

PresbyNews

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***Sunday Services:
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.***

***Sunday School:
Preschool-5th grades 9 & 11 a.m.
6th thru 8th grades 9 am
9th thru 12th grade 11 a.m.***

Adult Class 10-11 a.m.

Crew
Sr. High Fellowship
Starts
Wednesday Sept. 12
7-8:30 pm.
Quinn Vaughn

Munchies
Jr. High School Fellowship
Starts Thursday Sept. 13
7-8:30pm
Patrick Vaughn

Sept. 5 Adult Discussion Group
2pm

Sept. 9 Life Group Leaders
Meeting 12:15pm

Sept. 14-16 Faith's Fall Retreat

Sept. 16-23 Family Promise

Oct. 14 Harvest Dinner,
Auction, & Raffle
4 p.m.

Fall Kick-Off is this Sunday, Sept. 9th!

It's not like we've been taking the summer off, but everything really gets back in gear this Sunday. The chancel choir will be back leading in worship. Our Children's Program will be in full Fall swing. Pastor Jeff will begin a brand new sermon series. We are introducing our newly designed bulletin format. And our church website has been redesigned and updated (www.faithpresby.org). Many of us have been out and about this summer so don't miss this opportunity to gather back together. Come join us. We'll save you a seat!

Harvest Dinner, Auction & Raffle Coming Soon

The Fellowship Committee's big fundraiser for our Campership Fund, our Harvest Dinner and Auction, is scheduled for Sunday, October 14 at 4 p.m. Campership funds are made available to families for children's camp at Westminster Woods, Faith's Fall Retreat & the Women's Retreat.

Dinner will be catered by Mike Andrade again this year. Our menu will be tri-tip beef, chicken, Texas baked beans, green salad, vegetables, rolls & dessert. Tickets will be on sale in the courtyard (look for anyone wearing a cowboy hat!) starting September 2nd. Cost of tickets: Adults \$10, Teens (13-18) \$5, Kids (12 & under) Free. Please get your tickets early so we can plan accordingly. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Please consider donating items for this -- new items only, please. Auction forms are available in the narthex. Please fill out completely and leave in basket. Some ideas for donations: Time/Talent: Babysitting, pet sitting, yard work, handyman jobs, baking, wrapping Christmas gifts, whatever your talent might be. Also, vacation spots, gift baskets, sports tickets, gift certificates, etc. We already have some great donations like 2 rounds of golf at Chardonay Golf Course, 2- night stay at Asilomar, gift certificates for Mimi's Café, Scott's Seafood, Outback, Capital Nursery, Disneyland, and more! For Auction information, contact Kitty Tatro at 393-4734. For Ticket information, contact Paul Keller at 392-0304.

What Are Those Elders Up to Now?

Highlights from August's Session Meeting

The following are some of the decisions which were made this month at Session and some of the areas of ministry which were celebrated. We hope you share in the enthusiasm of Session in all that God is doing in our midst. As a reminder, Session meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 in the east wing. Unless otherwise determined, they are open meetings and church members are always encouraged to come listen in. We'll even share our snacks!

Session Spends Time in Celebration and Prayer: This summer our Session has begun a practice of beginning our meetings by taking 30 minutes of time in the sanctuary. We share ways we have seen God at work at Faith and spend time praying for the people and ministries of this congregation. It has been a fantastic addition to our monthly agenda.

Our Deacons Appreciated: Thanks were extended to the deacons for their faithful work as they prepared and graciously served the families of Yvonne Marshall, Richard Willey and Mary Lou Bailey at recent memorial services. We thank them for representing the presence of Christ, especially in these difficult situations.

Have Training, Will Drive: We are in need of an additional shuttle bus driver! This popular means of getting to and from church is extending into the weekly offerings of the church and another driver is needed to help bring folks to the church. Contact Pastor Jim or Pat Beal if you are interested.

Sing to the Lord a New Song: After careful deliberation of the Music Search Committee recommendations, the Session made a decision to extend an offer to our choice for the new Director of Music Ministries. If all goes according to schedule, our new director will be here by October. Thanks were extended in advance to Dennis Merwin who will fill the Choir Director shoes until that time.

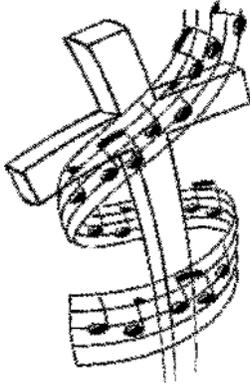
Nursery Upgrades Approved: Director of Children's Ministry Melinda Lewis presented a compelling proposal for needed upgrades in the nursery. Approved by session and to be paid for with memorial funds, the changes will include the installation of a phone in the nursery, the installation of a half wall/door in the nursery as well as cubbies for the children's belongings, a new changing table, a ten-page pager system so that staff and parents can be contacted immediately if needed and a reading center for the children.

Compassion Weekend Steering Committee selected: One weekend in April 2008 will find Faith Church participating in an awesome time of Christian Service to our community called, at this point, "Compassion Weekend". Planning/coordinating the many opportunities to serve and worship God through service will be Sue Hooper, Chairperson, Rick Brandsma, Carey Kincaid, Joyce Hathaway, John Noe, Jennifer Smith and a youth who is yet to be named. The initial costs for the weekend are covered by a generous anonymous donation of \$10,500.

October session date changed: The session meeting in October will be held on the 15th to accommodate a Pastors' Retreat the previous week.

Betsy Butler Chosen as New Director of Music Ministry!

The Music Search Committee and the Session of Faith are extremely pleased to announce the hiring of a new Director of Music Ministry. Betsy Butler comes to us with extraordinary qualifications. She has received training (Master of Music in Choral Conducting) from Westminster College in Princeton, NJ. She also has spent the last 20 years leading church and community choirs of all ages, and also has considerable experience conducting instrumental groups, orchestras and bell choirs. For many of those years she has worked as a part of church leadership teams planning worship, and has developed and facilitated music education programs for children and youth.



Betsy and her husband, Jim, currently live nearby in Davis where she most recently served as Director of Music at St. Martin's Episcopal Church. She plans to begin work here at Faith the week of October 8th, and will lead in worship for the first time on October 14th. Dennis Merwin has graciously agreed to provide leadership to the Chancel Choir in the meantime so they can begin leading in worship on September 9th.

We know you all will want to join us in welcoming Betsy and Jim to Faith in the days to come! All those involved in her selection are thrilled to consider what God has in store for this next season of music and worship here at Faith.

We are particularly grateful to the following individuals on the Music Search Committee for their faithful and diligent work in bring Betsy here to Faith: Rick Brandsma (co-chair); Martha Smith (co-chair); Ken Pisor; Brien Bell; Liz Shahbazian; Sue Kim; Fred Noteware.

How do people get moved to SERVE?

The congregation of Faith is no stranger to serving its community and the world. It's a missional, globally aware place. But it's also filled with busy people inundated with demands on them. So how could the call to servanthood be something more than one added demand?

A group at Faith started praying about this and, with inspiration from Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, we got a crazy idea: What if we cancelled our regular worship services, shut down all church programs for a weekend, **and invited everyone to worship God through Service in the community?**

"Compassion Weekend" was born! One weekend in April 2008 will find Faith Church participating in an awesome time of Christian Service to our community, where folks of all ages will join together in service activities that have been chosen by our congregation.

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For the next month we'll be asking you for input about service areas and activities that you'd like to Faith to focus on during Compassion Weekend. Come to the Welcome Center after either service all this month and give us your thoughts.

Our core principles in selecting Service Projects include:

- The service projects must address actual needs
- There must be ample opportunity for broad scale volunteer involvement
- Those doing the serving actively engage with those being served
- There must be activities for all age groups
- There must be opportunities for long-term support and involvement

With that in mind, we look forward to hearing about your ideas!



Children's Church Inspires Young Faithful

Up and running for the first time this summer, Faith's Children's Church was a big hit with kids from second through sixth grades and their families. Director of Children's Ministry Melinda Lewis hopes to keep the program running throughout the year. If you have a chance, stop by and observe a service and check out the benches designed and built by Faith's Danny Healow.

Family Promise Week September 16-23

Faith Church will be hosting a small group of homeless families in the Family Promise program from 5 p.m. Sunday September 16 through 8 a.m. Sunday September 23. If you have questions about volunteering, please plan to attend a brief training session after second service on the 16th in room 5. On Sunday the 23rd after second service there will be a "debriefing" meeting in room 5. If you have comments or questions about the week, we look forward to talking with you.

Math Tutoring Available after School at Faith

A brand new school year has started, and that means that tutoring is about to start. This year my math tutoring program will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. I welcome students taking any math class from basic math through calculus.

Tutoring will officially start on Monday, September 17. This schedule has been set around the SCUSD school schedule, and I recognize that some students may have started school in August. Any student who wishes help before the 17th can feel free to call me at 428-0311, and we'll find a time to meet.

Students should plan to arrive no later than 5 p.m. if we are to have enough time to work. Actually, the earlier a student arrives, the better. If a student arrives before 5 p.m., and we end up working past 5:30 p.m., I have no problem with that as long as I don't have another commitment that conflicts. We normally meet in Room 5, but because Family Promise will be using that room during the week of September 16, we will meet in the choir room that week.

All students are welcome, and there is no charge for this program. Students need to come prepared to learn. That is, they need to bring their books, assignments, and tools to the session with them. Also please don't delay in getting some help. Math is cumulative, and the longer you wait, the more difficult it becomes to "catch a student up."

Many of you probably know that Gayle Alexis has now retired from teaching, and she would like to join me in helping students. She will focus on younger students and will be available to help in all subject areas.

We welcome all students. They do not have to be related to church members. Students are welcome to come and use the area to do their homework. If they have a question, we're there to help. If you have a child who does not like to do homework and find yourself "fighting" your child over homework on a regular basis, you may want to bring him/her over. It's amazing, but sometimes the parental relationship gets in the way. Sometimes a student may be able to get an assignment done more quickly and without tears with us than with you. I know—I've been there, and I was a teacher! If we can help take some "homework stress" off you, feel free to take advantage of our assistance.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions, feel free to call me at 428-0311 or e-mail me at bjtracy@comcast.net.

Dear ARCOfaithfuls,

My how time flies when you're having fun!! The new Kings' season is almost upon us. Below is the schedule for Kings games that we will volunteer for at ARCO to support our Youth Ministries this season. This summer, we have five Saturdays, five Sundays, and one Friday. Please take a look at these dates and put them in your calendar. We sent six youths and Pastors Quinn and Patrick Vaughn to Purdue University for the triennial International Presbyterian Youth Conference. We will start rebuilding the fund that supported that event so we can send the next group of Faith youths to this wonderful and awesome event, three years from now. Additionally, ARCO funds support a host of other youth activities that might not otherwise be possible or accessible to our youth. I will be talking to the youth group parents, soon, to solicit their participation at ARCO, but we all know the ARCOfaithfuls are the backbone of getting the job done out there. This should be an interesting season for the Kings and I hope you're all up for joining the fun. We always have a great time at ARCO!! I will be taking sign-ups immediately, so if you know you can work some games, please let me know, and I will add you to the sign-up list. THANK YOU for all your support in the past. Hope to see out at ARCO this season.

THANKS,
Paul Keller

Faith Presbyterian Church ARCO Kings Games Schedule 2007/2008

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Game Time</u>
1.	11/10/07	Saturday	MINN	7:00 p.m.
2.	11/18/07	Sunday	DET	6:00 p.m.
3.	12/01/07	Saturday	HOU	7:00 p.m.
4.	12/23/07	Sunday	DEN	6:00 p.m.
5.	12/30/07	Sunday	PHX	6:00 p.m.
6.	01/12/08	Saturday	IND	7:00 p.m.
7.	02/02/08	Saturday	CHI	7:00 p.m.
8.	03/02/08	Sunday	MIA	6:00 p.m.
9.	03/28/08	Friday	WASH	7:00 p.m.
10.	04/06/08	Sunday	LAL	6:00 p.m.
11.	04/12/08	Saturday	NO	7:00 p.m.

Attention Women: Here's Your Chance for Amazing Bible Study



Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) is an international organization committed to helping people grow in their biblical knowledge and application. As you may know, a BSF women's group of about 150 women meets right here at Faith on Tuesday mornings during the school year. Many of our own women, along with women from the community, are already involved. A new session is beginning this September. All women are invited to come from 9:15-11:00 a.m. on September 11th for an introductory session to see if BSF might be for you. There is no cost to the program, and once you're registered children two years old through nursery school have a concurrent program as well. Interested? Talk to one of our pastors, or just show up on the 11th.

Faith Women's Book Club Begins New Year

On Monday, September 17th the book club will hold its first meeting for 2007-2008. All women of faith are invited to attend. Please come and join us. We will be discussing "Mary Called Magdalene" by Margaret George. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm at the home of Ilah Turner. Please consult your Faith Directory for the address and phone number. In October we will discuss "From Beirut to Jerusalem" by Thomas Friedman. November's book is "Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards

Time & Talents Offering
September 2007 ~ Ministry Opportunities

Ministry Opportunity	Date(s) Needed	Approx. Time Commitment	Committee/ Coordinator/Contact
<p>Sunday Shuttle Escorts People needed to greet riders, assist them on & off the bus, and help them into their seats</p>	<p>Every Sunday Sign up for one Sunday or as many as you like</p>	<p>3hrs (9:30am – 12:30pm)</p>	<p>Pat Beal 916- 686-4814 Jim Zazzera 916-428-3439 or email jzazzera@faithpresby.org</p>
<p>Money Map Coaches 2-3 people needed to learn to become Crown Ministries Money Map Coaches and help others learn Christian Stewardship principles and how they apply to personal finance. Education course completion required</p>	<p>Project to begin Fall 2007</p>	<p>2hrs per week</p>	<p><u>Stewardship</u> Jeff May 530-753-5803</p>
<p>Sunday Shuttle Committee People needed to oversee functions, operation, and direction of the Shuttle Ministry</p>	<p>Meetings will be scheduled as soon as people sign-up to participate</p>	<p>2hrs per month and quarterly meetings</p>	<p>Pat Beal 916- 686-4814 Jim Zazzera 916-428-3439 or email jzazzera@faithpresby.org</p>
<p>Flower Coordinators 3-4 people needed to coordinate ordering and arranging flowers for worship services</p>	<p>Beginning Sept. 2007</p>	<p>2hrs once or twice a month (depending on the number of people that sign-up)</p>	<p><u>Worship</u> Rick Crow 916-392-9141(hm) 916-441-2980 (wk)</p>
<p>Link Hall Welcome Center Assistants People needed to answer the telephone, greet visitors, business people, & vendors and help in the office as needed</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Mon – Fri 9:00am - 1:00pm (select various days as your schedule permits)</p>	<p>Joyce Hathaway 916-391-0249</p>
<p>Family Promise People needed throughout the week at the church, for multiple tasks: set up, interacting w/families, laundry, dinner team, overnight team, etc.</p>	<p>Sun 9/16 – Sat 9/22</p>	<p>Most tasks: 2 hrs Overnight team (two people each night) 10 hrs</p>	<p><u>Mission</u> Sue Hooper 916-939-7633 Cynthia Crow 916-392-9141</p>

	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Worship Service	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am
Worship Assistant	Hal Turner	Walt McDaniel	Doran McDaniel	Claire Pisor
Ushers	John & Sally Ravas	Bob & Tanya Anderson	Bob McCarroll Ken Finch	Mary Nabers Marvette Swayzer
Greeters	Jim, Chris & Marilyn Becker	Larry & Noreen Freund	Kurt & Madelyne Carpenter Donna Touros	Jeff & DiAnne Brown
Sound	Don Sperling	David Nash	David Nash	Don Sperling
Coffee Preparers	Mike Hankey John Popham	Gary Cash	Pat & Kitty Tatro	Donna Touros
Acolytes	Katie Teixeira	Cole Fahey	Isabel Chapman	Katie Teixeira
Worship Service	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am
Worship Assistant	Rick Crow	Terry Mangum	Greg Rapier	Nancy Remley-Johnson
Ushers	Roy & Vicki Chastain	Rick & Cynthis Crow	Jarvis & Glenda Arellano	David Nash Lori Glasgow
Greeters	Chuck & Hilde Tetlow	Jack Warren Debbie Barton	Melody Tactaquin Aaron Dahlstedt	Virgie Cornelius Demetris Moore
Sound	Kevin Rob erson	Ken Finch	Carroll Collier	Kevin Roberson
Coffee Servers	Bob & Georgianne Becker	Dave & Laurie Richardson	Gwen Markuson Dallas Love	Ann Johnson
Tellers	Helen Christenson Marilyn Becker	Bob Connett Dick McClure	Kitty Tatro Jarvis Arellano	Barbara Powell Marvette Swayzer
Acolytes	Maegan Reynolds	Bradley Collins	Danielle Reyes	Kaylah Miller