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9:00 and 11:00

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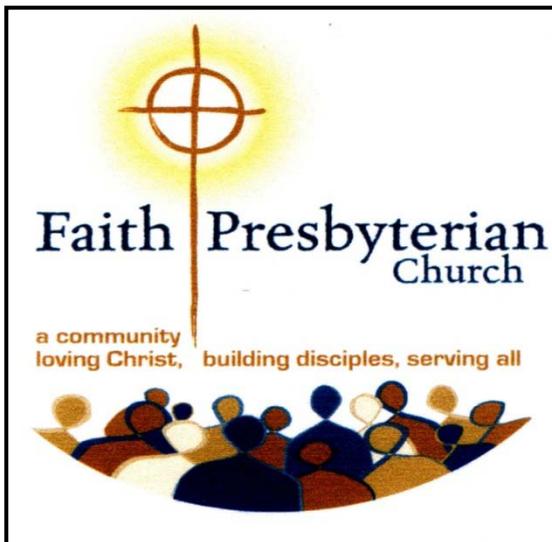
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**Coming In February:
Annual 30 Hour Famine!**

On February 25th-26th, our middle and high schoolers will be joining youth from around the world in the fight against global hunger.

The 30 Hour Famine begins Friday the 25th after lunch and ends with a break-fast communion service followed by dinner on Saturday the 26th. During the famine, youth will learn about the hardships faced by children around the world through a series of hunger and poverty related games and activities.

See Page 11 for the complete story!

Link to 30 Hour Famine Website:
<http://www.30hourfamine.org/>



Our Faith Family

Letter From Kelsey!

Dear Friends at Faith,

Our family would like to say hi to all of you and tell you that we miss you dearly. Donne and I fondly remember the time we spent in Sacramento and rejoice in the fellowship and love that was shared between us! We wanted to update you with what we are up to now...

I received my Masters of Divinity from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa in the spring of 2009. Our son Jordan was a year old at the time. We moved back to California that summer and eventually settled in Ukiah, over in Mendocino County. I am serving at First Presbyterian Church in Ukiah as the Director of Family Ministries, and Donne is working at a sporting goods store called Pacific Outfitters. He is looking forward to getting his teaching credential this next year and teaching in the years to follow. Our second son Liam just turned a year old and Jordan will be three soon. It has been a great couple of years here in Ukiah and God has blessed our family in many ways!

I am writing today not only to update you about where we are, but also to let you know that I will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament as an Associate Pastor for Families here in Ukiah! It's finally happening! The ordination service will be at 4:00 on the 27th of February, and we would want to invite all of you to join us. All of you at faith have been a large part of my call to ministry and a huge support in our family's journey. Thank you for all of your love and prayers through the years! Oh, and Jeff will give the sermon at the ordination service, which I'm sure you don't want to miss!

Hopefully when we are in Sacramento next to visit family we will get a chance to join you at worship! We look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Blessings,
Kelsey Sturges Ingalls and Family

Church Pictorial Directories still available

If you haven't picked up your Faith Pictorial Directory yet, they are still available. See Jim or Barbara Tracy or Kristi Kampel in the church office for your copy. Be sure to regularly pick up a church roster as they get updated quarterly, available in the church office or kiosk in the Narthex.



Kings Tickets Available!

Come join us to see NBA superstar Kevin Durant and the Oklahoma City Thunder vs. our own Sacramento Kings! Tickets are available for the February 12th game. Get your game on and enjoy fellowship and basketball by contacting Barbara Tracy for tickets. bjtracy@comcast.net or 428-0311.

Note from Faith Presbyterian Church founding Pastor Walter Link

Faith Family - Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the 2010 directory. It was fun to leaf through the pages of pictures and addresses. I am so happy for the strong growth in membership and service which Faith Church demonstrates. To have been part of the "birthing" of this congregation was a privilege and a delight. In spite of the passing of many years there are a significant number of faces I recognized.

Again, Thank You
Walter Link, Pastor Emeritus

Castaways February Outing February 19th @ 12:30

Luncheon at Espanol Italian Restaurant
5723 Folsom Blvd.
Carpool from church at 11:45-we leave at 12:00 sharp
Please RSVP by 2/14/11
Jean Kern - 684-9697
Dee Nicholas - 421-5262



Pastor's Columns

How Hard it is to be New

Pastor Jeff Chapman

Not long ago I had a stark reminder of just how difficult it can be to come brand new into a church community, even one that is as generally friendly as ours here at Faith. One Sunday morning this fall a young woman came to worship with us. As I learned later, it was the first time she'd been in a church since she was a child. Something in her life had given her the sense that now was the time to make an effort to seek God in her life. Ours was a church she drove by every day so it seemed as good a place as any to start.

When she came into worship I noticed that she sat in the very first row, something long-time church members, especially Presbyterians, never do! As she sat there alone, it was clear to me that she didn't know anybody and that everything going on around her was strange. During the first hymn, she seemed puzzled as to why everybody else seemed to be singing. Clearly she had no idea what a hymnal was or, even if she did, where to find one and where to turn to find the words everybody else seemed to know.

People warmly greeted her during the Passing of the Peace, though I wondered what she thought of this odd ritual. When the offering came she was visibly flustered by what to do with this empty plate (she was in the first row, remember) which an usher handed to her. She did seem to engage in the message that morning, and even mentioned afterwards how she appreciated what was shared. Still, there was no doubt that as a newcomer to our church, the whole morning had been a very foreign experience for her.

In general, I think our congregation does a very good job reaching out to people who are new. I certainly believe there is a genuine desire around here to include others in our community. Furthermore, as leaders we are trying to find ways we can make people feel at ease and welcome when they show up, particularly in worship. Still, I was glad to be reminded of just how hard it can be to break in.

In light of that, let me just offer a few hints of how we, together, can work hard to make sure that when new people show up Sunday mornings they don't feel like fish out of water. In addition to all the ways you already reach out, here are a couple more you might consider:

- Be aware of those worshipping near you. If somebody seems new, welcome them. Perhaps you can help them find their place in the bulletin or hymnal, or show them where they can find a yellow guest card to fill out.
- Park further away from the sanctuary, even on Florin Road, to leave space up close for guests or for those who have trouble walking.
- Sit up near the front of the sanctuary or in the spaces where people seldom sit, leaving room for new people to slip into the more desirable, or more anonymous, seats.
- After worship is over make a point of trying to speak to one person near you that you *don't know* before you speak to others you *do know*. If that person is new, make an effort to introduce them around to others, particularly those with whom they might have a natural connection.
- On the patio look for people who are by themselves. We all know how difficult it is to be alone in crowd. A simple walk across the patio with an outstretched hand really can make all the difference.

Again, know that I am grateful to serve a congregation so well-known for its genuine hospitality. Keep it up! Maybe these ideas, and others you can think of yourself, can help us continue to make sure this is a place where all our guests know that they truly are welcome here.

I look forward to worshipping with you, and welcoming our guests, this Sunday! Peace -- Jeff

10 Things I Learned on My Sabbatical

Pastor Jim Zazzera



I am having a harder time talking about my sabbatical than I thought. Perhaps that is because the three-plus months I spent away from the church is not easily defined by one thing. I could reflect on travels, on daily life, on relationships. My experience was rich and varied and not easily simplified. So let me give it a shot – here are “10 Things I Learned on My Sabbatical.” Maybe this can at least begin a conversation.

1. *Holding still is hard (but important).*

One of the things I really wanted to do during this time was to quiet all the activities and voices in my life, to see if I could hear God a little more clearly. I was able to do this, but I found that one of the greatest temptations in my time away was to fill my time with busyness. It is hard to just stop, to pray, to sit, and to appreciate. But I am even more convinced of its importance.

2. *Travel is a wonderful window into others (and self).*

Lena and I love to travel. If we are able, I suspect we will do more of that in our lives. Trying to speak another language, to eat food that seems strange, and to view places more ancient than any we have ever seen encourages me to reflect on the vastness of human experience. It also reminds me how small I am in the scope of human geography and history. I think, in all, it makes us better people.

3. *I can never go it alone in life or faith (I need others).*

I did have lots of times of aloneness over the past few months. While I am an introvert and value my alone time, I recognize that there was an unpleasant emptiness when I was removed from people for too long. I became obvious to me how important a community Faith Presbyterian Church has become in my life. I am not meant to be apart from all of you for too long.

4. *Finding purpose is critical to all life.*

A friend of mine just retired and I spent quite a few hours talking with him about his “next steps” in life. He is feeling very disoriented as he has retired from his job with the state and is now trying to find new ways to give purpose and meaning to his life. Should he travel, draw, teach, or spend time with his grandchildren? As a person of faith, he wonders what God has in store for him. Being removed from my work at Faith Church – I was able to share a tiny bit in his disorientation. I too was able to see the need for purpose.

5. *Prayer is a deceptively simple act (the challenge is in doing it).*

During my sabbatical I tried a new (to me) form of prayer called “Centering Prayer.” Its primary activity is remaining in silence for an extended period, inviting God to clear away all the many things in our lives that call for our energy and to fill us with God’s presence. I found a challenge in remaining still and making time, even when that time called for nothing other than “being present.”

6. *Exercise can be fun (but for me is never easy).*

As I get older I am more and more amazed at the gift God gives us in our bodies. I look back on my 20s and 30s and wonder why I did not appreciate all that my body could do then. Now every moment of exercise feels like a new challenge. I thought during my sabbatical time I would ride my bike a lot. While I did do some riding there were some days (due to weather, laziness, or fatigue) I was just grateful for a walk around the block.

7. *I am important (but not indispensable).*

I have a deep gratitude for all the comments, questions, and words of love and appreciation from all of you since I have returned to my ministry at Faith Church. I “get” the message that you missed me. But what I have also noticed is how well all the ministries of this congregation (including those in which I have been involved) are functioning. In fact – some are certainly healthier and stronger than when I left. While I am delighted to reenter my many roles, I see more clearly how God works—with our without me.

8. *Explaining myself is impossible (but I keep trying).*

I have had a hard time talking about my sabbatical – not because it was not significant or eventful, but because what it means to me defies categorization. I just can’t make a sound bite out of the last 3 months. If you are willing to be patient, I will try to help you understand what God is doing in me.

9. *I have an incredible family and I never want to take them for granted.*

One of the most delightful aspects of this fall was spending more time with Lena and with our children – Anna, Aaron, & Libby. I got to explore new parts of the world, share a holiday dinner, visit a theme park, run through the streets of San Diego, and laugh and cry together with people I have known and loved for a long, long time. Few things could be more important.

10. *Life is not all about me.*

After writing a few pages—all about me—I need this reminder.

If you would like to hear more, I am glad to share. Just be patient with me. I hope in the next month (or more) that this experience will find its way into my preaching, my teaching, my sharing, and my relationships. I am changed—in subtle but important ways—and I am glad for you to see more of it.

Thank you all for the gift of this time away. Thank you for all your prayers, for your support, for your love.

Grace & Peace,
Jim

**13th Annual
Women of Faith Retreat
Transformation**

March 4- 6

Mercy Center- Auburn

Retreat Leader: Pastor Libby Vincent

Cost: \$165 (\$80 non-refundable but transferable deposit)

Limited spots available

Register in the Narthex until Feb. 6

For more information contact

Laurie Richardson 393-8106 or

Dawn Roarty 919-4785



Libby Vincent

Libby is a Presbyterian pastor, seminary professor, retreat leader and mother and wife, who is passionate about “integrating the truths of Christian faith with the realities of daily life.” She will be speaking about transformation, what it is and how we achieve it.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



*Bible Study, Lunch, Fellowship, a
guest speaker and fun!*

February 23

10 a.m. Bible Study

**11:30 Guest speaker Lee Mahia
"De-cluttering and Organizing"**

Lunch provided

Link Hall

**Free
Shuttle
Service**

**Shuttle Hotline:
212-0519**



Wheelchair Access

*Available every
Sunday morning
for the 11 a.m.
Worship Service*

SAVE THE DATE
College and 20's

SPRING RETREAT

aPRIL 1-3

For more information: Pastor Quinn

Wanted: Sunday Worship Hosts

Sunday morning worship services require many people to serve in a number of roles. It all requires a great deal of planning, coordination and attention to detail. Sometimes, even the best laid plans go awry, volunteers aren't able to be there or just plain forget that "it's their week." Often, our pastors have to pick up the slack and take on tasks that have nothing to do with preaching, praying or teaching, just because they are there.

So, the Worship Ministry Team is planning a brand new volunteer role – the Sunday Worship Host. We are looking for a few good men and women to step forward and help us coordinate our volunteers and serve as a resource on Sunday mornings to fill those unexpected gaps. If you think you might like to volunteer as a Sunday Worship Host, let Worship Elder Jim Tracy know by phone at 428-0311 or email james.tracy09@comcast.net.

Come to our show and tell after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on February 27 for more details and sign-ups. Look for meeting details in the worship bulletin during February.

Cleaning Out Your Closet or Garage Can Help Another

Have you made a New Year's resolution to get organized? Faith's List is the answer. Your extra stuff could be just what another church member needs. For instance, items on Faith's List right now include an electric lawn mower in perfect working condition, an two pianos, a paper cutter, two couches and a recliner, Christmas decorations and a treadmill. Place your own items on Faith's List by entering the "Our Community" tab on the church website (www.faithpresby.org), and clicking on Faith's List. You'll find instructions to get you started. Or, check out the ever-changing list of items to see if you might be the perfect recipient for an available item.

Thanks for Your Support

Thank you, Faith family, for supporting the Giving Tree during the Advent season. You contributed peanut butter and ramen noodles to the SSIP food closet, boxes and bags of mother and baby items to the women and children at St. John's Shelter, and over 60 hats and scarves to the guests at Loaves and Fishes. Your purchase of the hats and scarves from our Faith crafters resulted in \$1,600 for our Abaya project! We also sent \$1,800 to World Vision through our purchase of farm animals: 1 cow, 2 pigs, 23 ducks, 20 chickens, 10 goats, 2 sheep, and 10 rabbits. We are richly blessed!

Update from the Finance Team

Building Fund - As of January 1, 2011, we will have 3 separate accounts for your designated giving: Building Fund, Acoustics Improvement Fund, and Organ Fund.

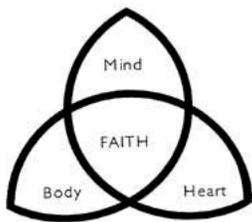
In 2008 we began the work of improving the audio and visual aspects of our sanctuary. The funding of this project included funds from the existing Building Fund. As this project nears its completion, as we look forward to the future, and as we appreciate that some of you have specific hopes for the direction of your giving, session voted to establish 3 separate accounts.

The Acoustics Improvement Fund is no longer in need of funds but will remain in place until the project is complete. Upon completion of the project, the remaining balance in this account will be transferred to our Organ Fund.

The Organ Fund will support the replacement of our current organ, phase 2 of the Acoustics Improvement project. There is a team in place researching our organ needs and options. If you want to dedicate your extra giving to the organ, please note "Organ Fund" on your checks and envelopes.

The Building Fund will support the future building needs of our church. Please note "Building Fund" on your checks and mark that on your pew or pledge envelopes.

Per Capita - Each year we ask members to contribute towards our per capita payment. Per capita is an annual contribution from our church to the Presbyterian Church USA. This year per capita is \$22.00 per member. Our contribution goes to the National General Assembly (\$6.50), our Synod of the Pacific (\$5.17), and our Sacramento Presbytery (\$9.33). An additional dollar per member goes towards New Church Development. Please consider making this extra contribution and be sure to identify on your payment that it is for "Per Capita." If you receive pledge envelopes, you will notice a special envelope for this contribution.



3 Secrets to Living----and Loving---an Active Life

Most of us start the new year in love with our new workout gear, only to see it gather dust in the closet a month later. Here's how to keep your interest in activity and kicking.

In her book "Outdoor Fitness", exercise guru and author Tina Vindum recommends this three-pronged approach: Meet, Play, Love.

1. **Meet.** When you have a workout buddy who's planning to meet you for a cardio class, you'll be more motivated to follow through. And group workouts and classes offer a built-in support system, with shared goals, social interaction, and stick-to-it instructors. Yep, it definitely pays to sweat well with others.
2. **Play.** Think outside of the box when it comes to getting active. Any single workout is bound to get stale if you do it over and over. Mix it up a little. Every third day or so, try something different. This strategy can also help you use different muscle groups and keep your body from reaching a fitness plateau. Nothing exciting coming to mind? How about Zumba, rope jumping or roller skating?
3. **Love.** Every once in a while, as you're trying new activities and sports, you may happen upon something you absolutely love. And that's great. Find a way to integrate that new activity into your routine, whether it's swimming, skiing, doing jump jacks, or simply walking a new route that's pretty. Ideally your day-to-day activity strategy should be something that stimulates your mind, body and emotions.

Food for Thought: More than a Story

by Greg Rapier

I'm going to let you in on a little secret: When my girlfriend first met me, she thought I was gay. Seriously. One of my best friends initially viewed me as a pretentious know-it-all. We judge people every day. The rough looking man walking in your direction makes you clutch your purse. The adult working the register at McDonalds must be going nowhere in life. The screaming child at the store makes you question their parents' capabilities. Making these snap-judgments is often unavoidable.

But major problems occur when we place too much weight on these first impressions. We can't even begin to understand someone until we know their story. Even then, there is a fine line between knowing one's story, and truly understanding that person. Take Michael Jackson for example. We all know his story: We know he was abused as a child, we know about his rise to fame, his legal troubles, surgeries, and even his death. We may know the basic structure of his story, but we don't know the King of Pop on a personal level.



I was recently assigned to jury duty. I spent three days in a courtroom with about 75 other potential jurors during the jury selection process. Many lawyers believe the right jury can make or break a case. I sat back and watched as both lawyers conversed with each potential juror and examined the most intimate aspects of their lives. The lawyers knew that a basic comprehension of one's story does not lead to true understanding of that person. True understanding comes from talking and listening, through fostering a connection and building a relationship.

Which brings us to a critical question: Do we really know Jesus Christ? Sure we know his story, but then again we also know Michael Jackson's. Do we really know Jesus Christ on an intimate and personal level? That's a question that only you can answer. If you would like to improve your relationship with Christ (and let's face it, none of us have a perfect relationship with the man) there are two **very** simple things you can do. They're the same things lawyers do during jury selection, the same things you do during lunch at school, the same things you (hopefully) do with your family at home. Here they are: Talk to God through prayer. Listen to God, by reading his word in the bible. They are so foundational to our lives as Christians that we often overlook these simple yet vital daily practices. None of us personally knew the King of Pop, but, through prayer and scripture, we all have the opportunity to build an intimate relationship with the King of Kings.

Food for Thought is a weekly post on our Youth website by Greg Rapier (Youth Ministry Intern).

Update from Sacramento Serves

Here's what our Local Mission Taskforce on Homelessness and Hunger (Sacramento Serves) has be up to:

- Over the past couple months we read and discussed the book, "*When Helping Hurts.*" We challenge and encourage the Faith congregation to read it. Look for copies in the narthex in the next couple of weeks.
- We're now meeting with other churches in Sacramento to see how they are addressing homelessness and hunger, in particularly St. John's Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, and St. Mark's Methodist Church.
- We're talking with agencies and non-profits in Sacramento to see how we might join in their efforts, including Sacramento Steps Forward, Safe Ground Sacramento, Cottage Housing, Sacramento Food Bank, and Sacramento Area Congregations Together. We're looking at doing everything from direct services to advocacy.
- We'll be working with Janet Sather and the Outreach Team to design projects for Compassion Weekend (April 30 and May 1).
- Several of us on the team and in the congregation participated in Sacramento County's Homeless Count on Thursday, Jan 27. We were out on the streets looking for and talking with homeless folks so that the county could get an accurate number of how many people are homeless in order to apply for the appropriate amount of federal funding to provide for shelter and services. According to the 2009 count, 1,200 men, women, and children lived on the streets of Sacramento. That number is anticipated to be much, much higher this year.
- Our team is meeting twice a month now and we hope to make some specific recommendations about projects and programs in God's time. In the meantime, I encourage all of you involved in mission work inside and outside of Faith to keep up the great work!

Opportunities to Get Involved

'Making Space For God' Begins Sunday, February 27th!

This *Pathways to Discipleship* class is an opportunity to explore how your faith can impact your daily living and learn practices that "ordinary" people can use to grow in faith. *Facilitated by Jim Zazzera.*



The Reason for God (Continues Through February)

Sunday Mornings 10:15 -11:00am

This video series features Pastor Timothy Keller interviewing non-Christians using themes from his book, *The Reason for God*. Topics to be explored include, "Why are there so many rules?" "Why does God allow suffering?" "Why is the church responsible for so much injustice?" and "How can God be full of love and wrath at the same time?" *Facilitated by Walter Newport.*

Presby Women

This is the Presby Women Calendar for 2011. We're inviting all women of Faith to join us. Please look at these dates and if you're able to join us for any or all, we'd love to have you! We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in Link Hall. Mary Patterson leads our bible study. If you would like more information, contact our Moderator, Virgie Cornelius – 747-3827 or Kitty Tatro – 393-4734.

February 23, 11:30 AM ~ Lee Mahia will be our guest speaker on "De-cluttering & Organizing". Our mission project will be to help with the Youth 30 hr. Famine Potluck dinner. Lunch will be provided. Bible study at 10:00 AM.

March 23, 11:30 AM ~ Rose Bierly will be our guest Speaker on "Elder Abuse & Cooking & Eating Healthy". Our mission project will be to bring food for the S.S.I.P. Food Closet. Please bring a sack lunch. Bible study at 10:00 AM.

April 27, 11:30 AM ~ Walter Newport will be our guest speaker on "Staying Healthy". We're inviting all the MEN to join us for this. Lunch will be provided. Bible study at 10:00 AM.

May 25, 11:30 AM ~ We will be installing our new PW officers for 2011-2012 at this meeting. Our mission project will be the "Mosquito Nets Project". Please bring a sack lunch. Bible study at 10:00 AM.

June 22, 11:30 AM ~ We will have a potluck luncheon. The place is yet to be determined.

Potluck Ethiopian Dinner

We will hold a potluck dinner with our friends from the Ethiopian Church on Saturday, February 5th, at 6:00 p.m. Come share great food and fellowship. Also, a panel of Ethiopians will take time to share with us about their culture, their faith, and their country. This will be a great opportunity for us to learn more about this country we are seeking to support.



Family Promise

Family Promise is arriving on February 13th. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to help. We are always grateful for you giving your time and talents. It is great that our members have the opportunity to show their love during this valentine week. For those who have signed up to volunteer you will be receiving a reminder email soon.

Session Report

What is Session? Session is the governing body of our congregation. Made up of 17 members (pastors and elders) who are called by God and elected by the congregation, the Session is charged by God to oversee the ministry and mission of Faith Presbyterian Church. By God's grace, Session works hard to make sure that we are becoming, day by day, the sort of church God wants us to become – *A community loving Christ, building disciples, serving all.*

What has Session been up to lately? 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 here at church. Unless otherwise determined, they are open meetings and church members are always encouraged to come listen in. We'll even share our snacks!

- **2011 Operating Budget Approved** – After a great deal of hard work over the past few months, Session voted enthusiastically to approve our 2011 Operating Budget. We ended the year of 2010 with a \$26,000 surplus, with both income and expenses at about 100% of expectation. Our 2011 budget carries a \$37,000 deficit. Session anticipated this due to the increase in Personnel expenses this year with the expansion of roles for Pastors Patrick and Jim. Session celebrated the fact that our congregation has, once again, demonstrated remarkable faith and generosity in their giving this year.
- **Employment Contract Approved for Christine Mendoza** – Session approved the terms of employment which had been agreed upon by Christine Mendoza and our Personnel Team. Christine was thus approved to begin serving as our Director for Children's Ministry this 15th of January. Our elders are grateful to God for leading Christine into this position of leadership and eager to see how our already strong children's ministry continues to thrive.
- **Sabbatical for Pastor Jeff Approved** – Session approved an upcoming sabbatical for Pastor Jeff Chapman this coming summer. Pastoral staff at Faith are eligible to take a sabbatical after six full years of service. Jeff and his family will spend much of the summer in Europe, most of it living in a Christian community in Albania. His sabbatical was approved to begin mid-June and will end early September. Our other three pastors will provide coverage during his absence.
- **Jim Zazzera's Annual Contract Approved** – Pastor Jim, unlike our other three pastors, is a Stated Supply Pastor. Practically, one of the things that means is that Session and Presbytery have to approve his contract annually. Jim's was once again enthusiastically approved by Session and will be sent on to Presbytery for their expected approval.
- **Town Hall Scheduled** – Session will hold a congregational Town Hall on Sunday, March 27th, after both worship services. This will be an opportunity for members to bring their questions, concerns, celebrations and ideas to our elders.

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 under the "leadership": page.

www.faithpresby.org

College & 20's @ Faith

2nd Sunday Fellowship & Service

Feb 13th 12-3

Loving God & others together

Hosting Valentines Activity at Eskaton Retirement Home

Contact Quinn to join the fun and help

College Life Group

now Tuesdays 7:45-9:15pm @ Quinn's

20's Life Group

Thursdays 7:30- 9pm in Home (contact Jenny May)

Save the Date

Spring College/ 20's Retreat

April 1-3rd



Youth Group Update

Munchies & Crew picked nearly 1,000 pounds of oranges, lemons and grapefruit during their January service project, Gleaning for SSIP. The youth groups spent the evenings of January 18 & 19 at several Faith members' homes picking excess fruit from trees. There was so much tasty, good-quality fruit packed into Cindy Canaday's large vehicle that it was noticeably sitting lower as it made its way to SSIP! Thank you to all the people who allowed the youth to come into your backyards and share this fruit with others. Fruit gleaning has become a favorite of the youth's monthly service projects, and we hope to do it again next year.

And, if you have any suggestions for upcoming youth service projects, which are done once a month, please contact Sarah Jimenez at sarahjimenez@hotmail.com.

Will Starve for Food (30 Hour Famine)

By the time you finish reading this paragraph, another child will die of hunger. On February 25th-26th, our middle and high schoolers will be joining youth from around the world in the fight against global hunger.

The 30 Hour Famine begins Friday the 25th after lunch and ends with a break-fast communion service followed by dinner on Saturday the 26th. During the famine, youth will learn about the hardships faced by children around the world through a series of hunger and poverty related games and activities. They will also be participating in devotions to grow in their faith and a service project to combat hunger locally. In their fight against hunger, our youth will be working to raise both awareness and money to be donated to Abaya, Ethiopia through World Vision. This is where you come in.

Our church has had great success with the famine in the past, largely due to the generosity of the congregation. If you would like to donate, be on the lookout for middle and high school students carrying orange envelopes before and after service. If you are unable to donate money, ask a student to tell you about the famine and the fight against world hunger. Spreading awareness is just as important as collecting money! If you are a student interested in participating in the famine and are in grades 6-12, contact Patrick Vaughn at pvaughn@faithpresby.org. Thank you so much for your willingness to help make this the best famine yet!

Update From Abaya, Ethiopia

As was recently announced on a Sunday morning in worship, there has been an exciting new development in our partnership through World Vision with the people of Abaya, Ethiopia. Because of the generous donations of several individuals here at Faith, we were able to send an end-of-the-year check to Abaya for the installation of a water reservoir there this coming year. The letter below was recently sent to us from Aynalem Mekuria, the World Vision Coordinator for the Area Development Project (ADP) in Abaya. How wonderful to be able to partner in this work which will clearly have such life-changing impact for so many!

Dear Faith Presbyterian Church,

Greetings to you and my deepest appreciation to you. Our Abaya ADP staff, our local community, and our local churches are very much excited to express your gratefulness to our Woreda Rural development works that are being done to bring about transformational development via empowerment of the poorest of poor.

We now have selected a construction site for one reservoir and one water point construction at Odomika kebele with full engagement of the local community, community leaders woreda water desk, and the ADP staff.

Here are the details of the project:

- The new project is going to be implemented in Odomika Kkbele which has 350 World Vision sponsored children and their families. It is 4km away from Gangua town, capital city of the Woreda where ADP office is located.
- In Odomka kebele, there is one deep well infrastructure with one small reservoir, one water point constructed by local government and now it is giving service for the local community. The surface water is derived by one generator power supplied with the regional government. This project needs extension to address the local community need at large. To do this, one additional big reservoir and one water point construction has been requested by the community. This would save a lot of rural women from having to daily fetch water from distant areas.
- This water project will serve more than 5000 people who are dwelling in Odomika kebele and in other adjacent kebeles.
- Below are photos of a similar reservoir and water point from another location. The ones we will construct will be much bigger in size.



We hope that you are encouraging us through your prayer for our staff, community and our programs.

Aynalem Mekuria (Abaya ADP Coordinator)

SUPPER CLUB SIGN-UPS ARE BEGINNING

The Supper Club Will Meet the First Sunday Evenings Of March through June

If you are an adult, single or married, who likes to eat, have fun and get to know other members of our church family, the Supper Club is for you! It is for new and long-time members, young and old, and everyone in between.

This is how it works. The Supper Clubs will take place on the first Sunday evening of the months of March, April, May and June. We have four categories: host, main dish, salad and/or vegetable, and dessert. Each month you will join a different group of people (usually groups of 8). One month you will be asked to host, one month to bring the main dish, one month a salad and/or vegetable and one month a dessert. On the month that you will be the host, dinner will be at your home. As host you will provide beverages, appetizers (if you wish) and bread or rolls. Everything else will be brought by others in your group.

When it is your month to host, you will contact your guests a week or two before and let them know what time to come and directions to your home. Most of the time people can bring whatever they wish for their category (they may have a specialty), or you may want to have a theme, such as a barbecue. On the other months, you will be going to someone else's home. You will bring what is in the category assigned to you. By the time Supper Club is over, you will know a little more about and have a deeper connection to a couple of dozen people! Many friendships have begun this way. After all the sign ups are taken, I will send out your assignments for all the months so you can plan accordingly. Hopefully, we'll have a sub list; so if for some reason you aren't able to participate one of the months, you can call a sub. If you would like to join the Supper Club or have any questions, please call or email me at 267-3614 or ggl-rapier@sbclglobal.net. Look for sign-up sheets in the narthex from January 30 - February 13!



--Lori Rapier

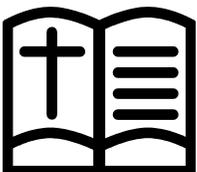
What Is 'Companions In Christ'?

You may or may not be aware that over the past three years, some of Faith's members have been joining together to worship, study, discuss, pray, and engage in spiritual formation through a program called *Companions In Christ*.

Companions In Christ offers small groups a powerfully transforming experience in opening oneself to God's presence and guidance. Participants explore classic spiritual practices, and develop new daily patterns that open each person's life to a deepening relationship with God and with his/her group.

This revised foundational resource features a whole new look and some refreshed content gleaned from years of practical application in congregations across the country. Overall, it is a rich, imaginative opportunity to new discovery!

Different groups at Faith have participated in Companions by exploring The Way of Prayer; The Beatitudes; The Way of Grace; The Way of Forgiveness, The Way of Blessedness. This spring, a group of Companions will be engaging The Way of Discernment.



If you think Companions is something you might like to learn more about or participate in, please contact Jim Zazzera at jzazzera@faithpresby.org (428-3439) OR Alice Parente at vsas77@earthlink.net (419-3403).

Congregation Celebration Extraordinaire

Sunday, January 23rd marked the date for our annual Congregation Celebration meeting. According to the Faith Presbyterian Church bylaws, the 4th Sunday of January each year a Congregation meeting is held. Pastor Jeff Chapman moderated the meeting which began with a festive meal provided by Elder Lori Rapier and the Fellowship Ministry team.

Maria Rodriguez thanked the Nomination Committee - Gail Kinkennon (Deacon Representative), Pat Tatro, Ann Johnson, Hal Turner, Andeen Lovett and Georgianne Becker and introduced the nominees- Wendy Benjamin, Erwina Bush, Virginia Escalante, Bill Kirk, Derek Norris and Robert Mendoza. They all were unanimously voted as our new Deacons with terms starting the end of May when they will be ordained. Elder Rodriguez also introduced the committee's recommendation for new Elders- Sophie Bagby, Youth; Vicky Chastain, Children's Education; Jennifer Smith, Finance; Sue Hooper, Lay Ministry (2nd term). There remains one vacancy for elder (Outreach Ministry). They too were unanimously voted to take terms beginning in May.

Elder Rodriguez gave the over 125 attendees an overview of our 2010 distribution of gifts and our 2011 Pastoral Terms of Call Changes and the 2011 budget.

Various leaders took time to share ministry highlights of 2010 including:

DiAnne Brown gave us an update on the Sacramento Homelessness Project and the steps Faith Church is taking to help people in our local area.

Jenny May shared more about our covenant with the Abaya Area Development Project (ADP) in partnership with World Vision. Faith Church is sponsoring a \$19,000 water storage project that will provide clean drinking water for over 5000 people and eliminate women from walking miles to acquire water, leaving them more time for education and with their families. Faith Church is now sponsoring 80 children in Ethiopia and other Third World countries!

Elder David Nash introduced the new Communications Ministry Committee team.

Pastor Quinn Vaughn discussed the intergenerational relationships that have been developed and nurtured, embracing one another in all facets of life especially through our integrated styles of worship.

Elder Rick Stern outlined the Personnel changes made in 2010 and 2011.

Elder Wally Smith highlighted the completion of the Acoustic and Sound System project, and discussed the proposed expansion of Link Hall, new classrooms and Commercial Kitchen.

At the conclusion of the presentations Pastor Jeff introduced Rebecca Durfee. Rebecca responded affirmatively to Ordination questions and was Ordained and Installed as our new Deacon. This was followed by a prayer and laying of hands.

A tradition each year at the annual meeting is a time to pray and remember those who were active in our congregation who have passed before us. We spent time thanking God for the lives of Gee Albiets, Deacon John Morton, Vernice Brooks, Robert "Bob" Jones, Lillian Filler, and Harold Simington.

And what was the unveiling? A cross was placed on the roof of our original meeting place in 1967, on the second floor of a strip mall adjacent to Vic's Market on South Land Park Drive. The cross fell in disrepair and one of the arms broke off during a strong storm in February 2008. Property owners were contacted and we requested taking the cross down as it is a reminder of our founding members who planted this church. The owners indicated they were preparing to take it down to do repair work on the roof, so timing was perfect. Elder Dave Williamson had the cross restored and it was unveiled by founding members Wally and Martha Smith and Jim and Janet Hill, and Elder Nash and Deacon Brown who disassembled and took down the cross for renovation. Pastor Jeff Chapman read what is being printed on a plaque that will be placed next to the cross mounted on a wall in the Narthex: "For 43 years this cross marked the first gathering place of United Presbyterian Church, which later was named Faith Presbyterian Church. On July 19th, 1967, our community gathered to worship for the first time together in the "Upper Room" located at 5890 South Land Park Drive." (See picture on next page).

Barbara Tracy introduced the slideshow of 2010 in review which received abundant laughter and joy by the congregation.

Pastor Jeff adjourned the meeting until next year. It was a time of joy, thanksgiving and prayerful fellowship for all. We hope you won't miss it next year.

Photos from the Celebration!



A Thank You Letter from the Winter Sanctuary

Dear members of Faith Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to Winter Sanctuary! Your donation is an important piece of the \$50,000 we need to raise to make sure Winter Sanctuary can operate past February 1. With your donation, we've now raised over \$14,000 total, putting us even closer to our goal. Our hope is to raise enough money so that the Winter Sanctuary guests will have shelter through the end of March.

Winter Sanctuary is a rotating, interfaith shelter program operated by Volunteers of America and Sacramento Steps Forward, with help from Loaves & Fishes, Moe Mohanna and Capital Christian Center.

This winter in Sacramento, limited public funding left our homeless neighbors with very few options for a winter shelter. While some public funding was made available to adequately serve a portion of homeless families, single adults had few options outside of currently operating shelters that were already at full capacity.

What is your donation helping to provide? -a warm, dry and safe shelter [with sleeping bags!] for 100 homeless men and women during 128 nights of winter; paid overnight monitors from Volunteers of America who work with homeless guests and volunteers to make sure each night runs smoothly; 128 days of bus transportation for 100 homeless guests to Sanctuary each night and back to Loaves & Fishes each morning; some simple breakfast and dinner meals for 100 guests; a supportive community of friends and volunteers.

Your act of charity has humbled us, and we cannot begin to thank you enough! Most importantly, know that the guests of Winter Sanctuary have you to thank for their continuing shelter and support. We appreciate all of the great work your congregation has done for the homeless community, from working at Loaves & Fishes to raising money for One Day to Prevent Homelessness. Keep up the good work! Thank you again,

--Tim Brown, Director of Sacramento Steps Forward

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Brown".

When Helping Hurts

Over the past couple months the Local Mission Taskforce (Sacramento Serves) read and discussed the book, *“When Helping Hurts....How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor and Yourself.”* Each of us agreed that this book changed the way we view mission work. Now we challenge and encourage all of you will read it. Look for copies in the narthex in the next couple of weeks.

Read what others say about this book:

“Social justice, mercy ministry, caring for the poor—whatever you want to call it, it is all the rage in Christian circles, especially among young people. Whenever some noble cause becomes popular there is the possibility for a ton of good to get accomplished, and the chance that a lot of harm will be done in the name of good intentions. That’s why every pastor passionate about the poor, every deacon, every missions committee, everyone interested in short-term missions, everyone fired up for ‘the least of these’ should read this book. *‘When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor and Yourself’* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert is the best book I’ve read on ministering to the poor. Corbett and Fikkert both teach at Covenant College and work with the Chalmers Center for Economic Development.”

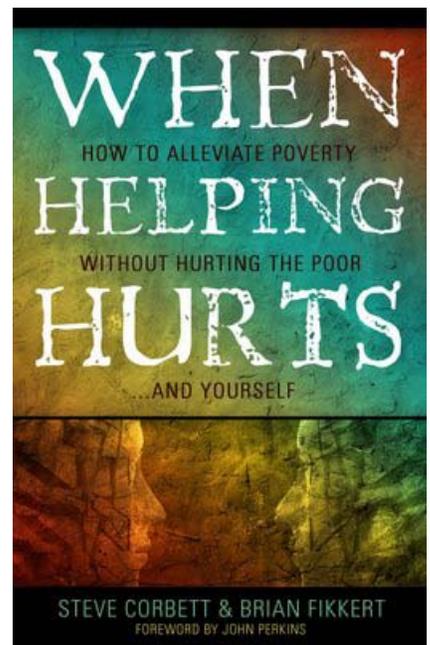
--Kevin DeYoung, Senior Pastor at University Reformed Church in East Lansing, Michigan.

“Often times when we believe we are doing good, we are in fact doing harm. When this happens we may all stand back and shout ‘I was only trying to help!’ but the damage is done, and often cannot be reversed. Such is the case with many of the ways local congregations have contributed through their various projects such as short-term missions. This book, *‘When Helping Hurts’*, discusses ways in which Christians can help those in poverty without harming those who are already suffering, and how to keep themselves from getting hurt. Beyond helping those in need, it is also the call of every Christian to act responsibly and wisely, while yet being ‘innocent as doves’. In a world of increasing violence and hunger this book is quite timely and will help churches be more effective in both helping the poor and spreading the gospel.

--Christianbook.com

“For over fifteen years I’ve worked alongside other Christians in efforts to effectively address poverty at home and abroad. I can honestly report that *‘When Helping Hurts’* is the single best book I’ve seen on this topic. While accessible to beginners, it is rich with insight for veterans, too. With solid biblical exegesis, engaging stories from the front lines, and practical, no-nonsense advice, Corbett and Fikkert offer essential wisdom desperately needed in today’s church. The book will make many readers uncomfortable: it reveals the unhealthy and frankly unbiblical ways congregations have undertaken to help the poor in their local communities and abroad through short-term missions. But it quickly offers hope in the form of understandable, feasible new strategies that better grasp the dignity and promise of the materially poor. This book deserves a #1 spot on the reading list of every Christian who wants to follow Jesus in genuine, mutually transforming love of neighbor.”

Dr. L. Jean White, Coordinator for Church and Community Ministries Ministry Evangelism Team, North American Mission Board



February 2011 Assistant Schedule

	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Worship Service	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Cole Rodriguez	Marguax Warren	Joshua Smith	Nick Voskes
Audio Operator	Bill Baker	Don Sperling	David Nash	Rick Hom
Coffee Hosts	Gary Cash and Denise Fass	Donna Touros	Jim and Betty Park	Dave and Teri Williamson
Greeters	Beth and Dick West	Marianne Jenkins and Bill Frey	Bob and Georgianne Becker	John and Sally Ravas
Offering Escort	Norma McKay	Don Sperling	Maria Rodriguez	Don Sperling
Ushers	Hal and Ilah Turner	Bob and Tanya Anderson	Donna Touros and Walter Newport	Jon Coupal and Alycia Harschfield
Worship Assistant	David Nash	Jim Park	Julia Latimer	Mark Laybourn
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Amy Arellano	Mallory Hubler	Mikey Rock and Zack Roberts	Isabel Selling
Audio Operator	Joe Parente	Rick Hom	Ken Finch	Carroll Collier
Coffee Hosts	Jarvis and Glenda Arellano	Janet Sather and Lori Rapier	Greg and Lori Rapier	Roy Bagby and Dan Morris
Greeters	Jarvis and Glenda Arellano	Dick and Betty McClure	Erin and Sarah Ainsworth	Melodi Anderson and Dawn Vollmar
Offering Escort	Jarvis Arellano	Helen Christianson	Barbara Powell	Dick McClure
Ushers	John Latimer and Bimbo Akinsanya	Dick and Mary Patterson	Dick and Betty McClure	David Nash and Carey Kincaid
Worship Assistant	Greg Rapier	Don Fleharty	Glenda Arellano	Janet Sather
Lockup	Dave Williamson	Dick and Betty McClure	Dave Williamson	Tom Busch
Tellers	Jim Tracy and Erwina Bush	Barbara Powell and Marvette Swayzer	Norma McKay and Marilyn Becker	Bop Connett and Dick McClure

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