From the Pastor's Workshop

"THE WELCOME WAGON"

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"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

When I was very young we moved from the house my parents had built themselves to a new place in town. The neighborhood was just being built. Talk about a great place for a little kid to explore! And boy did I.

June/July 2015

One day I came home from exploring and there was a lady at our house talking to my mom with a big basket of stuff that she left for us. I remember there was a plastic whale for me to float in my plastic pool. I told my mom that we should move AGAIN soon so they would come and give us more stuff!

Some of you remember this service. It was called, "The Welcome Wagon". The purpose was to introduce people to a new community and help them become acquainted with the services and people in their new town. It was there to help people connect.

I'm not sure there is such a service in communities anymore, but I know that there needs to be one in the Church. Paul's words, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" are ones that invite us to share with one another the grace that we received when someone reached out to us as Jesus did, meeting us where we are. We GET to do this so that people will see Jesus. We aren't selling anything. We are GIVING AWAY the hope and new life that Jesus gave us when he gave us his life. This is what it means to glorify; we make evident what God has done and is doing to save us.

People tell me we are a very loving and welcoming Church and for this I am SO grateful. I know that welcoming is the first step to connecting and giving people the opportunity to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus. And the reality is that new people are coming through the doors every week. Even more than I can remember the names of!

We need to take our welcoming ministry to a new level. We are seeking to develop a "Welcoming Team". This team would be present every time our doors open and have a cart and station that make it very clear where newcomers can get oriented. Like the welcome wagon there will be good stuff for them; FPC Coffee mugs; information packets, lots of goodies, lots of love and information about who we are and where things are and how to connect. I have a dream of a coffee cart too!

This can only happen as we step up and say with Isaiah, "Here I am. Send me." You might be a greeter who works in the station or a coffee server or a person who helps come up with a menu for Sunday or buys the goodies, or gets the FPC coffee mugs, or puts together the packets or does follow-up calling, but the key is welcoming because no one cares what you know if they don't know you care. Will you be a part of this? I pray you will. It is the good news of the Gospel and EACH of us is needed to bring this welcome. Please call the office and let us know you would like to take a week in the year or even every month. I assure you that you will be blessed.

Welcoming you so that we may welcome others in Christ,

Bruce

A LOOK BACK AT MINISTRY TOGETHER

Leslie, Lucy, Mabel, and I will be moving to Austin, TX in June to plant a church through ECO. If you missed our letter to the congregation, you can find it on our website. Here are some photos from our time together over the years. Thank you and God bless. *Dan*















Sign up now for Summer Camp 2015 at Zephyr Point! You can go to either weeks (July 12-17 & July 19-24). Visit http://zephyrpoint.org/programs-home/youth-and-children-events to sign up.

THE KING'S KIDS: JUNE-JULY

...Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Luke 18:16

SUMMER SUNDAY BIBLE EXPERIENCE: FAITH FINDERS

Where kids are on a MISSION to find FAITH IN ACTION



Agents-in-Training will time-travel to find people whose faith depended on God to deal with: family, fighting, honesty, fear, the future, temptation, choices, courage & kindness.

Will **YOU** volunteer to co-teach <u>ONE</u> Sunday during the Summer! (Lessons are VERY leader-friendly!) See Nancy at coffee-time, or give her a call, to sign up!

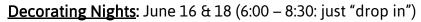
<u>Leader Meeting</u>: June 14th - 4:00 p.m. in the library Come get acquainted with our theme, meet other Agents, and discover <u>YOUR</u> mission!

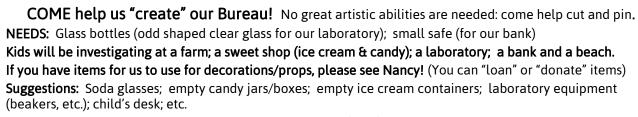
VBX 2015: F.B.I. (Faith-Building Investigations) June 22 – 26

Kids: $1^{st} - 6^{th}$ grades: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Kids: 4 years – Kindergarten: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

What child in <u>YOUR</u> life needs to hear of God's love for them? See Nancy or the church office for fliers!





REGISTRATION has begun!

(\$10 per child/\$20 family maximum; scholarships available)

Sign your kids up as soon as possible so we have a good count for supplies!

LEADER MEETING: NOTE DATE CHANGE!

JUNE 7TH at 4:00 p.m. in the library

ZEPHYR POINT DAY CAMP (June 22- August 14)

Choose from eight 5-day sessions & register your kids at Zephyr Point's website.

5 days full of fun for \$125. Scholarship money is available!

You don't need to look too far from home for an incredible summer experience!
At Zephyr Point, kids experience fun at our conference center at Lake Tahoe.
Activities include: swimming, canoeing, nature hikes, archery, group games, crafts, fun skits, singing, worship. Each day, campers will hear Biblical story lessons which share the message of God's love for every child.

CHOOSE the week that's best for YOUR child, and register on-line: http://zephyrpoint.org/programs-home/youth-and-children-events/day-camp

Zephyr Point's bus will pick kids up in Carson City:

Weeks of June 29-July 3 & July 27-31 and drop them back off after their FUN day at Day-Camp, for a fee of \$25.

IDLE THE IDOLS

Last month I had the privilege of attending the West Coast Presbyterian Pastors' Conference for the first time. It was a time of rich teaching and fellowship. Thank you for the opportunity to be away and immersed in the Scripture.

At the conference, Dr. Carol Kaminsky, spoke on the image of God and God's relationship with people. She talked about how men and women were created to have relationship with God and bear the image of God. When sin entered the equation through the actions of Adam and Eve, our relationship with God was broken. We turned to creating gods which we can control. Dr. Kaminsky cited the passage in Genesis 31:19, where Rachel, upon moving with her husband, Jacob to his homeland, took her father's idols, hoping they would guide and protect her on the long journey. The idols in this passage are portable. They are mute and don't require anything from her by way of relationship. In fact, all throughout the Old Testament, there is a record of real people, a real Living God, and dead idols. The problem of idolatry is still with us today.

How often do I look "just one more time" at my television, phone, or tablet? When I choose to do this instead of having a conversation with someone, or reading my Bible (although it is on my electronics), what does that say? Jesus came and dwelt among us. Our spouses, family, friends, co-workers are dwelling among us. Each interaction we have with them is an opportunity to shine Jesus' love into the situation, or to shut them out, sending them the message that other things are more important. In addition to having little relationship with others, we can have a tendency to shut God out as well. The "define your own deity" attitude in our culture may have lot to do with our absorption with idols. Dr. Kaminsky stated that when we re-conceptualize God as other than the Creator, we are creating our own god and that god will not save us - (see Isaiah). When humans control the gods they've set up, they don't have to submit to The Lord God.

Being created in God's image means I need to check myself. How much am I bearing the image of Christ to others? When I treat Christianity as a religion, (a system), then I 'm not required to have a relationship with God. It's a business transaction or vending machine type function. If I treat Christianity as a relationship with the Living God, well then I have conversation (prayer), and communion with Him. We walk and talk together. It gets personal! I have to obey God as He directs me. Life is never dull this way and I will grow into the disciple that He wants. We can get so caught up in our humanly defined culture. What if we, instead, get caught up in our relationship with God? How might the world change if we Christians were in close relationship with the God of the Universe?

There is a song called "You Are God Alone (Not a God)" written by Billy Foote that states in its first verse: "You are not a god created, by human hands, You are not a god dependent on any mortal man". In the second verse the lyrics say, "You're the only God whose power, none can contend." Both of the verses reference God, who cannot be controlled by mortals. Our God has eyes, ears and a mouth to speak to us. Moreover, He will be obeyed by all in the final day. In contrast, we humans seem to want gods that have eyes that do not see; ears that do not hear; and have mouths that do not speak.

An older hymn puts it this way: "To all life Thou givest, to both great and small, In all life Thou livest The true life of all. We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree and wither and perish <u>But naught changeth</u> <u>Thee</u>." (Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise). God does not change, we are the ones who need to change. By Christ's blood, we are set free to commune with the God who created us, understands us and loves us. Our constant inventions of ways to avoid a relationship with Him are killing us.

Life is defined not by us, in all our worldly wisdom, but by The God who created us and sustains the universe and everything in it. Let's get back to the reason we were created in the first place. We are created to worship God and enjoy Him forever. Let's idle the idols!

Blessings,

Karen

P.S. This summer there are opportunities to sing in Women's Choir and Men's Chorus. These groups are not just musical, they are a chance to have relationship with fellow Christians. Check the calendar enclosed for dates and times.

TWO NEW SUMMER STUDIES

Christianity and Islam Class and Discussion -- Each Wednesday in June Pastor Bruce will be teaching on the distinctions between these two faiths. The class will be offered at 10 AM and 5:30 PM. It will be video based discussion. The background books suggested will be The Crisis of Islam by Dr. Bernard Lewis and Understanding the Koran by Pastor Mateen Elass. Please join us for this time of learning more about our faith as we look at Islam in contrast.

How would you describe the meaning of GRACE? Come join the adult Sunday School Class which will meet in Fellowship Hall or the Library (depending on class size) at 8:45 AM starting June 7th. This study will be under the coordination of Carol Paz, Adult Education Chairperson, and Pat Angel will be the facilitator. Study materials will include the hardcover book "Grace" by Max Lucado as well as a study guide prepared by Max for each participant. Cost of materials for each participant will be less than \$20 and will be collected at the first class. Max has also prepared a short video to introduce each session. Contact Carol Paz, Duane Glanzmann or Don Churchill for further information.

HOW TO DO MISSION WITHOUT LEAVING CHURCH?

Jesus said "Love your neighbor as yourself". Your neighbors in church are the people sitting around you. One of the ways to love them is to serve them, and Coffee Fellowship is a fun way to start. It also helps in welcoming and retaining visitors.

We are restructuring the way we do Coffee Fellowship (CF) to lighten the burden of you volunteers. We propose two groups, the Servers and the Coffee Chefs.

The Coffee Chefs would select and purchase the menu. They would either buy with the church Costco card, or be reimbursed if they choose to buy elsewhere. We expect there to be enough Coffee Chef volunteers that they will have to do their job only twice a year.

The Servers (Worker Bees) would need to arrive at church one hour before the service to prepare as necessary and expect to stay forty-five minutes after the service to clean up. You can be a Server as often as you feel called.

We are excited to continue this grand tradition of warm fellowship and the opportunity to glorify our great God. If you would like to be a part of this mission, please contact Jan Brees at 775-883-0224.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, June 7, 2015 Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service

Please join us for a light lunch to say goodbye to Pastor Dan, Leslie, Lucy and Mabel. Let's wish them well on their move to Texas!



DESERT SCHOONERS ANNUAL PICNIC

Come join the Desert Schooners for their annual picnic. It will be held on Saturday, August 1, at 1:00 p.m. in the Ehresman's front yard. Bring your meat to barbeque and a dish to share. Grills, table service, and water will be furnished. Hope to see you there. For more information please call Sandy Ehresman, 775-885-8230 or Norma Summey, 775-267-1917.



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ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 05-17-2015

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July Birthdays

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July Anniversaries

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RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to all who donated items for sale, and to all who set up. sorted. priced, served as sales associates, and cashiers, people who picked up items from donors, people who delivered purchases to buyers homes. Additional thanks to people who packed up the left-overs, helped load the truck from F.I.S.H., and Grace Works people who swept and prepared the rooms to be ready for Sunday morning. The rummage sale was successful as a result all of those who helped.

Proceeds, over \$3,500, will purchase supplies for GraceWorks, such as the food materials for making 10,000 packages of emergency meals. Proceeds will also purchase repair supplies for projects throughout our community.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you all for your increased use of the library and also for your continued donation of books, DVDs, tapes, and CDs. When donating items, please place them on or near the library desk. You may also leave donations in the church office with a note indicating they are for the library. Please do not place your donations on the library shelves as I will not know they need to be logged into the system.

Remember to sign out any item you are taking home. You may do so by removing the card in or on the item and placing the card in the rectangular box sitting on the desk. Please continue to use the library. It is there for edification and enjoyment.

Thank you, Eleanor Doyle

PHOTO DIRECTORY THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped on the six days of photography sessions. Without the help of Carolyn Knutson, Betty Denning, Lynn Solano, Carolyn Casselman, Bobbie McKee, Charleen and Bruce Belshaw, Beverly and George Chermak, and especially our new member, Linda Poole, who was here helping on several different days. And, of course, a big thank you to Cecelia and Bob Stansbury who were the superior organizers of this whole photo directory project. A thank you would not be complete without thanking the many members and regular attendees of our church who took time out of their busy schedules to have their pictures taken. The success of a good picture directory is dependent on the turn out. I also want all of you to know that we received a huge compliment from our photographers, Hamish and Alexa. They said we were the best church they had worked with in over two years. Best signups, best percentage of those to show up, and of course the best people and pets. You are a great congregation. Please now wait patiently for the process to be carried out. Our new books will come, we hope by July. THANK YOU ALL!

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

who were received on May 17, 2015. They are: Billy & Wanda Brown, Thomas Keeton, Linda Poole and David & Denise Vill.



IT'S ICE CREAM, BBO, & **ENTERTAINMENT TIME!** SATURDAY, JULY 18

Join us for the Annual FPC Ice Cream Social on the front lawn of the church!

Make and deliver your favorite homemade ice cream for judging at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to make a container of ice cream and you do not own a machine please see Sherri Chenin. The church has a few ice cream makers it can loan. You may also bring your favorite store bought flavor!

BBQ hotdogs and lemonade are provided and will be served at 5:30 p.m. Followed by dessert with ice cream of course!

Capital City Community Band will entertain us beginning at 6:00 p.m.



Thank you for making GraceWorks-2015 the wonderful event and success that it was! Thank you for your participation, for serving your community and helping grace Works participation, for serving your community and helping your neighbors, whether they are next door or on the other side of the world. Thank you for being a mission other side of the world. Thank you for being a missionary right here at home and sharing Christ's love with everyone around you. This year, 2015 marks the fifth year this event

has taken place in Carson City. Every year, we have been blessed that it has grown in its scope and breadth. We have already heard from a number of the organizations we were able to serve expressing their thanks. Another milestone this year is that with our partner Stop Hunger Now, we have now bought and packaged nearly 55,000 meals, which is the equivalent of one for every man, woman and child here in Carson City. Thank you for making that possible. Please also consider helping to continue and improve GraceWorks by serving on the Steering Committee. We would love to have you join us. For more information contact Rob Scanland at 742-5959 or rscanland@charter.net or Mark Frady at 721-9016 or mark@ffcwired.org.

Thanks again and God bless each of you.

The GraceWorks Steering Committee





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CONGREGATIONAL GIVING-GENERAL BUDGET

2015 Projected

\$197,763

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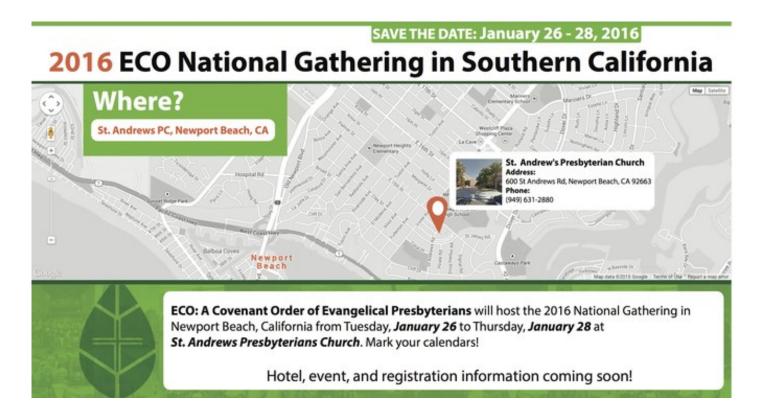
AUGUST TRUMPET DEADLINE FRIDAY, JULY 10

Have something to share? Please send articles to Dawn Berger: dawn@fpccarsoncity.org



Upcoming ECO National Gathering:

ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians is excited to announce the 2016 National Gathering to be held in Southern California early next year. Join us on January 26-28, 2016 for 3 days of worship, prayer, connection, Gospel teaching, & inspiration. Please stay tuned for more information on hotel, event, and registration information.



SAVE THE DATE

2015 Lake Tahoe Women's Annual Retreat at Zephyr Point Conference Center September 18-20, 2015

You won't want to miss this years event...

Sharon Coleman will be the guest speaker. Sharon is from the Bay Area. She is a pastor and has led women's ministries for over 30 years. The past several years she has found great joy in encouraging others not only to know about God, but to know, notice and experience Him deeply in whatever stage of life and spiritual growth we find ourselves. This September she'll bring us "Is it Well with Your Soul?" In addition to Sharon, the music program will be delivered by Julie Elias. Julie is an accomplished artist and just released a new CD. She combines popular worship music songs with lesser-known gems to bring a unique approach to worship through music.

Come join us as we learn to Care for Our Soul and praise the Lord.

For more information contact The Village Church office at 775-831-0784 or Michele Young at 908-768-1822.

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June/July Sermons

June 7: "Blessed" Matthew 5:1-12

June 14: "Cheap Grace?" Philippians 3:17-21

June 21: Standing Firm" Philippians 4:1-7

June 28: "Staying Focused" Philippians 4:8-9

July 5: "Light of Liberty" Psalm 27:1-6

July 12: "The Secret of Success" Philippians 4:10-14

July 19: Bedford Holmes Preaching

July 26: "The Mark of Grace" Genesis 4:8-16

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Our summer worship began May 10 and runs through September 6. We will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

See us and "Like" us on



