

First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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

FIRST PRESS

July 2021



Rev. Lou Paradise was born in Moline, Illinois. His third birthday was in California and attended La Cañada Schools (think JPL bedroom community) kindergarten through High School. Lou became a member of the La Cañada Presbyterian church at the age of fourteen. Under the care, guidance and employment of the

church following High School, Lou attended the University of Dubuque in Iowa, Westmont College in Montecito, California, Fuller Seminary in Pasadena and Dubuque Theological Seminary. During these times Lou served in various positions from gardener to Junior High youth pastor. In 1972 Christi and he were married in the La Cañada Church. Spring of 1974 and through the summer of '75 Lou served as an intern in the Northminster Presbyterian Church in San Diego. While finishing seminary in Iowa Lou was a student pastor in a yoked parish, Scales Mound & Apple River, Illinois. Following seminary Lou served as Associate Pastor in Mesa, Arizona, and Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Coalinga – for seventeen years! With the new millennium Lou and Christi moved to Fresno where Christi served in Infection Control at Saint Agnes Hospital. Lou's new career was househusband officially, but interim ministry called. Over the past twenty years Lou has served nine congregations with FPC Hanford becoming the tenth. In addition, other specialty projects have been completed including a term as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. In 2019 Christi retired as Director of Infectious Disease Prevention at Saint Agnes.

In 2020 Rev. Lou retired officially and together they look forward to visiting their four children and spouses (Oklahoma, Colorado, Washington and Clovis, California) as well as the ten grandchildren. Lou and Christi are both excited to see how God unfolds the ministry at FPC Hanford so that the future will be fruitful and abundant for God's Kingdom in the Central Valley.



First Presbyterian Church Family,
Your Session and the Personnel Committee are pleased to announce a new addition to our FPC Hanford staff, Katie Sippel, as our Director of Children and Youth Ministries. We are so excited to be adding Katie to our team, especially

as we are returning to more normalcy for our youth and children! Katie and her family have already been active in FPC Hanford, faithfully attending Sunday worship and teaching powerhouse and we are blessed to have Katie want to expand her involvement and partner with our church!

Katie is a longtime Lemoore resident and has spent the last several years teaching in the Lemoore public school district. She is excited for this new challenge and is looking forward to being an impactful mentor and teacher for our youth and children!

Church DEACONS

The Deacons enjoy serving our church family. Our activities include phone calls, sending cards and delivering plants to our church members who have been hurt, ill or have other needs. We also deliver engraved baby spoons to parents of newborns. All of the donations of food and clothing you drop off in the church hallway get delivered by the Deacons to people in need in our community. Last month we took 3 bags of food and 6 bags of clothing to Kings Gospel Mission! We appreciate all your donations!

Another ministry provided by the Deacons is to set up, serve and clean up after memorial receptions for our deceased church friends. Sometimes the family has certain requests for food and decorations. Other times it is left up to the Deacons to plan and provide the food for the receptions. Last month we served 60 to 70 people for Joyce Roper's Memorial, and about 60-65 for Betty Huer-ta's Memorial Reception.

It is an honor to serve our church family, and we feel blessed to have so many caring servants to carry out these services. We are funded by donations and appreciate all donations that help us serve not only our church family, but those in need in our community.

~ Laurie Essepian

Reminder! Deacons hope you can bring clothing and nonperishable food to help those in our community who are in need. Collection baskets are available every Sunday morning during worship service.



The Community Enhancement (CE) Committee met in June 2021, to consider the requests made by local non-profit organizations. To be eligible, these non-profits need to have a member or regular attendee as



a board member or active participant. These funds were provided by a person who stipulated that the base amount of funds not be used, but only the result of excess from the investments be given. These funds cannot be used for either enhancement of First Presbyterian Church, or for church programs.

Due to the enriched stock market, the CE committee was approved by Finance and Session, \$30,800 to fulfill the requests.

The awards are as follows:

KINGS GOSPEL MISSION – \$8,100 -to sponsor a stand-alone 'Pocket Shelter' at the 7th street location. This 144 sq ft, 2-bed unit will support two homeless people for transitional housing.

KINGS COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING - \$10,000 – this will help provide the 'local match' required in order to receive State funding for this program. This local match is through donations/contributions. KCCOA provides meals for 400+ seniors in our county. Due to COVID, meal requests went from 85-90 meals per day to 460+.

CHINA ALLEY PRESERVATION SOCIETY - \$12,700 – The Taoist temple suffered severe fire damage to the building, as well as destroying many artifacts. The fire also destroyed the primary stairway. The Garden stairs needs to be shored up in order to allow workers access to the upper floor to repair/clean the fire damage.

Thanks to the following **COMMITTEE MEMBERS** who served in 2021:

- Sally Gordon Janice Mills Doug Porter
- Lori Porter Bill Baker, Chair



Christmas In July!

Now is the time to start preparing your shoeboxes!

It is time to start thinking Christmas!!! First Presbyterian Church will once again be participating in the Samaritan's Purse **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** program and your FPC Mission Ministry Team is offering you the opportunity to join in this worldwide "Mission" simply from your home! What a wonderful way to give a tangible gift that will spread the Gospel and give the opportunity for eternal salvation to children and their families worldwide!!!! Let's look at the OCC Program:

What comes out is Eternal!

In the hands of local churches, every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Operation Christmas Child – The Greatest Journey!

As shoebox gifts are distributed, local pastors or church leaders present the Gospel in a fun way designed for kids while family and friends listen in. Along with their shoebox gift, children also receive **The Greatest Journey**, a colorful presentation of the Gospel in their own language. They learn from trained local volunteers what it means to faithfully follow Christ and share their faith with others.

Blesses children with joy, hope, and love!

Their shoebox is the first gift many children have ever received! The treasures and personal letters inside communicate that someone cares for them and gives them an opportunity to experience the love of God!

Gives a church an effective outreach tool!

Local churches use gift-filled shoeboxes as a tangible inroad for evangelism. The shoebox gifts allow them access to places they might never be welcomed otherwise!

Grows congregations and plants new churches worldwide!

Through the efforts of local believers of the Samaritan's Purse National Leadership Teams, entire communities are being evangelized as shoebox gifts are delivered. Some of these areas do not have any existing church.

Worldwide Distribution!

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the message of the Gospel and bless children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and how to implement The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program!

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus!

Galatians 3:26



Summary of June 15, 2021 Session Meeting

Deacons

- Reported 60 took Communion in May
- Reported 70+ sandwiches were made for Betty Huerta memorial
- Donations were given to KGM, Salvation Army and the Soup Kitchen
- “Welcome Home” packages were delivered by the Military Ministry

Moderator’s Report

- Testimony was heard from Michael Kapanka and he was voted to be received into membership.
- Michael & Jennifer Kapanka will be presented to the congregation for membership

Buildings & Grounds

- The glass door damaged by a skateboarder has been repaired.
- Termite damage downstairs is being addressed

Christian Education

- Plans are being made for various upcoming youth events
- Wednesday evening Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30pm continues

Church Growth

- Upgrades to our media system and livestreaming presence are moving forward

Finance

- Giving is behind over \$4000 year-to-date

Missions

- Approved OCC Packing party Nov. 7th
- Approved OCC shoebox dedication Nov. 21st

Worship

- July 4th Sunday worship service time will move to 10am

UP COMING



- Jul 1** *C.E. meeting @ 7:30pm
- Jul 2** Children’s Playday 9-11am @ FPC
First Friday Coffee & Prayer 9-11am @ FPC
Youth Game Night @ 6:30pm
- Jul 4** *Independence Day, **Worship @ 10am**, Communion Sunday*
- Jul 6** *Missions meeting @ 5pm, Deacon’s meeting @ 6:30pm
- Jul 7** *Women of the Bible study @ 6:30pm
- Jul 9** Kids/Youth Swim Party 3—6pm
- Jul 11** Not-So-Small Group @ 6:30pm, Girls Bible Study @7:30pm, Guys Bible Study @ 7:30pm
- Jul 12** *Worship Meeting @ 11am
- Jul 13** *Buildings & Grounds Meeting @ 7pm, *Finance Meeting @ 7pm
- Jul 14** Children’s splash-pad play @ 3—6pm
*Women of the Bible study @ 6:30pm
- Jul 20** Session meeting @ 6pm
- Jul 21** *Women of the Bible study @ 6:30pm
- Jul 22** Youth outdoor movie & swim @ 8:30pm
- Jul 25** Not-So-Small Group @ 6:30pm, Girls Bible Study @7:30pm, Guys Bible Study @ 7:30pm
- Jul 30** Kids pool party, 3pm @ Sippels’
*Women of the Bible study @ 6:30pm
** Zoom Meeting*



“What about the other three fourths of the month?”

Financing the Detour



Our congregation has been faced with unprecedented events in the life of our church. With Pastor Tony's heart attack, the COVID lockdown, YouTube video worship services, then parking lot services, and most recently the tragic death of our beloved new pastor, Tim Hoins, you have continued to support our ministries through your faithful tithes and offerings. We are grateful for you and the way you've provided for FPC.

The Finance/Stewardship Team chose to use "Faith Commitment" and scripture from Exodus 34:26, "You shall bring the very best of the first fruits of your soil into the house of the Lord your God" as we planned our 2021 budget and ministries with our new pastor. Pastor Tim's focus for our congregation was to see "Why" we serve God. He did not want us to focus regularly on our finances during worship but rather on hearing God's words through his sermons. As a result, this year you have not seen weekly or monthly financial updates regarding our income & expenses while we focused on Pastor Tim's vision. We feel it is time to start putting this in each month's newsletter for your information.

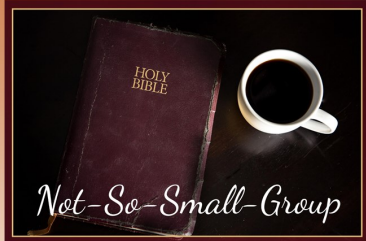
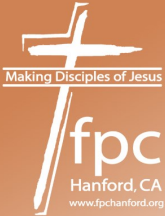
Little did we know God's plan for Pastor Tim's ministry here was to be so short and that our ministries as a church would become so different through these long COVID months. As we explore the DETOUR God put in in our path, we want to open our hearts to His leading. Worship is back in the sanctuary with beautiful music each week. Power House is going for our kids ages 4-4th grade. We are hopeful the choir and praise team will be back in the near future. As we continue to open ministries back up, our expenses are going up and currently exceed our income. It is time to share the status of our finances with all of you.

2021 Budget \$306,342.95 Needed Monthly \$25,528.58

	May	Year to Date
Income	\$19,988.67	\$91,345.60
Expenses	\$20,308.44	\$95,783.05
Net income/deficit	-\$ 319.77	-\$ 4,437.45

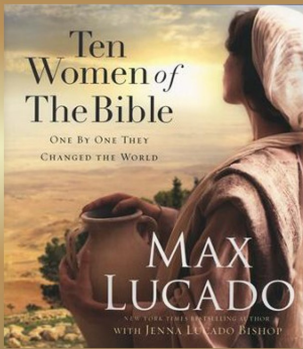
When we compare this year to last year, we find we are falling behind by about \$31,000. Pray for our church, our ministries, and our staff as you consider your tithes and offerings. We are called to give of ourselves, of our time, of our money with joy and gladness as we search for answers while on this DETOUR. We at First Presbyterian Church continue to learn what it means to give thanks to God in ALL circumstances.

Faith & Fellowship




**2nd and 4th Sunday
of each month @ 6:30pm**

Adult Bible Study



**Wednesday Nights
@ 6:30pm**

With Pastor Tony 



EXERCISE class

The FPC morning exercise class will be restarting soon. If you are interested in joining, please contact Julie Baker (559) 623-8652.



Youth Up Coming Events

Jr & Sr High Bible Study



BIBLE STUDY

2nd & 4th Sunday Nights @ 7:30pm

9—11am



Ladies

First Friday Coffee and Prayer

- Jul 2** Kids Playday @ church 9-11am
Youth Game Night &* Potluck, 6:30pm @ the Kinney's
- Jul 9** Kids/Youth Swim Party, 3-6pm @ the Sippel's
- Jul 14** Kids Splash-pad play, 3-6pm @ Hidden Valley Park
- Jul 22** Youth outdoor movie night & swim, 8:30pm @ the Sippel's
- Jul 28** Kids pool party, 3pm @ Sippel's
- Aug 6** Kids playday @ church 9-11am

Contact Katie Sippel for more info. (559)572-6335



Session Committees

fpc⁺ Making Disciples of Jesus
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Worship
Committee Meeting

1st Monday of each month
@ 6pm

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Church
DEACONS

1st Tuesday of each month
@ 6:30pm

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Christian
Education
Committee Meeting

1st Thursday of each month @ 7:30pm



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2nd Tuesday each month @ 5:00pm

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Buildings &
Grounds
Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00pm



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Finance
Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month
@ 7:00 pm



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Church
Growth
Committee Meeting



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Session

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 6pm





Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Sue Kinney
- 3 *Bill & Julie Baker
- 6 Michael Porter
- 7 *Bob & Rowena Curiel
- 11 Fran Bettencourt
- 12 Sheryl McCarty
- 13 *Sostenes & Olivia Infante
- 15 Rosalia Cabrera
- 20 Lynda Cuzzort, Marjorie Willson
- 21 Kayla Koppenhaver
- 24 Steve Froberg
- 28 Bronte Hernandez

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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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Church Office Hours: 9:00am—1:00pm (Mon—Fri)

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