

## Community Outreach

The mission of the Community Outreach at **First Presbyterian Church** is to support our congregation in the expression of their Christian faith through ministry and **service to those in need** within our **local community** in order to make our church's mission a living reality.

We work with and support established groups and organizations that are focused on the **Homeless, Working Poor** and the **Unemployed** of SLO County



Community Outreach ministries include: **Green Pastures, Literacy Center, Shelter Overflow, MLM Shelter** dinners, **People's Kitchen** lunches, **Peoples' Self-Help Housing**.

If you would like to learn more about any of these ministries or would like to volunteer your time, treasure, or talent please contact **Dave Kuykendall** or any member of the church staff.



### First Presbyterian Church

#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 12:00

#### Office Phone

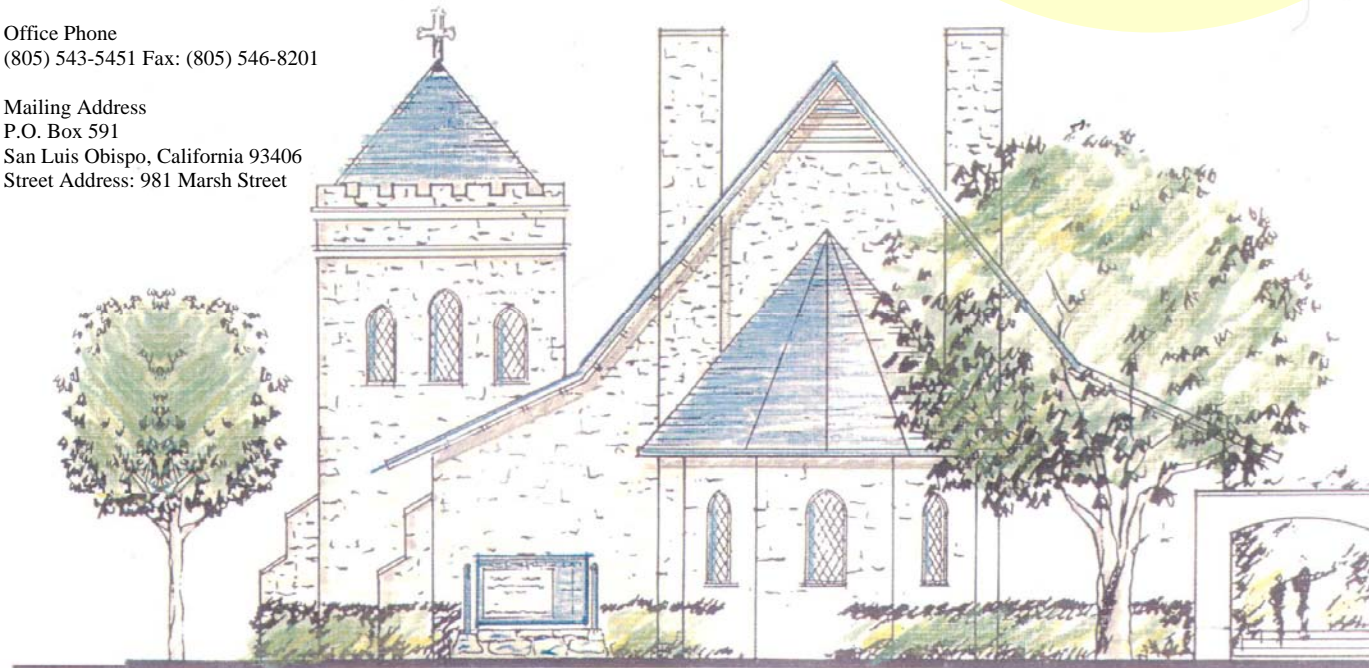
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## Green Pastures

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## SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE

# Green Pastures

### What is the mission of the group?

We are called by Christ to serve in a safe place those in need by providing care, guidance, and practical emergency assistance.

### What does a volunteer do?

Volunteers work in pairs and meet individually with clients, who sign in and complete an application and wait their turn at the church office. An interview is conducted and documented. A determination is made as to what assistance is needed and what we can provide. Clients are asked whether we can pray with them and a prayer is offered when requested.

Volunteers: scheduled to work one Wednesday afternoon/month; available as needed (by appointment) to act as a client resource (e.g. auto repair, financial planning)

### How long has the group been in operation?

It was established in 2000.

### What inspired the group's foundation?

Rev. Richard E. Wardlaw, pastoral counselor and social worker, saw the need to provide one-on-one support.

### Number of volunteers?

Seven

### Annual operating budget?

None; 2007: \$12,805 total expenditures

### Percent of budget coming from donations?

100 %: 35% Community Outreach; 28% individuals; 16% Deacons; 12% Presbyterian Women; 9% Alternative Gift Fair

### Percent of budget going towards overhead?

Zero

### Target population/geographic location served?

2007: served 405 clients in SLO County: homeless (50%); working poor (40%); transients (10%)

### What services does the group offer?

Open each Wednesday 1 – 4 p.m. to provide financial assistance (e.g. rent, auto repair, local bus passes, Greyhound or Amtrak tickets, utility bills, car insurance, registration), food vouchers, gas vouchers, sleeping bags; referrals to other SLO County agencies; and prayers

### What are the group's current needs?

Volunteers, donations, prayers

### Green Pasture Volunteers

Baxter Dunaway  
Dana Easton  
Dorie Larson  
Dave Kuykendall  
Meg Kuykendall  
Jim Nielsen  
Carrie Vermeer

### Contact:

**Dorie Larson**

