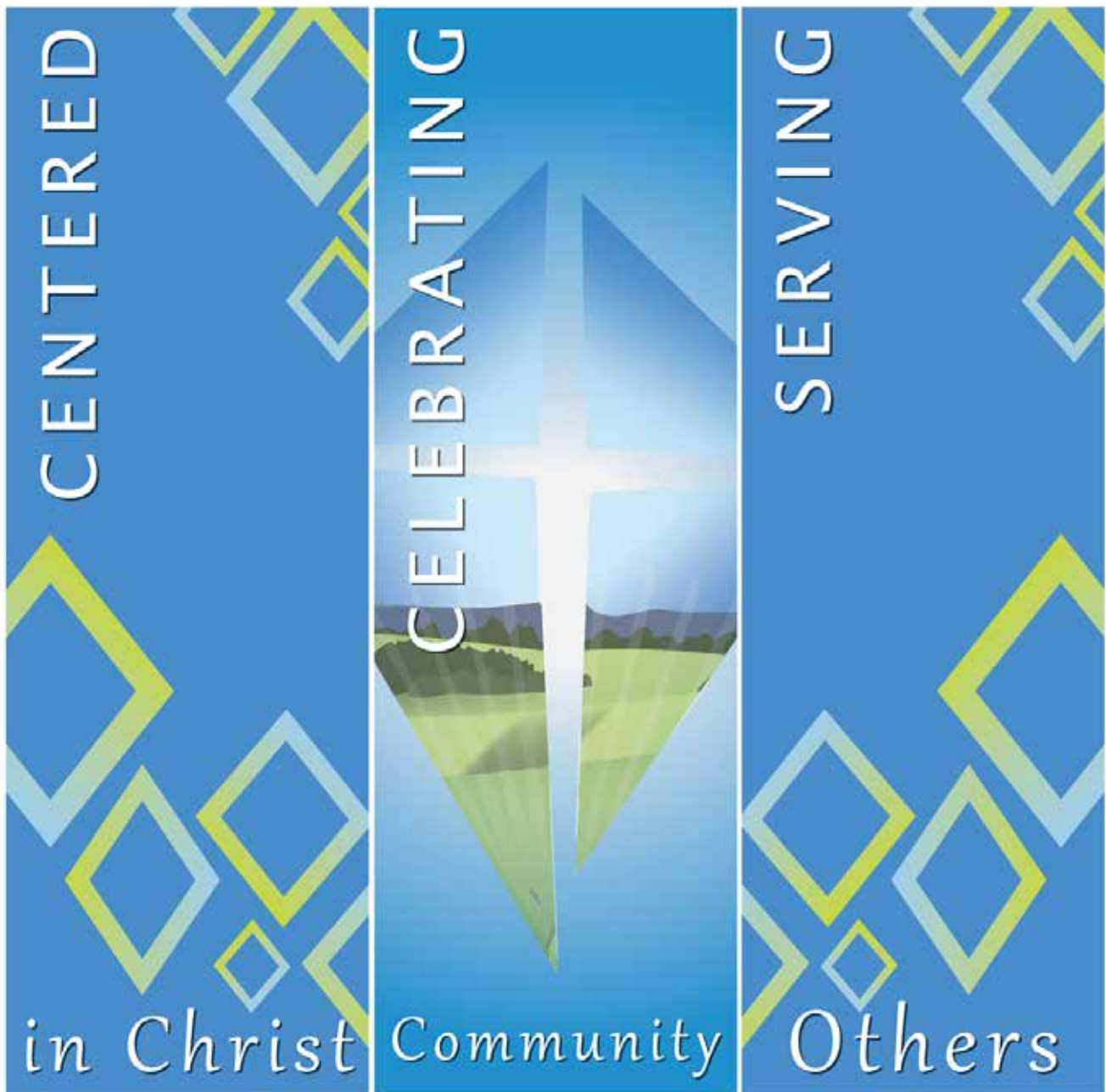




First Presbyterian
Church Livermore

2019 Annual Reports



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Membership



Those baptized in our church:

Steven R. Ackel
 Wyatt Thomas Meadows
 Nadia Grace Top
 John Theodore Werner
 Alma Amelia Williams

With affection those who died:

Hollis Beckett
 Roberta Cantua
 Connie Clark
 Harriette Cochran
 Ralph Greenlee
 Elizabeth (Betty) Lorbeer
 Fred Lovell
 Timothy McCarthy
 Margaret Moomau
 Hyman Robinson

Into our church membership:

Samantha Ackel
 Steven Ackel
 Ainsley Anderson
 Austin Antony
 Sarah Baer
 Margaret Bodley
 Janet Dimits
 Donald Frey
 Susan Frey
 Natalie Geiger
 Brianna Johnson
 Audrey Meadows
 Shane Meadows
 Joyce Moulden
 Mary Elizabeth Pangborn
 Camille Troup
 Charles Troup
 Marjorie York





From the Senior Pastor

The Wilde Side of Things

Greetings!

This has been a wonderful and clarifying year for our church. We embraced a new articulation of our vision as we focused on being: **Centered in Christ ~ Celebrating Community ~ Serving Others**. These theologically rich and straight forward affirmations have provided us with a lens through which to see our ministry and focus our efforts. It is a vision that roots us in Christ's love, embraces the wide margined grace of God and allows the Spirit of God to empower us as we live out our faith in/through the ministry and community of our church.

As you read through this Annual Report you will likely [as I do] marvel at the spectrum of ministry, give thanks for the strength of our programs and take hope in the vitality of our faith and our spiritual lives that we share with one another. Thank God for our church and for this healthy and hopeful season of life and ministry we find ourselves in.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "Plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope!" Jeremiah 29:11

Just as we have been looking back and celebrating the great legacy of our church, we also look forward into the year and the future that is before us. We have great confidence and gratitude that the Spirit of God continues to be at work in significant and tangible ways. It is our privilege and it is our responsibility to continue to move forward in this ministry that God has entrusted to us.

Our church is heading towards its 150th year with a sense of purpose, of passion and possibilities. Ours is a community that is strong spiritually, relationally, financially and programmatically. Individually we are thriving and growing in our commitment to Jesus – communally we are strong and expanding the impact we are having on God's behalf.

I thank God for the extraordinary blessing and privilege it is for me to be one of your pastors.

Grace & Peace,



Associate Pastor Update

Dear FPCL Family,

What a great year of ministry and service this has been, and I am so thankful to serve God with you as a part of the church and of our greater surrounding community! It was my special joy to be a part of my first baptism this year for a friend who was once a student of mine and her son and extended family! I am so blessed by my relationships with each of you, and very thankful that we are part of God's family together.

These past few years, we have been working to strengthen our structures of congregational care within our church. In addition to a network of Care Contacts within the smaller groups of the church, and a group of Visiting Friends for those who are homebound and wish to have regular contact with the same visitor, we are beginning to work with a team of Pastoral Visitors who will respond to unexpected calls and emergency situations within our community. Soon to be commissioned, these Pastoral Visitors are being trained in empathic listening, hospital visitation, working with people experiencing dementia, and other topics as identified and needed. We are excited about the extended care these groups, along with our ordained Deacons, are able to provide to those in need, and thankful for all of those who have responded to God's invitation to use their gifts in this ministry of care. It is my joy to continue as the pastoral liaison to the Board of Deacons, and celebrate their many ministries in the life of the church. I invite you to read their report in detail and celebrate all they have accomplished this year on behalf of our congregation.

I have joined Kim Salch this year as a co-leader of the classes for new members, called Next Step. We have updated the Next Step booklet and have scheduled classes throughout the year, so that anyone interested in investigating membership with our church will be able to plan for that Next Step! It is an honor to meet with people as they explore their faith journey and call as members of the Body of Christ.

In addition, it has been a pleasure to continue to explore the Word of God to us in the Presbyterian Women Leaders Bible Study (open to anyone who would like to come) and from the pulpit with you in worship. I look forward to 2020 – which sounds like futuristic science fiction but is actually here...

With much love and gratitude,
Denia Segrest Associate Pastor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denia S. Segrest".

2019 Session Elders

Children's Ministry

Sue Carling and Daphne Mangaladoss

Clerk of Session

Christine Weber

Faith Formation (Adult Education)

Barbara Henshaw and Pauline Thompson

Hospitality

Ruth Buchanan, Mairi Wohlgemuth and Adriana Worley

Ministry Resources

Don Bartel, Lynne Lyberger and Tim McCarthy

Mission and Service

Bart Fornfeist and Larry Fried

Nominating

Cathy Griggs

Outreach

Shari Johnston

Personnel

Kay Gorsuch

Worship

Ellen Tarwater-Clover and Carey Grassinger

Student & Family Ministry

Brian Geiger, Kate Mullen and Sarah Baer

Session is responsible for the mission and government of the church, and is comprised of installed elders and the pastors. Members of program staff and the Clerk of Session attend session meetings regularly. Elders are elected by the congregation and develop teams of volunteers who work together within their ministry area. Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Moderator of Session

Pastor Steve Wilde

2019 Board of Deacons

Calling/Visiting

Judy Thompson

Chariots of Care

Pamela Eckert

Extended Communion

Karen Vied

Flowers

Jill Grandfield

Giving Tree

Roger Marley

Martha Ministry

Vic Karpenko

Medical Equipment Loan/Exchange

Dale Jones

Memorial Receptions

Rose Marie Bartel, Kathy DeRego and Linda Miller

Moderator

Christine Holsen

Pastoral Care

Joy Fischer, Carrie McAbee and Jane Nebo

Prayer Chain

Janet Loughran-Smith

Secretary

Barbara Coffey

Treasurer

Sherry McCarthy

Vice Moderator

Sal Tompkins

Student Ministry & Involvement

Natalie Geiger and Morgan Frazer

Board of Deacons Report



The Board of Deacons functions under the authority and supervision of the Session and is described in the Presbyterian Book of Order as “The Ministry of Compassion and Service.” At FPCL, the Deacons are charged primarily with providing direct ministries of caring for members and friends of our church community and the larger community. It is with joy that this group of dedicated sisters and brothers in Christ has continued on-going ministries of support to our church family.

Pastor Denia Segrest organized volunteers as “visiting friends” to be paired with an individual who has been housebound and Deacons continue to participate in this program. This falls under the Congregational Care Network that is currently underway. Throughout this year, the Deacons have explored ways to make members and friends aware and comfortable in accessing the caring ministries. The challenge is often that our community is blessed with individuals who are exceedingly generous and giving, but are frequently reluctant to be recipients in times of need. Connecting individuals with support is often accomplished confidentially through our pastors or through friends who help form a bridge. The Deacons are appreciative of the opportunity to serve and for those who form these bridges.

Specific ministries of caring provided through the Deacons in 2019 include:

- **Prayer Chain:** Organized and managed by the Deacons, e-mails are sent to 129 committed “prayer servants” to share specific prayer requests.
- **Chariots of Care:** Provide transportation to Church events, doctor’s appointments or other special needs.
- **Visiting/ Calling:** Deacons visit members and friends who may be experiencing health or other challenges. A Deacon also accompanies a pastor to provide extended communion for those individuals who are unable to attend worship services. This falls under the Congregational Care Network.
- **Martha’s Ministry:** Connects families or individuals at a time of a significant life event with volunteers who provide and deliver meals.
- **Memorial Receptions:** Along with the FPCL Memorials coordinator, the Deacons organize volunteers to prepare for, serve, and clean-up from memorial receptions. There were 11 memorial services hosted in 2019.
- **Giving Tree:** Deacons coordinated the collection of gifts for children and adults of all ages as well as gift cards for both gifts and grocery stores that are distributed through the Tri-Valley Haven. Because of the generosity of our FPC family we contributed about \$5,600 to these families in need.
- **Flowers:** Deacons coordinate the delivery of flowers.
- **Medical Equipment Lending:** A Deacon facilitates the cataloging and lending of medical equipment to those who might have a need.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Holsen, Moderator of Deacons

Board of Deacons Funds

The 2019 Deacons' Fund, administered by the Board of Deacons, received \$6,049.23 in contributions. Expenditures for 2019 totaled \$6,112.48 and are summarized as follows:

\$1,000

Mission Trip Scholarship for youth mission trip 2019

\$1,000

Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) Children and Youth

\$424.00

Crisis Assistance

\$438.76

FPCL Congregational Care

\$1,345.30

Memorial receptions for food and supplies and support

\$498.53

Special Project and gifts

\$162.82

Ministry Support Reimbursements (including office supplies, cards, postage)

\$1,243.07

Listening Devices for Worship (Sanctuary)

As of December 31, 2019 the Deacons' Fund balance was **\$9,434.23**

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry McCarthy
Board of Deacons Treasurer

Buildings and Grounds

Don Bartel, Ministry Resources Elder, B&G
Staff Liaison: Jane Ackley

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all volunteers who helped with the various work and other big projects throughout 2019.

Some of the changes and projects completed:

- Install two shade structures in the courtyard.
- Replaced Chapel hallway lights to LED.
- Fellowship Hall lights changed out to LED.
- Exterior areas around campus prepped and painted.
- Fellowship Hall folding chairs cleaned.
- City tree wells around the block were back filled with crushed granite - thanks to Boy Scout Brandon Pilon who coordinated the project as part of his Eagle Scout project.
- Installed additional lighting on Fifth St.
- New cabinetry installed in Fellowship Hall, along with additional outlets along the top of the counter.
- Cross removed and roof replaced on the Sanctuary Cupola.
- Preschool roof area holding the HVAC equipment covered and sealed.

" Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms".

1 Peter 4:10 New International Version (NIV)

Respectfully Submitted,
Don Bartel,
Ministry Resources Elder, B&G



Children's Ministry

Brie Johnson, Director of Children, Students and Families
 Jen Wilde, Support Coordinator for Children, Students and Families
 Sue Carling and Daphne Mangaladoss, Children's Ministry Elders

Sunday Morning Programs for Children

We continue to offer vibrant programs to children on Sunday morning through childcare, Preschool Ministry (Rocket Room), and Elementary Ministry (BLAST). We are incredibly grateful for the support we receive from members of our congregation who have volunteered their time on Sunday mornings to minister to our children. During the school year over 30 volunteers commit to supporting Children's Ministry in our various Sunday morning programs.

Families are greeted on Sunday morning in the Sanctuary narthex and children in K-5th are invited to participate with the congregation in the first part of worship, after which they are dismissed to their Blast classrooms. Children continue to love exploring their faith through the various learning activities offered in the Blast curriculum. Childcare "Stars Room" (ages 0-3)

Our paid staff continues to provide childcare on Sunday morning for both the 8:30 am and 10:00 am services. All childcare staff uses Safe Church trained adults, and we are fortunate to have consistent and loving care provided. With the growing number of children in childcare we brought on additional staff to help care for our little ones. In efforts to help get our high school students involved in ministries outside of student ministry, we have added high school students to assist with childcare on Sunday mornings. Our new childcare providers have been a fantastic addition to this ministry.

Preschool "Rocket Room" (ages 3-5)

Our preschool ministry is staffed by eight volunteers on Sundays who commit to teach one Sunday a month, September through June. Lessons for this classroom walk children through the stories from the Bible helping children to understand both the stories from the Bible as well as what it looks like to put faith into action. Children gather each Sunday morning for play, crafts, stories, music, and snack!

Elementary "BLAST" (grades K-5th)

BLAST is based on a rotation model where children learn in a variety of ways, including interactive bible activities, cooking, arts and crafts, and movies. The current workshops include Exploratorium, Loaves and Fishes, Creative Expressions, and BLAST Theater. This is our 9th year with this program and we continue to grow and adapt lessons to meet the needs of the children. At the end of each school year we evaluate how our curriculum is meeting the needs of our ministry; this curriculum continues to provide our children with opportunities to explore their faith through several different learning modalities.

Vacation Bible Camp

This past summer we ran a 4-day VB Camp Program, To Mars and Beyond where over 44 children "Explored Where God's Power Could Take Them". The children shared music, drama, crafts, science experiments, activities, bible stories, outside games and snacks in a faithfully supportive environment. In addition



to the 44 children, 29 volunteers, youth and adults supported the program. Vacation Bible Camp has proven to be a great way to connect with our church members and to help kids explore their faith in exciting ways! The cost was kept quite low to make VB Camp possible for more families.

Children's Ministry

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Church Involvement



Every Sunday, K-5th grade children join in the 10:00am service for the first part to experience worship with their families and the larger church commu-

nity. In addition, each month a moment for children takes place during the service where children can hear from the pastors. This fall, Bibles were distributed to several children in 3rd grade; this continues to be a milestone in the lives of our children and families.

Our Annual Christmas Pageant was once again a huge success! Participants included over 20 children, students, and parents. Several students also enjoyed playing chimes for the pageant. Children and our congregation look forward to this tradition every year. Following the service children and families were invited to Fellowship Hall to explore a Bethlehem Marketplace. Children made ornaments, created spice mixes, wrote in Hebrew, and tried food similar to what would have been found in Bethlehem when Jesus was born. We hope to continue to try new ways for our children to connect with and worship in the larger church community.

Children's Leadership

A number of volunteers provide leadership for our BLAST program, preschool program, and VB Camp week. In addition to these leadership roles we have been more intentional about working with student ministry leadership in efforts to build bridges between the ministry areas.

Last spring, several Children's Ministry volunteers and leaders gathered for a 1-day retreat with the purpose of looking ahead for Children's and Family Ministries. This was a great time of connecting for us all, celebrating our ministry, and thinking creatively about the year ahead.

Jen Wilde as the Support Coordinator for Children, Students and Families continues to be an invaluable resource supporting these ministries.

During summer, Children's Ministry brought on two college interns to help run VB Camp programs, teach summer Sunday school, and plan youth events. This has been a great opportunity for college students to gain experience working with children and in ministry.

Fellowship and Outreach

Our small group ministries continue to grow, with new groups forming this past fall and hopefully additional groups continue to form.

- We have had several well attended gatherings for moms.
- We hosted our first Trunk or Treat event! Several families in the church decorated their cars and passed out candy to children from our church and community. The evening concluded with a movie!
- In November, Children's ministry invited families to participate in "Kidsgiving". Kids were encouraged to bring their favorite dish to share.
- Families heard about the wonderful ministry Culinary Angels provides for individuals going through cancer treatments and other serious illnesses and helped to decorate placemats to accompany the meals given to recipients around Thanksgiving. This was a great event for over 60 people from our church and community.
- We continue to connect with Smart Start by inviting families from the school to events such as VB Camp, church picnic, worship services, and family nights. In addition, the staff opened the office for the Smart Start children to "trick or treat" on Halloween, this was a huge success.



We are incredibly blessed to have the support of wonderful families, volunteers, and members of our congregation. We look forward to all God has in store for 2020!

Respectfully Submitted,

Brie Johnson,

Director of Children, Student, and Family Ministry



Connections Ministry

Kim Salch, Coordinator of Connections Ministry
 Staff Liaison: Pastor Steve Harrington
 Ruth Buchanan, Barbara Henshaw, Christine Holsen, Vic Karpenko,
 Mauri Wohlgemuth

The **Connection Ministry Team** supports programming of the Hospitality Committee, Faith Formation, Life Groups, Congregational Care and the Welcome Team (Next Step). The team also assists in Facility Improvement and implementation of special projects for the pastors.

In 2019, we provided assistance for FOUR special events hosted by the **Hospitality Team**:

- Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
- Taco Sunday
- Church Picnic
- Commitment Sunday Luncheon

We recognized Steve Wilde's 10th anniversary at FPCL with a luncheon as well as his 50th birthday with an ice cream social.

We sent Steve Harrington into retirement with a dinner and reception. Over 400 people attended to celebrate the ministry of Steve and Nancy.

- The **Welcome Team** held three **Next Step** classes in 2019. We provided printed materials and refreshments for these classes for 18 new members to our FPCL family.
- New **Life Groups** formed during the Lenten season of 2019. Nearly 200 people participated during this time.
- Meet & Eat is an ongoing group that meets once a month for lunch. This is a sub group under **Congregational Care**. The participants are a combination of folks that were members of former groups now in transition.

Facility Improvements

- The Narthex was updated with new furniture and now provides a space for Youth and Family "Check in" on Sunday mornings.
- New cabinets were installed in the Fellowship Hall to provide more storage.
- Christmas decorations were updated and "re-freshed".
- A new "information area" was created in Fellowship Hall. This is an ongoing project making adjustments as needed.

Special Projects:

Mission & Service Team and the various ministries associated with FPCL held a Mission Fair to provide information and increase awareness of their projects. The Connection Ministry supported these groups with promotions, signage, and setup.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Salch,
 Coordinator of Connections Ministry

Culinary Angels

Lisa McNaney, Culinary Angels Founder/Owner

Staff Liaison: Jane Ackley, Pastor Steve Wilde

Elder: Sue Carling

Sue Bayer, Kelly Errigo, Lynn Monica -Treasurer

Culinary Angels' mission is to provide organic, healthy meals to people going through a serious health challenge.

Culinary
Angels



2019 was another growth year for the Culinary Angels. We increased the number of recipients served by 48%. Specifically, our meal counts were up by 51%, our broths were up 79%, soups up 40%, and overall deliveries up by 48%. We greatly increased the number of volunteers in our pool, and experienced a significant increase in our donations.

Ninety percent of our recipients have been referred through Stanford Health Care. We value their partnership and support and look forward to growing this relationship.

We recently established a relationship with Kaiser Permanente Medical center in Dublin this year. Every Dublin Kaiser Oncology patient now receives a Culinary Angels brochure in their new patient welcome packet. We believe this relationship will substantially increase our recipient reach.

We hired Claudia Castillo Holley as our part time Chef and Kitchen manager. Claudia has a master degree in Holistic Nutrition. Claudia has enhanced our recipes to include a broader spectrum of healthy and healing ingredients.

In November we celebrated our 3 year anniversary, and have served over 3500 meals. The bi-monthly cooking cycle is supported by more than 40 volunteers. Volunteers include shoppers, food label production, vegetable prep-teams, soup production teams, cook teams, baking teams, dishwashers, packaging teams, delivery coordinators and delivery drivers.

We've implemented a volunteer management system (Volgistics) which allows us to efficiently manage our 60+ active volunteers. The system supports scheduling, communication, and record keeping. Volunteers are able to view their schedule and update personal information using an online portal.

We are talking with Drivers for Survivors, a local non-profit, to understand synergies between their capabilities and our delivery needs. This option would allow us to tap a pool of skilled drivers and potentially expand our delivery area.

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner was held in April at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore (FPCL) with close to 200 people in attendance. Two of our recipients spoke at the gathering. It was very moving to hear their testimonies of how much the meals from Culinary Angels meant to them as they were going through treatment. We would like to thank Monica Hobbs, her husband Dan and daughter Maddie for meal preparation and plating. Their menu was enjoyed by all.

October brought our Fall Harvest Fundraiser, once again held at 3 Steves Winery. It was well-attended occasion and raised more than \$65,000.00. It was a beautiful day with food and music outside, a small silent auction, raffle and plenty of opportunities to enjoy all the people sharing stories together. The fundraising team of Tanya Ludden, Kelly Errgo, Nafisa Lillie, Lisa McNaney and Monica Hobbs played an instrumental role in the success of this event.

We anticipate our new partnership with Kaiser, along with our weekly expansion plan beginning early 2020, that our year-end financial picture of more than \$200,000 will be adequate to cover additional expenses.

As we close the year for 2019, we give thanks for FPCL and the many ways that the church continues to say "yes" to Culinary Angels. We feel blessed to be on this healing journey with each and every recipient. We are humbled by the number of volunteers and people who continue to step up to make this project successful.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa McNaney

Founder, Executive Director Culinary Angels

Faith Formation

Barbara Henshaw and Pauline Thompson, Faith Formation Elders

Staff Liaison: Pastor Steve Harrington (Pastor Steve Wilde: Sept - Present)

Fred Bahr, David Brewer, Susan Clary, Carole Crofts, Nancy McCarty, Kim Salch, Alan Throop and Karen Wilson-Fontaine

Our mission is to provide opportunities to develop Christian faith by thinking critically, growing spiritually, and living faithfully within a supportive community of love.

Activities in 2019:

- Met on January 12 for a planning retreat, looking at what worked for us in the past and what we might do in the future
- Helped coordinate the Lenten study which included reading the book *Everybody Always* by Bob Goff. In addition to the regular life groups, there were three additional group times offered.
- We offered a computer skills class on June 23
- Steve Harrington presented 2 classes about the Bible, one on June 30, the other on July 7
- Dick Finn gave us a travelog on Cuba on July 14

After Steve Harrington retired from the church, Steve Wilde became the staff liaison to the Faith Formation Team.

The team is currently working on how we might update the committee with new members and new ideas as we move forward into 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Henshaw and Pauline Thompson

Faith Formation Elders



Funds Team

Sally Swanson, Chair

Don Bartel, Lynne Lyberger, Tim McCarthy, Ministry Resource Elders

Staff Liaison: Jane Ackley, Danielle Hayes, Pastor Steve Wilde

Funds Team: Linda Alexander, Sheri Fried, Jan Sancrant, Antony Selvaraj

2019 donations received in memory of:

Roberta Cantua
 Connie Clark
 Harriette Cochran
 Ralph Greenlee
 Hildi Kang
 Lindsay Kirkman
 Betty Lorbeer
 Fred Lovell
 Tim McCarthy
 Margaret Moomau
 Arlene Morgan
 Hy Robinson
 Balraj Sökkappa

2019 Projects Completed

- Sponsored a Legacy Planning Workshop in February for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church by Maggie Harmon of the Presbyterian Foundation.
- Accepted Glen Christofferson's request to use \$900 of contributions to the Commemorative Fund that had been received in memory of his wife Margaret to pay for repairs to the organ.
- Announced in the May Parishscope that the two new umbrellas in the courtyard were paid from donations to the Commemorative Fund.
- Approved a request for \$7,500 to build and install cabinets for secure storage in the Fellowship Hall. (Actual cost paid from the Commemorative Fund was \$5,750).

Committee Activities

- Welcomed Antony Selvaraj as new at-large voting members.
- Lynne Lyberger joined the team to take Tim McCarthy's place as voting Elder in mid-year.
- Elected Committee Officers for 2019/2020: Sally Swanson, Chair; Sheri Fried, Secretary.
- Read and discussed William Enright's book "Kitchen Table Giving" for inspiration as we encourage giving and manage the funds to meet the needs of our church.
- Prayerfully considered changing the name of the endowment fund to Christian Heritage Fund.

The Christian Heritage name was inspired by a verse from Ephesians 1:11 – "In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will." The "Christian Heritage Fund" reflects how these church funds were bestowed by someone who loved the church and our current task is to see that they are maintained and used wisely for Christ's purpose and passed on in turn to the next generation of God's people. Session approved the name change and also amending the committee's policies and procedures accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Swanson, Chair

Hospitality Team

Ruth Buchanan, Mairi Wohlgermuth, Adriana Worley, Hospitality Elders

Staff Liaison: Kim Salch

Hospitality Committee is: New Members, Congregational Life, Coffee Hour Fellowship and special affiliation with Connections Ministry (Welcome) and Presbykates

Dona Allen, Kathy De Rego, Rick Edson, Christine Holsen, Julie Keener, Alice Klingmann, Vic Karpenko, Cassie Patterson, Muriel Springer



Our goals are to:

- Make our church a place where everyone feels welcome.
- Support events where everyone can grow in their connections within the church family.
- Enhance opportunities for those seeking to grow in spiritual closeness to God.

The Hospitality team hosts Fellowship time after each service on Sundays. The Elders share in organizing this time by scheduling volunteers and providing refreshments. Presbyterian Women, Hospitality Team members, Deacons and individuals of our church family help prepare and serve. This is a time for visitors, friends and members to gather and interact.

The Elders of the hospitality team met with new members during Next Step classes. They reach out, meet, and engage with visitors for worship and establish connections with congregation and church programs.

The team hosted four Church-wide events in 2019:

- Ash Wednesday Soup Supper (Feb.)
- Taco Sunday (May)
- Church Picnic (Aug)
- Stewardship Luncheon (Nov)

The team hosted these special events this year:

- Culinary Angels Appreciation Dinner
- Steve Wilde's Birthday Party (50)
- Steve Wilde's tenth Anniversary Celebration
- Support to the committee for Steve Harrington's Retirement Party
- Support to the Mission/Outreach Fair

These events allow the church family to meet, strengthen relationships and build the community. The Elders thank each and every individual that make these events so successful and enjoyable.

The hospitality team is always looking for individuals who would enjoy helping at coffee time or with any of the special events or who would like to serve on the Hospitality Committee team. Please contact one of the Elders or Kim Salch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Buchanan
Mairi Wohlgermuth
Adriana Worley
Hospitality Elders

Ministry Resources

Rob Couberly, Chair,
Don Bartel, Lynne Lyberger, Ministry Resource Elders
Rollin Harding
Staff Members: Jane Ackley, Danielle Hayes, Pastor Steve Wilde

The Ministry Resources Team (MRT) is focused on ensuring that First Presbyterian Church Livermore (FPCL) has the funding and facilities needed to further the church's mission in the service of Jesus Christ. The team strives to ensure funding for programs and special projects through coordination of the annual stewardship drive and through the participation of some of its members in the Funds committee. The team reviews and discusses FPCL's detailed financial statements with the church's accounting specialist to ensure session is presented with an accurate financial picture and that, when necessary, financial issues are brought to Session for discussion.

During the annual budgeting process, the team and the church's accounting specialist, analyze the current estimate of giving and make a recommendation of how much to budget for revenue in the upcoming year. The team will also make a recommendation on how much Session should hold in reserve for capital projects (e.g. a new roof) and for use as needed and specified by Session.

In memory of Tim McCarthy, who faithfully served on the team.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Couberly, Committee Chair



Mission Team

Bart Fornfeist & Larry Fried - Mission & Service Elders

Staff Liaison: Pastor Steve Harrington & Steve Wilde

Elsa Bernhardt, Ron Bernhardt, Connie Clark, Carole Crofts, Joy Gath, Ann Meiers, Trevor Patterson

The role of the Mission Team is to support people of all ages in need, both through direct action and through agencies (local, national and international) that provide needed services. The team distributes funds that have come from several sources, including the operating budget of the church, a portion of the endowment fund, as well as special offerings. FPCL Mission contributions are shown on page 18.

Overall Mission giving for 2019 was \$107,000 (rounded to the nearest \$1000). Of this \$79,000 came from the Operating Budget, \$24,000 came from designated gifts, and \$3,000 came from FPCL endowment interest. The substantial amount of funds that the congregation gives to mission demonstrates the commitment of FPCL to using our gifts to help others in need.

Designated gifts occur when contributions are directed to a particular cause. The congregation generously gave \$7,900 to the backpack project. Presbyterian Church USA One Great Hour of Sharing received \$6,000, while \$2,700 was given to the Presbyterian Church Peacemaking drive.

The Mission Team made a continued effort to effectively communicate with the congregation. We held a Mission Fair, where representatives from several mission partners came to FPCL on Sunday October 20, 2019. This was a very lively success with much participation. Partners from 19 partner organizations attended.

We shared brief focused presentations at worship once a month in Moments for Mission. In addition, short updates on Mission activities were provided in the Sunday service bulletin and shared with the congregation during worship.

Mission provided up to 20% of its Operating budget for 2019 to the Outreach Committee, who direct our local hands-on Mission Activities. These funds were used to support Neighbor to Neighbor, the Beans and Rice bagging, and other activities.

This year Mission supported the Christian education of a seminary student by contributing \$5,200 to her continuing studies. Mission Committee also supported the youth trip to Mexico, and \$2,000 for a pastoral mission trip to Peru. Mission Committee provided \$100 in support to each of the 18 local Livermore schools, and wrote letters of encouragement and thanks to each school principal.

Our 2019 Christmas Eve offering of \$7,700 was divided evenly between One Night to Shine, which provides a memorable prom-like experience to the developmentally challenged, PFLAG, which supports families and friends of the LGBTQ community, and the Jewish Family and Community Services Refugee fund, which is used to support refugees arriving in the US.

We purchased \$3,000 worth of much-needed McDonalds Gift cards and Wheels Bus Tickets, which were provided throughout the year to the homeless in our community. In addition hats and gloves were provided to the homeless on Christmas Eve.

The Refugee Services Committee, under Mission's umbrella, was very active in 2019. The Refugee Services Committee successfully teamed with Jewish Family Community Services this year. We helped three Afghan families and one Afghan college student negotiate the difficult transition from new arrival to full independence. Refugee Services Committee members took many trips to the families' homes in Oakland, Concord and Walnut Creek, providing rides to appointments, tutoring, and social support. In addition to the Christmas Eve offering, FPCL provided \$3,700 in financial support to Jewish Family Community Services, which administers a fund that directly supports the refugee families. FPCL members also provided generous gifts of household goods to the refugee families.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Fried & Bart Fornfeist
Mission & Service Elders

2019 Mission Giving

Operating Fund Mission Giving

American Indian Center of Livermore	\$3,000
Arukah House	\$1,899
Axis Community Health	\$2,499
Creative Autism Solutions	\$1,000
Donaldina Cameron House	\$2,001
International Rescue Committee	\$1,000
Kids Bike Lane	\$4,500
Livermore Schools	\$1,800
Livermore Joint Unified School District (nurse)	\$500
Living Water World Missions	\$3,999
Love Never Fails	\$3,999
Mercy Beyond Borders	\$2,001
Mission Trips	
Youth trip to L.A.	\$2,500
Pastor Trip to Peru	\$2,000
Night to Shine	\$5,000
Open Heart Kitchen	\$3,999
Pilgrims of Ibillin	\$1,334
PC USA 2019 Hurricane Dorian	\$2,000
PC USA California Wildfires	\$2,000
Presbytery of SF	
Hunger Food	\$500
SF Safe House	\$1,000
Seek and Save	\$3,751
Seminary Student Support	\$5,244.32
Shepherd's Gate	\$1,000
Tri-Valley Haven	\$3,999
Tri-Valley Young Life	\$2,500
Reimbursements	\$286.74
Refugee Project/Tri-Valley Task Force	\$3,666
Mission Outreach (N2N, Beans & Rice)	\$10,190.92
Vineyard Christian Fellowship (funeral expenses)	\$500

Operating Fund Giving Total

79,668.98

Fundraisers

Backpack Project	\$7,850
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Designated Gifts from Congregation

Advent Offerings:

Christmas Eve	\$7,622.89
Aid for the Hungry	\$3,310

Presbytery Special Offerings:

Peacemaking - Presbytery	\$2,047.50
Christmas Joy	\$575
One Great Hour	\$5,959

Designated Gifts Total

\$27,364.39

Total Mission Money Spent

\$107,033.37



Nominating

Cathy Griggs, Elder, Sal Tompkins, Deacon
Staff Liaison: Pastor Steve Wilde,
Nominating Committee: Linda Alexander, Rick Edson,
and Thomas Reynolds

The Nominating Committee met in 2019 to select nominees for Elders, Deacons and members of the Nominating Team and the Funds Committee.

The team wishes to thank outgoing elders and deacons who have completed their terms of service, congregation members for suggesting names to consider, and all those who prayed about whether to accept a call to leadership.

We appreciated the careful consideration of all those we asked to serve and were pleased to present names at the October 27 congregational meeting of those who felt the call to serve and said, "Yes!"

- The Nominating Team presented the following slate of officers for election:
 - Three current Elders were elected to serve a second three year term and seven were elected to replace outgoing Elders
 - Three Deacons were elected to serve a second three year term and two were elected to replace outgoing Deacons
 - One new member was elected to serve on the Funds Committee.
 - Three new members were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Griggs, Nominating Elder & Chair

Office

Jane Ackley, Danielle Hayes, Michele O'Hair, Jen Wilde

Church Counters: Linda Alexander (incoming), Dona Allen (retired), Shirley Couberly, Sherri Moore

First and foremost, I'm thankful for the fabulous office staff who continue to do a great job with the day to day running of 'all things church'.

Work in the office continues to be busy as we support our members in various ways including worship preparation, various projects, group gatherings, studies and other areas of ministry that need assistance. We also continue to closely monitor and track all supplies needed for facility wide areas.

This year the office had a face lift! We began sorting through all of the files and are in the process of digitizing a majority of them which will be stored on newly purchased external hard drives. Since this freed up space, we purchased new storage furniture that works better for what we are keeping – and files are now much easier to find! The old (Sanctuary) sound equipment and metal (office) cabinets were sold helping offset these costs.

The copy room was also reconfigured with storage furniture that can be secured, allowing us to utilize the space in better ways.

By making changes in the office and copy room, we were able to reconfigure the facility storage closet which now has more organized space. The plan is to make this area 100% facility storage by the end of 2020.

The document sharing program we use – SharePoint, has continued to prove a valuable tool for the front office and Program staff, helping streamline processes along with communication.

We continue to qualify with our non-profit status using Microsoft Office 365 Enterprise online and desktop subscriptions giving us an annual savings of over \$8,000.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Ackley
Director of Church Operations

Outreach Ministry

Shari Johnston, Outreach Elder

Outreach Team: Linda Alexander, Susan Bond, Ann-Sofie and Phil Dean, Larry Fried, Ann Meiers, Alan Throop, Claire Williams, and Adriana Worley



Our annual congregation-wide volunteer event, Neighbor 2 Neighbor (N2N), was a big success. In September, close to 200 volunteers worked together on ten different projects both onsite and throughout Livermore. On-site at FPCL we packaged food for Rise Against Hunger, tied up Blessing Blankets for distribution to Seek & Save, packaged Blessing Bags for Livermore Homeless Refuge, wrote Letters of Love for soldiers, and knitted hats for children. Out in the community our volunteers repaired bicycles with Kid's Bike Lane for all students, gardened at Finn Farm, and painted an historic building at Hagemann Farm. While N2N is the annual event, the generosity and dedication to our neighbors is not limited to a single day. FPCL volunteers reached out throughout the year in a number of on-going programs:

- **Beans and Rice:** Close to 8,000 pounds of beans and rice were packaged and delivered to local food shelters and distribution centers. We help keep the food centers stocked by providing beans and rice quarterly through the year.
- **Blessing Bags:** Toiletries and other hygiene items donated by the congregation were sorted and bundled by volunteers. Items have been shared with those in need through the Livermore Homeless Refuge and Tri-Valley Haven.
- **Livermore Homeless Refuge:** Provided weekend shelter and meals from Nov. - April for the neighborhood homeless. Volunteers brought in hot meals

as well as salads, desserts and breakfast items for those spending the night.

- **Backpacks:** We collaborated with the other local churches in the Backpack Project, where we filled and delivered more than a hundred backpacks loaded with school supplies for elementary through high school students.
- **Weekend Box Lunch Program:** In partnership with Open Heart Kitchen, we helped pack lunches that were distributed to local school children, providing a nutritious meal and snacks over the week-end.
- **Math and Reading Academy Tutoring Program:** Volunteers helped teachers and students at Jackson Avenue Elementary School with individual tutoring and running small groups. Approximately twenty volunteers from FPCL contribute their time once or more a week, helping educate the next generation.
- **Letters to Veterans:** For Veteran's Day, we honored men and women who served in the military by the congregation writing letters directly to members and letters to those residing in the Veteran's Hospital.



The dedication and generosity of the volunteers is an active expression of our faith, love and commitment to our community. We work together to reach out and spread God's love.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Johnston, Outreach Elder

Presbyterian Women

Barbara Coffey - Moderator, Phyllis Brewer - Acting Vice Moderator, Karen Vied - Acting Secretary, Christine Holsen & Shirley Couberly - Co-Treasurers, Pennie Clouser - Historian, Connie Clark & Ann Laye- Mission/World Service, Joy Fischer & Karen Vied - Together In Service, Susan Bond - Handbook Chair



Presbyterian Women (PW) is the Presbyterian Church (USA) Women's Ministry where:

- Faith is nurtured and growth takes place through worship, study, friendship and outreach.
- Women are challenged to stretch beyond their limits.
- Women move beyond the safe places of life and reach out to others.
- Christian leadership is born, nurtured and sent forth into ministry.

Monthly Life Groups (Circles) Our leaders receive monthly guidance, handouts and suggestions provided by Rev. Denia Segrest. We enjoy fellowship, supporting mission projects and Bible study.

2019/2020 Horizons Bible Study is: "Love Carved in Stone; A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

Together in Service:

Together in Service women use their skills and talents to create handmade goods for people in need and works to convey the Good News in a tangible way. Together In Service meets the second Saturday January thru May and September thru December in the Upper Room 9-11:00. We have about 15 participants with much of our work being done at home.

Together in Service has had about 50 shawls shared with our community and beyond, along with:

- **Adult sized hats:** 199 (Livermore homeless, Elmhurst Church, Tri-Valley Haven)
- **Baby size hats:** 76 (Axis Health Care)
- **Fleece blankets** prepped for N2N: 65 (Seek and Save, Veteran's Hospital)
- **Little dresses:** 8 (sent to an orphanage in Haiti)
- **Bears** (Thanks to Good News Bears): 36 Vision Project Oakland (IRC) 20, Caring Bears for friends hospitalized 3, Elmhurst Church for Children at Christmas
- **Hand/arm warmers/scarves:** 15 (LHR)



Presbyterian Women

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Presbyterian Women's Missions for 2019

In Accordance with our purpose to support the mission of the church worldwide, the following monthly missions were chosen by the PW mission team to support groups, and reflects both Global and local aid.

January	Refugee Family	\$190.00
February	Culinary Angels	\$147.50
March	Larkin Street Youth Services	\$231.75
April	Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering	\$232.10
May	Swords to Plowshares	\$204.00
June	Camfed	\$134.00
July/August	*School Backpack project (Church Wide giving)	
September	Valley Veterans Foundation	\$216.91
October	Nurses of LVJUSD	\$210.00
November	*Blanket Sunday PW Thank Offering - national projects	\$2,443.00 \$182.00
December	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$265.00
Total PW Mission Giving		\$ 2,013.26

* Amount reflects churchwide giving, so total excludes Blanket Sunday & Backpack Project

More detailed information on each of the mission areas PW donates to, can be found on our website, www.fpcl.us > Ministries > Women's Ministry > Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women also participate in a Least Coin Offering at their meetings to supplement a worldwide ecumenical movement of prayer and reconciliation. Monies go to help fund about thirty-five to 50 projects. Collected this year, Least Coin Free Will offerings totaled \$127.09.



Fellowship

We had the following Fellowship Gatherings:

- **On March 23** we went on an outing for a private tour of Ruth Bancroft Gardens in Walnut Creek
- **On June 8** Sally Swanson opened her lovely home garden to us and gave us a presentation on gardening and sustainability (she is a certified Master Gardener!)
- **On October 12** we gathered in the Fellowship Hall with Roger Marley speaking about his history of working with the Giving Tree. This gathering was the first of the 2019/2020 season which we have themed “Actions of the Heart”.
- **On December 7** we gathered in the Fellowship Hall to continue our theme of “Actions of the Heart” with Jen Wilde speaking on her experience earlier in the year in Peru with Compassion International.

Women's Retreat:

The PW Retreat took place at Enchanted Hills Camp in the beautiful Napa Valley and took place from February 15th through the 17th. Our speaker was Jeanne Rodriguez. The theme was:” God is the one who provides food for all living things. God’s faithful love lasts forever”. – Psalm 136:25 38 Women attended the retreat for fun, fellowship, bonding and a wonderful program led by Jeanne.

The Basket Auction supports scholarships for this retreat and in 2019 raised \$1,188.00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Coffey - Moderator

Smart Start Preschool

Dan Karlsen, Owner
Rebecca Hardesty, Executive & Site Director



The Smart Start Preschool, established in 2001, is a private school that offers a safe, fun, creative and hands-on environment for children. More than just childcare or daycare, your children will experience love for one another as well as the environment around us. Students build positive self-esteem while getting prepared for a lifetime love of learning. The Smart Start Preschool Creative Learning Center is proud to be the first "Eco-Friendly" school in Placer County and Alameda County. Smart Start is beginning its fifth year at FPCL and continues to thrive. The school has a large waitlist, over a year for most students. Rebecca Hardesty works as the full time Director.

The school continues to be maintained, including:

- Having the carpets professionally cleaned 4 times a year
- Power washing the playground, grass/turf area 3-4 times a year
- Windows are professionally cleaned 2-3 times a year
- In 2019 new cabinets were installed in both C2 and C3
- A garbage disposal was installed in the kitchen and a dishwasher will be installed in the coming months
- New umbrellas were installed on the playground totaling \$10,000

Smart Start continues to provide scholarships for families in need in the community. Currently Smart Start provides one full time scholarship at \$1040.00/month and one 3 day a week scholarship at \$670.00 a month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Hardesty
Director of Smart Start Preschool

Stewardship

This year's theme focused on FPCL's new statement:

Centered in Christ
Celebrating Community
Serving Others

Stewardship continued to explore this vision *looking back* with a **responsive gratitude** for how God has been at work in our church and *looking forward* with a **creative gratitude** to the assurance that God has more in store for us and our ministry!

Our new statement articulates who we have been for almost 150 years as a church located on this downtown city block in Livermore. It is also a statement that captures who we believe God is calling us to be as we move forward into these next 150 years!

Our church has always understood and approached stewardship from a theological and pragmatic perspective that celebrates the breadth of resources that God has entrusted to us: time, talents, money, prayer, opportunity and influence. The commitments we make and the renewal we seek touches all areas and aspects of our lives and we are blessed to be able to come together as a church and support a ministry that is tangibly making a difference in our church, our community and our world.

Thank you for your generosity to our church and your willingness to be a part of God's work in the world.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Wilde, Senior Pastor

Student Ministry

Brie Johnson, Director of Children, Students, and Families
 Jen Wilde, Support Coordinator for Children, Students, and Families
 Sarah Baer, Brian Geiger, Kate Mullen Student Ministry Elders



Sunday Programs for Students

On Sunday mornings, our middle school age students meet during the 10:00 am service for Bible study and fellowship. We continue to regularly have 8-10 students in attendance. With a consistent group of middle school teachers and advisors, there is a strong relational environment for middle school students to feel “at home” in the youth room.

Once a month, High School students walk down to coffee together to check-in and debrief the sermon. Sunday morning is a great time to connect with students before they jump back into a busy week!

The first Sunday of the month students are invited to sit together in worship in the balcony. Having students regularly attend worship with the larger church community helps students to see how their faith life and church involvement can continue after graduation.

This year we confirmed four students. Students met for several weeks to explore their faith, learn about the history of the Presbyterian church, and form their own statements of faith. Students then met before session and shared their statements of faith with our session. This was a great time for both session members and students. We continue to pray for our students as they continue on their faith journey.



Mission Highlights



The mission trip this past summer successfully took a group of 14 students, college students, and adult leaders to Los Angeles with City-Service-Mission Ministries. We served in a variety of soup kitchens, food banks, a Salvation Army day camp, and homeless ministries. For many students this was their first inner city experience. Students were challenged to learn new skills, work together, and grow in their faith. The mission trip experience continues to be a great opportunity for our students and one we plan to do again this coming summer. This trip would not have been possible without the financial support of our congregation and families.

In addition to the mission trip, students served in many other ways in our community. Local projects included making sack lunches, blankets, and snack and hygiene bags for the Homeless Refuge and homeless community in Livermore, care packages for college students, and involvement in our annual Neighbor to Neighbor event.

Student Ministry

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Fellowship Highlights

Some Fellowship highlights from the year include our annual photo scavenger hunt this fall in downtown Livermore, A Super Smash Brother's tournament, movie nights, and game nights. Throughout the year we gather middle school and high school students on Sunday mornings for a pancake breakfast in the youth room, this proves to be a favorite with the students. This fall students gathered for our annual Corn Maze and Cookie Tailgate at G&M Farms.

In December, we gathered for a Christmas party and gingerbread house competition. Students also supported our annual Christmas Pageant by helping to fill roles and assist the younger ones. We ended this year by gathering a group of 12-15 college students during their Christmas break. It was a great time connecting with them while they were home and will look forward to seeing them during the summer on a regular basis.

We continue to find new ways we can connect with students, help form their faith, and serve our community. We will continue to evaluate how we are ministering to students and their families in the new year. We are incredibly grateful for advisors and volunteers that have faithfully served for many years as well as our new volunteers who are just beginning to experience the joy of serving students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brie Johnson,

Director of Children, Student & Family Ministry



Veggie Table

Veggie Table Team: Lois Barber, Bill Bigley, Gail Bachman, Jake & Stefani Butterworth, Jeannine Carbino, Jinok Dean, Marilyn Dykstra, Dick Edwards, Wanda & Richard Finn, Lee Giroux, Sloane & Michael Kraft, Jane Rasmussen, Len and Lea Smith, Sal Tompkins, Mike & Allegra Williams

This was the tenth year of the VeggieTable and if you haven't met us or tried our produce, please stop by the Fellowship Hall or Courtyard after Sunday services almost year around, depending on weather and produce availability. You can take whatever you want and leave a monetary donation in the jars on the table. Every donation goes 100% to the principal on the mortgage for the renovation of the church buildings in 2005. The Table is also a place to gather for fellowship about gardening and food and making new friends. We also donate food to local low income senior housing.

This year the amount donated was **\$8,937**. Thank you, everyone! That makes a total of **\$98,914** over the ten years we have been doing this. What a generous community and bountiful gardens!

We grow a variety of veggies at the Finn's farm with the help of many wonderful volunteers. Last year we put up two 40'x 40' structures with bird netting to keep out all the critters. Fruits, veggies or flowers from your own backyards are also welcome. We are trying to keep it all organic. There's not much producing right now in winter but soon it will be beautiful with daffodils and tulips and then later all the summer veggies.

We can always use more volunteers to work either on the farm or at the VeggieTable on Sundays! Sign-up at the table or notify Wanda at wandafinn@hotmail.com

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda Finn, project coordinator



Worship Team

Ellen Tarwater-Clower, Carey Grassinger, Elders

Dane Alexander

Staff: Cathy Griggs, Janet Holmes, Pastor Denia Segrest, Pastor Steve Wilde

The Worship Ministry Team has the responsibility and privilege of overseeing and coordinating weekly and seasonal worship services of our church, including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve, memorial services and more.



Included in the oversight is a significant amount of logistics and coordination (securing ushers, communion set-up and servers, sound support, etc.) plus efforts to enhance the worship experience through the aesthetics that display a tangible representation of the theme of the service. Visual representations of worship continue to be included the narthex, as well as creative expressions of the sermon series in the chapel banners and sanctuary decor. This year brought out some creative moments contributing to Steve Wilde’s “Superhero”, and “Coffee Talks - Conversations on Faith” sermon series, as well as the our Lenten study following “Everybody Always” by Bob Goff.

Music gives us a unique and creative environment to connect with God in which our choirs contribute in sacred and profound ways. We continue to be grateful for the wonderful leadership that Janet Holmes, as Director of Music and Cathy Griggs, as Director of Bell Choirs provide; and the gifts and the leadership of our Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choirs. These choirs provide a place for men, women and youth to discover and cultivate their gifts of music, and allow our worship services to be strengthened through their presence.

The congregation continues to welcome our Director of Children, Student & Family ministry leader, Brie Johnson, as she leads us in the celebration of contemporary worship music; with the wonderful contributions of other members and guests. Not only do we create and share our own gifts in worship; we encourage the collaboration and sharing of our gifts in the larger community.

In July, a group from FPCL took the trip to Ohlone College for their Summerfest production of ‘The Phantom of the Opera’; and our Sanctuary Choir once again joined voices with Mission Peak Chamber Singers and the East Bay People’s Choir for ‘Everyone Sang’ - a jubilant celebration of the resilience and beauty of the human voice in hopeful song.

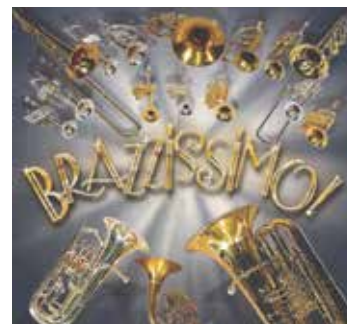
Additional celebrations this year have included Steve Wilde’s 10 year anniversary, Steve Harrington’s retirement after 41 years of ministry, and Janet Holmes’ 30 years of musical service to this church. Steve Wilde also created a sermon series to introduce our new mission statement “Centered in Christ, Celebrating Community, and Serving Others”.

An additional gift to the larger community is our Labyrinth Walks, offering a peaceful and meditative welcoming of the New Year and Holy Week. We hope to make these at least a quarterly offering in the coming year. We continue to welcome and encourage all those interested to join us in a variety of ways: making music, helping with Worship and simply stepping in spontaneously to help whenever available! We remain committed to both the tangible and intangible ways that God acts in our lives and guides our efforts.

Honoring our upcoming 150th anniversary

We will be hosting Brazzissimo, the brass group comprised of a few of the players we have heard in our services recently!

Sunday, April 19 at 4 PM



Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Tarwater-Clower & Carey Grassinger

Worship Elders



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