

WELCOME! We appreciate your participation with us in worship. We would like the opportunity to know you better, so we invite you to fill out a *Welcome Card* located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. On the reverse side of the card you may indicate a need for prayer or an area of interest. Between our morning worship services, coffee and refreshments are served in Ingram Hall. Join us there! If you are interested in more participation with us, request to have your name placed on our mailing list by contacting the church office, 542-0205. Thank you for being our guest and may God bless you.



**Walk Thru Holy Week
Palm Sunday, March 28th
beginning at 3:00 pm**

Walk Thru Holy Week is a depiction of events that occurred between Palm Sunday and Easter. Experience with your family the upper room, Gethsemane, and the empty tomb. Look for the table in the Narthex this morning to sign up or contact Allie Shoulders at 542-0205 x122 or allie@fpcsantarosa.org.

EASTER LILIES: Help beautify our Sanctuary this Easter with the gift of an Easter Lily. You may give your lily *In Honor Of* or *In Memory Of* a loved one. Order forms are available on the information tables.

GIVING ENVELOPES: Using your personalized giving envelopes (even when you mail in your donation) simplifies our record keeping tasks and we really appreciate it! If you are currently not receiving envelope packets each month in the mail and would like to, please call Eileen at 542-0205 x 103 or email eileen@fpcsantarosa.org and ask to be added to the list. You can also write, "please send envelopes" on a pew envelope with the necessary contact information and drop it in the offering plate. FPCSR thanks you for your support.

WORLD VISION'S STEP INTO AFRICA: FPCSR is working with other local churches and ministries to partner with World Vision and bring their *Step into Africa* exhibit to Sonoma County May 25th through 31st. This exhibit, held at the Garrett Building at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, gives visitors an opportunity to walk in the steps of a child affected by AIDS. As we follow Christ's call to care for "the least of these," we encourage you to make plans to visit the exhibit sometime that week. We need volunteers to help with set-up on Monday, May 24th and to support those going through the experience on Wednesday, May 26th. This is a great way for small groups to serve together.

For more information, contact Mike Griffin at 542-0205 x107. Go to worldvisionexperience.org/sonomacounty and reserve a spot to tour the experience or to sign up as a volunteer.

FPC Budget Income Recap		
	February	YTD
Projected Donations	\$88,165	\$176,330
Actual Donations	\$75,591	\$173,271
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$12,574)	(\$3,059)

First Presbyterian Church of Santa Rosa is committed to a mission of following Jesus Christ and making his gospel known in our community and throughout the world. Our core values direct us to love the Lord, our God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength (Mark 12:30): worship and prayer engages our *soul*; Bible study and theology engages our *mind*; fellowship and lifestyle engages our *heart*; and evangelism and service engages our *strength*. Jesus taught us to extend our love for God to our neighbors. We desire to follow Jesus in such a way that makes his life, our way of life.

OUR MISSION

Submitting ourselves to the claims of Jesus Christ, together we seek to honor Him, embody His presence, and proclaim His gospel with authenticity, humility, and love.

OUR CORE VALUES

- WORSHIP* which honors and glorifies God
- PRAYER* which opens our hearts and aligns our wills to God
- BIBLE STUDY* which leads to the formation of Christian character
- THEOLOGY* which challenges and matures our understanding of faith
- FELLOWSHIP* which allows all individuals to know and be known
- LIFESTYLE* which reflects our trust in and commitment to God
- EVANGELISM* which tells the gospel message
- SERVICE* which demonstrates the love of Christ

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:15, 9:45
and 11:15 am (Contemporary)

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Rev. Dale Flowers Pastor
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Linda Albert, Carlyn Knight, & Linda Maloney Pres. Preschool Directors
Patty Quigley Tuesday Toddler Playgroup

Affiliated Clergy

Rev. Dale Johnson, Rev. Dr. Ed Peacock,
Rev. Carl Vogelaar, Rev. Dr. David B. White

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IMPARTS

March 21, 2010

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~

Today is **CHILD-LED WORSHIP**. 9:45 and 11:15 am worship services will be led by children of our Sunday School classes. The 8:15 am worship will follow our usual worship pattern with student preachers. The 11:15 am worship also includes Presbyterian Preschoolers singing. Our preachers today are: **JOHN KIRBY** and **RACHEL EVANS**.

We regard this Sunday as an important lesson in discipleship and faith for our children and their families. We coach the children's preparation, yet encourage their own voice and discernment of God speaking to them and through them. We pray that God will use them and that these children will grow through this experience.

Students and adults participating in our **DECADE MEXICO MISSION TRIP** will be commissioned at the end of the 11:15 am service. They leave Saturday, March 27 and return, Saturday, April 3rd. Please pray for their safety, their ability to work well together, and their effectiveness in presenting the gospel in word and deed.

WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK is next Sunday, March 28 beginning at 3:00 pm. If you are a family with elementary age children, I urge you to be part of this event. It is difficult for adults to piece together the events of Jesus entry into Jerusalem leading up to his death on the cross and his resurrection which we celebrate on Easter Sunday. This age-appropriate *walk* connects the events of Jesus' last night with his disciples, his trial, his death on the cross, and his resurrection and leaves a lasting impression. I encourage you to sign up today. You may want to link up with another family and come together as part of one tour group.

Also next week, we receive the **EASTER MISSION OFFERING** designated this year for relief work in Haiti. Please read Tim Stafford's personal account of his visit to Haiti in the Missions column of this issue. Take a designated pew envelope home as a reminder.

This month, Personnel Committee celebrates with Children's Ministries, the 9-year anniversary of **HELEN DEAL** who began her role as Sunday School Coordinator in 2001. Please let Helen know what her leadership and service means to you and our church family.

Alongside you for Christ, Dale

ADULT MINISTRIES

FPCSR is committed to developing the discipleship of adults and families in the life of our church. The opportunities below represent our desire for people to experience a life-transforming encounter with Christ through Bible study, experiencing community, and engaging in service. For questions regarding any of these resources or activities, call Associate Pastor Mike Griffin or Congregational Life Coordinator Allie Shoulders at 542-0205.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW STUDY GUIDES: The final installment of the small group discussion guide for our sermon series on the *Gospel According to Matthew* is available on the information tables. This study guide which can be used by small groups and for personal study coincides with the sermons from now through Easter.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS is focused on - *Creating a New Community* - part of John Ortberg's Old Testament Challenge curriculum. The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in Room 113.

PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS: We study the Biblical text for the forth-coming sermon and topics related to its background and meaning. We meet Wednesdays in Room 201 at 5:45 pm.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: We meet Tuesdays, 10:00 to 11:30 am in Room 113. Join us for Bible study and fellowship. PW sponsors programs of interest to many on the second Tuesday of every month. These are open for all to attend! **April 13th**—Colleen Soldate on *Keep Those Licenses*—a program of facts and tips to help seniors keep their drivers licenses as long as possible. All First Pres friends, 50 years and older, are encouraged to attend.

SPRING STUDY: THE HOLE IN OUR GOSPEL

In conjunction with our involvement in World Vision's *Step into Africa* experience, we are encouraging individuals and small groups to read and discuss *The Hole in Our Gospel*—written by World Vision President, Richard Stearns. Copies of the book will be made available at church beginning April 11th for a suggested donation of \$8.00 along with a six-week small group curriculum. Our Sunday morning adult education class will also focus on this potentially life-changing book for the six-week period from April 18th to May 29th.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP will meet on Friday, April 12th to view and discuss *Precious: Based on the novel Push by Sapphire* (R). We meet at 6:30 pm in Room 113. Please consult the bulletin board outside Room 113 for the goals of this group.

MOMS 4 MOMS: Mothers with children who are infants through elementary-aged are welcome to join us the fourth Thursday of every month from 10:00 to 11:30 am in Room 113. We will discuss and share ideas on issues that face families today. On March 25th our topic will be family budgeting and finances. We offer limited childcare with reservation. Contact Nancy Glazier at 542-0205 x166 by March 23rd to make a childcare reservation.

NEXT MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT: Couples at all stages of marriage are invited to join us for our next meeting on Friday, April 16th. The presentation and dessert begin at 7:15 pm in Room 113. Childcare begins at 6:00 pm so parents with younger children can go to dinner together before the presentation. To make a childcare reservation, contact Allie Shoulders at 542-0205 x122 before April 14th.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CLUB PARADISE: This Wednesday night, CLUB Paradise will be hearing all about our high school leaders' upcoming mission trip to Mexico to build houses over spring break! Don't miss CLUB and this chance to play, eat, learn, and support our awesome leaders!

6TH GRADERS ONLY -- sign ups are happening NOW for the 6th Grade Retreat at Westminster Woods, April 30th and May 1st. Get your form from Ann or the CLUB P bulletin board upstairs. Don't miss out!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL *Mark your calendar now for VBS 2010!* It's June 14th through 18th! Registration for children ENTERING 1st through 6th grade begins May 2nd. Registration forms will be available at church and www.fpcsantarosa.org. Classes fill quickly! Register your children and friends early!



YOUTH MINISTRIES

MEXICO MISSION PARTNERS: We are so grateful for you who financially supported our efforts through donations and purchases at the auction, as well as all who joined our mission as prayer partners. Your support will allow us to build homes for two families in need of shelter. We are happy to report that we raised approximately \$7400.00.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP: Our youth and leaders leave for Mexico Saturday, March 27th. Pray for: our health and safety, our ability to keep our minds focused on Jesus and allow God to work through us, and for God to prepare the hearts of the people to whom we minister. Thank you for your support! Mark your calendar to join us for the Mexico Mission Report and Dessert on Sunday, April 11th at 7:00 pm.

GRANITE: Spring Break is March 29th-April 5th. There is NO GRANITE on Wednesday.

CARING MINISTRIES

PRAYER NEEDS: *for health concerns:* Paul Anderson, Ruth Anderson, Virginia Bailey, Paul Bartholow, Iola Bryant, Tom and Joyce Bryant, Claudia Caffey, Helen Corniola, Shirley Fitterer, Rose Flowers, Kathryn Forsythe, Don Gooch, DeDe Grandall, Coleen Guerrant, Toni Kibbish, Linda Kirsch, Viola LeBaron, Irene Maxwell, Wilma McAdams, Louise Morin, Bill Pipal, Barbara Simpson, Fran Sudduth, Elaine Tennyson, Evie Trowbridge, and Chris Van Der Maas.

for those serving in the military: Andrew Ferguson, Cameron Hamilton, Josh Landreth, Rich Lawson IV, Gordon McDonald, Luke McDonald, Brady Smith, Melissa Swart Sandberg, and Jake Van Riper.

Our prayers of support are with Rev. Jim and Betty Lou McAllister in the recent loss of their grandson, Jim Ortega.

AGING WITH GRACE: Caring Ministries is planning a three-session colloquium on "Aging With Grace" on Saturdays, May 1st, 8th, and 15th from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The topics will be appropriate for people near the end of their working lives; those who are in retirement and considering next stages; those with responsibility for caring and/or advising aging parent(s); and volunteers who provide support and care i.e. Deacons, Stephen Ministers, and Caring Visitors.

CARING MINISTRY VISITATION: Bring care and friendship to someone in need with a simple visit! Your presence once a week, or once or twice a month will bring friendship and connection to those who are physically not able to come and worship with us anymore. Call Wendy at 542-0205 x110 for more information on how you can be the loving & grace filled hands and feet of Christ to the people of God!

MISSIONS

EASTER OFFERING FOR HAITI
by Tim Stafford

I had the privilege of going to Haiti just 10 days after its devastating earthquake. *Christianity Today* Magazine sent me to get the scoop on how churches were responding. I spent a week interviewing pastors, Christian aid workers, and others.

The destruction and death were unlike anything I have ever experienced. I saw hundreds and hundreds of reinforced-concrete buildings that were completely flattened. People I talked with had all lost scores of friends and relations.

However, I didn't find the panic and chaos I had expected from watching the evening news. In fact, the only really striking chaos I witnessed was at the airport, where hundreds of aid workers were trying frantically to get in or out of the country. Among Haitians, I saw calm purpose. Their situations were awful. Virtually everyone in the capital, Port-au-Prince, was sleeping outdoors, either because their homes were destroyed or because they felt terror whenever they went under a roof. They had no money, little food, no electricity—almost nothing but the clothes on their backs. Yet everywhere, people were going about their business as best they could. There was no panic, and no sense of helpless victimization. I saw no crime nor did I hear of any. The camps that had sprung up in every park, vacant lot or field were mostly self-organizing to help manage a fair distribution of food, medicine and shelter. Churches were figuring out how to share what resources they had.

Our church is designating our Easter Offering for Haiti, and we will give the money through World Vision. I was able to visit World Vision's offices in Haiti, and got a very favorable impression. For one thing, they have been in Haiti a long time. When the earthquake hit they had many people, mostly Haitians,

already on the ground. They had warehouses of relief supplies already stocked—for hurricanes, which have devastated Haiti far more often than earthquakes. There are many excellent aid organizations working in Haiti, but I feel good about giving through World Vision. As Nicholas Kristof of the *New York Times* reported recently, World Vision has become the biggest relief and development organization in the world. When you are dealing with the logistics of a massive disaster, size and experience can be advantages. And of course, World Vision personnel share a strong Christian faith that motivates their service.

I'm very concerned about the immediate needs in Haiti, especially as the rains begin. Hundreds of thousands of people are sleeping on the ground without adequate shelter and sanitation—I saw that for myself. The rain can turn discomfort into desperation.

Even more, the long-term response to Haiti's troubles is crucial. Their woes are not going to disappear this year. Just to restore the level of poverty they were at a year ago will take some doing. We need to continue in our concern for them over the long term. Please give generously through our Easter offering.



2-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING: The last Sunday of each month, friends of our Missions Committee stand in the Narthex with offering baskets labeled "2-CENTS-A-MEAL." This offering goes to meet local hunger needs; such as: FISH, Redwood Empire Food Bank, and food prepared and served at the Living Room.