



# First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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

## FIRST PRESS

May 2020



Today I was “de-ported”!! Ha ha Meaning the port that was placed into my chest 16 months ago to begin my journey of battling breast cancer was finally removed. This was a monumental day...truly marking the end of this long road and I am deeply overwhelmed with God’s amazing provisions made as I walked that long dark road. Until you’ve been there yourself it’s really unimaginable. But nothing is bigger or greater than my God and regardless the outcome of my battle, He gets the Victory. I promised to honor Him and trust Him every day of that journey no matter, what and in return He provided me the “ Hands and Feet” of Christ through all of you, my church family. I received so much prayer, yummy food, emotional and spiritual support, and rides!! Lots of rides to chemotherapy, blood transfusions, oncology appts and accompanying therapy. Please accept my heart felt thanks to each and everyone of you who loved me through this. I will never forget all that was done for me. Special thanks to the following: Fran Bettencourt, Rowena and Bobbie Curiel, Sue Kinney, Georgina Snyder, the Deacons and the angels who organized the Meal Trains!! Forever in your debt and humble service to Christ.

With Love, Lynda Cuzzort



### Summary of April 21, 2020 Session Meeting

#### Deacons:

- Deacons and Session will share efforts to make regular contact with congregation members

#### Finance:

- Approved purchase of upgrade to Servant Keeper to allow “cloud” capability.
- Approved purchase of QuickBooks upgrade
- Approved “Online Giving” option
- Approved continuing to pay FPC Staff their full pay through the end of May

#### Christian Education

- Easter baskets were hand-delivered to FPC children
- Jaime continues to meet with the FPC Youth group via Zoom
- Regular posts to Facebook are made with suggestions for “at home” topics
- Guy’s Bible Study has begun to meet again via virtual meeting format

#### Church Growth:

- Progress on the directory has slowed due to Lifetouch being shut-down due to COVID-19
- Updated Photoshop software was purchased from CG budget and installed

#### Missions:

- Has postponed most of the guest speakers they had scheduled.

#### Worship

- Is working with Mary Kinney to paint a banner to be placed on Irwin Street

#### Other Session Business:

- Interim Search Committee—still in discussions with Mark Nazarian.
- Pastoral Search Committee received approval from EPC to post our “Job Description”

# Church DEACONS

## How has COVID-19 affected FPC Deacons?

As you may be aware, the Deacons are 10 elected church members who share the Gospel of Jesus Christ by providing compassion and care for our church family and community. Each Deacon serves for a term of three years. We thought it would be worthwhile to update our congregation on how the Covid-19 restrictions have affected Deacon duties.

Deacons usually meet the first Tuesday of every month at the FPC office. Obviously with the state shelter-in-place recommendation we could not do that. So instead, we communicated in our homes via Email to conduct our business.

Sunday's 9:30 am coffee & cookie time have been meeting electronically via ZOOM. It has been very fun as you can talk and see church members live over the internet. Some small groups and other committees of the church are also meeting via ZOOM. Check your Emails from the church to get a link to ZOOM.

Convalescent homes are not allowing the public to visit senior residents, so Deacons are phone calling our elderly shut-ins monthly. Cards are also occasionally sent. We encourage all members of our congregation to communicate with family and friends who have not been seen recently.

Deacons normally financially support five local charities every month that help the less fortunate individuals in the community. However, because of the dire situation that Kings Gospel Mission is facing, the Deacons have decided to send all extra funds this month to them only.

As you can see, our Deacons are active in spreading the Gospel through serving the needs of our church family and the community. We are blessed by these opportunities to serve. We pray that you and your family are safe and healthy during this exceptionally trying time.

## A Message From Your Missions Ministry Team



## “Living Waters for the World”

As governments shut down services to slow the spread of COVID-19, Living Waters for the World (LWW) water sites are rising to meet an increased demand for clean water and health education. As a result, a young water site in Monte Redondo, Honduras, has quickly become a lifeline for its community.

Monte Redondo installed its water purification system in December 2019. When they opened, they served an average of 600 gallons per week. Today their production is twice that amount as they strive to fill the gap left by commercial bottlers that are no longer able to deliver to their village.

On March 15, a curfew and border closure went into effect for Honduras in response to the coronavirus threat. All Honduran borders (air, land, and sea) are closed, and a curfew is in place restricting the movement of its citizens. As a result, the providers of commercially bottled water are not able to reach rural areas. This has left many people looking for a new source of safe drinking water.

Thanks to Living Waters for the World and a Hondurans Helping Hondurans (HHH) partnership, the people of Monte Redondo have a place to turn. In these unique partnerships, LWW's Honduras In-Country team acts as the initiating group, training the community members on the installation and maintenance of the system as well as providing them with a health education curriculum emphasizing hand washing and important uses of clean water. For Monte Redondo, Collegiate Presbyterian Church in Ames, Iowa, provided critical funding and will continue to be a funding partner for the site. A local NGO, Amor y Esperanza, also sponsored the project by purchasing the pipes, tanks and bottles. The community raised the money to build the building ... two men and two women are serving as operators.

Today, the people in Monte Redondo, Honduras, have clean water and know proper hand washing at a time when both are critical for sustaining and protecting life. Olvin Duron, Honduras In-Country Technician, said, “Thanks to God that LWW systems are a blessing, helping the communities with pure water in this time of hardship.” Please pray for these faithful partners and all our Honduran brothers and sisters.

# Faith & Fellowship

All our wonderful Fellowship Groups are having to make adjustments during these COVID -19 restrictions, but as soon as we can begin meeting again we will.

*Please keep our groups in prayer until we are together again.*



## Guys & Gals



# MAY

## Birthdays & \*Anniversaries

- 1 Rowena Curiel
- 2 Julie Baker, Jeff Crass
- 3 Tess Hernandez
- 7 Ginnie Herleman
- 10 Dustin Cuzzort
- 12 Caroline Eshelman
- 13 Ron Herleman
- 15 Michael Rodriguez
- 20 Bryce Winterowd
- 23 Michele King
- 25 Joanna Jones, Tim Revious
- 26 Kevin McCarty
- 27 Charles Feaver
- 29 Karen Brautigam, Seidy Garcia
- 30 Eli Hartman, Rhett Torrez



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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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