

Sunday Services
9:00 and 11:00

Sunday School P-5th: 9 and 11

6th – 8th Grade: 9 am
9th – 12th Grade: 11 am
Adult Class: 10 – 11

Munchies
(Junior High School Fellowship)
Thursdays 7 - 8:30pm
Patrick Vaughn

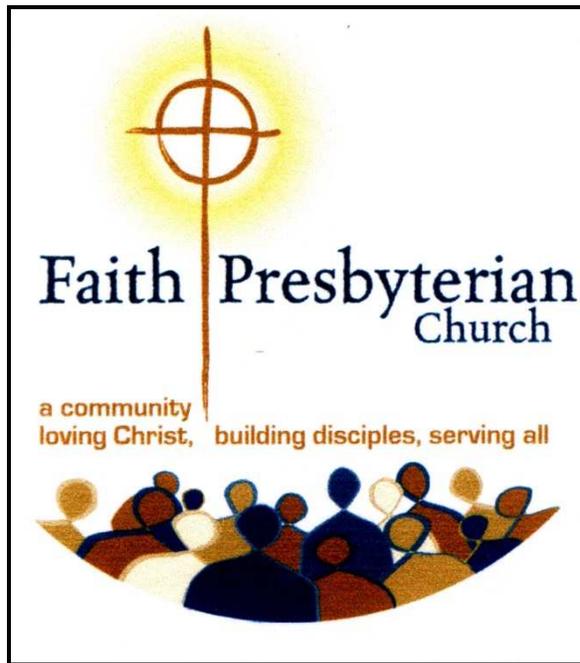
Crew
(High School Fellowship)
Wednesdays 7 - 8:30pm
Quinn Vaughn

November 4 Stewardship Sunday
Food Closet Donations emphasizing
canned tuna, 18 oz jars of peanut
butter, dry breakfast cereals and
canned soups.

November 11 Operation Christmas
Child after both services

November 22 Thanksgiving

December 2 Hanging of the Greens



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Operation Christmas Child

November 11th After Both Services

We hope that everyone will consider participating in this unique mission project. Millions of children around the world live in desperate circumstances and are in need of a little hope. Operation Christmas child is one of the many ways that we as a congregation

can help share God's love at Christmas time. There are four ways you can help:

1. Donate shoe boxes - bring in your empty shoe boxes and leave them in one of the children's classrooms.
2. Donate school supplies, socks, toothbrushes, or small toys.
3. Help pack the boxes on November 11th
4. Donate \$7 towards the shipping costs

Last year, we made 75 boxes. Our goal this year is to fill 100 shoe boxes. Please prayerfully consider assisting us with this mission project. Any help will be greatly appreciated. For more information, please see the poster next to room 6. You may also contact Pam Rock, elder, Ann Johnson, or Melinda Lewis.



What Are Those Elders Up to Now? *Highlights from October'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!

Prayer before Business! It is the belief of session that our lives, our faith, and our service are directed by the Spirit and so we gather before each session meeting for a time of prayer and contemplation. This focus helps remind us of our purpose as we go into the business of the session meeting.

Fall Session Retreat—On October 5-6, session met together for a time of reflection and planning. Focusing on our mission statement, "A community loving Christ, building disciples, serving all", the following goals were set for 2008:

- Discover how we, as a community, can discern, communicate and address the needs of all individuals and families here at Faith
- Become a congregation which is committed and practiced in the discipline of prayer (as individuals and together)
- Become a congregation which is committed and practiced in the discipline of the personal/individual study of God's Word
- Discern specific congregation-wide mission emphases which we can commit to for the long term.

As we live our lives together in faith, we will be looking for opportunities to put these goals into action.

Instruments Sound and Acoustics - What do these have in common? Session approved the formation of a special committee to address these three issues about our sanctuary. Contact Wally Smith, Chairman, if you are interested in serving.

Faith "Wish List" - Session approved the development of a "wish list" that will help identify needs not otherwise funded. Using input from established groups at Faith, the first list will be assembled and approved by Session for publication no later than March of 2008 and will be updated at least twice a year. The list will appear monthly in the PresbyNews and church bulletins. The process for donors to contribute for an item will be finalized and included when the list is disseminated.

Giving Tree Recipients Named - Each year during Advent, we place gifts for the needy in our community under our Christmas "Giving Tree". Wellspring, Crisis Nursery, Clean & Sober were approved for inclusion this year. One additional organization or effort will be finalized in the coming month. Folks also will be encouraged to bring to the Christmas Eve services, jars of peanut butter that will be donated to the SSIP food closet.

Master Plan Modification - Session heard a presentation by a subcommittee of the property and maintenance committee that has been working to develop a modified master plan for Faith Church. Session is evaluating the next steps in the life of Faith as we seek to discern how the global vision, as stated in our mission statement, might be enhanced by additional master plan modifications. Watch for future opportunities to share your thoughts when congregational discussions with the session are held.

Presbytery Needs Volunteers - There are several committees on the presbytery level that need folks to serve. These include mission support, pastoral support, committee on ministry, the permanent judicial committee, committee on preparation for ministry and the committee on representation. In you are interested in serving; please see Claire Pisor for more information.

General Assembly Nominations Sought— the Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly will be meeting in June 2008 in San Jose. Clergy and elders are eligible to be nominated as elected delegates to the conclave. Please see Claire Pisor before November 12 if you are interested in representing our presbytery.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Friday, November 2nd, 7:00pm in Faith's sanctuary

Come one; come all to the special concert being presented by the combined orchestra and choirs from our neighbor, Kennedy high school. The kids and teaching staff would appreciate your support and attendance, and you will benefit from the great music being presented.



It's the flu season

Please do not forget your flu shot!



Eat right

Make sure you get your daily dose of fruits and veggies.



Take your vitamins and bump up your vitamin C.

Get plenty of exercise because exercise helps build your immune system.



Walk for at least an hour a day, or go for a swim,



Take the stairs instead of the elevator, etc.

Wash your hands often. If you can't wash them, keep a bottle of antibacterial stuff around.



Get lots of fresh air. Open doors & windows whenever possible.



Try to eliminate as much stress from your life as you can.

And, get plenty of rest.



Pastor Quinn's Column



The Fall is growing to be my favorite season of the year with Spring a close second. This Fall the leaves have been particularly intriguing to me. I have always loved Fall leaveson walks I have to pull myself away from crouching down every two feet to inspect or pick up a brilliant leaf just dropped by the tree.

The other day on one such occasion I couldn't help but stop to take in the beauty of my newly acquired Liquid Amber...the ones that grow Red, Purple and Orange in the Fall and drop leaves profusely blanketing the ground below. As I sifted through the leaves and watched others dancing in the Delta Wind I wondered...could trusting the Lord with our lives, dreams and resources be as

beautiful as the trees in the Fall?

The Fall leaf is dieing. Technically the summer ends and autumn comes with shorter and shorter days. In these shorter days there is not enough light to make photosynthesis happen. In short, no photosynthesis (or food making) means no more growth. Basically, the tree's energy making factory shuts down, it turns for food to its reserves stored up during the summer...and the leaves start to glow Red, Purple and Orange. What does a dieing leaf have to do with trust? Maybe it is a long shot but a word spoken by Jeremiah long ago wove itself into my thoughts; *"Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."* **Jeremiah 17:7-8**

A tree whose roots are sunk deep into the stream can live through these seasons. In a sense the tree trusts its Creator and welcomes the season into which it is lead. In the Fall it lets go of what it has produced. In letting go there is a death; the leaf must drop the tree must stand bare and rest.

When I am ushered into a season of letting go of what I have produced it is not pretty. I can put on quite a fit, I ask "Why would God take this from me", I cry, I wonder if what was produced was any good in the first place ...it can be down right ugly. But the longer I live and sink my roots deep into the Stream of Life the more I trust the LORD. In due season I will bear fruit (This is why Spring is my second favorite season) - it might not be the fruit I planned, but it is not all about ME producing.

There is beauty in welcoming the season into which we are being lead; even those that call us to let go, stand bare and rest. I invite us all as we walk the paths of our lives to let yourself crouch down as often as necessary to take in the beauty of the season of letting go; trusting the LORD with our lives, dreams and resources. Sometimes you might crouch down because you are winded and wounded, sometimes you might crouch down because there is a brilliant color that catches your eye, sometimes you might crouch down because you aren't ready to let that leaf go...all the while the LORD is with you and trustworthy.

Kings Games Tickets

Once again I have Kings tickets for three games this year: Tuesday, November 20 (night before vacation for students) with the Phoenix Suns; Friday, February 8 with the Utah Jazz; and Sunday, April 6 with the Los Angeles Lakers—pretty good games, huh? Tickets are \$25.50 each (the same as last year) and are available on a first come, first paid basis. I have 50 tickets for each game, but I need payment for the tickets as you order them because I have had to put the dollars up front for all the tickets. You can reach me at 428-0311 or bjtracy@comcast.net. Please limit yourself to 4 tickets for now but let me know if you would like more. Since the Kings are in the midst of rebuilding, I am not sure about the demand, but I do not have as many as I have had in the past. While I want to make sure as many people go as possible, I also don't want to be left holding tickets.

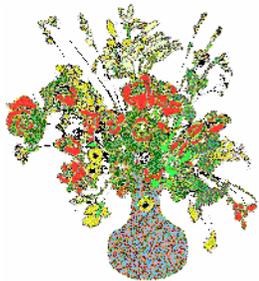


The Welcome Center

The Link Hall Welcome Center is proving to be a very convenient and pleasant addition to Faith's mission "to serve all". These folks meet and greet members, outsiders, and

vendors; and answer, or find answers to numerous questions. In addition, they give a hand to Kristi, our office manager, in The processing of various mailings, labeling PresbyNews, and other tasks. This relieves Kristi to do the many tasks associated with her office.

Joyce Hathaway would like to thank Erin Ainsworth, Tyne Allianic, Tanya Anderson, Glenda Arellano, Hope Brandsma, Virgie Cornelius, Margaret Finch, Rhona Hankey, Betty Keller, Mary Masterson, Dick McMillan, Lauri Richardson, and Jan Sperling for operating the Welcome Center. If you would like to join this group, call Joyce Hathaway (391-0249) or Kristi at 428-3439.



Flowers This Week

Change In Ordering Flowers

The flower ordering procedure for Sunday services is being changed. Usually, you will now be asked to personally order the flowers from a local florist, so you can order the type and cost range you want. We will use the same list for signups.

Several weeks before your turn, you will be reminded of the proper procedure for ordering flowers, specifying what you want printed in the bulletin for that Sunday and of the system for paying for the flowers.

Thank you to Pat Beal for all her work these past several years in organizing, and in most cases, arranging flowers. She now has help in reminding persons they have signed up for the flowers on a given Sunday.

Thanks to Susan Potter, Ruth Burkinshaw and others who have agreed to help Pat Beal in the ordering of flowers.

Poinsettias for Purchase

Please purchase a poinsettia plant to be used at the Hanging of the Greens Ceremony and displayed in the sanctuary throughout the season leading up to Christmas. The cost is \$7.00 per plant which may be taken home after the 11:00am service on December 23rd. Order yours now so that the church may be decorated in colorful plants during the upcoming weeks. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex after each service. If you have any questions, call Rick Crow at 392-9141.



One Weekend One Life-Changing Experience

Imagine one weekend when our congregation and community join forces to serve those in need around us. When folks of all ages work together to make a real difference in our community and our world! Be a part of this awesome experience. Be a Compassion Weekend Team Leader!

On Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20, 2008, folks of all ages will join together to participate in 10 to 12 service activities that have been chosen by our congregation. We'll focus on these three broad areas:

- Environment
- Education
- Human Services

Our next step is to recruit Team Leaders to head specific activities. As a Team Leader you'll work with the Compassion Weekend committee to help select specific project activities and sign up Project Leaders and volunteers. Everyone is invited to participate. Imagine what a weekend of Christian Service will be like. Imagine being a part of it! For more information or to sign up, stop at the Compassion Weekend table in the narthex or courtyard. or contact Sue Hooper at 393-2633.

Galena Street East's "Holiday Tapestry 2007"



Friday December 7th at 7pm and Saturday December 8th at 1pm and 7pm. at Hiram Johnson High School theater, 6879 14th Ave. General Admission \$15. Student/Senior \$12.

Please consider making this a Christmas tradition for you, your family and friends. It will be a big show for Austin Whitted and his cousin, Jordan Schulz, as they are performing with the company in preparation for their tour of China for the 2008 Olympics. Please email or call us directly for tickets, 682-5902. We are encouraged to pre-sale tickets this year to raise funds for the Beijing Olympics China tour. Blessings and thank you for your support, Tammi Whitted.

“A Child Is Waiting” at Faith World Vision Sponsorship Days are Oct 28th - Nov 4th

You can make a difference. Today and every day, nearly 30,000 children will die, most from causes such as hunger or treatable illnesses—things that child sponsorship can prevent. By establishing a relationship with a child in need, you can answer God’s call to serve the poor. Sponsors demonstrate God’s love and transform a child’s life by helping remove the obstacles that poverty places in his or her path. Sponsorship changes the life of a child forever, and it can change your life, too!

Sponsorship changes lives Child sponsorship transforms a life by providing basic necessities that help a child reach his or her God-given potential. Your gifts will provide access to things like:

- Clean water
- Better nutrition and agricultural assistance
- Basic health care and immunizations
- School fees and materials
- Economic development opportunities

We strive to demonstrate the love of Christ in our work. World Vision cares for the child and also strengthens the family and community to provide for the child’s continuing care. In this way, each child is equipped for the fullest life possible—physically, emotionally, and spiritually.



A faithful partner you can trust With more than 50 years of experience in child sponsorship, World Vision cared for 2.6 million children last year through sponsors around the world. World Vision’s overhead rate is only 13%—reflecting our commitment to the highest standards of stewardship and responsibility.

Will you answer a child who is waiting? You can change a child’s life! Visit our sponsorship table on Sunday October 28th and November 4th to see photos of individual children who are waiting and hoping to be sponsored.

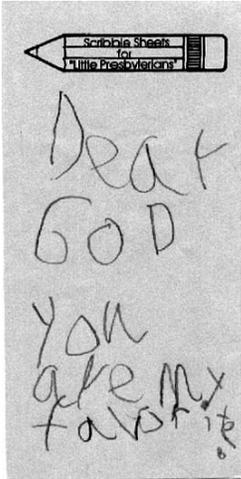
For further information please contact Donna Touros at 399-8650

Notes from Lay Ministry - Seminary Training Fund

Faith Presbyterian Church has spiritually and financially supported Kimberly Backlund, Cheryl Finch and now Kelsey Ingalls in their quest to become a minister of a Presbyterian Church. Faith has a budget line item for seminary training dollars support that anyone can apply for through Lay Ministry. And, anyone can donate in support of training of future Presbyterian pastors. If you are interested in donating to the Seminary Training Fund, contact the Lay Ministry Elder (Glenda Arellano) or any of Faith’s pastors. Your donation can remain anonymous if you so desire. Let’s continue to support people in our congregation who hear the voice of our Lord calling them to do God’s work. We can support them through our prayers and donations. Thank you for any support you can provide.

In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, he speaks of “the gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.”

Children's Ministry



A child recently wrote "God, you are my favorite," he then folded up his note and placed it in the offering plate. As the Children's Director, I have the opportunity to learn many great lessons from the children. Over the last few days, I cannot seem to get this child's message out of my head. I sit and wonder how often I truly stop what I am doing and simply praise God for all that he has given to me. For, I have been blessed more than I could ever imagine.

The heavens tell the glory of God. And the skies announce what his hands have made. Day after day they tell the story. Night after night they tell it again... They don't make any sound to be heard. But their message goes out through the world.
Psalm 19:1

As all of us prayerfully consider how much we are each going to pledge, I encourage parents to spend some time talking with their children about giving back to God. Last year, a group of children participated in the Stewardship campaign. Our intent was not to increase the overall budget, but rather to teach the children the importance of giving.

This year we are inviting the children to participate again in the Stewardship campaign. Children interested in pledging may pick up a child's pledge card outside one of the classrooms. I want to emphasize that the amount of the pledge is not as important as the act of giving. For young children, giving fifty cents a month is significant. We need to celebrate a child's willingness to give and encourage them at all times. Children that learn to give graciously at a young age tend to carry this important practice with them into adulthood.

I hope that your family will join us this Sunday, Commitment Sunday. May you be surrounded by God's abundant blessings this week and every week.

In Christ,
Ms. Melinda

It's Time for Flu Shot Clinics

In recent years, vaccine supply has been spotty. This year the CDC is expecting a record 132 million available doses, 10 million more than last year. The CDC stresses that the flu vaccine is safe, and the myth that you can get the flu from the vaccine is just that ---a myth.

Sears "Drive Thru" ————— Nov 6th — 10:00--2:00 p.m.

Pannell Center ————— Jan 3rd — 10:00-2:00 p.m.

This Clinic is a "Community Flu Clinic" FREE

Cost is \$10.00 for Flu shot. Tetanus and Tetanus with Pertussis Shots will be offered for an additional \$10.00.

Music Notes

Young Faith Singers

The Young Faith Singers (Children grades 3-8) continue to prepare for the upcoming holiday season. Rehearsals are held on Sundays at 10:15 (between Services) in the Young Faith Singers Room. They are preparing to sing in worship on November 18 and December 16. Our Directors will be Melodie Tactaquin for Sunday, November 18 and Jenny May for December 16. We thank them for their leadership.

I want to encourage all the parents to help their child participate in this special music program.



Christmas Choir – Come join us to celebrate the season



This year, during the Christmas season, our Chancel Choir welcomes new people who love singing Christmas music, have always wanted to sing a chorus from “Messiah” or who would love to serve in the Ministry of Music but don’t have the time to make a long term commitment.

You are invited to join the “Christmas Choir” for December and help share the beauty of the music of our Faith. Rehearsals will begin this Thursday, November 1, from 7:30 – 8:15 pm in the Sanctuary.

If you have any questions, please Betsy Butler at bbutler@faithpresby.org or leave a phone message at the church.

Thank you

Thank you for a warm and gracious welcome on my first Sunday, October 14. The Personnel Committee, Chancel Choir, Worship Band and all of you in the congregation truly reflected the welcoming hospitality of Christ. I was touched and honored and am excited to become a part of the ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church. – *Betsy*

Got Leftover Halloween candy?



Bring it to church and place it in the Food Closet in the Narthex or give it to Betty Park, who will get it to Food Closet for distribution to needy families,

Food Closet Needs

The SSIP Food Closet is in desperate need of cereals, canned tuna, canned vegetables (especially beans), canned meat, and tomato products.

Food Closet Coordinator Needed SSIP wants to hire a Food Closet Coordinator who will work 30 hours a week at the Food Closet. The Food Closet is located at Bethany Presbyterian Church, at 24th and Fruitridge. Call 421-1017 for a job description and/or send your resume` to:
Gary Grundman
6929 Franklin Blvd.
Sacramento CA 95823

Next Family Promise Week is December 9 – 16, 2007

You can sign up for the week of December 9 -16 on the whiteboard. The board is on the wall across from the office.

Volunteers are needed for dinner, fellowship (evening activity), and overnight teams, set-up, take down, laundry, transporting mattresses to the next church, and Team Leaders.

We will take sign-ups in the Narthex on 11/18 after both services.

If you have not volunteered but are interested, call us or talk to someone who has volunteered before. Another good way to start is to team up with someone who has done it before.

If you have questions, call Cynthia Crow (3929141) or Sue Hooper (3932633).



Matt Abbott Publishes New Book

Matt Abbott, son of Frank and Maureen Abbott, who grew up here at Faith, has just published his first book entitled, *Behind the Scenes: A Closer Look at the Messages Our Pop Culture Media Often Sends Us*. The book is currently available on amazon.com and borders.com. Matt currently serves as youth pastor in Roseville. Congratulations, Matt!

