



# 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.

### *Sept. @ 1st Pres.*

#### *Fall Kickoff*

*Sunday 4 September*

*One Service 9:45 in the Sanctuary*

*Blessing the Backpacks*

*CEC Celebration & Reception*

#### *Family Fall Kickoff*

*Monday 5 Sept. 11:30 - 2:30 @*

*Willoughby World ; Potluck bring a lunch dish to  
share, swimwear, sunscreen & towel*

#### *Choir Rehearsal Resumes*

*Thursday 8 September @ 7:00*

#### *Presbyterian Beliefs Class*

*Starts Wednesday 28 September*

*7:00 - 8:30*

# 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

Gerald Thede                      7 August 2016

## 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,

When it comes to your faith, how do you identify yourself? As a Presbyterian? As a Christian? A follower of Jesus? Spiritual but not religious? Perhaps a label is too limiting; a conversation about what and why you believe is better, especially if the person asking is truly interested.



**Rev. Dr. Peter Buehler**

Personally, I'm wary of labels. Identity is not a fixed thing. We change and grow; we don't stay the same. God is at work in us. How useful it is then, and how interesting, to explore what we believe. How interesting to explore what belief actually means! What does it mean to be *Presbyterian*? How are we called to grow in our faith, and how is this encouraged in our particular faith tradition?

Here's an opportunity to consider: starting Wednesday, September 28, we'll be offering a class called *What Do Presbyterians Believe? Our Thoughtful Faithfulness*. Here's a snapshot:

- Presentations on *Who is Jesus Christ? What Do Presbyterians Believe about the Bible? What Are the Confessions and Why Do They Matter? How Do the Practices of Faith Deepen Faith?*
- 8 weeks (through mid-November), 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Anderson Lounge.
- Led by Don Montgomery, Gordy Hess, Erik Wiebe, and Peter Buehler
- Questions and discussion as part of the learning. Childcare available (on request).

All are welcome to attend—new members and guests especially. I know I have a lot to learn. How about you?

Grace and Peace to you, *Peter*

**PATIO NEWS:** Editor: Lee Kirkpatrick, Reproduction: church staff. **MAIL TEAM:** Margaret Brown, Al Harper, Diane Hemmer, Al & Arline Noreen, Bruce & Nancy Williams

## *What Makes For a Good Mission Trip?*

A “short term” mission trip, to be effective, must satisfy a number of conditions. You need to travel some distance from home, whether the trip is within the U.S. or overseas. If you are so close to home that you can check the stove or run to your local drugstore then you haven’t established the physical separation that’s needed. A second condition is to enter a culture different from your own. “Mission” and “cross-cultural” are used almost synonymously in the Christian world today. Spending time in another culture allows you to both see the world in a different way and see what the Gospel looks like in a different culture.

It’s important to join a ministry that has already been established and is carrying on its work. The host ministry (e.g., long-term missionary) has already perceived what God is doing in that culture, and they are working to further God’s work. Also, importantly, they have agreed to host your short term group and have prepared for your arrival. Without this your work there will not be clearly defined, and you will likely waste your time and be a burden to the hosts. As you serve with them you don’t tell them how to do their ministry, nor do you invent a new ministry. The host-guest relationship must be understood for effective kingdom work to be done.

Your time at the mission site should begin with a final briefing on the culture you’ve now entered. Mission trips can go wrong very quickly if visitors are not sensitive to the behavior, values, and beliefs of the people whose neighborhood they’ve entered. The cultural preparation you’ve done prior to the trip and the briefing by the host ministry will help prevent you from offending the people you intend to help. The briefing will include the work your host mission workers are doing. When this is done you are ready to work alongside them, supporting them and helping in the tasks they’ve assigned you.

Importantly, a good mission trip consists of a group, or team, not a collection of individuals. A key word is “together.” You prepare together, travel together, and serve together at the mission site, meeting as a team frequently. You resolve conflicts together, because a trip of one week or more will doubtless include tensions and conflicts. When all have returned home from the trip and a week or

more time has passed, it is important that you debrief together. This important debriefing will include reflections on how God has used you and what God has in store for future service or ministry – for you and for your sending congregation.

All of this – the planning, the trip, and the return – should be covered with prayer: your prayers and prayers of the congregation who sent you.

Chuck Curtis



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: September 2016 9:00 & 10:30 in Anderson Lounge

Sept. 4

**NO CLASS**

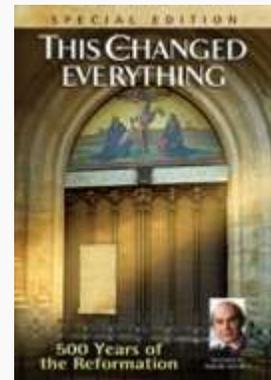
1 service at 9:45 a.m.

Sept. 11 & 18 9 a.m.

**Rich Ellgen**, our new Minister of Youth, will be with us for two Sundays to share the work he is doing and his vision for the program. This is an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with Rich. The Youth will be with us for 1 Sunday to share their recent activities.

Sept. 25, 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."



### *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.

## *Welcome our new Staff Members*

### *YinYing Luo, our new organist!*

Originally from Shenzhen, China, YinYing intended to be an economics major at Agnes Scott College. During the orientation week, she accidentally wandered into the auditorium and heard organ for the first time. Curious about this, she began the study of organ in 2011 with Dr. Calvert Johnson, who has coincidentally performed with Emma Lou Diemer in our sanctuary! During her senior year, she exchanged at the Royal Academy of Music in London for a semester before graduating from Agnes Scott College. She continued her Masters of Music in Organ Performance at The Juilliard School in New York, where she studied with Emmy award-winning organist Paul Jacobs. YinYing was finalist in the 2012 Rodgers Classical Organ Competition and won second place in the Atlanta Chapter in AGO Regional Competition in 2013. She has served at numerous churches in New York and Atlanta, including St. Paul the Apostle, where she participated in an 18-hour J.S. Bach Marathon that was broadcast live on television. She recently returned to China to perform at Shenzhen Concert Hall in her hometown, and is eager to begin her service at First Presbyterian Church in August. When asked if she would like to be a touring concert organist, she firmly replied no; her heart lies in church music and worship. We are thrilled to welcome YinYing to First Presbyterian Church, a strong affirmation that God answers prayer. Welcome YinYing



### *Katie Lukehart!*

We are excited to introduce Katie Lukehart, our new Membership and Communications Coordinator. Katie has a bachelor's degree in Digital Technology and Culture from Washington State University, as well as several years of experience in administration and communications. She will be responsible for maintaining our membership information, coordinating church-wide communications, managing facilities use, and processing accounts payable. Katie resides in Kristen Dittman's former office; please stop by and say, "Hi!"



### *Beth Hassenplug*

*See Beth's article on pg. 9*



### *Rich Ellgen*

Wow how time flies. School started this week and all of our students are beginning to adjust to a new rhythm, and my kids started their new school. Over the summer there have been several highlights. Getting to know a lot of our Jr. High students through a week of camp at Calvin Crest, or hanging out during Presby Camp, and lastly enjoying a day in the sun at Hurricane Harbor, the summer has been full of activities and getting to know the students and the church. I'm really excited about what the future holds as we develop a rhythm in the school year.



Our family has been adjusting well to Santa Barbara. Our kids started their new school Brad in 3rd grade and Cole started Kindergarten. This marks a new season in our lives as both of our kids are now in school. We are loving doing ministry as a family and are looking forward to continuing to get to know the wonderful people at First Presbyterian. We are so grateful to all of you who have helped us to settle and feel at home.

# Youth & Young Adults Ministries

## *What a summer it's been.*

Youth group, Camp, lunch with students, hanging out, going on bike rides, and a trip to Hurricane Harbor were some of the highlights of the summer. Getting to know the church and students better has been a real joy. I am really looking forward to settling into a rhythm as we begin a new school year.



This month we have a lot of fun things to look forward to, beginning with the Fall Kick off at the Willoughby's house from 11-3 on Monday 9/5. Regular youth programming is also kicking into high gear. Jr. High will be meeting from 4-5:30 PM on Sundays in the youth room. High school will be meeting from 6-8 PM on Wednesdays in the youth room. Come join us for games, snacks and a time to spend time together as we explore how we can draw closer to Jesus. The college group will be meeting at my house on Sunday evenings from 6-8 at my house for dinner and Bible study.

During our Sunday worship services all youth are invited and encouraged to attend the 9AM worship service. It's a great time to go with your family, or we can sit together as a youth group. During the 10:30 service we will be meeting at the youth room to eat donuts and talk about the church service. On the third Sunday of the month we will be continuing the tradition of "Shotgun Sunday" where we invite the youth to participate in ministry of the church. We have the youth meet at 9 AM in the work room. This is a great time for the students and church members to get to know each other.

Thank you for your continued support as my family and I continue to settle in and easy into the community at First Presbyterian. We are very much enjoying getting to know you.

In Christ, Rich Ellgen



## **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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**Susan Croshaw  
Director of Children's Ministries**

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# Children & Family Ministries

For Children  
and their families



Sunday School for Fall:

**Infants and Toddlers in Room 203 (Savannah room)** *Deep Blue: Joseph and his Brothers*

**Elementary classes in the CE classrooms** *Spark Activate Faith* lessons on the lectionary.

**Club 456** Two Fridays every month, 6-8 pm, in the CE classrooms off the lower parking lot. Dinner, games, Bible lessons, and more for those in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades:

*Club 456 dates: October 26 (6-8:30)  
September 9 & 23, October 14 & 28,  
November 11, December 2*

Would you like to be in the front row to see our children grow? We can use your gifts in Children's Ministries... Contact anyone on our ministry team to find out the opportunity we have for you!

Pastor Erik Wiebe	Beth Preston
Susan Lydon	Cheryl Long
Tiare Dodson	Tristin Sherman



Thank you for your support of Presbycamp!  
You bought 227 jars of jam! We awarded  
\$4000 in scholarships this summer.



## Calendar

**August 26, Friday, 6pm**

**CLUB 456** dinner and a swim at Willoughby World. Meet at church at 6 pm return by 8:30pm. Suggested donation for dinner- \$5.

**September 4, Sunday**

One service at 9:45 am with

- ♦ **Blessing of the Backpacks**  
Bring your backpack to church to be blessed for the year!
- ♦ **Dedication of Children and Youth Classrooms**  
dedication, reception, and tours after the service.

**September 5, Monday**

**Family Fall Kick off Potluck at Willoughby World, 11:30-2:30 pm** Text or email Susan for directions (contact info below)

**September 6, Tues. 7pm**

Youth and Children's Ministries Committee Meeting, in the Christian Education Classes.

**September 9 and 23, Fri.**

**Club456, 6-8pm** in the Youth rooms; an evening of fun! Dinner, games, Bible lesson, and more!

**September 9 Parent Break**

**6-7:30 pm**, Dinner, social time, childcare (RSVP please), and a chance to bounce ideas... in the Anderson Lounge. Childcare includes dinner and a movie in the Garden Room. Text or email Susan to RSVP (contact info below)

**Director of Children's Ministries**  
**Susan Croshaw**  
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# Healthful News

## *Healthful Items at FPC:*

**Blood Pressure Screening** – is offered each Parish Nurse Sunday in room #305 and on Tuesdays afternoons. High Blood Pressure is a serious condition that can lead to coronary heart disease, heart failure, stroke, kidney failure, and other health problems. You may have high blood pressure with knowing it! This is why it is often referred to as the silent killer.

**Flu Vaccine** – Fall is that time for planning for your flu vaccine. Hopefully your Parish Nurse will have vaccine available again this year. Look for updates in the bulletin or Patio News come September/ October.

**5 Wishes** - has become America's most popular living will because it is written in everyday language and helps start and structure important conversations about care in times of serious illness. Your Parish Nurse is available to educate and review this legal document with you.

**Doctors' visits/ Home visits** – If you would like the Parish Nurse to accompany you to your doctor's visit or request a home visit please leave Sharon a voicemail at ext:103 or email her at [strollrn@aol.com](mailto:strollrn@aol.com).

**Referral Agent** – finding resources and making referrals to agencies, organizations, and support groups to improve the member's quality of life.

Sharon Head RN  
Parish Nurse

**Parish Nurse—Hours  
Tuesdays**

**Call for appointment  
(687-0754x103)**

or email [strollrn@aol.com](mailto:strollrn@aol.com)



## *Fall Deacon Pot Luck Dinner*

Tuesday September 20th, 2016

6-7:15 PM in the CFC Bays

Please bring a salad/dessert to share.

Please RSVP to Sharon Head Parish Nurse at 687-0754 extension 103 and let her know what dish (for 8 people) you will bring to share.

## *Senior Expo*

### *Santa Barbara*

October 5th 9AM-12Noon

@ Earl Warren Showgrounds

Admission \$5.00 which includes flu shot (55+), hearing testing, balance and fall assessment, expired medicine drop box, colon cancer screening kits, and healthy music and a 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. Unique Montecito course, Biltmore buffet/prizes/raffle.

Stephanie Carlyle • (805) 898-2116  
[stephanie@ccsb.org](mailto:stephanie@ccsb.org)

## *Hospitalized??*

If you would like a visit by a FPC Pastor when you are in the hospital please notify the church office. Hospitals do not notify us of our parishioner's hospitalizations. Thank you

## *ECC Update*

The Early Childhood Center (ECC) has seen quite a period of growth and improvement over the last few years. This last year we did a major overhaul on our main playground, adding a new toddler yard and turf to most of the space. The children and families love the new environment.

As you know, Helen Pasley who has led the Early Childhood Center for the last 25 years, retired in May. I was chosen to lead the ECC, as Director, starting in June. I have enjoyed settling into my new role over the summer. Meeting new families who are enrolling their children for the fall and saying goodbye to children and families who are graduating on to kindergarten is heartfelt and rewarding.

A little about myself, I grew up in the Bay Area and went to Mills College where I completed my B.A. in Child Development. I moved down to Santa Barbara in 2002 after visiting my sister who had moved to Carpinteria, I of course fell in love with the area. I have worked here at the Early Childhood Center for the last 14 years as a classroom teacher. During that time, I completed my M.A. in Early Childhood Education before taking on the Director position.

At Fiesta you may have seen a group of children and families marching in the children's parade. We had a great time together, representing the First Presbyterian Church. Also in August we had our Graduation for the oldest preschool children who are moving on up to kindergarten. The graduation party was enjoyed by all. It was an emotional milestone for the parents and families, some of whom have come to our program for five, six, even eight years. One grandmother told me "it is not just my grandson's last day, it was my last day too! I'm going to miss so much coming here every day." Another mother wrote me the following: "Being a mom is the most important job I'll ever have therefore choosing a center for my son to enroll in was paramount to me. I truly feel that my son and I have been so fortunate and privileged to be part of the ECC family and community since 2011. His teachers have nurtured him and above all created a supportive environment for him to develop and learn in. The environment has given him the opportunity to grow into the amazing soon to be kindergartener that he is today. I am so grateful to the center, specifically the teachers and staff. Although it is time for us to move on from the center and we will miss everyone very much we will be able to take all of our wonderful memories with us."

As we start our new year, we are serving 85 children daily from infancy through age 5. We have 25 dedi-

cated teachers who care for and educate these children during these first precious infant, toddler and preschool years. Quality early childhood education and care is so desperately needed in Santa Barbara. The families we serve are grateful to have a safe, loving place for their children while they are at work. We could not provide such quality care without your support. Thank You for making the First Presbyterian Church Early Childhood Center such a success.

-Beth Hassenplug, Director

First Presbyterian Church Early Childhood Center



**ECC Graduation Day**



**ECC @ El Desfile de Los Niños**

# Fellowship

# PresbyFolks

## Upcoming Events

The PresbyFolks sponsor a social outing each month.

### Upcoming PresbyFolks Events

- Sept. 18 Potluck picnic and patio Olympics  
3:30 pm Hosted by Nancy and Bruce Williams at their home. Cost is \$5 plus food to share.
- 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

This month Presbyterian Women are sponsoring John Mullen from HOW International (Help One Walk).

This group helps victims of land mines get low-cost prosthetics. There are many countries around the world where land mines are still waiting for unsuspecting victims, many times children.

Come Monday, September 26th at 5:30 pm for dinner by Kay in the CFC with this Christ-centered program to follow in Anderson Lounge

Sign up at the front desk or call the church office at 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 September 14th*



Cost per person: \$10

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

Sign up in person at the front desk or call the church office 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, September 21<sup>st</sup>, we are going to that local favorite, Harry's Plaza Café.

We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. with the people meeting us at church. Then we will pick up those requesting a ride and enjoy a scenic drive, meeting those who want to drive themselves at 11:30 a.m. at Harry's Plaza Café.

Menu choices are:

**Burnt Ends Sandwich** Prime Rib and Tri-Tip ends smothered in BBQ sauce and served on a fresh french roll. With french fries and a choice of green salad or coleslaw.

**Reuben Sandwich** With French fries and a choice of green salad or coleslaw

**Chicken Caesar Salad** Choice of dressings: Bleu Cheese, Ranch, 1000 Island, or Balsamic Vinaigrette.

**Hot Roast Beef Sandwich** With mashed potatoes, gravy and a choice of green salad or cole slaw

**Fresh Beer Battered Fish "N" Chips** With cole slaw and french fries. (No choices)

**Due to increasing costs, the price is \$17.00.** Please let us know if this is a hardship; assistance is available.

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.



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## Senior Activity Program

### September, 2016

Please make your paid reservation for Lunch by 10:15 each Friday

Sept 2 - Friday	Sept 9 - Friday	Sept 16 - Friday	Sept 23 - Friday
10:00 Gathering Time 10:30 Comedy! "Keeping Up Appearances" with our Hyacinth!	10:00 Gathering Time 10:30 "The Old Days of Santa Barbara" with Betsy Green	10:00 Gathering Time 10:30 "Sing-Along" with our own Erin Bonski-Evans!	10:00 Gathering Time 10:30 Movie Part 1 "My Boyfriends' Dog" A sweet movie
11:30 Movement and Motion with Nicole Clancy	11:30 Movement and Motion with Nicole Clancy	11:30 Movement and Motion with Nicole Clancy	11:30 Movement and Motion with Nicole Clancy
12:00 Impressive Lunch 1:00 Bible Study with Rev Anne Shelton	12:00 Bodacious Lunch 1:00 Po-Ke-No!  Good Luck!	12:00 Happy Lunch 1:00 Catch Phrase!  Brain Challenge!	12:00 Tremendous Lunch 1:00 Movie Part 2  Popcorn, anyone?
Sept 30 - Friday 10:00 Gathering Time 10:30 Linda Kentro "Nepal Today, Life Rebuilding" 11:30 Movement and Motion with Nicole Clancy 12:00 Astonishing Lunch 1:00 Bingo! Win Prizes!		The Senior Activity Program is for active and independent seniors and not for those requiring care, assistance, or supervision.	Any questions or suggestions, call Diane Hemmer 563-0063