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## Community Mission:

As a community we get the amazing privilege of working with God in His incredible story of redemption. Throughout the Scripture the people of God have been asked to "Love our neighbor", "act justly and love mercy", "give voice to the voiceless", "take care of the poor, widow, orphan and alien".

Here at FirstPres we live this out primarily in our home, workplace, and neighborhood or "the places God has already put you". Beyond that we do have some additional ways to specifically love others:

**Strobridge** - partnership to help the administration, teachers and students at this school with campus clean-up and beautification, backpacks of school supplies, tutoring, teacher lunches, etc.

**AOK** - serves our local elementary school population with a weekly program that includes dinner, homework help and lessons from the Bible.

**Quest/Rock** - beyond the fellowship and growth in personal relationships with Christ, these weekly programs take middle school and high school students on trips to minister to homeless in San Francisco or to work in the Alameda County Food Bank.

**Chance of Showers** - Showers for our friends from 4-6 PM, **TODAY**

**Compassionate Care** - Bringing meals to help a family; providing assistance with chores; visiting with shut-ins; baking cookies for memorials; etc..

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## Good Morning! -- a little bit about us...

First Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone -- and we mean *everyone*!

Located in the East Bay, we are a multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-socioeconomic, Christian community of faith where *anyone* can come as he or she is. We welcome every tribe, nation, language and people; whether you live in the hills, valleys or in your car; work in Silicon Valley or are on welfare, vote Republican or Democrat, are gay or straight, have a morally upright lifestyle or a loose one, sinner or saint...

Come as you are! **God loves you** and we are so glad that you are here.

### Community Worship:

Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 10:00 AM

"Faithful and Fruitful "

[Luke 19:11-27](#)

Pastor Jake Medcalf preaching.

**Please join us afterwards in the Family Life Center (gym) for a cup of coffee, a snack and a bit of conversation!**

### Upcoming Events:

TODAY Chance of Showers from 4 to 6 PM

Mar 14 Prayer Service in the Sanctuary at 7 PM (bilingual)

Mar 16 Prayer Service at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Mar 17 Bible Study in Room 15 with Ronald & Martha Rivas at 7 PM

Mar 19 Counseling 9 AM - 3 PM in the Prayer Room with Ronald Rivas

Ladies' scrapper/crafter day in Room 15

Mar 20 Family Dynamics at 9 AM in MPR

Need more info? Check out the [Calendar on our church website!](#)

### Next Steps--Getting to know our community:

#### **Growth Groups**

More information about these groups can be found in the insert in today's bulletin. Growth groups have two purposes: a place to build authentic and meaningful relationships with others; a place to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

#### **Curious about becoming a part of the team?**

If you are interested in being a part of the mission and vision here at FirstPres, opportunities to volunteer abound! Share your time and talents with kids, youth, meals, singing, praying, you name it... we've got a place to use it!

### Community Life:

#### **Mexico Mission Needs - deadline is TOMORROW March 14!**

Technology gives us a new way to ensure that our missionaries have everything they need to build three homes for families in Mexico and engage the kids in a vacation bible school! Rather than request items with an insert in Sunday's bulletin we are going to ask you to do it online! For VBS items, go to: <http://giftster.com/gift/IR6sf/>. For Construction items, go to: <http://giftster.com/gift/aUt0n/>. We can also use Home Depot, Target and Costco gift cards.

#### **"Vision without execution is hallucination" Thomas Edison**

We are moving forward with our 2016 Vision and are now taking applications for the following two positions: Director of Young Family Ministry and Director of Christian Community Development. Please e-mail Ann Keirns at [ann@firstpresbayward.com](mailto:ann@firstpresbayward.com) to receive the job description and position requirements

#### **Sanctuary Flowers**

**Today's flowers** are donated by Rich Williams in celebration of his wife Sharon as they celebrate their **49th wedding anniversary!** Congratulations, Rich & Sharon!

#### **Play a hand to Lend a hand**

FPCH Men's Ministries presents a poker gathering on March 21, 2016 (6:30-8:30pm) at Pastor Jake's home, to raise funds for the upcoming Women's Retreat. For more information contact Mike Wallace @ (510) 847-3818 or [mikewallace.home@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikewallace.home@sbcglobal.net)

#### **Let us love you, care for you.**

If you need assistance (a visit, home communion, housework, meals, rides to church or doctor, etc.), contact the church office 510.581.6203 and someone will return your call.

<b>Financials as of 1/31/16</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>262,078</b>	<b>272,065</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>237,926</b>	<b>255,770</b>
<b>Total Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>24,152</b>	<b>16,295</b>