked "Deacon's Fund" that appear the first of every month in the offering kits. The first of the month is the suggested time for making a monthly Deacon's Fund contribution, but it can be made at any time by simply writing "Deacon's Fund" on any envelope and placing it in the general collection during the month. All Deacon's funds are used as the good tools our Deacons need desperately for the health, well-being, and betterment of all within the Church.

SOOOO....Your Deacons are here for you, by you, beside you, and funded by you, all for good in the name of the Church. When it comes to giving, sometimes charity should begin at home....and you've got to know you are always at home right here in at First Presbyterian Church of Alameda!

As was written in the last Deacon's Corner article, "Get to know your Deacons. We take it personally."!!!!

Blessings to you all,
Bruce & Cathy Parker -Deacons, Parish A



In Memory of Eunice Birkholm

Claudia Perkins & Bruce Johnson
Barbara Wildman
Roberta & Gary Jung
Louise Parker
Diane & Doug Steed
Michael Criss
Geraldine Justin & Denise Justin-Reid
Cheri Birkholm & Ron Schafer
Randall Umland
Mark & Louise Cronenwett

In Memory of Ethel Pedrick

Barbara Wildman
Louise Parker
Mark & Louise Cronenwett

In Memory of Marjorie Albright In Memory of Bea Babcock

Barbara Wildman
Louise Parker
Mark & Louise Cronenwett

Claudia Perkins & Bruce Johnson
Eunice Birkholm & family
Mark & Louise Cronenwett
Roberta & Gary Jung
Louise Parker

With a Grateful Heart...

My family and I thank you for your prayers, cards and support at this time of our sorrow. May God Bless you. We will miss Marjorie.

~Barbara Wildman and family.



Music Ministry wants to know... "What do you want to sing?"

"What do you want to hear?" We've created a music request form to know your thoughts. We would like to know what Christian songs, including hymns, gospel, old/contemporary sacred songs the congregation would like to sing during the service. The form will be available at the door, so please write down the songs you like. Please note that not every song you put down will be guaranteed to be perform, but it will be still exciting and wonderful to know what would be your favorite Christian songs.

Mark Your Calendars

Women's Breakfast
Saturday, June 18-9am

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, June 25-9am

Church Retreat Fundraiser
Saturday, July 23rd



June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

June 1 Anya KinCannon
Andrew Hovermale
June 8 Chet Ward
June 12 Roy Nason
June 15 John Schuitema
June 16 Julie Curtis
June 22 Marilyn Johnson
June 25 Michael Henning
June 26 Angie Klein
June 28 Annelin Hernandez
June 30 Kay Lamon

Happy Anniversary

June 13 Mark & Louise Cronenwett

*"Jesus is both
the gift and the
giver"*

June Schedule

Sound Schedule

June 5 Rob Ade
June 12 Joab Muchiri
June 19 Barbara Curtis
June 26 Joab Muchiri

Readers for June

June 5 Andy Eggett
June 12 Stacey Rodrigues
June 19 Barbara Curtis
June 26 Mark Carter

Coffee Hour Hosts

June 5 Sharon Burke
Sonja Fisher
June 12 Kingoo Hyuns
June 19 Ankie Schuitema
June 26 Deacons



Women's Breakfast and Bookswap

Please come to our next Women's breakfast gift exchange. If you would like to bring more than one you can. The idea is to clean out your closets and bookshelves and then in turn star breakfast we will be doing a free gain a good book for no cost and for fun! Any bookswap. Please bring any book that you fiction or nonfiction book that would be of interest to many people would be good. have around and would like to exchange for another book. Wrap it up or put it in a giftbag with no tag, as we will be opening up at the meeting, much like a Yankee Trader

See you there!



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