

FIRST KIDS INITIATIVE Seeing What Needs To Be Done and Doing it

In May, elementary kids start a new series about **Initiative**—seeing what needs to be done and doing it! God knew we could never fix sin on our own and needed a Savior. so God took the Initiative and sent Jesus to rescue us. God didn't just see a need but chose to do something about it. Since we are made in God's image, we are wired to be able to take Initiative and look out for the good of others. Philippians 2:4



EPIC (4th-6th Grade) May 16, 6-8:00 PM

EPIC will celebrate the last gathering of the 2024-2025 school year with an epic party! Come join us for fun, food, and conversations about faith.



May 4: Communion; Paul's Pastoral Ministry with the Thessalonians, 1 Thess. 2:1-16, Mike Wilcox

May 11: Paul's Ongoing Relationship with the Thessalonians, 1 Thess. 2:17-3:13, Colleen Soldate

May 18: Paul's Instructions About Christian Behavior, 1 Thess. 4:1-12, Bill Funk

May 25: Paul's Hopes for Christ's Return and Our Resurrection,

1 Thess. 4:13-5:11, Tim Stafford



Prayer Gathering

Sunday, May 11, 10 am, Room 114

Join Elaine Carlson and Lesley Van Dordrecht to pray for our PNC and the pastor God is preparing to lead us.



Presbyterian Women Tuesday, May 6, 10 AM

Our last regular gathering before our summer

break will be May 6 to celebrate our time together in the past year and look forward to the fall. If you are interested in joining our fellowship, please join us!

Note: Our Handmade Projects group will continue to meet every 4th Tuesday throughout the summer.



May 8, 6:00 PM via Zoom

Caregivers exchange practical information, talk through their challenges, and learn ways to cope.

Info: contact Colleen Soldate at (707) 328-5465 or Colleen@fpcsantarosa.org



Let's Make a Collage! Saturday, May 24, 10 AM-Noon Ingram Hall

Join artists Anne Baumgartner and Mandy Bankson (whose work is currently featured in the Gallery at Firs) for a collage making experience. Please RSVP by May 15 at the Connect Center or by using the online link in the weekly email. \$5 donation is appreciated. Creativity is a gift from God. We hope you will explore your talents with us!



Prayer Walking Continues

There are many benefits to praying as we walk and letting God increase our love for our church community, our neighborhood and beyond.



Movie Night: I'm Still Here (PG-13) Friday, May 9 6:15 PM, Room 113

This beautifully

acted film tells the story of terrible injustice, but the determined resilience a Brazilian family matriarch in the early 1970's makes this a rare and powerful story of hope despite the odds.

Please enter through the outside doors on the McDonald Avenue side.



Youth Ministries

GRANITE - Middle School

Movie Night

May 7, 6-8:30 PM Dinner is provided.

End of School Year Epicenter Night

May 14, meet at FPC 7:00 Participants need to fill out a release for Trampolines at the Poppybank Epicenter website.

No Granite meetings on May 21 and 28

DECADE - High School

Mini-Golf Night
May 11, meet at FPC 4:00

No Decade meetings on May 18 and 25



Redwood Gospel Mission Workday

Saturday, May 10, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Get an introduction to the many volunteer opportunities at RGM while participating in service projects, including helping prepare their new facility on Summerfield and Hoen. It will be a fun day and a great way to meet the staff of this amazing organization and see where God may be calling you to serve in our community. Contact Bob Shoulders for more information at 707-892-0328.

- Adult Education -

Stewards of Eden

Sundays, 10:30 AM, Room 113 May 4 and 18, *No class May 11*



We will discuss the biblical mandate about humanity's responsibility to care for the land, domestic and wild creatures, and

people on the margins.

The Holy Spirit

Begins Sunday, May 25 10:30 AM, Rm. 113

On May 25 we will begin a short series on the Holy Spirit with N. T. Wright, Tim Mackie and Tyler Staton

Dan Price's Farewell



Dear Brothers and Sisters at FPCSR,

By the time you receive this, I will have met our newest

granddaughter and attended our nephew's wedding in Red Bluff: a large outdoor ceremony at the family ranch. Despite my excitement for family events (and more surfing), I'll miss you all very much.

So, it is with both joy and sadness that I say goodbye. The rapid passing of the past 16 months serves as a reminder that life is short. I can honestly say that each month has gotten better than the previous because as time passed I got to know more of you—in both senses. You have been dear—and fun to hang out with. I have been impressed that you not only do so many things well, but you are also committed to doing good. You are a congregation with a deep sense of love

for God, each other, your community and the world. I feel very blessed to have been embraced by your circle of love.

You have treated your pastors with kindness and respect for many years; I know you'll do the same for your new pastor.

Continue to provoke one another to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24). I look forward to hearing how you are flourishing and meeting life's challenges with grace, faith and hope.

As Paul said to his beloved Ephesian elders when saying a tearful goodbye: "I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified." (Acts 10:32)

Warmly in Christ, Pastor Dan Price



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