

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

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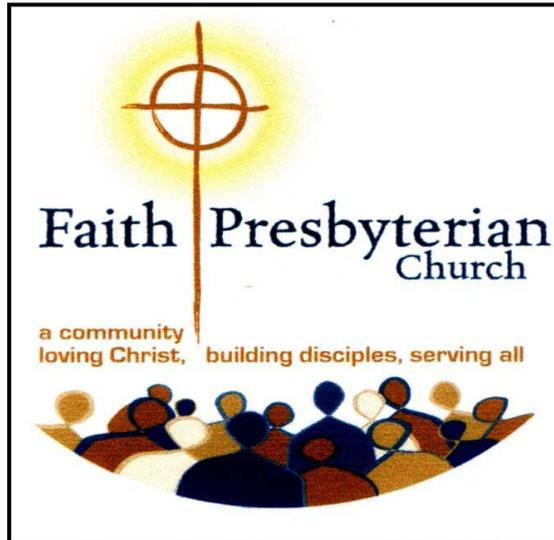
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August 2nd
Food Closet Sunday
(Any Sunday can a donation day)

Faith's Family Retreat
September 11, 12, 13th

Next Family Promise Week of
September 20



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An Update from the Finance Committee

June 30th marked the end of the second quarter of our financial year. Things continue to look good from our perspective. You may recall that our 2009 budget included a \$23,000 deficit.

As of June 30th Faith's income (\$346,683) exceeds expense (\$328,727).

On the income side, all areas of giving are meeting or exceeding our budget plans. Thank you to all who give to the mission of Faith Presbyterian Church (FPC), pledged and unpledged.

On the expense side, we are about \$17,600 below our projected expenses. While the expenses appear well below budget at this point, they should be closer to budget as the year progresses.

Finally, we have a request for you to **consider making the 2009 per capita contribution**, \$22.00 per member, if you have not yet done so. 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. Another 67 of you contributing \$22.00 will allow us to achieve our budget goal.

The Finance Committee met in July to discuss our goals for 2010. We wondered if we should decrease our goal for next year from 50% response to 35% or 40%. It was almost unanimous that we should keep our 50% goal for 2010. For our part, next year we will be more visible to share the value of our per capita contribution to the larger PCUSA. If questions about per capita are keeping you from making this additional contribution, please give one of our committee members a call (Bill Baker, Dorie McDaniel, Joyce Hathaway, Jim Tracy, or Maria Rodriguez). When you make the contribution, please use the pledge envelope designated for per capita or note "per capita" on your check.

If you have any other questions about things financial, please call Maria Rodriguez (421-6967)..

Hearing Devices Missing

We are missing several of the hearing devices that the church provides for use during services. We want to keep them in the church because they are cleaned and serviced on a regular basis to be used for both services. Unfortunately the number of hearing aids that have been used for the services is lowering and we will need to buy additional hearing aids if the lost ones cannot be recovered.

When we service them we clean the pads and make sure that the batteries will stay strong. If you would like to buy your own hearing device for use in the church, contact Rick Crow at 392-9141 and he can make arrangements for the purchase of your own aid. If you have one of these church provided devices at home, please bring them to the church and deposit them in the "USED" basket that is located in the Narthex on Sunday.

Jennifer Kincaid Needs Stuff

She is now living in French Camp while going to school. She needs a refrigerator and a vacuum and cannot afford these items. Jennifer hopes that someone has these items in working condition and would donate them to her. She would really appreciate this. **Jennifer Kincaid, Music Therapy Student,**
Cell: (916)949-0298 j_kincaid@pacific.edu

Family Promise Week Is 9/20-9/27

Come join us as we provide hospitality to our guest families. Do you like to cook, play games, chat with our families, or "camp out" overnight at the church? Do you like to set up for the families or take down at the end of the week? You can sign up for those activities on the whiteboard. The board is on the wall across from the office.

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 August 30 and September 6 after first and second service.

If you have questions, call Cynthia Crow (392-9141) or Sue Hooper (393-2633).

CRUNCHIES AUGUST CALENDAR

All 6th – 12th graders invited

8/5 - African safari (Jenny will share about her mission trip to Africa)

8/12 - Pool Olympics at the Shahbazian's, 6660 Harmon Dr. 95831

8/19 - Mexican fiesta night

8/26 – hoedown (ice cream sundaes & a pro line dance caller)

Youth Ministry Intern Position

Are you college age? Do you love Jesus Christ? Do you have a passion for others to know God's love? Have you thought about working with youth? If you answered yes to all of these then you should think about applying for the Youth Ministry Internship for the 2009-2010 school year. Talk to Pastor Patrick for more information. Applications are due by July 20th.
pvaughn@faithpresby.org 916-428-3439 x 304

Invited Into the Circle



A kid I know recently got a hard lesson in what it's like to be locked out of the circle. Not long ago a "friend" of this young girl sent out invitations to a birthday party. It was going to be a special occasion. Everybody was invited. Everybody, that is, except this young friend of mine. She was left off the list. Not by accident, but left off on purpose. For whatever reason, on this occasion she was going to be locked out of the circle, kept out of the party, excluded from the fun.

Man, that hurts.

And we all know what that's like. Even the most "included" among us have, at times, been kept out of the circle. When we're kids, it happens all the times. Birthday parties. Cliques at school. Sports teams. Special academic tracks. Friday nights when everybody's phone rings but our phone.

And just because we get to be adults doesn't mean the exclusion stops. It's usually more subtle, but the circles around us can still close before we get inside. The "in" group at work. In-laws who never really see us as family. Even a town that doesn't look kindly upon outsiders (i.e. people who have lived there less than 20 years).

Even when we're adults, it still hurts.

Recently I read again a story Jesus tells about a feast. It's found in Luke 14:15-24 and it's usually called the Parable of the Great Banquet. I'll let you read it yourself if you're not familiar with it.

What I most love about this story is Jesus' insistent point that nobody is cut out of God's circle. In the end everybody is invited in. Everybody. Read the story, it's clear. Everybody gets an invitation to the feast that is a life, an eternal life, with Christ in his kingdom.

Now just to clarify, while everybody gets *invited* into God's circle, not everybody gets *included* in the end. Some people, as Jesus points out, don't want to get included. Some people love their money and their stuff more than they love Jesus. Other people love their busy lives more than they love Jesus. Other people love their families more than they love Jesus. And for these and other reasons, lots of people choose not to come. But still, everybody is invited into the life Jesus came to bring.

This is one of the things I love most about Jesus. When he sends out an invitation to his party, he includes everybody. Nobody gets left off the list. He wants everybody there. And this inclusiveness of Christ tells us a great deal about the heart of God. II Peter 3:9 puts it this way, "The Lord is patient with you, not wanting *anyone* to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (Italics mine) The love of God is the most powerful and most radical force in the entire universe. This fact alone ought to change everything about our lives.

One last note.

I thank God that I serve a community here at Faith that, it seems to me, is trying to live out the inclusiveness of God's love. We aren't, of course, a community that affirms all behaviors and lifestyles of people. (That's not what I'm talking about here and the only people who think that's what Jesus taught are people who haven't really read what Jesus taught.) Instead, we are a community that affirms all people as valuable and precious in God's sight because they are made in God's image. I love it that we're trying to be that sort of church, trying to send a message to everybody that we come across that they have, in the end, been invited into the circle.

Grace & Peace, Jeff



Faith's Presbyterian Women enjoy lunch. Bev Sommerdorf with Dorothy Buckingham who was being honored on her 100th birthday by the PW



PW Officers (left to right) Kathy Pehrson, Virgie Cornelious, Barbara Tracy and Ardith Ramsdell

PW Officers 2009-2010

Barbara Tracy, Moderator
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 Mission
 Andeen Lovett, Sunshine
 Mary Patterson and Virgie Cornelious, Bible Study
 TBA Hostesses

Presbyterian Women

Faith's Presbyterian Women (or Presby Women) is part of the national organization of Presbyterian Women. It is open to all women in the church and focuses on Bible Study, Mission,--both local and as part of the Presbyterian Church world wide--and fellowship. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. from September through June with the exception of December when members gather for a special celebration. A Bible Study led by Mary Patterson precedes each meeting at 10:00 a.m. for those who wish to attend. Members also participate in quarterly meetings at the Presbytery level. At each meeting, we enjoy the fellowship with one another over lunch, celebrate birthdays and other significant achievements, pray for those with needs, hold a brief business meeting, and enjoy learning from a speaker. PW sponsors several mission projects each year, inviting the congregation to join in the efforts (Jarred Boxes, Mosquito Nets).

Vacation Bible School A Huge Success!

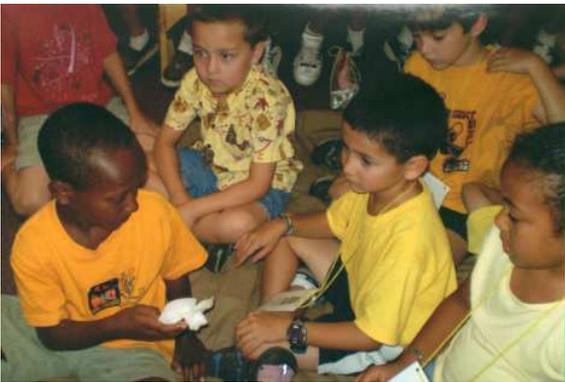
Many people have asked for a copy of the DVD and so now we have them. We are selling the DVDs for \$5 each. **All proceeds will go to the SSIP Food Closet as an extension of our mission project.** We know that the SSIP Food Closet will greatly appreciate these funds. If you are interested in purchasing a DVD contact Ms. Melinda.



A big, giant thank you to the 57 volunteers that made VBS possible!

Thank you to Colby and Sarah Ainsworth, Kristin Alan, Tanya Anderson, Debbie Barton, Sandi Bilbo, Sierra and Skyler Brown, Rudy Buehler, Marlene Calbo, Esther and Jeff Chapman, Amy, Laura, Thomas and William Devereux, Anjannae Duncan, Jimmy Dyer, Joyce Hathaway, Michelle Hartwick, Cathy and Danny Healow, Kelsey James, Alissa Johnson, Zoe Johnson, Carol Keller, Derrick Keller, Paul Keller, Jordan Larson, Julia and Kelly Latimer, Andeen Lovett, Ileana Maestas, Dorothy Maestas, Mary Masterson, Mary Nabers, Michelle Norris, Katy Olson, Rachel Orr, Ben, Emily and Sue Potter, Alison, Austin, Jason, and Meagan Reynolds, Pam and Steve Rock, Maria Rodriguez, Janet Sather, Taylor Shahbazian, Kristen Shimbakuro, Kathy Stern, Lisa Swanson, Marthe Sweet, Lyndon Thompson, and Amber Toomey.

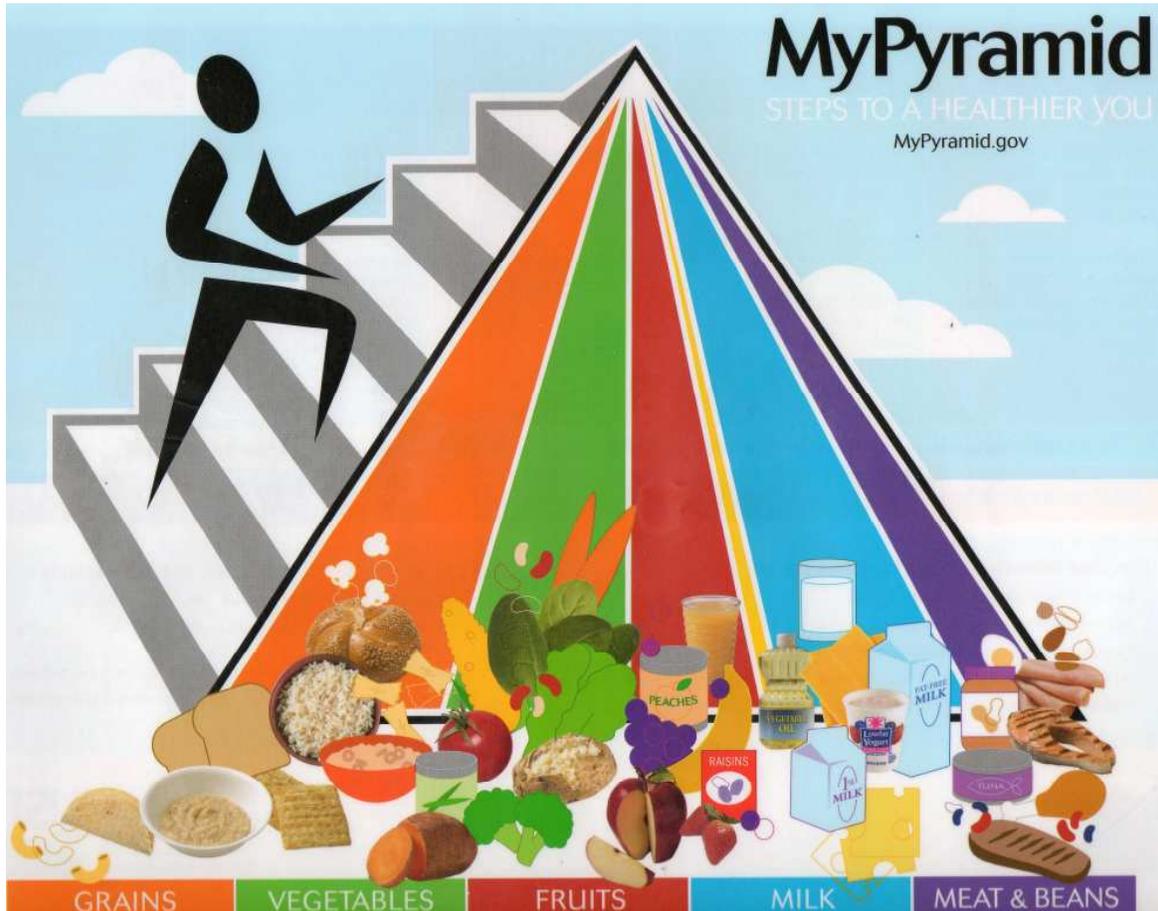
We had a phenomenal week! I am certain that the children will remember this experience for many years to come. God's love shined through in many ways –through the children, through the families, and through the leaders. We also collected so much food for the SSIP Food Closet that we had to take two car loads full (a van and a suburban) over to Bethany Presbyterian Church. The children brought boxes and boxes of cereal, macaroni and cheese, and numerous cans of vegetables, fruit, and soup.



One boy even earned \$5 cutting somebody's grass. He then took his money to The Dollar Tree and picked out 5 items to donate to the SSIP. I don't know about you, but it gives me goose bumps to think of a ten year old spending all of his hard earned money to support a mission project. Way to go! Thanks for being an inspiration to all of us!

It is a blessing to work with children and families and share stories like this one. *Ms. Melinda*





GRAINS Make half your grains whole	VEGETABLES Vary your veggies	FRUITS Focus on fruits	MILK Get your calcium-rich foods	MEAT & BEANS Go lean with protein
<p>Eat at least 3 oz. of whole-grain cereals, breads, crackers, rice, or pasta every day</p> <p>1 oz. is about 1 slice of bread, about 1 cup of breakfast cereal, or 1/2 cup of cooked rice, cereal, or pasta</p>	<p>Eat more dark-green veggies like broccoli, spinach, and other dark leafy greens</p> <p>Eat more orange vegetables like carrots and sweetpotatoes</p> <p>Eat more dry beans and peas like pinto beans, kidney beans, and lentils</p>	<p>Eat a variety of fruit</p> <p>Choose fresh, frozen, canned, or dried fruit</p> <p>Go easy on fruit juices</p>	<p>Go low-fat or fat-free when you choose milk, yogurt, and other milk products</p> <p>If you don't or can't consume milk, choose lactose-free products or other calcium sources such as fortified foods and beverages</p>	<p>Choose lowfat or lean meats and poultry</p> <p>Bake it, broil it, or grill it</p> <p>Vary your protein routine – choose more fish, beans, peas, nuts, and seeds</p>
<p>For a 2,000-calorie diet, you need the amounts below from each food group. To find the amounts that are right for you, go to MyPyramid.gov.</p>				
<p>Eat 6 oz. every day</p>	<p>Eat 2½ cups every day</p>	<p>Eat 2 cups every day</p>	<p>Get 3 cups every day; for kids ages 2 to 8, it's 2</p>	<p>Eat 5½ oz. every day</p>

All children participating in VBS received these charts from volunteer Sandi Bilbo. Thanks, Sandi!