

PresbyNews

Sharing and celebrating the people and events in the life of Faith Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Services:
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
(except Compassion Weekend)

Sunday School:
Preschool-5th grades
9 & 11 a.m.
6th thru 8th grades—9 am
9th thru 12th grade—9, 11 a.m.
Adult Class 10-11 a.m.

May 2

Compassion Weekend!
Celebration meal at 4 p.m.,
Celebration Service
at 5:30 p.m.

May 9

Parents Night Out

May 16

Senior Banquet
at Tatro's, 6:30 p.m.

May 17

Youth Sunday

May 31

Pentecost
Deacon & Elder
Ordination

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Compassion Weekend Set For May 2-3

On May 2 and 3 we will cancel our regular worship services, shut down all church programs, and invite everyone to worship God through service in the community. Compassion Weekend (CW) returns to Faith! Last year over 400 people participated in 14 projects.

This year 20 projects are scheduled both on-site and off-site Saturday and Sunday and everyone (all ages!) is invited to participate. On both days there will be a self-guided prayer vigil in the Sanctuary. No need to sign up, just come in and pray. On Sunday at 4 p.m. we'll have a Celebration Dinner at Faith (with live bluegrass music!), followed by a Celebration worship service at 5:30, to praise God for all of our efforts! Please plan to come, even if you weren't able to participate in any projects

Project sign-ups are being taken in the Narthex through April 26 after both services. To see what projects we'll be doing this year, go to the Faith website at www.faithpresby.org and look for the Compassion Weekend link. Questions? Call DiAnne Brown at 395-6129.

A couple projects to highlight:

- We'll be holding a car wash to benefit the SPCA and a FREE vehicle safety inspection for CW on Saturday, May 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Faith parking lot. Tell all your neighbors and friends to stop by!



We Need Your Warm Clothing and Blankets!

This year Faith and St. Anthony's Churches will join together for a Compassion Weekend community service project Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Anthony's (across from Faith). Members of both congregations will be packing boxes of donated gently used warm clothing and blankets for the people of Afghanistan through Trust in Education (TIE).

Trust in Education is a grassroots, non-profit organization founded in May 2003 to provide healthcare, education and economic development programs in Afghanistan. An equal amount of time is devoted to educating Americans about our involvement in Afghanistan, past, present and future. TIE connects American communities and Afghan villages. Through these exchanges everyone discovers that we share more in common than not and experience the joy of making a substantial and long lasting difference in the lives of thousands.

Donations of gently used warm clothing and blankets can be brought to Faith any Sunday through April 26 or to St. Anthony's Memorial Center from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 25.

Pastor's Column

Faith's Response to the Recession is On the Rise!

Prompted by the initiative of our church leadership (i.e. Session), we had a congregation-wide discussion on March 22 and 29 about how we, as a community, can intentionally and compassionately look out for one another during difficult seasons. Specifically we talked about how we can ensure that there is not a "single needy person among us" (see Acts 4:32-37). Some steps were suggested during that conversation and the response to those has been remarkable. I want to share with you here some of what has happened since.



1. **Interactive Course on how to manage our resources God's way.** We had a very large number of people express interest in taking such a course that would help them learn biblical principles on how to deal with debt, invest wisely, give generously and save responsibly. Even as I write this, Hal Turner and John Rodriguez are leading the effort to put together such a course which will be offered for the first time in the next month or two and then repeated at least annually here at Faith. Stay tuned for details!
 2. **Faith's List – An online community of resource sharing.** This is up and running and people are already taking advantage of it. Faith's List is a page on our website where you can donate or share items, share services, and identify employment opportunities. Check out the article in this issue of *PresbyNews* for specifics about how to log on to Faith's List and being utilizing this great resource.
 3. **Housing Pool** – Over 50 households here at Faith said they would be willing to consider offering somebody else here at Faith short term housing in a time of need. We have a team of people now working to develop a system and guidelines that we can put into place so that we can make this ministry a reality. If you have questions in the meantime, speak to Kristi Kampel, Patty Boyd or Virgie Cornelius who are leading the effort.
 4. **Support Group** – A good number of folks indicated that they would like to be a part of a support group that met regularly to walk together through some of the anxiety and stress that has resulted from this economic crisis. I will host a meeting on Monday, May 4th, for all those interested in talking about what a group like this might look like. Join us at 7:00 here at church in the Music Room (E1)
 5. **Food Gift Cards** – Lot's of you said it was a great idea to have a "bank" here at church of gift cards to local supermarkets which the pastors could manage and confidentially give to families or individuals here in the congregation who are having trouble literally putting food on the table. If you would like to donate a gift card to this "bank" from a local supermarket, we would welcome you to do so. Please turn cards in to Kristi Kampel in the church office.
- Job hunt/placement assistance** – Not only did many of you like this idea, over 50 of you said you believed you had skills which could help with this ministry. Walt McDaniel and the Personnel committee are now at work putting together a ministry which would help people learn things like how to create a resume, how to prepare for a job interview, etc. This could potentially be a great ministry not only to people here at Faith but also to those in our wider community.

In addition to these steps, some of you in the congregation are taking your own steps. Our young adults life group wants to offer a parents night out so that parents have a free night of childcare. A small group here at Faith is working to put in practical finance tips in every issue of *PresbyNews*. And there are dozens of instances of individuals helping other individuals in ways that most of us never see.

In the end, I hope you are as encouraged as I am about these steps. I believe God is leading us to find ways that we truly can ensure that there is not a single needy person among us here at Faith. And I am so impressed at the graciousness and generosity with which so many of you have already responded. It makes me once again deeply grateful to be a part of this community.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

Grace & Peace,

Jeff

Faith's List Offers Members Way to "Share All Things in Common"

Four-year-old Rayne Keasey was eager to start riding a bike, but her parents, Amber and C.J., weren't sure how a new bicycle would fit in their budget. Enter Sally Vigren, who just happened to have a very gently used little girl's bicycle in her garage.

"I've had it hanging in the rafters since my daughter, Amy, grew out of it," said Sally. "It is a very nice bike and I'm so glad it could be used by a family who really needed it."

This is just one of the happy endings coming from Faith's List, a new offering on the church website where church members can post items, services and jobs they need or have to offer. Drawn from Acts 4, "they shared all things in common," Faith's List is one of the ways our church is helping its members support one another during this difficult economy.

"It's kind of like Craig's List, but no money changes hands (unless, of course, it's a hired job) and it's designed specifically for church members to help other church members," said DiAnne Brown, who is helping to coordinate the site. "You might also say it's consistent with our 'green' efforts because it provides a venue for us to give things to those who need them rather than throwing those items in the trash." Have you checked out Faith's List recently? Here are just a few things you'll find:

- A two-door metal closet, six feet tall, and a wood garage storage shelving unit
- Two Graco playpens
- Several high-level job openings at Nehemiah Corporation
- Needed items such as a magnifying desk lamp and a waterproof tarp.



Why not post your items on Faith's List today? Here's how:

To post:

E-mail your posting to: Faithslist@faithpresby.org

Include your name and contact information (phone or e-mail).

E-mail again when you want to take your post off the site.

To check out Faith's List (first time users):

Go to: www.faithpresby.org/user/php

Register under "user login." You'll receive an e-mail telling you how to activate your account.

Wait a day, then log on to the same site with your user name and password.

You'll have access to Faith's List (under the "Our Community" tab) as well as the rest of Faith's website. Remember, when you want to see Faith's list, always use: www.faithpresby.org/user/php.

This page is only available to registered users in the Faith community

Questions?

Contact DiAnne Brown, 395-6129 or Sierraskymktg@netscape.net

Join Others in Renovation of the Heart

Lenten Devotional Strikes at the Heart of Faith Members

Dozens of people here at Faith have made a commitment to work through a little book called *The Renovation of the Heart in Daily Practice* this past Lenten season. It's a 60 day devotional that defines itself as "experiments in spiritual transformation." Here's what one Faith member, DiAnne Brown, said about the book:

"*Renovation of the Heart in Daily Practice* is a great addition to my day. The book offers easy to read, two-to-three-page chapters that provide insightful study and practical application ("today's experiment"). You take a few minutes to read and process the information that Dallas Willard and Jan Johnson write, then you apply what you've learned throughout the day. I try to read every day as my "add to" during Lent, but if I miss a day I'll just pick where I left off. I've found both the reading and the applications to be helpful to my spiritual growth."

If you are interested in getting your own copy and enhancing your journey to become more and more like Christ, contact the church office today. We have several copies still left for sale (\$10.00 each).



Children's Ministry

something. So they came up with the idea of having a car wash to collect donations. All money collected will be given to the SPCA.

Is your car dirty? Do you want a break from washing it? If so, you're in luck because on Saturday, May 2, from 1-4pm we will be having a car wash here at the church.

When the children were approached about Compassion Weekend, they were adamant that we have a project to benefit the Sacramento SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). For safety reasons, the children cannot volunteer at the SPCA, but they wanted to do



The benefit to you is a clean car, the benefit to the children is seeing their hard work go towards something they love... animals. We hope that you will not only bring your car in for a good cleaning, but will also tell a neighbor. Thanks in advance for your support!

Important Dates to Remember:

- May 1- Vacation Bible School Registration Begins (We tend to fill up quickly)
- May 16- Youth Sunday Rehearsal 9-10am
- May 17- Youth Sunday

Children's and Family Library – Currently we have a video/DVD display going on in Room 6. Please stop and borrow some of these movies. Then, let us know which ones are your favorites and which movies we should add to our collection.



A group of Faith children received their Bibles during recent worship services. If your child needs a Bible, please contact Melinda Lewis at 428-3439.

Thank You for Saving Lives

A big thanks to everyone who donated blood at the first Faith Blood drive for the year. And thanks to those who tried but were not able to donate for one reason or another. As the slogan says "You do save lives". We will have another blood drive on Sunday, June 21st - so save the date. This is Father's Day, so what a great gift - you can donate in honor of your father.

A New Address for Herman & Vernice Brooks:

Cortona Park
150 Cortona Way #136
Brentwood CA 94513
925-634-2332

Plant a Zucchini Today

And donate nice little ones to Food Closet



For Those Who Have Never Been Baptized

(And Even For Those Who Have)

Baptism Sunday is May 31st!!

An incredibly exciting event in the life of our congregation is coming this May 31st. That day is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to earth and the birth of the church. It's also the annual date when we take time to focus some of our worship on the gift of the sacrament of baptism. Many of you have already participated in this annual celebration where not only are people baptized but others have the opportunity to re-affirm baptismal vows taken long ago.

Oftentimes there are people who have been active in the life of the church but who have never been baptized or have never had their children baptized (in the Presbyterian tradition, we baptize children of believers as well as adult believers). Part of the reason for this is often that many people simply don't understand baptism and/or they don't know how to go about getting baptized.

On top of this, there are many of us who were baptized many, many years ago. Some of us even before we can remember. And so since our baptism is so distant we may feel we have lost connection with the event and we long to re-experience our baptism in some way. Maybe you have felt that way.

Baptism Sunday addresses both of these.

On that day we would like to offer to baptize those who are ready to make a commitment of their life to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior but who have not already been baptized. We would also welcome parents who are already committed followers of Jesus Christ to have their children baptized at that same time.

And for those of us who are already baptized? Well, we will offer the wonderfully rich (and woefully underutilized) practice of re-affirming our baptismal vows. This is a practice which many of our Christian brothers and sisters regularly utilize (including our Ethiopian Orthodox friends), but is often neglected in our modern protestant congregations.

All in all, we think that this Baptism Sunday promises once again to be a wonderful celebration in the life of our community here at Faith. **If you would like to explore baptism that day for yourself or for your children, please contact Pastor Jeff Chapman here at church (428-3439 or jchapman@faithpresby.org) . We will hold a baptism class on Wednesday evening, May 27th, for all those who would like to be baptized or have their children baptized.** This will be an opportunity for us to explore the meaning and significance of this wonderful sacrament.



Crafter's Club Surprises Member

On Monday afternoons from 1 to 3 a group of women from Faith meet at the church for the Crafter's Club. The group has been meeting for many years and the participants share their time knitting, crocheting or doing other crafts while they talk and enjoy each other's company. One long time member, Elizabeth Gray, has been residing in Gramercy Court Nursing Home and the crafters decided to make a lap robe for her. They each knitted a square, using a different pattern, which were combined by Jo Thomen into a lap robe of her favorite color. Several members visited with her recently and presented the gift to her. Every one is welcome to drop by and check out the Crafter's Club.

What Are Those Elders Up to Now?

Highlights from April's Session Meeting

The following are some of the decisions which were made this month at Session (elder board) 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! The meeting opened with a time of devotion spent sharing praise for how God has worked in our lives of faith at Faith and in prayer for events and people in need.

Vision Action Plan Being Developed – The vision for Faith has been in place for several years now. We believe we are called to be a “Community loving Christ, building disciples, serving all.” This vision guides us in all we do. Currently, the Session is working on determining exactly how we are to see this vision lived out. In other words, what is it we can do to help foster this vision in our midst. We spent time at this meeting talking specifically about what it means to be a “community” and how we can promote that here at Faith. Among other things, we believe that we can best promote Christian community here at Faith with things like Life Groups, retreats, congregational meals (we love to eat!), and fellowship groups like Mariners and Faith Family Night. Look for us to continue to try to promote these ministries in our effort to promote community.

Response to the Recession – Session spent some time talking about the progress of our response to the recession. Look for the detailed article in this issue of the *PresbyNews* which highlights that progress. If you have questions or want to help, please contact any member of the staff or session.

Memorial Policy Updated – After many hours of dedicated work, elders Jim Hill and Maria Rodriguez have led the Session to a process of updating our policy around memorial gifts which are given to Faith. Since we receive many memorial gifts, and since there has been no policy in place to guide us in their use, these steps were long overdue. To see a copy of the new memorial policy, please contact the church office.

Financial Update a Welcome Breath of Fresh Air — After all the bad news we hear every day about the economy in the press, it was a joy to hear from Maria Rodriguez, our finance elder, that the finances here at Faith are in phenomenal shape. Not only do we have sound reserves, our giving is greater than even expected this year and our spending is well under budget. This speaks highly to both the generosity of this congregation and the prudent management of the church leadership.

If you ever have any questions for any of our elders, a complete list of names, areas of ministry, contact info, and even photos can be found on our web page at http://www.faithpresby.org/modules/fp_faith/?tac=3



SLIP! SLOP! SLAP! And WRAP!! The American Cancer Society's slogan protects your eyes & skin from ultra-violet exposure.

SLIP! On a shirt
SLOP! On sunscreen
SLAP! On a hat and
WRAP!! On sunglasses

One thin coat of sunscreen isn't enough. Apply a coat 20 minutes before going out in the sun AND a second coat 20 minutes after you're in the sun. Don't forget to apply sunscreen to your ears, the back of your neck, and exposed areas of your scalp. Sunscreen sticks or sprays can help reach these often forgotten places. Applied properly, and SPF 30 sunscreen blocks all but one-thirtieth of the sun's burning rays, allowing people to stay out in the sun 30 times longer than normally without burning. But a too-thin coat may reduce protection to half the SF number.

An Update from the Finance Committee

March 31st marked the end of the first quarter of our financial year. Things look very good from our perspective. You may recall that our 2009 budget included a \$23,000 deficit. **As of March 31st Faith's income (\$178,092) exceeds expense (\$158,868).**

On the income side, thank you to those who pledged. Keeping your pledge current helps us to better plan for the year. Thank you to all who give to the mission of Faith Presbyterian Church (FPC), pledged and unpledged. If this level of giving continues, we will make up some of our projected deficit.

On the expense side, we are about \$13,000 below our projected expenses. \$8,000 of that is due to a one-time accounting adjustment made at the beginning of this year. This adjustment is expected to be reversed throughout the year. So, while the expenses appear well below budget at this point, they should be closer to budget as the year progresses.

Finally, we would like to remind you to **consider making the 2009 per capita contribution, \$22.00** per member. Per capita is our contribution to the wider reaching work of the Presbyterian Church, USA. We set a budget goal to hear from 50% of our FPC members. As of March 31st we are at 33% response to our request for per capita payment. Another 73 of you contributing \$22.00 will allow us to achieve our budget goal.



Facts About Sunday Morning Coffee Hosts

We all enjoy our coffee fellowship time on Sunday mornings. There are 52 Sundays in a year. Each Sunday we need 4 hosts. We need 2 hosts after our 9:00 service and 2 hosts after our 11:00 service. This is 208 host positions for the year. Right now we have 25 hosts to cover the whole year. Some have to host by themselves because we don't have enough people. This is a very dedicated group, but many have been providing our coffee for years. It's time to give them a break or at least make it less often that they host. Many of you are in a Life Group. Maybe your Life Group could offer to take a couple of Sundays this year to provide our coffee. If you're not in a Life Group, but would like to help us out, even 1 Sunday, it would be great. If you're a new member or new to our church, this is a great way to meet people. We have full instructions on what to do and I am willing to meet and go over everything with you. I can also schedule you with one of our host the first time to help you. I've made up a calendar for June thru December 2009 for sign ups and it will be in the narthex or out by the coffee. Please look at your calendars to see when you might be available. I would appreciate it if you would sign up by May 17th. I need to get the schedule for June thru December 2009 organized and mailed out. Thanks! Kitty Tatro, Elder of Fellowship.



Calling all parents!!!

Want to have a free date night with no kids to worry about? The 20-something's life group has just what you need! We are sponsoring what we like to call Parent's Night Out on Saturday May 9th from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This is an opportunity for you to drop your kids off at church (for free) and enjoy a relaxing evening alone. Dinner will be provided for the kids, as will movies, outside games, art projects, and board games. This event is open to the first 30 children to sign-up and all children must be potty trained. Members of this life group are trained in CPR and are experienced working with kids. If you have questions or would like to sign-up, please call Diana Williamson at 214-5746 or email at williamson.d21@gmail.com.

Grandparent/Grandchild Camp at Westminster Woods!



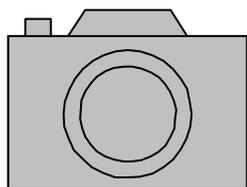
Are you a grandparent? Why not consider taking your grandchild(ren) to camp this summer? Westminster Woods, a Presbyterian Camp in Sonoma County where children and youth from Faith have gone for years, now offers a special three day camp for grandparents and grandchildren.

This is an ideal opportunity for grandparents to share time with grandchildren, creating rich memories that will surely last a lifetime. Crackling campfires, inspiring Bible stories and stimulating nature walks through the redwoods are just the thing to help youngsters build a strong relationship with Christ, their grandparents, and God's creation. We've got the meals and activities covered — you get to simply relax and enjoy your grandkids.

Two grandparents with one grandchild? One grandparent with three grandchildren? Whatever the case, you are welcomed. For more information and/or a registration form, check out www.westminsterwoods.org or call the Woods office at 707-874-2426 for a brochure. We also have brochures here in the Faith office. Lastly, if finances are tight right now, talk with one of our pastors confidentially about a scholarship.

Belle Coolidge Library Offers Summer Programs

Give your kids something useful and entertaining to do this summer. Take them to Belle Coolidge or your nearest library where they can sign up for a summer reading program. They can get a game board with 30 activities on it. When they complete ten activities, they get a drawing ticket to go into the library prize box. In late July, each library will have a drawing for a Target \$25 gift card. This program starts June 13 and there is something for all ages, from toddlers to teens.



World Vision Picture Rescheduled

OOPS, my mistake! Apparently, Easter Sunday wasn't the best day for the World Vision Sponsors Group Photo. My most sincere apology to those of you who were inconvenienced on Easter. The World Vision Child Sponsors **RESCHEDULED PHOTO SHOOT** will be **Sunday MAY 17th at 10:30**, during coffee fellowship. We will meet in the narthex, look for the orange balloons! Please bring a picture of your sponsored child, and a great big SMILE! If you would like to be part of our group photo, but haven't sponsored a child, yet.... no problem! I'll be happy to help you out with that! *Donna Touros*

Simple Living - Stewardship Shopping Tips



Here are a few grocery shopping tips to help simplify and manage your grocery budget.

Menu plan

Before you really get going, have a frank talk with the family about planning menus—and sticking to them. Take note of favorite meals and try to include them frequently. If you include family members in the planning you may find cooperation and willingness to participate goes up.

To start, check your cupboards for what you already have on hand. Then do your menu planning on Wednesdays or Sundays—the days that the stores advertise in the newspapers. Note any really great sales or seasonal items that are a bargain. Gather coupons you may have stashed (make sure they haven't expired!). Now, armed with the family meal favorites, plan your meals. One quick word about...*leftovers*—if your family is not inclined to eat them don't cook more than you will eat in one meal. Some dishes—like stews and crock pot meals—are better the second day, and planning a meal that can be cooked and served for two dinners saves time in the kitchen.

Only buy what's on your list

This is a challenge! So, if milk didn't get written down—can you buy it? Of course you can! What you are trying to avoid is something called “impulse buying”—purchases of things that catch your eye or tasted *awesome* when that gal gave you a sample. These types of purchases can blow a budget fast. Oh, and check those “unit” prices posted in the shelves—not just the total price for an item. Sometimes the less expensive item is not the one you think it is.

Never shop while hungry

Everything looks good when you're hungry! And have you ever noticed that the highest-priced items and “gotcha” items are at eye level on the shelves? If you can't shop right after eating a meal, try eating a piece of fruit just before you go. The sugar will get into your system quickly and dissipate those hunger pangs.

Edge shopping

Ever notice that the things you most often need—produce, dairy, meat—are around the outside edges of the store? Walking up and down the aisles increases your chances of impulse buying—not only of things you don't need, but probably things that aren't the best nutritionally. So try walking *around* the store instead of *through* it.

You are in charge!

If you are shopping alone, what goes in the basket is easier for you to manage. If you have the kids with, give them tasks to help you: using your shopping list as a guide, have them help you find and check off the items as they are placed in the basket. It will help them stay focused on what you need and you will be teaching them good shopping skills too.

A final note--keep a couple of easy “emergency” dinners on hand. Spaghetti and a couple of jars of inexpensive sauce and a package of frozen vegetables will put a meal on the table in 20 minutes—maybe not the pizzazz of pizza, but much cheaper and it will go farther. This is less expensive than pre-packaged, convenience meals—or a run through at a fast-food place.

Happy Shopping!
Claire, Christine and Quinn

Did You Get Your Top 5 @ Faith?

If you did not receive a copy of our brand new e-letter in your inbox this week, let us know. We likely do not have your correct e-mail address. The *Top 5 @ Faith* comes out every Monday and is a list of highlights you don't want to miss about the life of the church for that upcoming week. Look for the *Top 5@ Faith* every Monday!



Hello!

I am Kimberly Claire, part of the Pisor family at Faith. I grew up going to Faith Presbyterian and was very involved in Munchies (I was actually part of the group that named it!), Crew, and in leadership with the youth of the church after graduating from Kennedy in 1995. These were incredibly formational years for me and after graduating from Sac State in 1999, I felt called to seminary to pursue theological education. I was accepted at Denver Seminary and began taking classes in 2001. After 8 years of going to school part-time and working full-time, I am graduating this May with a masters in Divinity. I must say, it is thrilling to be completing this degree!

Currently I am blessed to be serving as a pastor in a part-time position at an inner-city Denver church called Scum of the Earth church. (More about the name in a minute!) I serve as pastor of Community Life and my work areas include small groups, mentoring, women's ministry, teaching and preaching. Two months ago I became licensed as a pastor through Alliance for Renewal, an association of churches of which my church is a part.

Our name comes from the passage in I Corinthians 4:13 and sometimes needs explanation. This is what our website says: *"Why Scum of the Earth? It doesn't sound like a church name...on purpose. We really want to connect with people who have no interest in "church" by society's definition. There are plenty of churches for "normal people" and we think we have a unique calling to reach out to our otherwise unreached friends. Our name is integral to that process. Whether outcast by society (e.g. punks, skaters, ravers, homeless people...) or by the church itself, many who come can identify with the same "Scum of the Earth" since they have been previously treated as such. More important to us, however, the name implies that being people of faith does not mean we are better than anyone else. We know many non-Christians who think Christians are out to cast judgment on them. Our name makes it clear that we aren't about that. We are just aware of our need for God, as Scum of the Earth. Fortunately, God never sees us like that! But the name is humble and we like that."* Please visit our website (www.scumoftheearth.net) to read more about who we serve and what we do.

I am excited about this path that God is leading me on to minister to those who need to receive the love of Christ. If you are interested in learning more about what I do or would like to support this ministry, please feel free to email me at kimberlyclaire81@hotmail.com Blessings to you!

SSIP Fundraiser (Food Closet) Scheduled

SSIP is having their annual fundraiser dinner, Thursday, May 14. Silent auction is at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7. The same great caterer we had for the Harvest Dinner is catering this dinner. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$20.00. If you would like tickets, please contact Georgianne Becker at 393-5906.

Also, do you have a gift that you can't re-gift and yet can't use? Well we can, and would really appreciate donations for the Silent Auction. If you have an item(s) you would like to donate for the Auction please call Georgianne. Thank you so much for all your support. It is greatly needed and tremendously appreciated.



Networkers Mother's Day Project: Mosquito Nets for Africa



The Presbyterian Women are again this year sponsoring Mosquito Nets for Africa for Mother's Day (May 3rd & May 10th.) The NetWorkers Mother's Project is an opportunity for Presbyterians to help protect women and children in Africa from Malaria, while we honor our own mothers. Working together, International Health Ministries and Presbyterian Women make attractive Mother's Day cards available, in exchange for donations to the NetWorkers Malaria Prevention Program. Donations to this mission actively provide mosquito nets and malaria prevention education to families in Africa. Thousands of women and children have been protected from malaria, thanks to the generosity of Presbyterians who have sent over 100,000 NetWorkers Mother's Day cards to loved ones since the project began in 2001. Each year in Sub-Saharan Africa, Malaria causes more than one million deaths, most of them children under five and pregnant women. Malaria is the number one killer of children under five in Africa, claiming 3,000 young lives every day. Women are four times as likely to contract Malaria during pregnancy and twice as likely to die from it. Using insecticide-treated mosquito nets plus Malaria prevention education significantly reduces these tragic statistics. Look for any P.W. member in the Narthex May 13th, donate to this worthy cause, and receive a Mother's Day Card. We are asking for a \$10.00 donations, but any amount will be accepted.

Family Promise Week Is June 14 To June 21

Come and join us as we provide hospitality to our guest families. Do you like to cook, play games, chat with our families, or "camp out" at the church? Do you like to help set up for our guests before they arrive or take down at the end of the week? You can sign up for these activities on the whiteboard (which is on the wall across from the office at the church). You can sign up for dinner, evening activity, and overnight teams, set up, take down, laundry, transporting mattresses to the next church, and to be a Team Leader.

We will take sign-ups in the Narthex on May 23 and May 30 after first and second services. If you have questions, call Cynthia Crow at 3929141 or Sue Hooper at 3932633.



Celebrating 4 years of Family Promise at Faith

On Sunday, March 16th, the family Promise Leadership Team held a celebration in Link Hall to recognize all the volunteers who have participated in the Family Promise ministry at our church. The Leadership team, consisting of Sue Hooper, Cynthia Crow, Larry and Jo Thommen, Rhonda Hankey, Jeff Brown, Roy Bagby, Tanya Anderson and Glenda Arellano, provided dessert and a brief ceremony. Some volunteers were surprised with "Golden Awards" for their outstanding service and commitment to the program. Those receiving commendations were Marthe Sweet (Team Leader), Kent Kim (Dinner Team), Sandi & Davie Bilbo (Fellowship), Chuck Bell (Sleep Over), Jim Tracy (Set/Up TakeDown), Ann Johnson (Laundry) and Debbie Barton (Over All Volunteer). In addition, a special "Golden Pie Pan" was given to Mary Masterson for her dedication to the program. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this such a successful program at Faith church.

Homeless Families Appreciate our Help

Faith hosted 3 homeless families enrolled in the Family Promise Program the week of March 22nd. The guests were grateful for the shelter and nourishment, both physical and emotional. They left the following messages:

"We sincerely appreciate your hospitality and generosity. God bless all of you. With love, Charles, Lisa, Justin and Lauryn.

"We appreciate all you do for us here at Family Promise." Sincerely, Roger and Dakota.

"Thank you for all the help. You guys all have been very nice and very helpful." God bless, Tina.

Thank yous go to the many church volunteers who made this mission work successful. Team Leaders: Donna Touros, Kent Kim, Mary Masterson, Jane Owen and Debbie Barton.

Dinner Teams: Audrey Sherfy, Melodi Andersen, Janet Sather, Donna Touros, Rhonda, Connor and Spencer Hankey, Shari and Natalie Reyes, Kent Kin, Chris Becker, Paul and Betty Keller, Carol Frank, Sarah Jiminez, Tom Busch, Kelly, John, Claire and Emily Latimer, Marthe Sweet, Winona Miles, Ruth Collier, Mary Nabers, Brenda Norris, Dan, Christa, Justin and Jena Morris, Sally Ravas, Carey Kincaid, Patti Bill, and Gayle Alexis.

Fellowship/Activities Teams: Jim and Barbara Tracy, C.J. Keasey, Chapman Family, Janet Leader, Terri Williamson, Ilah Turner, Ainsworth Family, Jennifer and Catherine Smith, Debbie Barton and Lori Rapier.

Sleep Over Teams: Marianne Jenkins, Michelle Sweeting, Chuck Bell, Gary Cash, Jane Owen, Nancy Arkelian, Larry and Jo Thommen, John Rodriguez and Brien, Trevin and Collin Reynolds.

The Set Up/ Take Down Leaders (Roy Bagby and Jeff Brown) would like to thank: Mike, Connor and Spencer Hankey, Jim Tracy, Cathy and Danny Healow and Joann Helmich. Our Sunday School staff members are especially appreciative of the "sparkling" condition of the classrooms when our volunteers do their magic.

A special thank you goes to Maria Rodriguez for providing a hot breakfast on Saturday morning. Jo and Larry Thommen (Laundry Coordinators) want to thank Ann Johnson, Erwina Bush, Julia King and Dawn and Ed Roarity. Rhonda Hankey, our shopper, purchased lunch and breakfast foods. And finally thanks to Bob and Georgianne Becker who delivered the mattresses to Rancho Cordova UMC.

If you would like to participate in this Mission Committee program you may sign up on the white board in the hallway outside the church office. Our next rotation is the week of **June 14-20th**. *Cynthia Crow and Sue Hooper, Coordinators*



Compassion Weekend Projects

Sat., May 2 and Sun., May 3

Sign up through April 26 in the narthex to participate!

Our Projects Support these Organizations:

Mary's house, WIND Youth Center

Knit hats & scarves

WIND Youth Center

Prepare lunch for teen residents

Very Special Arts

Prepare craft materials for festival

Sacramento's homeless population

Assemble "grace bags" to distribute

Shriner's Hospital

Assemble waiting room bags
Create Spanish language books
Make fleece blankets for burn patients

Sacramento START after school program at William Land Elementary School

Assemble school supply bags
Spruce up patio area

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)

Hold a car wash

Our Community

Perform vehicle safety inspections

Our Hard-Working Volunteers

Prepare a meal to celebrate
Compassion Weekend projects

Our Community and World

Hold a prayer vigil

Children and Teens in the Seavey Circle Housing Projects

Provide games, food, and mentoring

Loaves & Fishes

Food preparation

Garcia Bend Park

Trash pick up

Greenhaven Escaton

Provide visitation and entertainment

Rebuilding Together

Refurbish a house for a needy family (April 25)

California Native Plant Society/ Weed Warriors

Remove invasive plants

Sacramento Food Bank

Mother/Baby Program

Distribute free clothing to needy folks

Trust in Education

Pack donated clothing & blankets for the
people of Afghanistan

Everyone is Invited to Attend

Celebration Meal—Sunday, May 3 at 4 p.m.

Celebration Service—Sunday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday*	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					May 1	2 Compassion Weekend
3 Compassion Weekend Dinner, 4 pm Celebration Service, 5:30 pm	4 Crafter's Club, 1 pm Outreach meeting, 7 pm Adult CE meeting, 7 pm Recession Support group, 7 pm	5 BSF, 9 am-noon Munchies, 7-8:45 pm	6 Older Adult Discussion Group, 2 pm Crew, 7-8:45 pm Companions in Christ, 7 pm	7 Choir rehearsal, 7 pm	8	9 Parents Night Out, 5-8:30 pm
10 Mother's Day Deacons, 12:15 Youth Advisors, 7 pm	11 Loaves & Fishes, 7 am & 11 am Crafter's Club, 1 pm Session, 7 pm	12 BSF, 9 am-noon Munchies, 7-8:45 pm Service Project	13 Crew, 7-8:45 pm Service Project Companions in Christ, 7 pm	14 Choir rehearsal, 7 pm	15	16 Youth Sunday rehearsal, 10-noon Senior Banquet, Tatro's, 6:30 pm
17 Lay ministry meeting, 12:15 CE Youth meeting, 12:15	18 Crafter's Club, 1 pm Meetings: Personnel, 6:30 pm Fellowship, 7 pm Mission, 7 pm	19 BSF, 9 am-noon Munchies, 7-8:45 pm	20 Crew, 7:30 pm Companions in Christ, 7 pm	21 Choir rehearsal, 7 pm	22	23
24 31 Elder & Deacon Ordination Baptism Sunday Pentecost	25 Office Closed for Memorial Day Crafter's Club, 1 pm	26 BSF, 9 am-noon No Munchies Worship Committee, 7 pm	27 PW Bible Study, 10 am, Lunch 11:30 No CREW	28 Choir rehearsal, 7 pm	29	30

*Each Sunday worship services are held at 9 and 11 am. Children's Church and Sunday School for Preschool-5th grade are held during both services. Junior High Life Group meets during the 9 am service; Senior High Life Group meets during both services. Adult Sunday Class is from 10:15- 10:55 am in room 2.

Helpers this Month

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Worship Service	Compassion Weekend	9 am	9 am	9 am	9 am
Worship Assistant		Hal Turner	Youth Sunday	Dorie McDaniel	Amber Keasey
Ushers		TBA	TBA	Bill & Em Baker	Bob McCarroll Ken Finch
Greeters		Jim & Chris Becker	Bill & Em Baker	Kathy Ellis Marianne Jenkins	Don & Jan Sperling
Sound		Don Sperling	David Nash	Rick Hom	Kevin Laybourn
Coffee Preparers		Donna Touros	Jeff & DiAnne Brown	Bob & Georgianne Becker	Gary Cash
Worship Service	5:30 pm	11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am
Worship Assistant		Frank Abbott	Youth Sunday	Glenda Arellano	Rick Crow
Ushers		TBA	TBA	David Nash Lori Glasgow	Dick & Betty McClure
Greeters		Jean Kern	Jim & Barbara Tracy	Erin, Colby & Sarah Ainsworth	Jarvis & Glenda Arellano
Sound	Joe Parente	Kevin Roberson	Ken Finch	Carroll Collier	Dick West
Coffee Servers		Tom & Julie Busch	Pat & Kitty Tatro	Debbie Barton	Gwen Markuson
Tellers		Kitty Tatro Jarvis Arellano	Jim Tracy Erwina Bush	Barbara Powell Marvette Swayzer	Helen Christenson Marilyn Becker