

# First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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*Making disciples of Jesus Christ who go to make disciples of others.*

## FIRST PRESS

### February 2020

#### UP COMING



<b>Feb 1</b>	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Feb 2</b>	Communion Sunday Congregational Meeting
<b>Feb 5</b>	Winter BodyLife Begins
<b>Feb 7</b>	First Friday Coffee & Prayer
<b>Feb 9</b>	Session Retreat
<b>Feb 13</b>	Agape
<b>Feb 16</b>	Rest Home Visit (Session)
<b>Feb 17</b>	President's Day
<b>Feb 20</b>	Laundry Love
<b>Feb 26</b>	Ash Wednesday
<b>Mar 1</b>	Communion Sunday Congregational Meeting
<b>Mar 3</b>	Elections
<b>Mar 4</b>	BodyLife
<b>Mar 5</b>	First Friday Coffee & Prayer
<b>Mar 8</b>	Kings Symphony Orchestra
<b>Mar 11</b>	BodyLife
<b>Mar 12</b>	Agape
<b>Mar 14</b>	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Mar 15</b>	Rest Home Visitation
<b>Mar 18</b>	BodyLife



#### Summary of January 21, 2020 Session Meeting

##### Deacons:

- Deacons reported communion was serviced to (89) during worship service and (5) Shut-In's received communion.

##### Finance:

- Approved placing 2019 surplus of \$12,812.54 into designated special fund.
- Approved purchase of new computers, monitors and updated software for Office Administrator and Bookkeeper.

##### Buildings & Grounds:

- Termite damage was found in rafters while installing campus cameras and follow-up with pest control is being pursued.
- Winterization of AC units and swamp cooler had been completed.

##### Christian Education:

- Youth attendance is holding since moving to a single worship service.
- Rev. Nilmeier's Adult Sunday School class has begun to draw attendance.

##### Church Growth:

- Updated signage for the "A frames" is being pursued

##### Missions:

- Approved "Souper Bowl" Sunday special offering for KGM Women's Shelter

##### Worship:

- Rev. Nilmeier will continue to provide pulpit supply for Easter and through the end April

##### Other Session Business:

- Approved building use rentals for "Tec" and "Kings Symphony Orchestra" (with stipulations)

# Church DEACONS

Our Deacons hope you know that “oodles and gobs” of opportunities to share with our community await you at church! Look in our hallway to locate the many various bins which are provided for you donations.

- Clothing, food household items go to Operation Sharing (La Hermosa Assembly of God) and Kings Gospel Mission (Thrift Shop/Shelter).
- Toiletries are received at Heavenly Shower Ministry (Pentecostal Church) twice a week.
- Laundry Love (Methodist/Presbyterian) uses a lot of powdered detergent and dryer sheets monthly,
- Items for military care packages are collected, packaged and mailed as need arises.

If you have any questions regarding these ministries or wish to give a financial donation, you may contact the specific deacon listed on the reverse side of the monthly church calendar.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

PLEASE keep filling the bins!



**Reminder!** Deacons hope you can bring some non-perishable food on **Feb 2** to feed those in our community who are in need.

# A Special THANK YOU

**From: Betty Huerta**

*Church Family, thank you to all of you who prayed for me, brought or send cards and flowers, and of course for meals and visits of encouragement. They are all much appreciated.*

**Love, Betty**

1/21/20

**From: Jeff & Joanna**

*Thank you for the outpouring of prayers, love and support you have shown us by providing meals, trips to the doctor, cards, phone calls, helping around the house and grocery shopping.*

*Thanks again so much for helping us during these very difficult times. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.*

**Love, Jeff & Joanna Jones.**

1/14/20

**From: Bill Baker**

*Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, and balloons for my Knee replacement surgery & rehab.*

*They have certainly brightened my recovery and they were all very much appreciated!!*

**Thanks to everyone, Bill Baker**

**BRYCE WINTEROWD  
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## ***A Message From Your Missions Ministry Team***

### **“Kings Gospel Mission Expands”**

Kings Gospel Mission, a faith-based, donor-funded, nonprofit community benefit organization, is Kings County’s first homeless rescue mission. In 2015, Kings Gospel Mission started a recovery program with six men and within six months, they opened an overnight shelter. Today, with the recent opening of its overnight women’s shelter, Kings Gospel Mission continues to expand its growing list of services.

Kings Gospel Mission owns two buildings at 807 West Seventh Street in Hanford, right next to its men’s programs. About a year ago, it opened a room and board for women, as well as a recuperative room and board for women at that location. The room and board building is for women who have an ability to pay for a place to live, but aren’t able to rent at other locations due to various circumstances and would otherwise be homeless. The women pay for a bed and are provided with three meals a day and staff that assists and supports them as needed.

The recuperative room and board building is for women who are discharged from Adventist Medical Center after an illness or injury and have no other place to go because they are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Kings Gospel Mission has a contract with Adventist Health for the service and the women are allowed to stay for 90 days.

In December, Kings Gospel Mission expanded and opened a six-bed low barrier women’s shelter. The shelter is a place where women can have a good meal, a hot shower and a warm place to sleep for the night.

With the overnight shelter, women can show up at 6 p.m., get checked in and settled in, eat dinner with the other women and rest before lights out at 10 p.m. Lights come on at 6 a.m. and the women will be on their way by about 7 a.m. Women can stay for about five days with no expectations or questions asked. After that, the hope is that they will volunteer or give back in some sort of capacity with the program and then start to become connected to the community.

Dave Clevenger, Kings Gospel Mission CEO, said he hopes the shelter fosters relationships with Kings Gospel Mission so that they can find out who needs to go into the recovery program or who just needs to be supported in their living through the room and board program. He said the shelter will eventually have to expand to around 16-18 bunks and the other programs will grow as needed. He predicts room and board will be the biggest program, just as it is for the men’s side.

Please keep Kings Gospel Mission in prayer  
for the important work that they are providing to the people of our community  
and for the lives that are being changed!

## Introducing the Composers:



While we all love and hold dear the hymns from our own hymnal, many newer hymnals are being published in churches world wide, and **newly written hymns** are being included. Last month Janice introduced the new hymn, **In Christ Alone**. Though not in our hymnal, it has all ready become one of the greatest hymns of all time around the world.

Composed by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend from Northern Ireland, they write and also plan many world wide tours presenting their hymns and choruses, along with Keith's wife Kristyn.

Previous world wide tours featured "Hymn Sings" at the Pentagon, before President Bush, at Royal Albert Hall, and at the United Nations to name a few.

In 2017 Keith Getty was honored as an "Officer of the Order of the British Empire" by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II which commemorates Getty's contribution to "**Music and Modern Hymn Writing**".

In 2018, as the Gettys led their third **Global Hymn Sing**, which featured over a million believers, in 55 countries and in 32 languages, they together proclaimed such classic hymns as **Jesus Shall Reign, Be Thou My Vision, How Great Thou Art, Jesus Paid It All**, and of course **In Christ Alone**.

We hope you've enjoyed our new section for First Press.

December 30, 2019

To Dr. Jack Melvin,

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church E.P.C., Hanford, Ca. would like to thank you for the donation of your Samick 5ft. Grand Piano. We understand your desire to have it used and will place it in our Social Hall to be played at events held there.

We appreciate your willingness to move the piano and have it tuned by Greg Huber. We will contact you per your request if it needs maintenance. For tax purposes, Mr. Huber (our piano tuner) has priced it at \$2,500.00. This letter is to answer your main concern. We will notify you when and if the piano is no longer needed. A printed plate will be attached to the instrument to provide information to find you and your family.

This is a very generous gift. Thank you from our congregation. Please come and join us in Worship anytime. We currently have one Sunday service at 10:00 A.M. Coffee is served at 9:30 in the Social Hall. Updates and information about the church can be seen on our website: [www.fpchanford.org](http://www.fpchanford.org)

Janice Mills- Worship Committee Chairman of Session

You may play the piano if you know how!



Please respect this nice instrument and those listening to you play!

Parents

Please, help your children learn:

- not to bang on the piano,
- or put dirty fingers on it,
- or set food or dishes on it.

Thank You!

# Faith & Fellowship



Agape is one of our many social ministries and is open to ALL women, not just those attending FPC Hanford.

Agape meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00pm, usually in the Fellowship Hall at FPC.

If you are interested in more information about Agape, please contact Janet Harader at (559) 583-8817.



Preview of events tentatively planned:

Feb 2	Beehive Musical
Mar 8	Kings Symphony Youth Concert
Apr 19	Men's Mennonite Concert
May 31	Kings Symphony in the Park
Jun 14	Temple Theatre
Jul 16	Kingsburg Band in the Park
Jul 19	Kings Rehab Service
Aug 13	Olive Garden lunch
Sep 27	2nd Space Theatre
Oct	TBD
Nov	Temple Theatre
Dec	Christmas Party

## Winter BodyLife

**February 5th - March 18th**

Join us for a wonderful dinner and multi-generational activities

**Dinner - 6:00pm**

**Adults - \$6**

**Teens - \$5**

**Children - \$3**

**Family max - \$18**



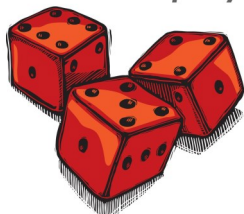
*Ladies*

*First Friday Coffee and Prayer*

Women of the Church please join us for  
"First Friday Coffee and Prayer."

**Friday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am - 10:30am**

**Games  
& Company**



**Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**

**1216 Oxford Way**

## *Ladies Saturday Bible Study*



1 Corinthians

by Jennie Allen  
(RightNow Media)

Christianity calls us to sacrifice instead of living for oneself. We have to choose one or the other—we can't do both. The Christians in Corinth tried to live the Christian life in a worldly way. Paul wrote the letter of 1 Corinthians to a divided and self-centered people to remind them to follow Jesus and only Jesus.

In this 12-part series, author and speaker Jennie Allen walks into the messy lives of the Corinthians and takes us through Paul's words to the conflicted church. We'll see how the truth of the gospel and the Spirit of God can empower us to choose to follow Jesus every day of our lives.

**Meets selected Saturdays 9 -10:30am**

Contact Jaime Christoph or Mary Kinney for more information and to be added to the contact list

*Childcare is provided*

*Brothers & Sisters in Christ*  
**B·A·S·I·C**

**BASIC meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 6pm**

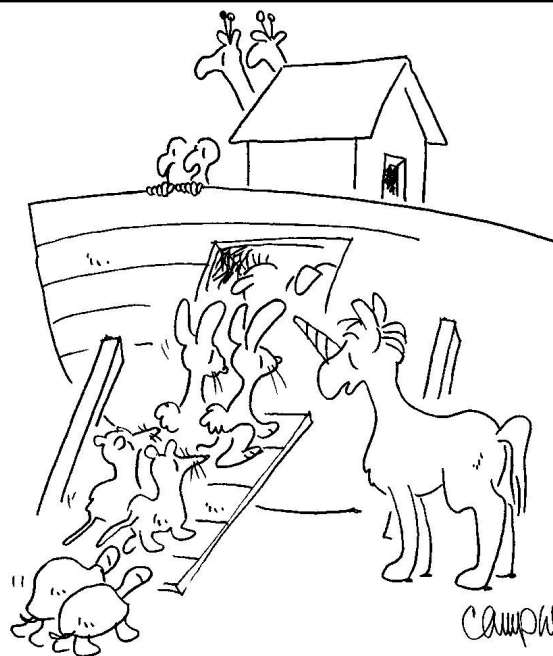


*Congregational Meeting*

**February  
2<sup>nd</sup>**

following 10am  
Worship  
Service

This duly called congregational meeting is to adhere to the EPC rules for "Dissolution of a Pastoral Relationship"



"Be my valentine .... Be my valentine ....  
Be my valentine ...."



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*Questions, Comments,  
Concerns or Ideas...contact:  
Jaime Christoph 850-776-5234*



## Thursdays in February

- 6th      Game:      Ball Barrage
- 13th    Theme:      Redeemed Red
- 20th    Theme:      Sports Mania
- 27th    Game:      Hoops & Ropes



# Refuge

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Movie & Game Night**  
*being panned*

*Watch for more info to come*



## Guys & Gals



### BIBLE STUDY

- SR High Girls 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays @ 6:30pm
- JR High Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 6:30 pm
- Guys 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 6:45pm

*Contact Jaime Christoph at  
850-776-5234 for more information.*

# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 Brynn Barger
- 6 Tim Bowers
- 12 Martin Keast, Kelly Wigton
- 15 Jacob Dixon, Miriam Webb
- 17 Davena Clemente
- 20 Naomi Tagawa
- 24 TJ Hartman, Madison Kapanka
- 25 Jacob Keast
- 28 Melanie Karwowski



February 2020

Please contact the office with any updates, additions or corrections. We don't want to miss anyone or list your special date incorrectly.

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