

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STOCKTON

THE WINDOW

January 2011



The Pastor's Page



Thank you for a great year of welcome. Our whole family is blessed to have become part of this church body. Once around the sun is only the start to a long and lasting relationship with you and this community. I have personally enjoyed watching the seasons of the church and learning about the way the people of First Presbyterian Church of Stockton live out their calling from God in unique and significant ways. As we finish up the excitement of the season of Advent and Christmas, I am optimistic that the future continues to look bright.

Many generations of faithful Christians have laid a solid foundation for the church that is alive now. The church's constant sense of renewal reminds us that God is always working.

As the year kicks off, I am looking forward to continued growth in 2011. I am excited to see a church that is growing in ways that are multi-generational and multi-ethnic. Truly, the Holy Spirit is working.

We still face challenges, but that is to be expected in the life of a Christian. The church faces financial difficulties, but so did Mary and Joseph. The building needs continued improvement, but the same can be said of any building facility. The city of Stockton faces the challenges of the effects of poverty, addiction, and high drop-out rates. However, in all that God is able to shine through the darkness and gives us the power to share hope.

In the coming year look for continued inventive ways to expand God's love in the community. This church will be hosting workshops that will be beneficial to seniors. Our athletic program is going to be continued to increase. The outreach committee will be facilitating new ways to build relationships with people that need to know that God cares for them. There will be an increase in children and youth learning about faith. A new photo directory is planned to help new people learn names and faces. It all is very encouraging.

Please be in prayer, considering how God wants to use you this year to join in helping this community grow. We need your help to accomplish God's goal Thank you for your increased support and continued prayers.

In Christ,

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January 2011 at FPC:

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 New Years Day
2 No Choir Bible Study, or Sunday School until Jan 9, then meet as usual: Adults 8:30 Cherub 9 Angelus 9:45	3 Tai Chi 9:30am (West. Hall)	4 PW Cir 1 9:30 am (The Stone's) PW Cir 2 11:30 am (Geneva) C.E. 6pm (Baldwin's)	5 FPC Basketball 5:30pm (gym)	6 FPC Volleyball 7:30 pm (gym)	7 Tai Chi 9:30am (West. Hall)	8
9 Member-Class 9 am (Parlor) All Choirs & Sunday School meet weekly	10 Tai Chi 9:30am (West. Hall)	11 Outreach 5pm (Geneva)	12 FPC Basketball 5:30pm (gym) W&M 6 pm (Geneva)	13 FPC Volleyball 7:30 pm (gym)	14 Tai Chi 9:30am (West. Hall)	15
16 Member Class 9 am (Parlor)	17 OFFICE CLOSED MLK Day Tai Chi 9:30am (West. Hall)	18	19 FPC Basketball 5:30pm (gym)	20 Book Club 3pm (The Eley's) FPC Volleyball 7:30 pm (gym)	21 Tai Chi 9:30am (West. Hall)	22
23 Member Class 9 am Parlor 30 Cong. Meeting	24 Tai Chi 9:30am (West. Hall) 31 Tai Chi 9:30am (West. Hall)	25 Session Meeting 6 pm	26 FPC Basketball 5:30pm (gym)	27 FPC Volleyball 7:30 pm (gym)	28 Tai Chi 9:30am (West. Hall)	29



Presbyterian Women

Resolved to be Healthy!



The Women at First Presbyterian have the opportunity to start this New Year with Bible Study. **Newcomers are very welcome.** The Evening Circle will meet on Monday, January 3 at 7:00 at the home of Cheryl Hunt. The other two circles meet on Tuesday, January 4. The Morning Circle will meet at 9:30 at the home of Joanna Stone. The Afternoon Circle meets at 11:30 at church. We are all studying Lesson Four of Revelation. Having enjoyed a peek into heaven at our last lesson, we are equipped to move through the difficult middle chapters to discover Hope and learn how to live every moment of our lives being led by the Lamb of God. **Join us! We still have a few study book left for you.**

In keeping with our theme verse: **“Behold! I am making all thing new!”** our next two luncheons will be about staying healthy and strong. These events are co-sponsored with the Outreach Committee. **So, invite your friends.** We will serve a nutritious soup with local produce. Tuesday, January 18 Dr. Woelfel of the UOP School of Pharmacy will conduct a workshop on **Medication Uses Safety Training for Seniors (MUST)**. Tuesday, February 22 we will discuss **Osteoporosis & Falls Prevention Education & Intervention for Seniors**. These topics are vital for all caregivers and seniors. Let your friends at other churches know about these opportunities.



FPC Adult Sports: We've Got Game!

Looking for an activity during the week? First Presbyterian has a couple of different options which are open to both you, AND the community, in our beautiful gym!

- Wednesdays: Basketball 5:30-9: 00 p.m.
- Thursdays: Volleyball 7:30-9:00 p.m.



Bring your self and bring your friends!



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION!

Pastor Wright will be facilitating a New Member Orientation Class in January. The class will meet in the church parlor at 9 a.m. on January 9, 16, and 23. The class will be designed for those interested in learning more about this church and discerning if membership is a commitment individuals would like to make. Topics will include Christian faith, Church history, Presbyterian process, and the mission of the Church. Please contact Pastor Wright if you will be attending so that enough supplies will be printed.

Fellowship “POTLUCK” LUNCHEON

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a Potluck Luncheon for the Second Sunday Fellowship Luncheon. The committee will provide salad and bread

A-M bring a main dish

N-Z a side dish or dessert.

All are welcome to attend. Donations are welcome but are not necessary to join us.



Tai Chi Class: January 3rd

Members and friends of First Presbyterian church are invited to attend Tai Chi classes at Westminster Hall, Mondays and Fridays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The instructor will be Bing Hui, who teaches at Delta College, both Stockton and Lathrop Senior Centers, and Calvary Presbyterian, among other sites. This low-impact activity is suitable for people of all ages. It is a gentle, stress-reducing exercise, and with regular practice, will improve strength, flexibility, and balance. Regular attendance will increase the benefits, but participants may attend as frequently or infrequently as they are able. The suggested donation for each class is \$4.00. A liability waiver will need to be on file for you with the church. Pick one up at class!

Notes from Session

Moved, Seconded, passed to approve a Tai Chi Class two mornings a week beginning January 3rd.

Church and Society:

The Committee recommends dispersal of Local Mission funds as follows:

Gospel Center Ministries \$550, Child Abuse Prevention Council \$100, Women's Center \$75, Salvation Army \$100, Haven of Peace \$100, Stockton Family Shelter \$200. The amount of \$1579 are to be added to a holding fund set aside for improvements to the building so we can meet the needs of the community.

The Committee also recommends that the Local Mission Fund of \$231 collected at the time of the Pastor's Installation be sent to the Theological Education Fund, and that \$317 Peacemaking Offering be sent to the Columbian Accompaniment Program of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Fellowship for the upcoming mission trip of Doug and Cheryl Hunt. Motions passed.

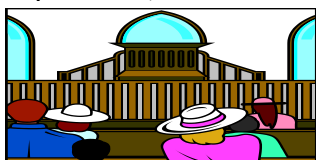
The \$220 Cents Ability Offering will be sent to the Saturday Breakfast Club.

The committee proposes that next year our general mission pledge be 5½ % of the church budget and that our local mission be 2½ % of the church budget. The proposal from the committee failed.

**Next Session Meeting:
WEDNESDAY (NEW NIGHT)
Jan 26 at 6:00 p.m.**

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, January 30, 2011

All members of First Presbyterian Church are requested to attend the Annual January Congregational Meeting. The meeting will take place on Sunday, January 30, 2011, after worship service, in the sanctuary.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



If any information is listed incorrectly or needs updating, **PLEASE** contact the church office!

Laurelyn Roeser	Jan. 1	Patti Gibson	Jan 15
Helen Mar	Jan. 2	Jayden Roeser	Jan. 16
Royce Montano	Jan. 2	Marilyn Lloyd	Jan. 18
Cheryl Hunt	Jan. 9	Tom Roeser	Jan 18
Bill Morrow	Jan. 9	Mary Lou Hover	Jan. 25
Emmy Bosch	Jan. 10	Frank Inglis	Jan. 25
Ada Brown	Jan. 14	Patty McKinney	Jan. 25

The office would like to correct the following birthday errors for December's newsletter. We apologize for overlooking these important dates!

*Alison Wright 12/16
Zachary Graham 12/27*

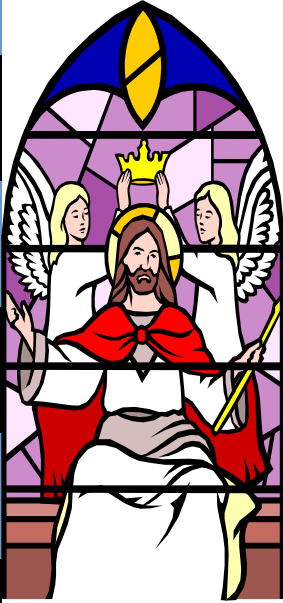


"Readers R Us" has chosen *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver for its January discussion. The group will meet at Tola Eley's, 2701 Dwight Way, on Jan. 20th at 3pm.

Helen Mar will guide the discussion. Readers are welcome to join us in considering Kingsolver's report of her family's decision to experience farm living and eating only locally produced food. Call Tola to let her know you're coming- 464-4250.

YTD Income as of Dec 15, 2010	Actually Received	YTD Budget
Pledged	\$160,844.57	\$164,833.33
Unpledged	\$16,036.09	\$11,500.00
Loose Offer.	\$2,504.62	\$2,108.34
TOTAL	\$179,425.28	\$178,441.67
YTD Expenses as of Dec 15, 2010	Actually Spent	YTD Budget
Expenses	\$194,619.95	\$205,918.04

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As God's family, forgiven and freed through Jesus Christ, we seek

- We seek to know God through prayer, worship and Bible study.
- To reflect God's love to each other and to the world.
- To respond to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- To spread the Gospel throughout our community

NEXT WINDOW DEADLINE:

Wednesday

January 19, 2011

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Monday -Tuesday, Thursday- Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Noon)



PRAYER FOR UNITY

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant to be like minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus , that you may be with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus.

Romans 15:5-7