



Presbeat



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"New Season Starting"



"Thank You!"

Thank you for your gracious and generous Pastor Appreciation Gift you gave me during the December 15 worship service. You are a blessing to me and it is a joy to be your pastor.

I am looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us in the coming year. We will start by ordaining and installing new elders and deacons during the January 5 and 12 worship services. Then we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 12 following the worship service. This will be a time to celebrate what God has been doing in our midst. We will also be considering how God is calling us to be a blessing to others in the new year.

As with all new beginnings, we need to begin the new year with prayer. Please join with me in asking the Lord for the guidance and the grace we need to be a blessing to our community and to our world in 2020.

In Christ, *David*



Happy New Year FPCU Families!



We are kicking the New Year off RIGHT here at First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah!

Our kids and teens programs are back with **HANGOUT** returning to us on Thursday nights from 5:30 to 7pm. Our K-5th graders have had an amazing time so far this school year joining with us for weekly dinner, games, and art projects! Encourage your student to invite their friends from school or other activities and help us expand our ministry beyond FPCU!

We also be holding our other weekly ministry in the New Year: Wednesday night **YOUTH GROUP**! We've had a lot more teens join us recently for our Wednesday gatherings, and they've loved it so much we have decided to extend our meeting times! This year, we will meet from 6 to 8pm. There is just so much fun, games, and learning to be had!

In the coming year, we also plan on adventuring a number of Youth Group trips, attending camp again at Westminster Woods, going on retreats, and doing more community service projects! Stay tuned as we announce our plans for Galentine's Day festivities, our 2nd Annual 30-Hour Famine, a college road trip and MORE!

Sunday mornings are a great way to stay connected to us. Every week, we hold the **NURSERY**, **SUNDAY SCHOOL**, and **DONUTS & DEVOTIONALS** (a Bible study for grades 6-12) on Sunday mornings! A great way to start the year off right is by making a resolution to your family that Sunday mornings will be a part of your weekly routine. Our kids absolutely love our Sunday morning programs, and it is a great way for parents to refresh their hearts and minds in the midst of a very busy week!

For more information about Children and Family Programs, contact Alexis at 707-391-9460 or alexis@fpcukiah.org. You can also find us on Facebook at "FPCU Youth and Family Ministries" and on Instagram at @fpcuyouth

In Christ ~ *Alexis*

MISSION MOMENT *Mark Smith, Elder*

The Missions Committee would like to thank you for your donations of time, talents, money and prayers. As a result of your continued support, we continue support of our various global, national and local ministries doing a lot of God's work. Here is a summary of our accomplishments in 2019:



Cents-ability: Your contributions to the first of the month offerings and when the donation cans were placed on the tables during potlucks generated \$515. These monies are used to support food banks throughout the Presbytery.

Pedal-4-Protein: Ride coordinator, Patty Sanders presented a Moment for Mission in August requesting our support for the annual bicycle ride that generates funds for use by the area food banks (like Cents-

ability). You purchased \$851 of Patty's items that day, \$412 of which came back to FPCU for our local food bank.

Care Packages: We continued to collect, package and send peanut butter, beans and chewable vitamins to the Caritas Orphanage in Djibouti and cookies for our military troops stationed nearby.

Uganda Orphanage: As a result of our two Meals-to-Go Fundraisers and our rummage sale, we were able to raise a little over \$6,000 that were earmarked for this ministry. We also carried over about \$3500 from last year for a total of \$9500 to support our efforts. The money will be used to support the orphanage and send Kevin and Shelly Mack to the orphanage in January, 2020 and Pastor David in February, 2020. In the past, our funds helped pay to construct the orphanage. This upcoming trip will be the second visit for Kevin and Shelly who, in addition to spending valuable time with the kids and Pastor John, will be focused on assessing how we can best support Pastor John and his work at the orphanage, going forward. This will be Pastor David's first trip. He will be spending time meeting with Pastor John and other local religious leaders and visiting the Embassy to assist Pastor John in securing a Visa to travel outside of Uganda.

Operation Christmas Child: In the past, our church was the collection center for this annual event in the Ukiah area. This year, a new location was established. Our members continue to support filling shoeboxes with gifts for the children.

Sweat Equity Mission: This year we embarked on this new endeavor. Volunteers spent time working with local young couples who are constructing new homes with their own labor. Next year, we plan to travel to Lake County to assist the Hope Crisis Resource Network in their efforts rebuilding damaged or lost homes from the fires that have devastated the area since 2015.

Other Support: Separate from the monies raised for the various activities listed above, we also raised \$4350 to support various other local faith-based individuals and organizations. These include: Peggy Arendt (Reach Global), Nor Cal Christian Ministries, One Great Hour of Sharing, Target Truth Ministries, Student Ministries, The Alkare Foundation, Presbyterian Church (USA) and Interfaith Lunches.

And lastly, we are **DISCONTINUING THE "SHOE-RECYCLING" MINISTRY**. The effort, while in some ways is worthwhile, was a very labor-intensive project with very little return. We are continuing the "Shoes-for-You" ministry, but we are no longer collecting shoes for recycling. **Please, do not drop off any more shoes or any other rummage.**

The Missions Committee says "Thank You!" to our church family for your continued support in these missions ministries!

VIP Luncheon

Wednesday, January 15th @ 11:30am

All those Very Important People age 70 and over are invited to a luncheon on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.



*Come join us as we gather around the table for good food and fellowship.
No reservations necessary. But do let us know if you need a ride.*



New Ways of Giving via the FPCU Website

FPCU now offers members and friends two new options for giving. Mobile giving is now available with either the Tithe.ly and/or Givelify app, giving platforms for churches. With Mobile Giving you can download the Tithe.ly or Givelify mobile app to your smartphone or tablet and give to FPCU anytime, anywhere.

On Sunday morning during worship service members and friends in the FPCU congregation traditionally give an offering to God as thanks for the blessings that God gives to us. Worshipers place their gifts of cash and checks in one of the offering plates as it is passed by the ushers.

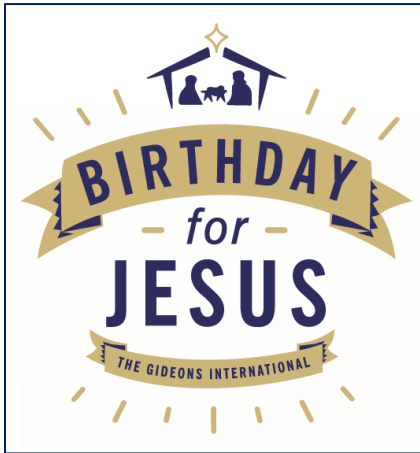
FPCU's new giving options through the Tithe.ly or Givelify platform give members and friends the ability to give their offering anytime and from any place they may be – even during the worship offering time.

Giving to FPCU is no longer confined to the hour that we're in church. If we stay home because we don't feel well, are on vacation, or have other plans, we don't have to miss giving our offering. If a friend or relative of a member lives out of the area or even in another country, they can easily contribute to FPCU using their smartphone.

With Mobile Giving you can give to FPCU by using either the Tithe.ly or Givelify app on your smartphone or tablet.

- Go to your smartphone's app store and search for the Tithe.ly or Givelify app. (For an iPhone or iPad go to the Apple App Store; For Android device go to Google Play). Once you have downloaded the Tithe.ly or Givelify app, you will need to register online to give to FPCU. The apps are free to download and free to use. There is a low 2.9% + \$0.30 fee per transaction. For example, a \$100 donation would be a net \$96.80 sent to FPCU.
- Once you've downloaded the Tithe.ly/Givelify app search for First Presbyterian Church, Ukiah. Follow the prompts to Create an Account and Give. It's that simple!
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about giving with Tithe.ly/Givelify including Cover the Fees™ calculations, recurring giving, security, changing personal giving options, or How to Create a Recurring Gift can be found on the link associated with each giving platform found on our website <http://www.fpcukiah.org/>

2 Corinthians 9:6-8. Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



Birthday for Jesus

As believers in Jesus Christ, we have the greatest story in the world to tell—the story of a Savior who came to earth to save mankind. This time of year, the world can tempt us to get caught up in all of the commercial aspects of this holiday. But you and I know the real reason for Christmas.

We are pleased to announce that our church partnered with The Gideons International this Christmas to share the greatest story of all—the story of Jesus. It's called Birthday for Jesus, an opportunity our church offers you to celebrate Christ's birth by donating Bibles around the world in His honor.

To participate in this opportunity to touch lives with the Gospel, please take one of the donation envelopes from the display in Fellowship Hall (*were handed out on December 1st during worship*), fill it out, and include the amount you wish to donate to The Gideons International in honor of Jesus' birth. Your donation will help provide for the placement and distribution of Scriptures in some 200 countries, territories, and possessions throughout the world.

Inside the envelope you'll find a decorative card that is yours to keep. You can display it wherever you like as a reminder to pray for those who will encounter the Scriptures you are providing.

Isaiah 55:11 tells us God's Word does not return void. Please pray for those who receive these Scriptures, knowing somewhere in the world, a man, woman, boy, or girl, will receive a copy of God's Word that you helped provide. Pray also for lives to be changed as they read the story of Jesus Christ and receive Him as Lord and Savior.

Please fill out the envelope and place the envelope in the church collection basket. Birthday for Jesus collections by our church will be taken through January 5, 2020, or mail it to P.O. Box 113, Ukiah.

Thank you. And may God bless you and your family this New Year.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. —Luke 2:8-11 (KJV)

Dear friends, partners, Brothers and Sisters

On the occasion of this Christmas celebration and of this coming New Year, I address you, on my own personal behalf and on behalf of the staff and beneficiaries of Caritas Djibouti our warmest wishes. May 2020 be for you and your loved ones a sign of hope and bring you all blessings.

May these few words from the Pope Francis, at the occasion of the 3rd Day of the Poor, be the inspiration of our heart in order to participate more and with the same trust to the joy of the weakest:

« *The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever* ».

Fraternally yours. **Francesco MARTIALIS, Director, Caritas Djibouti**

Update from Finance:

Through November we have contributions of \$236,680 and expenses of \$237,140. Our expenses were lower in November, which helped to close our gap as well as your strong giving.

Please do not forget to submit your pledge card for 2020 if you have not already done so.

Thank you to your faithful giving to our church not only through monetary contributions, but all of the support you do for our programs. We are able to share God's love in our community and around the world, because of each of you. Thank you.

Session Meeting: October 17th

Decisions/Action Items:

- Accept the 2020 Budget of \$298,229

Pastor Report: On 12-1-19 I will be preaching at the installation service for the Rev. John Carrick at the Ft. Bragg Presbyterian Church. After discussion the Session was unable, at the meeting, to designate a place to hold the Christmas party. During the coming week(s) leading up to the 12-19-19 Session meeting the situation will hopefully be resolved.

Director Youth/Families Ministries Report

- **Youth Group:** Continuing to combine 6th-12th graders on weekly basis, but splitting boys/girls for small group time. We are reading through the book of John using the Serendipity Bible. We are considering extending youth group by a half hour (6 to 8 pm instead of 6 to 7:30 pm).
- **Sunday Morning Activities:** Volunteer adult leaders are set for the rest of the year. There is a concern regarding the low attendance for Sunday morning Sunday school.
- **Hangout:** A Hangout Parent Night is scheduled for 12-19-19; Christmas Caroling will be included (may have to reschedule due to conflict with Session meeting on same date).
- **Movie Night 10-18-19:** A movie night party for high schoolers. Activities included playing games, celebrating Halloween, and watching Scooby-doo.
- **Trunk or Treat 10-31-19:** The event included 10 cars for Trunk or Treating, a craft station, corn hole, and music. There was, however, no chili due to the power outage. We passed out a lot of Hangout fliers.
- **Fall Retreat 11-1-19 to 11-3-19:** Retreat had to be postponed because of the fires. Plans are underway to reschedule, probably in January, 2020.
- **Youth Group Christmas Party, TBD:** Will be held at Roe and Kitty's again this year.
- **Young Adult Group:** Meeting time has been changed to every other Friday, 7pm to 9pm at the church.. We hope to hire 1-2 youth to babysit on those nights (\$15-\$20 each) in the nursery.

As of November 30th, 2019		Total \$\$
Income	\$	236,680
Expenses	\$	237,140
Difference	\$	(460)
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds	\$	93,987
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	48,157
Total Balance in Checking	\$	142,143
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$
CD's	\$	44,479
Mutual Funds	\$	27,941
Other Savings	\$	68,500
Total Balance in Savings	\$	140,920
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account		
Missions	\$	851
Mission Trip	\$	6,459
Missions Fundraiser	\$	6,547
Centsability	\$	126
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	-
Shoes 4 You	\$	-
Pedals 4 Protein	\$	-
Pass-Through	\$	-
Per Capita	\$	94
Deacons	\$	12
Flowers	\$	-
General Memorial	\$	28,583
Buildings & Grounds	\$	-
Compassionate Ministries	\$	1,419
Pastor Appreciation	\$	945
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Singalong	\$	361
Fellowship Meals	\$	38
Youth Activities	\$	154
Children's Activities	\$	-
Children's Playground	\$	2,405
Camperships	\$	160
Total	\$	48,157

Resource Council Reports:

- **Finance:** The Session was presented with three reports. 1)Income Statement for General Funds. Income was less than budgeted (\$18,885-\$17,701), while expenses exceeded budget (\$20,377-\$20,857). Manse maintenance and repairs exceeded budgetary plans. FPCU continues to be on track to have a shortfall for 2019 to income of \$9,137, which is a significant improvement from the budgeted shortfall of \$31,467. 2)Designated Income and Expenses. By 9-30-19 an additional \$22,614 had come into the account from Missions, Pass Through, Per Capita, and General Memorial. At the same time, \$14,005 of the funds have been spent on various projects. The Designated Funds Balance is \$49,263. 3)PresBeat Summary. Through October 2019 FPCU YTD income (\$212,858) lags behind expenses (\$218,714), leaving the church with a current shortfall of \$5,856. The current checking account balance is \$137,770, and the savings account balance is \$143,595. The designated fund balance is \$49,262. There continues to be interest shown in the Ramos property.
- **Buildings and Grounds:** The next meeting is 12-5-19. The next workday and Christmas party is 12-7-19.
- **Personnel:** Still looking for a Children's Ministry Assistant. The evaluation for Alexis has been completed. David's will be completed when he returns.
- **Nominating:** The committee has made progress however, we still have some contacts to make. We will be ready Sunday.

Family Council Reports:

- **Worship-Music:** Hanging of the Greens and dedication of the shoeboxes will be this Sunday, 11-24-19. 12-1-19 is the first Sunday of Advent.
- **Christian Education:** We are attempting to recruit additional Sunday School Teachers for the purpose of building depth to the Sunday School Volunteer Program.
- **Congregational Life:** Reminder that Session will set up for the Harvest dinner, 12-15-19.
- **Communication:** The new church website should be ready by the first of the new year.

OLD BUSINESS: The Jr. High room has been transformed into a quiet room/meditation room. Lately it has been used as a storage room. An improved communication system is going to be setup/implemented so the room can maintain character/purpose while recognizing the need to be somewhat flexible.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk will talk to David regarding scheduling dates for instruction, examination, ordination, and installation of incoming Elders and Deacons. These events hopefully occur before the scheduled 1-16-20 Session meeting and possible January deployment/Africa trip.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 16th

2020 Session Members: Randy Beckler, Jerry Garcia, Dory Haselswerdt, Randy Huffman, Alexis Moore, Wilma Pribyl, David Rodriguez (ex-officio), Roe Sandelin, Mark Smith, Lenord Swope

Did we miss your birthday???

Please contact the church office or email Denise, denise@fpcukiah.org so that we can celebrate with you!

Happy Birthday!

1/11 Josh Kirchen
1/12 Drake Young
1/15 Michele Young
1/16 Janet Noe

1/20 Debbie Cummings
1/21 Carol Connerton
1/22 Joe Luiz
Cathy Rodriguez

1/23 Nancie Garcia
Jose Gomez
1/31 Shannon Phelan



JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat							
			1	Office Closed (New Year's Day)	2	5:30pm Hangout 6pm AA	3	7pm Young Adult Group	4				
5	10am Worship Cents-ability / Communion	6	6pm Cub Scouts	7	7am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Women's Bible Study 11:15am Worship Committee 5pm SIPs Bible Study 5:30pm Christian Ed Committee 6pm AA / NAHOP	8	1pm Knit Group 1:30pm PW Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Worship Team	9	12:30pm ABC Program 5:30pm Hangout 6pm AA 6:30pm Scouts BSA	10		11	9am Stitches from the Heart
12	10am Worship 11:15am Missions Committee	13	6pm Cub Scouts	14	7am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Women's Bible Study 10:30 Communic Committee 5pm SIPs Bible Study 6pm AA / NAHOP	15	11:30am VIP Luncheon 1pm Knit Group 1:30pm PW Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Worship Team	16	5:30pm Hangout 6pm AA / Session	17	7pm Young Adult Group	18	
19	10am Worship	20	Office Closed (Martin Luther King Birthday)	21	7am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Women's Bible Study 11:30am Family/ Outreach Cncl 5pm SIPs Bible Study 6pm AA / NAHOP	22	1pm Knit Group 1:30pm PW Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Worship Team	23	12:30pm ABC Program 5:30pm Hangout; Deacons 6pm AA	24		25	
26	10am Worship	27	6pm Cub Scouts	28	7am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Women's Bible Study 5pm SIPs Bible Study 6pm AA / NAHOP	29	1pm Knit Group 6pm Youth Group 7pm Worship Team	30	5:30pm Hangout 6pm AA	31	7pm Young Adult Group		

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