

# First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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

## FIRST PRESS

October 2021

Dear FPC Family -

Have you ever been around people who seem to thrive on chaos? People who want to fight and argue because something at the root of their being is angry, or fearful, or maybe looking to get even? Sometimes I just sit in awe of people who can live like that – so much turmoil, so much wasted energy.

I remember starting a position at a new church and, the very first day, I was called to intervene in a household that was angry and on the verge of great violence. The typical tragedies were present: three small children confused and afraid; a couple who wanted to love each other but had only hatred in their eyes; family and friends trying to care and protect children and adults from each other; police officers feeling very inadequate to do anything except follow the law; and a pastor trying to bring peace in the name of Christ. Nicely enough, you know who won? Christ was the victor and peace has been restored.

Sometimes we think peacemaking means stopping the war in a far-off land, but more frequently Christians are called to bring peace to the world around them. That is our call for October. It begins as we share World Communion Sunday on October 5. With Christians around the globe, we will gather at the Lord's Table to be equipped for the sending.

In New Testament scripture, "peacemakers" appears twice. We all know the passage from the beatitudes where the peacemakers are called blessed because they will be the children of God. The word, "peace" comes through the New Testament at least a hundred times. One of the nice things is that you and I can bestow peace; called down from heaven given to another. You can sow peace and harvest righteousness. Did you know you had that kind of power?

Take a moment and think what it is you might do to promote peace during October. Is there a person in your household whose life is in chaos? Someone who has frustration, maybe anger, maybe insecurity? Just your very presence grounded in Christ and lead by God's Holy Spirit may bring peace to that life. You don't have to do anything – don't talk, just listen; be a gentle, non-anxious, Spirit filled Christian walking alongside the life in need and sharing the journey. Maybe it's in your neighborhood or extended family where the power of your presence may bring peace. Take a look, where can you be a peacemaker – in your home or in a far-off land if on deployment with the military, be the children of God; be blessed and be a blessing in peace.

In The Peace Of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rev. Louis R. Paradise



# 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.
- 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.

Also, in the hallway on the bulletin board, you will find information about Crossroads Pregnancy Center’s *Walk for Life* on October 9, 2021.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

PLEASE keep filling the bins!

**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.



## Compassion International Sunday October 17, 2021

Compassion International is a Three-Cord Approach to Ministry:

- 1) **It is Christ Centered** – Compassion International helps the poorest of the poor, the children in greatest need, without ulterior motive because Compassion International is a “love thy neighbor” ministry. Jesus’ life and teachings shape their programs and guide all aspects of their ministry. From how they work to how they treat people, respect communities and cooperate with nations, their response to a world filled with hundreds of millions of children living in extreme poverty is to love like Jesus did.
- 2) **Is Church Driven** – Local churches are catalysts for community change, optimizing the mutual respect, resources and common purpose critical in caring for children in poverty. A local church is best suited to address the needs of the children in its community because the church is already located in and involved in the community. Only the local church can effectively deliver the Jesus-based teaching and whole-life care that children in poverty deserve.
- 3) **Child-Focused** – When a child is registered in Compassion International’s Child Sponsorship Program, the beneficiary is the specific sponsored child. Siblings, parents, and other caregivers may receive additional or indirect benefits from the programs, but the focus is the one child.

Child development means each child assisted by Compassion International’s church partners receives whole-life care that is personal, individualized, relational, and tailored to the child’s age, gender, health, culture and family situation. Compassion’s focus on children involves a commitment to long-term involvement in a child’s life.

**Please join us Sunday October 17, 2021  
In celebration of  
Compassion International Sunday!  
Help a child in poverty through Sponsorship!**



**A Note From:  
Children's and Youth Director**

I just want to say thank you to all of our Parents and Volunteers who have helped to get our "Fall Kick-off" off the ground and running. It has been 2.5 months of planning and preparation with the CE committee, parents, and volunteers.

To reiterate some information:

**Nursery/Preschool:**

If you so wish, this is where you will send your 0-4 year-olds starting at 10:00 am. You will need to check them in, and out, at the nursery. We have an adequate amount of volunteers each Sunday per the Childcare requirements for the State of CA. Right now we are on a paper check-in/check-out system but are looking to go digital thanks to a very generous family in our congregation. Stay tuned for that exciting upgrade!

**Powerhouse K-1st and 2nd-5th**

Your child will be released as usual from church to attend their class. So far these two groups have enjoyed the change in activities!

**Refuge Youth 6th-12th grade**

Sunday school is held every Sunday from 9:00-9:50.

The girl's Bible Study is still meeting every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 6:30-8:00 PM

We are prayerfully seeking someone who would be willing to step in and lead the boys' Bible Study at the same time as the girls. A huge thank you to Paul Dixon for allowing us to find someone to step in and take this over while he is out of town working.

In Christ,  
Katie Sippel  
Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

# "FALLING FORWARD"

**WITH FPC CHILDREN & YOUTH**  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE  
FUN UPCOMING EVENTS!

**9/11-** BABYSITTING/CPR CLASS

**10/16-** CHILDREN'S PLAY DAY AND  
SCAVENGER HUNT 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

**10/16-** YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT AND  
SUPERIOR DAIRY 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

**10/24-** YOUTH GIRLS PUMPKIN PATCH BIBLE  
STUDY

**11/21-** YOUTH FRIENDSGIVING-TIME TBD

**12/4-** PARENT'S MORNING OUT/CHILDREN'S  
EVENT 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

**12/4-** YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT 9:00-11:00  
LUNCH & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE FOLLOWING  
FROM 11:30-1:30

**12/9-** PIZZA AND CAROLING-WHOLE CHURCH  
EVENT TIME TBD

Are you a parent or youth and interested in hosting an event? Contact Katie Sippel at 559-572-6335

Watch FPC Facebook for updates on event details or reach out to Katie.





## Summary of Aug 17, 2021 Session Meeting

### Deacons

- Reported 59 took Communion (+3 Shut-Ins) in Sept.
- Donations of \$100 each were given to the Episcopal Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army & Kings Gospel Mission

### Clerk's Report

- Approved transfer into FPC Hanford Paul Elansa

### Pastor's Report

- Rev Ron Owens will provide pulpit supply on Oct. 3
- Asked for volunteer Elders to attend Presbytery in Fremont Oct 8-9

### Buildings & Grounds

- Reminder All Church Workday in Nov. 6

### Finance

- Announced the Budget numbers have been updated

### Missions

- FPC raised \$671.21 for Crossroads Pregnancy Center during their "Changing Babies" campaign

### Personnel

- Will resume advertising for the bookkeeper position

### Pastor Search Committee

- Reported they continue to interview candidates and remind people to pray for the committee

### Other Business

- Julie LeFils addressed session sharing her thoughts on childcare/Sunday school suggestions

# UP COMING



- Oct 1** First Friday Coffee & Prayer @ 9am  
**Oct 2** *World Wide Communion Sunday*  
**Oct 4** Chimes Practice @ 4:30pm  
**Oct 5** Church Growth meeting @ 10am, Deacons meeting @ 6:30pm  
**Oct 6** Choir Practice @ 6:30pm  
**Oct 7** \*Bible Study @ 6:30pm  
**Oct 8-9** Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest (Fremont)  
**Oct 10** *Pastor Appreciation Day*, Girl's Bible Study @ 6:30pm, NSSG @ 6:30pm  
**Oct 11** Chimes Practice @ 4:30pm  
**Oct 12** Missions meeting @ 5pm, Finance meeting @ 7pm, Buildings & Grounds meeting @ 7pm  
**Oct 13** Choir Practice @ 6:30pm  
**Oct 14** \*Bible Study @ 6:30pm  
**Oct 16** FPC Children's Playday 9am– noon, Youth Service Project 9am—1pm  
**Oct 17** *Compassion Sunday*  
**Oct 18** Chimes Practice @ 4:30pm  
**Oct 19** Session meeting @ 6pm  
**Oct 20** Choir Practice @ 6:30pm  
**Oct 21** \*Bible Study @ 6:30pm  
**Oct 24** All Church Potluck after worship, Youth Pumpkin Patch outing, NSSG @ 6:30pm  
**Oct 25** Chimes Practice @ 4:30pm  
**Oct 27** Choir Practice @ 6:30pm  
**Oct 28** \*Bible Study @ 6:30pm  
**Oct 31** 5th Sunday Hymn Sing  
**Nov 2** Church Growth meeting @ 10am, Deacons meeting @ 6:30pm  
**Nov 6** All Church Workday  
**Nov 7** *Communion Sunday*, OCC Packing Party  
**Nov 9** Missions meeting @ 5pm, Finance meeting @ 7pm, Buildings & Grounds meeting @ 7pm  
**Nov 11** *Veterans Day*  
**Nov 13** New Members Class

\* Zoom Meeting

OCTOBER

Pastor  
APPRECIATION

MONTH

## Dessert Auction after the NOT 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck October 24<sup>th</sup>!

Dessert *Auction*

Sunday, Oct 24th



### Do you have a sweet tooth?

Then please join us Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, after the NOT 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck to bid on a great dessert. The auction will raise money for our 2021 EPC Askings. To date members and generous donors have donated \$1,611.00, leaving us a balance of \$2,189.00 still needed to send to EPC.

### Potluck – Please bring the following:

\*Families – main dish \*Couples/Singles – salads & sides



This is a great opportunity to buy a delicious dessert. The amount for the purchased desserts will be applied towards your EPC Askings. If you prefer, you can make a donation above and beyond your gifts and tithes, for the EPC Askings. Purchase your dessert to eat after the potluck & buy another to take home.



**Please do not bring desserts for the auction, they will be provided.** If you would like to provide one of the tantalizing tasty desserts, please contact Julie Baker. We will be accepting a limited number of dessert items.

Join us for the fun, good food and wonderful desserts.

~ The Finance Ministry Team



**Remember**  
**Release**  
**Reimagine**  
**Restore**

***Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10***

Dear FPC Church Family and Friends,

Please be aware that your Giving Statement for the period of January 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021, will either be emailed to those we have email addresses for or mailed (via USPO) in October. If you have not received your statement, please let Gail know either by email [gail@fpchanford.org](mailto:gail@fpchanford.org) or call her at the office 582-0283. The final Giving Statement will be your end of the year statement (12/31/2021) and will be sent out in January, 2022.

We are so grateful for you and the way you’ve provided for and supported FPC during this time. Please continue your support by:

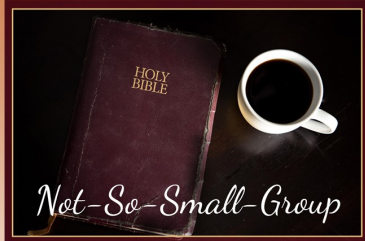
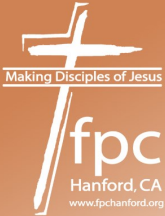
- Sending in your check to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1185, Hanford, Ca 93232
- Arranging auto-pay with your financial institution
- On-line giving - GivePlus and GivePlus Mobile.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Debra Revious, Gail Forsythe, or call the office, 559-582-0283. Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers!!!

Be watching for the 2022 “Our Money Story” Faith Commitment Drive information to come in next month’s newsletter and in the mail. Did you know Jesus talked about money more than Faith and Prayer?

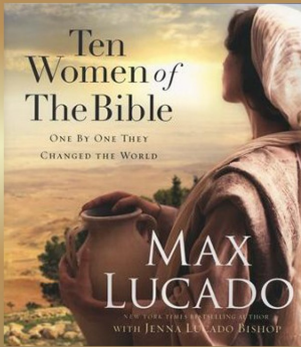
~ Finance/Stewardship Ministry Team

# Faith & Fellowship



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

*Adult Bible Study*



**Thursday  
evenings  
6:30pm**



*Jr & Sr High Bible Study*



**BIBLE STUDY**

**2nd & 4th Sunday Nights @ 6:30pm**

**9—11am**

*Ladies*

*First Friday Coffee and Prayer*



## Exercise class

The FPC exercise class M, W & F mornings @ 9am in the FPC Outreach Building (220 Dewey Street)

## Jolly 1's & 2's

In September we attended the play "Angel Street" at the Temple Theater. I anticipate attending their plays in the future. Those who came really enjoyed it. I do not have anything planned for October. If something comes up I will let you know.

I also need to let everyone in our congregation know that anyone can join us in attending Jolly 1's & 2's functions. It is not limited to a specific group of people. Just let me know if you are interested in anything we decide to do. You may call me at (559) 583-8817 or email me at [j\\_harader@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j_harader@sbcglobal.net)

~ Janet Harader



# Session Committees

fpc<sup>t</sup> Making Disciples of Jesus  
Hanford, California

 zoom **Worship**  
Committee Meeting


Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> after morning worship

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**Church**  
**DEACONS**

1st Tuesday of each month  
@ 6:30pm

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**Christian**  
**Education**  
Committee Meeting

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Hanford, California

 zoom 

2nd Tuesday each month @ 5:00pm

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 zoom **Buildings & Grounds**  
Committee Meeting


2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00pm

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 zoom **Finance**  
Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month  
@ 7:00 pm


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**Church**  
**Growth**  
Committee Meeting

1st Tuesday of each month @ 10:00am

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**Session**

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 6:00pm

# OCTOBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Kalob Jones, Mary Kinney, Luke Sippel
- 3 Chuck Kinney
- 5 Shirley Voyles
- 7 Sarai Cabrera
- 9 Elis Cabrera
- 11 Kevin Jones, \*Michael & Amanda Ginn
- 12 Bob Casterson, Virginia Rich
- 13 Braden Winterowd
- 14 Dan Piper
- 16 Mark Nazarian, \*Bob & Paula Casterson
- 19 \*Rodney & Sue Bairstow
- 20 Brooke Winterowd
- 21 \*Ernest & Sandra Kerr
- 23 Henry Dixon
- 26 Santos Cabrera
- 27 \*Dustin & Lynda Cuzzort
- 28 Robert Curiel, Thom Snyder

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other information to [office@fpchanford.org](mailto:office@fpchanford.org)



# October

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