



Good News

Stewardship

In the last couple of years we have shared in “Consecration Sunday”. This year we will be doing something a bit different, yet still engaging in the meaning of stewardship. We have available at the church doors a book “Generosity: Moving Toward Life That Is Truly Life”. This study guide will help us learn more about generous living.

We will start reading the book “Generosity” together on Sunday, October 16 for the next 4 weeks. During this time we will engage in the following Sunday Sermon topics:

- 10/23 Transformation
- 10/30 Freedom
- 11/6 Trust,
- 11/13 Life.

Our month-long shared study will culminate on Commitment Sunday, November 13 with fellowship after worship (no luncheon this year).

Along with our learning how to live a “generous life” on our Sundays together, Pastor Christopher will be offering a class starting ...

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on Wednesday, October 19th at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

Here are the Wednesday class dates:

October 19th & 26th, November 2nd & 9th.

Don't forget to bring your books!

We look forward to sharing and understanding
God's Gift of Generosity together!



“Generosity... what a simple, splendid word. And how special it is to know that generosity is a gift to us from the first and ultimate giver, God. From the very beginning, He has unfolded His sovereign plan of creation, love, grace, and salvation as an expression of His abundant generosity, and He invites each one of us to participate in this with Him as He continues to move through history.”

Music Ministry News

Please help us welcome Lynn, our new Organist, into our church family.

Lynn Finegan, organist, received her training in piano & organ from Peabody, Oberlin Conservatory, and Cleveland Institute of Music. She also studied Organizational Psychology at JFKU University. She is a piano and organ teacher.

Her hobbies include: public speaking, singing with a choir (Diablo Choral Artists), taking ballet class, and reading books about science and spirituality.

Let's Make Beautiful Music Together!

Special Field Trip for Families and Friends....

Celebrate the Holidays with the Niles Canyon Railway



TRAIN OF LIGHTS

December 18th, 2016

4:30-5:30 PM

Club car cost: \$32.50 each

Tickets are limited to 40

Car pooling is available!

Contact Bruce at 908-4156 or brucejohnson51@gmail.com

All Aboard!

Older Adult Ministries News...

Blast From the Past!

Our Annual Ice Cream Social was truly a Blast!

Thank you to all who supported our fundraiser!



Fall Fun Day

*Thursday, October 27 from
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.*

Older Adult Ministry is gathering together for a Fall Funday!

We will be creating a pumpkin tabletop decoration. (Not with real pumpkins.) Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and we will supply the craft items. Coloring will be available for non-crafters.

Deacons' Corner

Report on the Midway Shelter

You can be proud that the deacons at First Presbyterian Church have been supporters of the Midway Shelter since the very beginning back in 1989.

The Midway Shelter is a safe place for homeless women and children, or for those fleeing domestic violence, in Alameda. It's open 24 hours a day and can accommodate up to 30 adults and children. In addition to shelter, they offer case management, counseling and job skills training.

In the past our church has sponsored a "bed", contributing toward to expenses of maintaining a bed for a quarter or an entire year.

The Midway Shelter is a small facility, with a small kitchen. For dinner, the shelter relies on donations from churches and civic organizations around town. Churches take turns cooking for them, assigned to different days of the month.

Your deacons cook for the Midway Shelter the second Sunday of each month. Each parish takes a turn on a rotating basis. In September Parish C made ham salad, funeral potatoes with brownies and carrot cake. This month Parish D will cook for the Midway Shelter October 9th.

Sometimes folks cook at home and deliver to church or the shelter. On other occasions folks gather together to cook and prepare meals in our splendid kitchen.

For years the Middle School or Youth group has cooked for the shelter on the odd fifth Monday of the month.

This leads to some interesting meals, as the fifth Monday falls around Memorial Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving or New Years Eve.

One year we decided to make tamales for New Years Eve. We made four different kinds, and turned out over 400 tamales in three hours. Toward then end, we had kids and parents all working together to make our deadline. It was chaos. It was messy. While they were delicious, I have promised to NEVER make tamales again.

Recently the Older Adult Ministry has taken over cooking on the fifth Monday. Bless you! The next fifth Monday is, you guessed it, Halloween!

If you would like a chance to be of service, or show of your culinary skills, talk to your Parish deacons or Deb Saltzman, Chair of the Older Adult Ministry.

Our thanks for your continued support of this community ministry,
Bruce Johnson, Deacon, Parish C



Boy Scouts-Troop 2 News

Troop 2 has had a good summer. The boys started off in June with a campout at Lake Del Valle.

In July they went on a seven day camp out at Camp Winton on the Bear River Reservoir in the Sierras. Boys swam in the lake, canoed a few miles and camped overnight, shot rifles and shotguns, and learned other camping skills. After summer camp our Venture Crew – boys and girls 14-20 – kayaked Tamales Bay and camped overnight. The boys kayaked on the bay in the dark and observed the bioluminescence from the algae. It was like watch fireflies in the water.

The summer finished with a 50 mile backpacking trip in the Marble Mountains near Yreka in August and a Family Camp in September in Marin County.



Mark Your Calendars

“Generosity” Bible Study
Wednesdays for 4 weeks starting
October 19th at 11:00 am

OAM Funday
Thursday, October 27th -
1:00 pm

Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, November 6th
Don't forget to go back 1 hour

Commitment Sunday
Sunday, November 13th

Women's Breakfast
Saturday, Nov 19th-9:00 am

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 24th

Advent begins
Sunday, November 27th

It's A Retreat Fundraiser!

Join us for a
SQUARE DANCE

Saturday, October 22nd, 6:30 to 8 PM

College Avenue Presbyterian Church
5951 College Avenue

(free parking in the Dryers' parking lot)
Oakland, CA.

Admission:
\$2 individuals and \$5 per family

Featuring a live caller, drinks and snacks! Bring
the whole family!



Tickets on sale at the door, at church coffee hour or see a member of the retreat committee.



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