



First Presbyterian Church of SANTA BARBARA



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The Patio News

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Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:30 - Chapel

With Communion

9:00 - Fellowship Center

Informal Worship
With Praise Band
Adult Education
Sunday School

10:30 - Sanctuary

Liturgical with Choir

Nursery Care is available

8:45 - 11:45 a.m.

October @ 1st Pres.

Presbyterian Beliefs Class

*Continues through mid November,
Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30*

Blessing of the Animals

2 October 2:30-4:00 Casa de Marie

Club 4-5-6 and

Parenting with Love & Logic

Friday, 14 October 6:00 - 7:30

Soul Food Dinners

*Begin Wednesday, 19 October
and continue for 8 weeks*

A New Church Directory

is coming, first sittings 28 October

Pastor's Message

Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Member Updates
From the Clerk of Session's
Report:

In Memoriam

Ada Beth Holcombe 13 Sept. 2016
Barbara Jamison Aug. (in Idaho)
Patricia "Patti" Rogers July 2016

Bob Jamison is doing o.k. living in a Veteran's Hospital in Boise.

Want a ride to church on the van?

Call 687-0754, extension 9, and let us know.

We'll call you on Sunday morning and come pick you up!



Dear Friends,

A book I read in college has stayed with me; I can say, in fact, that it changed my life. H. Richard Niebuhr's brilliant *The Kingdom of God in America* helped me understand the unique and important religious character of our nation, one shaped by thoughtful, courageous, deeply religious people. Not all were Christians—or people of the same opinion, for that matter; nevertheless, many shared a belief that America was special in God's eyes. As Niebuhr writes, "American Christianity and American culture cannot be understood at all save on the basis of faith in a sovereign, living, loving God."



Rev. Dr. Peter Buehler
Pastor

Eighty years later, Niebuhr's America is a different place. Many would think that his convictions no longer reflect reality, that they're sentimental and obsolete. "American exceptionalism" is the secular term for an out-of-favor view that this country has a unique role in the world. They would argue that seeing our country in this way reflects arrogance rather than a sense of national purpose. I disagree. What I don't believe, however, is that Americans are entitled to a way of life lived at others' expense; that our power is for dominance rather than service. Regardless of our nation's religious diversity—a diversity I personally welcome, as it reflects our conviction about religious freedom—it is my conviction that God still wants America to give a glimpse of Christ's kingdom.

For me, politics and religion are inseparable. I'll not support a candidate from the pulpit, but I will in the voting booth.

Grace and Peace to you, *Peter*

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Rev. Scott and Rev. Elmarie Parker are mission co-workers with Presbyterian World Mission. They serve in Lebanon-Syria, where Elmarie is the Regional Liaison for several of the nations of the Middle East. ("First Pres through it's mission team provides some of their support.")

Two weeks into Lent 2016 four of us traveled to share in the life and work of the Presbyterian Church in Baghdad, Iraq. We know the question Nathanael asked of Philip regarding our Lord, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46). I venture many of us ask the same question of Baghdad, Iraq—"Can anything good come out of Baghdad?"

Here's what we experienced:

Baghdad, a city of well over 8 million residents, like most cities around the world, has areas that are safe and areas that are unsafe. In the eight full days that we were there, our partners wanted to show us some of the safe areas of their city. They know the reputation Baghdad has around the world, and they wanted for us to see something different from the headlines. One evening, after finishing our activities for the day on the church campus, we went out for dinner with three of the young men from the congregation. They took us to an upscale fast-food restaurant near the University of Baghdad. Young families and young adults laughed and chatted as they enjoyed burgers, fries, and milkshakes. We were greeted with warm smiles and enthusiastic expressions of "Welcome to Baghdad" by Muslims and Christians alike. Committed to spoiling us, another evening our hosts brimmed with excitement as they spirited us away to their favorite fish place along the Tigris River. There we enjoyed Masguf—fire-roasted fish and hot-from-the-clay-oven bread—a taste of heaven, for sure. The streets and shops teemed with life. This is the Baghdad that doesn't make the news.

For two and a half days we joined nearly 60 leaders and members of the Baghdad Presbyterian Church, from older teens to folks in their 80s, for shared workshops and visioning conversations. They focused on discerning the next steps of ministry and outreach to which this Arabic-speaking congregation feels called. Wow!

The Baghdad Church currently runs a well-regarded kindergarten with over 70 students. The school accepts students of all religious backgrounds, reflecting the make-up of the city. Parents are learning that several of the kindergarten teachers have received training in Lebanon to help them expand their skills for

working with children who live with autism and other disabilities. The wait list is now long for entry into this program. Seeing the huge need for skilled teachers to work with autistic children, the Baghdad Church is inviting PC(USA) members who have these skills to come in June 2017 to provide further training in working with disabilities for all their kindergarten and Sunday School teachers. They want to become known in Baghdad as the place for these children to come.

The response to their kindergarten ministry has led the church leadership to envision starting a primary school and vocational training program/conference center as well. The church property has wonderful classroom space that goes unused during the week—just right for a primary school. In addition, the church owns another property already renovated to serve as the conference center/vocational training program site. It would be the first conference center in all of Baghdad. All that is needed are partners who would like to help them equip the rooms with needed supplies and seed money for hiring qualified teachers. We invite you to consider partnering with the Baghdad Church as they seek to expand their ministry reach.

So we are left with the question, "Can anything good come out of Baghdad?" How would you now answer this question?

With deep gratitude and love to our Lord who revels in surprising us all with glimpses of God's Kingdom at work in our world—especially in places where we might least expect it!

Our Vision

God calls us
to worship faithfully.

God calls us
to serve lovingly.

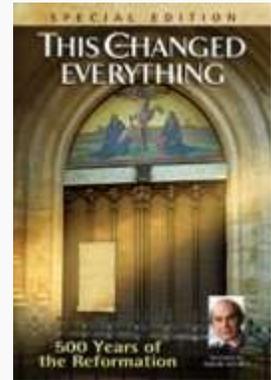
God calls us into community:
sharing grace unconditionally,
seeing Christ in all people.

Faith Formation

Adult Education: October 2016 9:00 & 10:30 in Anderson Lounge

Oct. 2 & 9 9 & 10:30 a.m.

"This Changed Everything: 500 Years of the Reformation" celebrates the fruits of the Reformation while exploring difficult questions about the cost of division: Could schism have been avoided? Is there hope for reunification? What did Jesus really mean when He prayed for His followers to be "one"? In this visually rich, three-part documentary series hosted by actor David Suchet, leading church historians share fascinating insights and pose vital questions about unity, truth, and the future of the Christian church."



Oct. 16, 23, & 30 To Be Announced

*Congratulations to the
ECC on their first ever
Accreditation*

by the National
Association for the
Education of Young
Children

This is a copy of their
Accreditation
Certificate.

National Association for the Education of Young Children

Having met the NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards,
First Presbyterian Church Early Childhood Center

21 E. Constance Avenue
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
Program ID 728306

is hereby awarded

NAEYC Accreditation
by the NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation

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NAEYC Executive Director

A Message from the Craft Group

It is with much sadness and heavy hearts that the Craft Group announces we will not be offering the Christmas Boutique this November. Due to serious illness and death, our membership has dwindled from a vigorous sixteen to at best eight, but most consistently five. We have undertaken to turn our efforts and materials to philanthropic endeavors such as *Pillows for Breast Cancer Survivors*, turtle pillows for *Painted Turtle Camp* which serves children with life threatening diseases, and blankets for the *Linus Project* which provides blankets for children entering the hospital. Thank you all for the years of support and loyalty we have received and enjoyed from members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara.

Dedication of the Christian Education Center

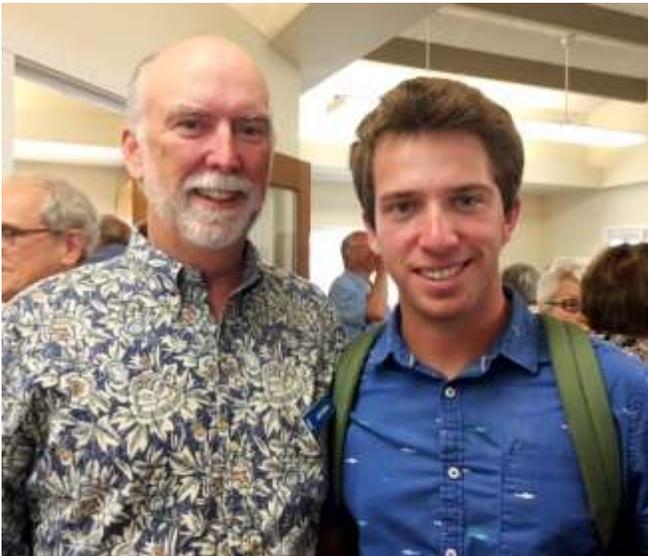


Preschool Chapel Time

Every Tuesday the preschool children of the ECC have Chapel Time. They look forward to this time and are very excited when they see Beth Preston, who leads Chapel Time, arriving at school. The new CEC is a wonderful space for the children and Chapel Time takes place in the Pre-K classroom of the CEC.

Every month we connect one of the Chapel Times with the lectionary. This past week Beth shared with the children the parable of the Lost Sheep. Samara and Finley, who attend Sunday School, helped to tell the story to their friends. We always try to incorporate activities, games and songs into the lesson. This week the children played a game where they needed to guess what object was removed from a display of toys. Along with connecting to the story, the children were practicing their social, language and cognitive skills as they engaged with this game.

At the end of this Chapel Time one of our four-year-old students shared this: "Even when your mom and dad are not here they still think about you and love you." He heard the parable of the Lost Sheep and connected it to what he knew from his own life. This is learning! Our goal with Chapel Time is that each child leave knowing that they are loved, that God loves them.



"Deacon News on the Deacon Closet"

The Deacon closet door will now be locked. If you plan to use materials from the closet (i.e. tablecloths) plan on contacting Wanda Kelly to coordinate items of use ahead of time.

The Deacons are requesting this format in an effort to keep the tablecloths cleaned, hung up neatly, and ready for everyone's use.

Thank you,

Wanda Kelly, Deacon Moderator

Youth & Young Adults Ministries

Wow, summer is over and the school year is in full swing. This is such an exciting time around the church as the kids settle into a routine and even the stories from summer are being replaced with adventures of school. There is a lot going on in our youth program too.

Right before school started we took a group Hurricane Harbor. It was a great time of spending time with Jr. High, Sr. High, and our Club 4-5-6. It was a great way to end the fantastic summer. As we look forward there are many things going on in the youth department that would be great for the church to be aware of.

On October 5, we are having a game night at the Ardell's house. This is a fund raiser for our youth and family scholarship fund. If you'd like to participate, the tickets are \$20.00 and we'd love to have you. Space is limited, so please let me, Rich, know soon. We are also taking the youth, and club 4-5-6 to the corn maze on Sunday, October 16th. We're going to Lane farms for a time to play in the corn maze, and spend the afternoon together. It is sure to be a fun time as we celebrate the season of fall. We are continuing to run weekly program for our Jr. High, Sr. High, and Young Adults through the month.

What's Happening For Youth Regular Events:

Jr. High Youth Group Meets

Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30 in *The Lodge* Youth Lounge

High School Youth Group Meets

Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 in *The Lodge* Youth Lounge

The College Group Meets

Sunday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 at Rich's home for dinner and Bible study

Sunday mornings all are invited to attend the 9:00 service then afterwards meet in *The Lodge* Youth Lounge for donuts and "Coffee Talk"



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Children & Family Ministries

For Children and their Families



Sunday School:

Toddlers October theme is Moses

Early Elementary and Upper Elementary classes

will follow the church lectionary in class

10/2 A Seed of Faith

10/9 Ten Men Healed

10/16 Jacob Wrestles

10/23 The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Thank You
Bert and Geri
Willoughby,
For hosting an-
other Family
Fall Kick Off
at
your
home!



Advent Workshop Planning

Be a part of planning for this excellent family event!

You can help choose and prepare the crafts, and plan for this fun and festive evening (on Sunday, November 27)

Planning meeting TBA for mid October,
a one hour commitment.

Contact Susan Croshaw for more information



Susan Croshaw, Director of Children's Ministries
First Presbyterian Church, 21 East Constance Ave, SB, 93105
805-705-3361, scroshaw@fpcsb.org, church website is www.fpcsb.org

October 4, Tues. 7 pm, Youth and Children's Ministries Committees meet in the CEC.

October 5, Wed. 6 pm

Game Night at Dave and Cynthia Ardell, contact Rich Ellgen for information, rellgen@fpcsb.org

October 14, Fri. 6-7:30 pm

CLUB 456, in the CEC off the lower parking lot. This is a youth group program for elementary aged children in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Dinner included.

October 14, Fri. 6 - 7:30 pm

Parent Night 6-7:30 pm in the Anderson Lounge. Dinner and a time of socializing and support for parents. Free childcare "dinner and a movie" in the Garden Room. RSVP's for childcare are helpful, contact Beth Preston at bethiepreston@gmail.com

October 19 and 26, Weds, 5:30 -

7pm Soul Food, 5 weeks of Wednesday evening meals and fellowship at 5:30pm in the CFC. For the whole family! Done by 7pm. Nov. 2, 9, 16 too!

October 28, Fri. 6-7:30 pm

CLUB 456, in the CEC off the lower parking lot. This is a youth group program for elementary aged children in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Dinner included.

October 29, Sat. 10 am to 2 pm

Spooktacular Pedals, Pipes and Pizza. Costumes, music, tour of the organ and pizza party. Contact Erin Bonskie-Evans with questions or to RSVP (children under 1st grade must be accompanied by adult) ebonskie0evans@fpcsb.org

Healthful News

Seasonal Flu Vaccines are here It's that time of year again!



The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against seasonal influenza. The American Academy of Pediatrics does not recommend use of the nasal spray vaccine this year after studies showed poor effectiveness. Research has shown that the flu shot provided better protection. Vaccines are available from your primary care physician, pediatricians, pharmacies and city wide flu vaccine clinic sites. Vaccines are also available from your Parish Nurse (for adults only) at First Presbyterian Church during October. (Cost is \$20 suggested donation for non-seniors). Please check the Sunday church bulletins for dates, place and times.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month/Reduce Your Risk for Breast Cancer



A mammogram can help detect disease but also remember to get your clinical breast exam with your physician. The guidelines for starting screenings have changed so best to talk to you PCP or GYN Physician. Some groups say to start at 40 other groups say to start at 45. Being overweight increases your risk for breast cancer as does a family history. Physical exercise has been shown to reduce the breast cancer risk so remind a friend to

Sharon Head RN
Parish Nurse
**Parish Nurse—Hours Tues-
days**
Call for appointment
(687-0754x103)
or email strollrn@aol.com



A Congregational Invitation

Resources and How We Can Assist Those With Memory Challenges

**Tuesday October 18th
6:30 PM**

Anderson Lounge with

Luciana Crammer
Family Services Director
Friendship Center
Santa Barbara

(Deacon Meeting will be from 6-6:30 pm)

Senior Expo Santa Barbara

October 5th 9AM-12Noon
Earl Warren Showgrounds

This is a premier health fair for seniors and caretakers. Admission is \$5.00 which includes flu shot (55+), hearing testing, balance and fall assessment, expired medicine drop box, colon cancer screening kits, fitness testing, music, over 100 exhibit booths, free parking and a healthy snack.

Cancer Center of Santa Barbara 5K WALK/RUN & 10K RUN @ Montecito Union School

Oct 9 @ 8:00 am

10K 8:00am, 5K Walk/Run 8:30am, Kid's Fun Run
10:00am • Montecito Union School –Benefits local
cancer research and support programs. Biltmore
buffet/prizes/raffle.

Stephanie Carlyle • (805) 898-2116
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George Goodall Retiring from, the Flower Guild

The Flower Guild's history began with Peggy Fowler who, in the late 1940s, would place fresh flowers in the church on Easter and Christmas as a memorial to her son, James Laurence Fowler, who was killed during World War II at Rabaul. Mrs. Fowler's children continued this tradition.

Since the 1960s, George and Barbara Goodall had been active in this traditional floral support including, in 1988, their contribution of the wooden planters in the narthex, given in memory of Barbara's parents. During this time, Barbara organized the Flower Guild joined by Barbara Ralston and, eventually, by Allen Braithwaite.

During the years, the Goodall's, aided by several church members, have contributed countless numbers of flowers to Guild projects. Barbara has since gone on to join her Savior. George continued with the Guild for *fifty years*. He has since married Jeanne Warden who also joined the Guild. In August, 2016, George and Jeanne retired from the Guild.

Flower Guild projects include: Chancel Christmas and Easter Décor, Christ-Risen window arrangements, provision of weekly chancel flower arrangements purchased by members, Annual Mission Conference centerpieces, Narthex plants, Crêches for the sanctuary, flowers for memorial receptions etc.

Our current members: Allen Braithwaite, Ann Braithwaite, Gena-Vera Niblack, Virginia Hankins, Jan and Mike O'Connor, Cheryl Brown, and Susan Scott.

*Join us at La Casa de Maria
for a Blessing of the Animals
Sunday October 2, 2:30 - 4:00
La Casa De Maria Retreat & Conference Center
800 El Bosque Rd, Santa Barbara 93108*

The Congregational Care Ministry Team cordially invites you to participate alongside fellow community members for a special time of thanking God and blessing our animal friends.



La Casa will host a Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi ceremony to celebrate our animal friends. Bring your pets, appropriately restrained, for a simple blessing. We will also remember those beloved creatures who are no longer with us, but hold a place in our heart.

Please join us! If you have questions about this event, please contact Sandy Hess (sandymhess@gmail.com).

Pecans

Presbyterian Women are again offering South Georgia Pecans. Profits support Presbyterian Mission work locally and around the world.



Available items are:

- Pecan halves
unroasted & unsalted \$11/lb. Pkg.
- Chocolate Amoretto Pecans \$11/lb. Pkg.
- Praline Pecan Halves \$11/lb. Pkg.
- Whole Jumbo Cashews
(roasted & salted) \$11/lb. Pkg.
- Gift Tin Assortment No. 3
20 oz. roasted & salted pecan halves, praline pecans, & chocolate amoretto pecans. \$19. Pkg.

Orders taken till Sunday 30 October to insure delivery by mid November

Order forms at reception;

Fill out form, attach check payable to "Presbyterian Women"

Place order in the Pecan Order box at reception. For more information contact Mary Marsh @ 884.0534; 705.0102 or mfmarsh@cox.net

Rooms for Rent

Would you like to reserve a room at the church?

Please contact Katie Lukehart at KLukehart@fpcsb.org or 687-0754 x105.

Fellowship

PresbyFolks

Upcoming Events

The PresbyFolks sponsor a social outing each month.

Upcoming PresbyFolks Events

- Oct. 15 Santa Barbara Museum of Art
10:30 am British Art from Whistler to World War II and photos from the Blitz.
Docent led tour and lunch.
- Nov. 13 Potluck dinner and movie "The North Ave. Irregulars." Free
5 pm Dinner in CFC and movie in Anderson Lounge.
- Dec. 7 Chili supper and caroling. Caroling at Vista del Monte and chili supper
5 pm in CFC.

Check the weekly E-News and Worship Folder bulletin inserts for updates



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women meet monthly on the fourth Monday, Dinner by Kay at 5:30
Program follows

Come Monday, 24 October at 5:30 pm for dinner by Kay in the CFC

Sing up at the front desk or call Katie Lukehart at the church office, 687-0754.

FOOD



FIRST SUNDAY of each month, bring non-perishable foods for



Transition House
In-Gathering

Want a ride to church on the van?

Call 687-0754, extension 9, and let us know.

We'll call you on Sunday morning and come pick you up!



The Adventurers

The Adventurers invite you to join us each second Wednesday of the month in the Christian Fellowship Center

11:30am Fellowship
12:00pm Lunch by Kay
1:00pm Program:

*This month it's 12 October
Lee Kirkpatrick will present
Flags with Story's
Cost per person: \$10*



Reservation deadline: the
Sunday, before
(A reservation made is a res-
ervation paid)

Sign up in person at the front Desk
or call Katie Lukehart at 687-0754.

Can You Drive or Help Once a Month?

Do you have one day a month (or one day any month?) to show God's love simply by sharing your ability to drive – and to enjoy a nice lunch with lovely people, too?! Driving not for you? Be a driver's assistant!

On the third Wednesday of each month, September through May, about 40 community seniors enjoy our "Chariot of Friends" lunch trips to restaurants anywhere from Oxnard to Buellton, often here in Santa Barbara. We provide transportation from the church and also pick-up people who need a ride, so we need drivers for our church vans.

No special license is required for two of the vans, just a good driving record and some training we provide. However, we are also in great need a Class B driver every month for our larger van, as our current drivers are retiring.

Driver's Assistants make phone calls for the drivers and help with seatbelts, walkers, etc., all much-appreciated by our passengers.

Chariot of Friends

The Church Vans go somewhere each third Wednesday for lunch

Wednesday, 19 October, We will enjoy a scenic ocean-view drive and friendly travelers as we go to Ventura to enjoy lunch at the **Aloha Steakhouse**.



We will leave the church parking lot by **9:30 a.m.** with the people meeting us at church. Then we will pick up those requesting a ride and drive south to meet those who want to meet us at the restaurant at **11:30 a.m.**

Menu Selections:

Aloha Burger: Served with lettuce, tomato, pickles & onions. **Choice of:** French fries or rice & salad.

White Roughy Aloha Plate Lunch: Includes rice & house salad. **Choice of:** Grilled or blackened fish

Teriyaki Chicken Aloha Plate Lunch: Includes rice & house salad.

Steak Salad: **Choice of:** Caesar salad or house salad

Chicken Salad: **Choice of:** Caesar salad or house salad.

Please call Diane Hemmer at 563-0063 to let her know whether you will meet us at the church or at the restaurant, or if would like us to pick you up. Also, please let Diane know your menu choices for lunch.



