

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 20 Pocket Community
Thanksgiving Service

November 22 Thanksgiving

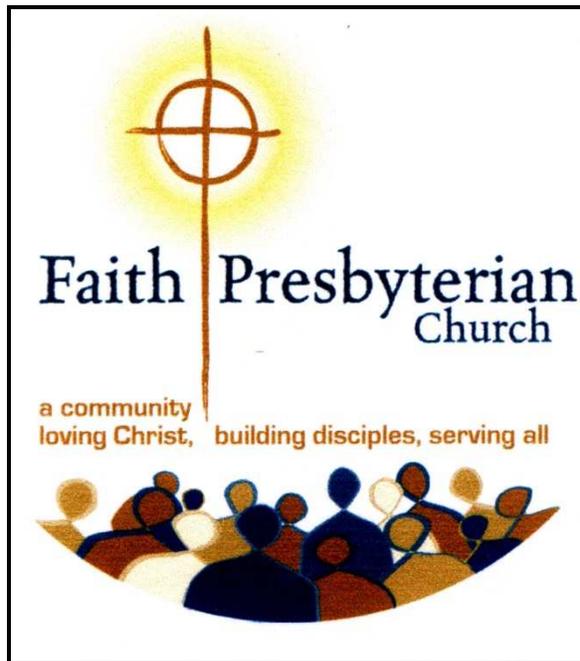
December 2 Hanging of the Greens

December 7 Wedding at Faith

December 9-15 Family Promise

December 22 A Walk Through
Bethlehem

January 6 Baptism Sunday



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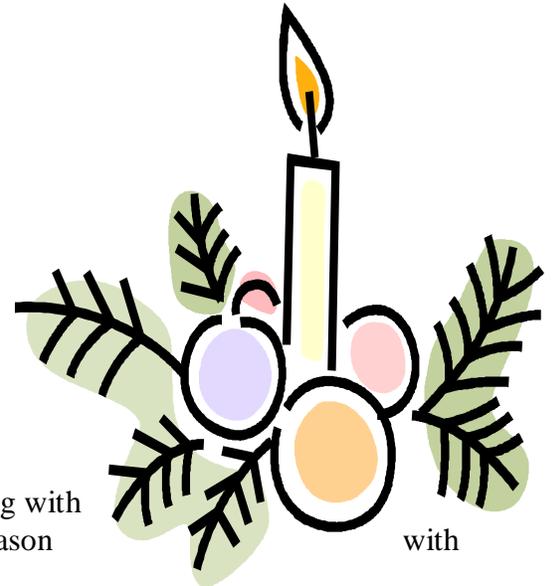
**Next PresbyNews
Deadlines: November 25,
December 9, and
December 13**

The Holidays are Here!

Hard to believe it, but true! This issue is full of ways to celebrate the season:

- Community Thanksgiving Service
- Hanging of the Greens
- Poinsettias
- Advent services
- Making Christmas cards for our veterans
- A walk through Bethlehem

We look forward to worshipping with you and sharing this holiday season with you!





Are You Interested in Baptism for Yourself or Your Child?

Baptism Sunday is Scheduled for January 6th!

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.

As you may remember from last spring, our church leadership made the decision to have two Sundays a year dedicated specifically to baptism. Our first Baptism Sunday was last May, on Pentecost Sunday, and we had a great group of adults and children celebrate that sacrament in worship. We are now planning a similar celebration in January. And so if you would like to explore baptism for yourself or your child(ren), please contact Pastor Jeff Chapman immediately. He would love to talk with you about the possibility of sharing in that sacrament that day.

HARVEST DINNER & AUCTION

WOW, another successful Harvest Dinner! The weather was perfect, the food was great and I'm sure, a good time was had by all. We served over 300 adults, teens and children. The auction and raffle brought in \$5400.00 for the Campership Fund. Thanks to all who donated and attended. People were so generous with their donations and also with their bids!

I would like to thank my committee for their tireless efforts and commitment to this event:

- Ticket Sales - Paul & Betty Keller
- Auction/Raffle set-up, table decorations & pumpkin bean bag toss – Debbie, Lyle & Katie Grabowski
- Set-up and tear down - David Leader
- Collecting dinner tickets & auction check out - Janet & David Leader
- Beverages and manning the kitchen - Carey Kincaid
- Coordinating Desserts – Janet Leader, Debbie Barton & Kathy Ramos
- Raffle ticket sellers – Donna Touros, Pat Tatro, Randy & Kathy Ramos
- MC's for the evening – Pat Tatro & Claire Leader
- And the rest of my committee for all the ways you helped – Sally Ravas, Colette Benson, Alicia Laybourn, Nate Barton. I'm truly blessed with a fun and committed committee!

And, a huge thank you to Jeff Simington for soliciting so many wonderful auction items. With your connections and follow through, you're awesome!

Thank you to anyone else who helped in any way.
Elder of Fellowship, Kitty Tatro



Thinking Out Loud About My Time in Judges



Recently I've been reading through the book of Judges in the Old Testament. To be honest, it's not my favorite book of the Bible. And by the way, if you're just starting reading the Bible on your own, I'm not sure Judges the best place to start. Nonetheless, it is God's Word, just as much as the rest of scripture. And so I read on. Surprisingly, God is speaking to me in these verses.

As you may know, Judges is not a place in scripture to look to be inspired by the obedience of God's people. Yes, there are glimpses of obedience in Judges. But more often there is willful disobedience. Over and over again, the people turn against God. He saves them time and time again, but their memories are short. And before long, off they go again chasing after some other gods.

Just the other day I was reading chapter 10 of Judges and came across this account in verse 6: "Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord. They served the Baals [other gods] and the Ashtoreths, and the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites, and the gods of the Philistines." Sounds like they weren't too picky with their gods! They had a god for every day of the week, every season, every mood, every outfit.

This sort of thing is found over and over in Judges. Time and time again, the Israelites turn away from God. And time and time again, he lets them go their way as they run hard in the opposite direction from the way he has marked out for them. Over and over they get themselves into deep, deep trouble. You'd think they'd learn. You'd think they'd figure it out. As I read, I find myself yelling back through history, "You people are idiots! Why do you keep biting the hand that feeds you!"

And that's right about the time when it usually hits me.

Maybe part of the reason Judges isn't my favorite book is because, in the end, it strikes too close to home. You see, if somebody were reading a story of my life, perhaps they also would say aloud, "This guy is an idiot! Why doesn't he just learn to trust this God who can give him everything he needs?" And maybe your life is quite a bit like my life...this continual wandering away from the shepherd who really has in his possession everything you, his sheep, will ever need.

Towards the end of Judges 10, after the Israelites get stuck again and are in desperate need of saving, they cry out to God for help. And at first, God refuses them. He says, "You have forsaken me and served other gods, so I will no longer save you. Go and cry out to the gods you have chosen. Let *them* save you when you are in trouble!" Sort of a divine, "You made your bed, now sleep in it."

But God doesn't really mean what he says, or say what he means. For in the very next verse (vs. 15), the Israelites confess their sin and beg for God's mercy and help. And God, as God tends to do, relents. Verse 16 says, "The Lord could bear Israel's misery no longer." His love for them is too deep. His mercy is too wide. God cannot help but restore. It's what God does.

And all this makes me want to reconsider Judges. Yes, it's a hard part of the Bible to read because the human arrogance and ignorance is so overwhelming. And yet, the end note of the book, as is the case in all of scripture, is not human sin but divine grace. And for that reason alone, perhaps it's not such a bad place to start reading.

But I suppose you'll have to judge that for yourself.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

Grace & Peace, Jeff

	November18	November25	December 2	December 9
Worship Service	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am
Worship Assistant	Doran McDaniel	Kyle Carpenter	Hanging of the Greens	Jim Park
Ushers	Dave & Janet Leader	Bill & Em Baker	Bob McCarroll Ken Finch	John & Sally Ravas
Greeters	Jim & Betty Park	Ken & Patty Blomberg	David & Janet Leader	Mary Nabers Andeen Lovett
Sound	David Nash	David Nash	Bill Baker	Don Sperling
Coffee Preparers	Gary Cash	Donna Touros	Mike Hankey John Popham	Dave & Teri Williamson
Acolytes	Spencer Hankey Noel Chapman	Isabel Chapman		
Worship Service	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am
Worship Assistant	Sarah Ainsworth	Doug Johnson	Hanging of the Greens	Lori Glasgow
Ushers	Ray & Margaret Carranco	Lori & Greg Rapier	Renee Larsen Melodi Anderson	Jarvis & Glenda Arellano
Greeters	Chuck & Hilde Tetlow	Melodi Tactaquin Aaron Dahlstedt	Rick & Cynthia Crow Wayne Burkinshaw	Bill & Dee Nicholas Jack Warren
Sound	Ken Finch	Carroll Collier	Joe Parente	Kevin Roberson
Coffee Servers	Gwen Markuson Dallas Love	Ann Johnson	Mary Masterson Virginia Escalante	Margaret Finch
Tellers	Kitty Tatro Jarvis Arellano	Barbara Powell Marvette Swayzer	Helen Christenson Marilyn Becker	Bob Connett Dick McClurw
Acolytes	Kaylah Miller	TBA		

Make Christmas Cards for Wounded Veterans

Feeling crafty? Enjoy being creative? Like to have fun with folks from Faith? Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 8 in Link Hall anytime from 1:30 to 4 p.m. to make Christmas cards. We'll be sending them to wounded veterans at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and to folks in our own congregation who are recovering from illnesses.

This is any activity for all ages! Everyone in the congregation is welcomed to attend. Teens – need community service hours? Come help out! Bring a friend from the community too! You don't have to be artistic at all, just willing to help.

If you have any spare paper, glue, glitter, scissors, stickers, etc. to share, please bring it along. We'll have supplies as well.

Think of how a homemade Christmas card will warm a veteran's heart this holiday season. And what a great way to say thanks for all that our veterans have done for us!

DiAnne Brown

Marge Miles wants Visitors!

Marge Miles has moved from Greenhaven Estates to a small facility where she can have more care. This is a private home that handles up to five patients. However, Marge is the only patient there currently, so she is lonely and would like to have visitors. Her address is:

Marge Miles
10035 Pianella Way
Elk Grove, CA 95757-2807

Phone: 916-686-6658



ARCO News!



It was great to be back together again at ARCO with the ARCOfaithfuls on Saturday, November 10th. The Kings won their game in dramatic fashion, and their team prospects are looking better every day. Our efforts at ARCO resulted in a \$700 addition to the ARCO fund (which supports our Youth Ministry), made up of the contribution from Maloof Sports and Entertainment and tips. The combination of rain, a little fan apathy, competing sporting events, and lot of opportunity to dine elsewhere before attending the game, added up to a slow night for the ARCOfaithfuls. The bright side was that we got to start the new season with an easy night to get back into the swing of things.

Next – Barbara Tracy needs help! Why not enjoy a Kings' game with your ARCOfaithful and Faith buddies?? Barbara Tracy has tickets for you!! This is NOT a game we are working. Why not enjoy seeing a game for a change?

Each year Barbara sets up groups for Kings' games. Unfortunately, she has to pay for these tickets up front. She currently has 27 tickets for the November 20 Kings' game with the Phoenix Suns. That's a Tuesday night before a five-day holiday for students! If you would like tickets or you have any friends who would like tickets, please contact her ASAP at bjtracy@comcast.net or 428-0311. These tickets are \$25.50 each, and are all in section 217 between rows N and Q.



Join Jeff and Virginia for their Wedding Celebration!

On Friday Dec 7 at 7:00 p.m. your presence is requested as Jeff May and Virginia Northrop celebrate their nuptials with a ceremony in the sanctuary. Stay for a slice of cake afterward in Link Hall. Absolutely no gifts please! Please come and share the happiness of this moment.

Children's Ministries: Choir!

Does your child enjoy singing? If so, we would love to have your child (2nd grade and up) participate in Faith's Children's Choir. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00am in Room E-2. For more information, contact Melody Tactaquin 392-6008. Melody will be working with the Children's Choir along with guitarist Joyce Gallagher.



Pocket Community Thanksgiving Service is November 20th

Join other Pocket churches this year on Tuesday, November 20th, for our annual Thanksgiving service. This year's service will be held at Riverside Wesleyan Church at 7:00 pm. Pastor Jeff and members of our choir will share in the leadership of the service. If you would like to sing in the choir that evening, plan on coming to Riverside that night by 6:00.

Faith "Wish List"

The Session has approved the development of a "wish list" of items/services needed for the church that could be funded by one or more individuals, separate from any other fund raising program. Items on the "wish list" should be suggested from officially recognized groups of Faith Presbyterian Church. Suggested items/services must be fully described, with justifications, and current prices. The Session will review all suggested items and developed an approved list. The Session's goal is to have the first "wish list" by the end of March 2008. It will be published in PresbyNews and church bulletins on a regular basis.

The church has several significant needs that may not always be fundable through the normal operating budget or building funds. If needs are appropriately identified, individuals often step up to fund them. Examples of potential items on the "wish list" are an ice machine, repair of piano, new organ, sound system improvements, and a new carpet in sanctuary.

If you have questions or an item you would like considered for the "wish list", please talk to a pastor or elder on the Session or you can contact me at 483-9058 or email: jim_c_hill@yahoo.com

Jim Hill, Elder, Stewardship

Presbyterian Women's Luncheon November 28, 2000

Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Bring a sandwich.

Pat Beal will be the speaker at the next PW Luncheon.

Pat and her husband, Chuck, are founding members of Faith Church. They enjoyed the hands on process of building our first and successive buildings at Faith.

Chuck and Pat have been married for 50 years. They have two children, daughter Renee and son Martin. At one time all four sang in the choir. Pat has served as an Elder and on various committees and currently serves on the building committee and coordinates the flowers.

Pat retired after 29 years with the State Treasurer's Office as an Investment Officer and Program Manager. Pat continues to consult with local governments on financial and motivational issues. Currently Pat serves as treasurer for the Senior Center of Elk Grove. She enjoys singing, dancing, reading, and being creative.



A Walk Through Bethlehem

This year, we will again be celebrating Christmas with a Walk Through Bethlehem! This is a fun and creative way to remember our Savior's birth and learn a bit about the time in which it happened. Join us on December 22nd!

If you would like to help, let Pam Rock, Melinda Lewis or Suzie Hughes know. We're looking for participants! It is always a lot of fun to be part of this event.



Advent at Faith

Sunday, December 2 ~ The Hanging of the Greens

A wonderful Faith tradition in worship (both services) where our sanctuary is transformed for Christmas. Great time to invite friends and family along.

Sundays, Dec. 2-23 – From Creation to Christmas

A special Sunday morning class taught by Rev. Joan Stock.

Wednesdays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5 & 12 ~ Advent Dinner & Worship

Join us at 6:00 for an all-church dinner in Link Hall (food will be provided, donations accepted). At 7:00, we gather for contemplative worship in the sanctuary. Crunchies (Jr/Sr High combined) join us for dinner and worship and then have a special hang-out time afterwards until 8:30.

Wednesdays, December 6, 13 & 20 – Hallelujah...The Bible & Handel's Messiah

Cheryl Finch will lead this class each Wednesday following our Advent worship.

Sundays, December 9, 16, 23 – Advent Worship

Invite others you know to join us for worship filled with special music and relevant messages on the power and meaning of Christmas.

Saturday, December 22 – A Walk Through Bethlehem

A great experience put on by our children's ministry but geared for the whole church family. Join us from 6:00-8:00 p.m. here at Faith.

Wednesday, December 19 ~ Advent Dinner & Christmas Caroling

We'll have a 6:00 dinner in Link Hall and then travel to sing carols to others in our congregation who are typically unable to get out and join us for Christmas.

Sunday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Services

7:00 – Family Service – A celebration geared for the whole family.

11:00 – Candlelight Service - Communion will be served and the chancel choir will sing.

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