



**FIRST
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CHURCH**
San Luis Obispo

The Kirk

June, 2018



As we move into the summer and find our plans taking us to different places and helping us to enjoy the beauty of our surroundings and attending to our spiritual growth on Sundays, as well as finding time to fish, golf, and spend time with others, we need to consider what God is calling us to do to enjoy this season of our lives to its fullest extent. So I thought I would share with you the obvious, something that is right before us in our every day travels and events we find ourselves involved in, something that gives us joy and pleases the heart of God. In 1 Corinthians 10 it says, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." And how best to glorify God than by fulfilling the Great Commission and inviting your family and friends to worship. According to the Natural Church Development program, our greatest need for church health is "need based evangelism", which means to be able to reach out into our community and help those who are in need of something or someone. If we help, if we come along side, if we are willing to look at those our Lord has put us in company with, we will begin to grow in healthy ways. So the question is- what can you do to carry out God's Great Commission this summer?

Well, consider the story that Charles Colson told in his book, Kingdoms in Conflict. He told of visiting a prison in Jessup, Maryland. Governor Hughes was there to greet them. Gospel singer Wintley Phipps was there to sing. Herman Heade, a former inmate who had been converted to Christ while in solitary confinement, gave a powerful testimony. But when asked what had meant the most, one of the prisoners said with choked voice:

"I really appreciated Chuck Colson's message. Wintley Phipp's singing stirred me beyond words, and Herman's testimony reached me right where I was at. But frankly, those things really didn't impress me as much as what happened later. When the celebrities and TV cameras left, the ladies among the volunteers went into the dining hall, with all the noise and confusion, and sat at the table to have a meal with us. That's what really got to me."

It would be wonderful if we could all sing like angels, but some of us can't. It would be wonderful if we could all stand in front of a crowd and give a powerful testimony, but some of us can't. But who among us can't show a bit of humanity, a bit of caring, a bit of Christian love for a prisoner or a person who is hungry, or for a friend down on his or her luck. Christ doesn't need us to be Hollywood star quality. He needs only for us to be faithful with the gifts, great or small, with which he has blessed us, so that, in turn, we can be a blessing to others. That's what "need based evangelism" is all about.

Humbly,
Dennis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following seniors (over 85) who have birthdays in June:

Starr Jenkins – June 1

John Evans – early in June

Barbara (Lexie) Daily – June 11

Vic Buccola – June 20 (turns 85 this year)

Lark Carter – June 26

George Daniel – June 26

Joe Barnett – June 29 (turns 85 this year)

To everyone else with a June birthday!

If we have overlooked anyone, please contact the Church Office at 543-5451.

CHILDREN'S ED NEWS

WEDNESDAYS AT THE ROCK

It is hard to believe we are almost through the school year and taking a break for summer. What a great year it has been. The kids have grown and learned so much. We can't wait until we start up again in September. May 30 is our last meeting where we will have an Open House and BBQ for all the families. Thank you to all who have supported us and volunteered their time. A special shout out to Becky Falasco and Alison Lewis for making all the music happen.

VBS/SUMMER CAMP

We are so excited to be offering three separate weeks of VBS/Summer Camp this year. Registration is now open at www.fpcslo.org. Please invite any kids you know to join us. Nursery care is available and there are lots of opportunities for older kids to help out and volunteer.

June 11-15: "Getting S'more of Jesus"

July 9-13: "Christmas in July"

August 6-10: "Where Is Jesus"

CHRISTIAN ED SUNDAY- JUNE 3

Please join us as we celebrate all of those who lead Educational Opportunities this year.

We will also be honoring Katherine Gross who is graduating from Cal Poly. She has worked in the Children's Ed. Department for three years. We are really going to miss her but excited about the new chapter in her life. Ask her about it!

Also, we will be saying good bye to Ryan Joslin. He has worked with our Youth for over three years and is heading off to Yale. We are going to miss Ryan as well, but how exciting for him to further his education.

Best wishes and prayers to both.

FYI- we have decided to switch our bonfire to a movie night. It takes place June 16- watch for details.

Your Children's Ed Committee

Jen Rabenaldt, Teri Cueto, MaryEl Hansen, Bonnie Kraemer, Becky Moseey, Diane Shervem, and Anne Walling

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 30, 2018

	Actual		Budget
	Month	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Income	\$63,712	\$228,990	\$190,152
Expenses	\$54,156	\$206,757	\$186,664
Difference	\$9,556	\$22,233	\$3,488

As part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the church is asked to pay a per capita apportionment. This year the level of support is \$80.00 per member. Per Capita income received to date is \$5,190.

-Your Budget & Finance Committee

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The theme for our last lesson of the year is "In Community With All the Saints." The book of Hebrews has been our focus. In conclusion with our community of women, we have achieved new insights as we explored how the great cloud of witness from our past and present supports us in how to live in faith. It's never too late to join us to learn how this last lesson will help you live out your faith. Here's an example of one of the lesson's questions: "When have you seen someone in your community exhibit Christ-like behavior that you wanted to emulate?" We have great discussions, so join us. Within the book this year were numerous stories about special women who were in the "Cloud of Witnesses" of someone special. Have you read them? Do you have a story about someone in your life? Or someone in our congregation that has been a strong role model for women? We are very grateful for people who have contributed to our Christian journey. You should write their story and share it in one of the Kirk's issues.

The 2018-2019 Horizon's Bible Study is "God's Promise: I AM WITH YOU." The lessons were written by Amy Poling Sutherland. The "Suggestions for Leaders" was written by Brenda Bertrand and the art work by James Qi He and Annette Cable. We will learn more about these ladies when we gather for brunch on **September 6 at 9:30 am** in Wilson Hall for the introduction of this new study. Study books are on order and will be available later. Each group's contact

person will be notified when they arrive so you are able to have them for the introduction session. This new study will take us on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence. We shall journey through the Old Testament to the New Testament and beyond. You don't want to miss this year's study. If anyone is interested in starting a new group call Dorothy.

A major resource of information about the work of women in the world is written about in the magazine published by Presbyterian Women called "Horizons." Six issues a year span the globe with stories of programs addressing the needs of people, stories about visits to assist in health and safety issues in poor countries, help and suggestions for all of the Bible study lessons, stories about special women that have made a difference in the lives of others (who serve as role models for us), and much much more. Subscriptions are available at 1-886-802-3635 or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org.

It's not too late to register for the Presbyterian Women's 2018 Churchwide Gathering. Registration forms are available on line at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.

-Dorothy Truesdale, Moderator

CONGREGATIONAL CARE CORNER

Please pray for our church family, especially:

For the Rev. Dennis Falasco as he guides our congregation,
For our elders and deacons as they lead us,
For Jen Rabenaldt and all who help with our Children's Ministry,
For Katherine Gross, who works with our children, as she graduates Cal Poly and moves to Oklahoma to work with Teach America.
For all those involved in our Youth Ministry, especially leaders Sarah Dirk, and Jake Wolfe,
For Ryan Joslin, youth leader, who will be leaving SLO to attend Yale Divinity School,
For Joel Drenckpohl and the Front Porch Campus Ministry,

For those who are undergoing treatments for various health issues,
For our church's elderly, especially those confined to their homes or care centers, like Cathy Anderson, Charles Blair, Gladys Brannum, George Daniel, Jean Honeyman, Lorna Hudson, Starr Jenkins, Marie Kammenzind, Ralph Nunley, Joy Reed, Idabelle Shields, Dottie Jean & John Stechman, Carol West, and Richard Wiens,
For Leila Humphrey, and family and friends of Bob, who passed away in April,
For Kathy & John Eichler in the passing of Kathy's mother, Hulda Nickel, in May at age 105,
For the women and men who do so much to support the countless ministries, missions, and activities of our church,
For the local and global missions our church supports,
For members and friends serving in the military:
Drew Descary (stationed at Los Angeles and recruiting in the western USA)
Laura Kraemer (attending Navy Medical School in Maryland)
Jim Shelton (deployed on an aircraft carrier)
Michael Poe (son of Garry & Chris; stationed in Florida)
Joseph Sall (son of Anne Ramirez; stationed in Pennsylvania)
Travis Hatakeyama (grandson of the Luensers; stationed in Germany)
Brendan Humphrey (grandson of Leila; on the USS Carl Vinson)
R. Brooks Anderson (grandson of Dorothy Truesdale; on the USS North Dakota)
Sean Gillson (grandson of Barbara & Gene; stationed on Whidbey Island)
Chris King (grandson of Lois Morgan; serving in the Middle East)

For all of us as we serve God wherever He calls us.



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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ONE SERVICE at 10 am | EDUCATION HOUR at 11 am

COMING UP

BROWN BAG CONCERT

The Friday, June 1 concert will feature local ukulele group the SLO Strummers. Sing along with Broadway show tunes in Wilson Hall at 12 pm.

BOOK BROWSERS will meet on Tuesday, June 5 at 5:30 pm for our annual potluck. We will meet in the Geneva Room and make our final decisions for our 2018/2019 book list. Everyone is asked to bring their own table service and a salad to share. Questions? Contact Diane Shervem at 543-1473 or dshervem@charter.net.

ADULT EDUCATION

Join us for a special Adult Education class based on the book *You Are What You Love* by James K.A. Smith. This class will begin on June 24 and run through August 5. On June 24, Eric Garner (our former Youth Director) will be here and begin our series. The class will be followed by a light potluck luncheon so we can visit with Eric. Other leaders include Kate Murray, Cliff Elliott, Jim Seeber, Luanne Griguoli, Jen Rabenaldt, and Bob Gordon. We will have sign-ups in the courtyard on June 3, June 10, and June 17. We hope you'll be able to join us for at least some of the series!