WHAT ARE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES?
GROWTH GROUP LEADERS TRAINING

Sunday, May 31, 12-3PM
Wednesday, June 3, 6-9PM
Sunday, June 7, 12:30-3:30PM
Monday, June 8, 6-9PM

GROWTH GROUP MEMBERS SIGN-UP

Sundays, June 7 and 14
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Many of my closest and best friends I met in elementary school at Garfield Elementary in Olympia, WA (the west side of Oly to be exact). Those guys have known me for over 30 years now and in their wildest dreams they could never have predicted where life would have landed me...as an ordained Senior Pastor of a PCUSA mainline denominational church.

As we went through high school and college my faith in Jesus grew. At some point I think they possibly could have stretched their imagination to envision me as a YoungLife Area Director or some wild crazy non-denominational church planter – but mainline, robe wearing, presbytery attending, Book of Order loving, Reverend...that wasn’t possible. God has an amazing sense of humor.

I am Presbyterian by choice. When I began seminary at Fuller Theological I was absolutely non-denominational but as I began to understand that as John Stott says “the church must organize itself in such a way as to express its understanding of itself. Its structures must reflect its theology” research was needed. The people of God on the Mission of God (the church) requires structure in one form or another even my brothers who don’t believe in any institution or structure inherently create a structure intentionally to avoid it...again God has a sense of humor 😊. After much research and some definite work of the Holy Spirit I found myself in love with Presbyterian polity.

So let me share with you an excerpt from the Book of Order and some reflective comments on how they are guiding our community here at FirstPres.

F. 1.0302 – The Church is sent to be Christ’s faithful evangelist: making disciples of all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit; sharing with others a deep life of worship, prayer, fellowship, and service; AND participating in God’s mission to care for the needs of the sick, poor, and lonely, to free people from sin, suffering, and oppression; and to establish Christ’s just, loving, and peaceable rule in the world.

The vision for the church has been set – we are to make disciples of all nations and live out the Great Commission found in Matthew 28. We are not to make members, create attendance, converts, or happy people who like us as pastors and staff, though I hope those happen along the way. Our work is to disciple others who disciple others. In the middle of that journey we get the great privilege to share with others a deep life of worship, prayer, and fellowship – we get to be known and celebrated but only if we slow down long enough to truly know each other and the God story that rests in each one of us. But the part that truly binds us together is our unity around the Mission of God. All of us as Jesus followers (disciples), all of us who have gone ALL IN, all of us who have heard the voice of Jesus (God with skin on) say Follow Me and responded - instantly join the mission of God and the team He is creating (church) to care for the sick, poor, and lonely, to free people from suffering and oppression and to establish justice for all in our current world. THAT IS AN ADVENTURE WORTH LIVING!! Straight from the Book of Order. 😊

I am Presbyterian by choice because we believe in F. 1.0302 – now I have to get back to work putting all of the above into practice because after all “In the same way believe/faith by itself if it is not accompanied by action is dead” and we as PCUSA are not dead – yet.

Pastor Jake
Dear FPCH family,

Summer is a time for slowing down a bit, catching up and preparing for the coming seasons in our church life. There are a couple of special events planned and some exiting projects in the works that will enhance our worship life. Here’s what’s happening!

**June 7**

**Ice Cream Social & Old Time Gospel Revue**
Local Outreach is hosting an ice cream social for our neighbors and whoever shows up from 2 – 4 PM. An old time Southern Gospel concert (think Gaithers) will follow at 4 pm in the sanctuary.

**July 5 Independence Day Celebration**
Stick around after 1st service for an patriotic sing-along with the Songbirds.

**Summer Breaks**
Children’s choir will take a break starting June 7 and will start up on September 14. Chancel Choir will sing through Sunday, July 19, then resume on Wednesday, September 2.

**Worship Upgrades**
In collaboration with Buildings and Grounds we are in the process of installing a few systems that will help enhance worship in the sanctuary:

**Hearing loop system** is a system that broadcasts directly to hearing aids equipped with a t-coil. The vast majority of hearing aids in use today are so equipped. Sound quality will be greatly improved.

**Lighting** Buildings and Grounds is moving forward with plans to replace all the bulbs in the existing lighting fixtures in the sanctuary with high efficiency LED bulbs that will more than double the amount of light available.

**Drop lines** A largely concealed flexible system from which liturgical art displays can be suspended throughout the sanctuary.

Blessings to all of you and yours,
Paul Ferris – Worship Director
The Greatest Commandment

“Love the Lord your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind
and with all your strength.

The second is this,
‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

There is no command greater than these.”

Mark 12:30-31

Spiritual Disciplines

Growth Group Study & Sermon Series

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**Children's Ministries Updates!**

**June-July-August 2015**

**Tammie Wallace**

**Director of Children’s Ministries**

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**Mid-week Programs**

- Alpha Omega Kids
  K-5th Grades,
  Thursdays, 4-7 PM
  Resumes on September 10!

Registration Form is on the FPCH website in Aug.

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**Sunday Mornings**

**Entering K-5th Grades**

- At 9:00 Children entering K-5th Grades meet in the FISH Tank for worship and a great lesson!
- At 10:45 Children entering K-5th grades meet in the FISH Tank for a lesson that’s just for them!

**Potty-Trained 2's, 3's, 4's, Pre-K**

- Meet in Room 1 during 1st service.
- Meet in Room 2 during 2nd service. Children discover the love of Jesus through “Play-N-Worship” including joy-filled worship videos and interactive stories.

**Infant/Toddler care**

- Always available in Room 1 during both services.

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**A/OK:** Finished the 2014-15 year on May 14 with a fun time in the bounce houses! It was a great year of connecting with each other and with Jesus. We will resume on September 10 for the 2015-16 year! Registration forms will be available in August. Pre-register and get an official A/OK t-shirt!

**MOVE! MOVE! MOVE!**

- MOVE! VBS: July 27-31, 2015, 9am-Noon for those entering K-5th Grade. With MOVE! kids will be shown people in the Bible who changed direction and moved. And they all had one thing in common: somewhere along the way they came face to face with Jesus! They discovered who He was. And once that happened, there was no standing still or going back. Space limited! Register today! Forms on website. Also a special class for potty-trained pre-K. After-care available @ $18/day Noon-5:30pm.

**MOVE! VBS SERVING OPPORTUNITIES!** If you are feeling called to serve at VBS (crafts, kitchen, games, small group, registration & more), contact Tammie and register for a training session:

* Sun, July 12, Noon-1pm * Mon, July 13, 7-8pm *Wed, July 15, 3-4pm

**SUGAR PINE CHRISTIAN CAMP:** Students entering 3rd-5th Grade have the opportunity to go to this amazing camp! Sunday, August 2 leaving after church with the high school group also heading to camp and returning on Friday, August 7. Cost is $339. You can read more about camp at www.sugarpine.org if you would like to send your child on this great adventure, contact Tammie ASAP to get the reservation in and/or ask about scholarships available.

**CROSSOVER BASKETBALL:** A sports ministry sponsored by First Pres and CV First Baptist for boys and girls, 2nd-12th Grades. On-line registration begins August 1. Complete on-line reg and then attend a Skills Evaluation on Sat, Aug 29, 9am-12:30pm; Sun, Aug 30, 2-4pm or Tues, Sept 8, 5:30-7:30pm.

**SINGLE SERVICE SUNDAYS:** Our 10am Single Service Sundays are now Family Worship Sundays. You can sit in the main pews as a family or in the back of the sanctuary where you will find an Elementary side with 2 tables & chairs and Hands on Bibles plus the Infant/Toddler side with rocking chairs, toys, books, table & chairs. In the Narthex Lobby you will find coloring sheets, children's bulletins, crayons and colored pencils to bring into service with you. This is a great way for children to become familiar with our worship service so they will feel connected when they age out of Children's Ministries.

“Connecting Kids to Christ and Growing Them Spiritually”
Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We recently returned from our Mexico mission trip where we built two homes, two outhouses and ran a VBS for children in the community. It was a powerful week where we all experienced the peace of Jesus and were transformed in various ways throughout the trip. Here is what one of our students said in reflecting upon the week, “This week full of lots of memories and experiences that I will always keep with me, has been such a life changing experience. The people of Mexico are not poor. God has shown us that the love, laughter, smiles and community that they each share make them richer than ever. It’s not about material things, it’s way deeper than that. Thank you God for making this happen. For leading me down to Mexico with my loved ones to share this experience, without you I wouldn’t have been able to give and show love to those who deserve it.” Thank you church for helping make this story and so many others a reality thought your support of this vital ministry!

Blessings in Christ,
Paul Bagai

Upcoming Events:
Senior Banquet, Saturday, June 6th
Nicaragua Mission Trip, June 14th to 20th
Middle School Camp, July 19th to 24th
High School Camp, August 2nd to 7th

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
John 14:27
Are you a Scrapper, Card-maker, Crafter?

We are starting a new group to craft and chat together. We will gather on the third Saturday of the month in room 15 (doors to the TJ’s parking lot) from 9:30AM -3:00PM.

Drop in any time between those hours. Bring your project and let's work together and have fun! Bring your own lunch, too.

Questions?

Contact Kathy Wood 510.512.8204 or k.wood62@yahoo.net

May—National Foster Care Month

Thank you Church! For your donations of basic clothing that will help the lives of foster kids and their families.

“Thank you so much for your recent food drive to support Alameda County Community Food Bank. First Pres collected 287 pounds of food for our neighbors struggling with the burden of hunger. Thank you again! With Gratitude, Katherine Avila

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Healing Ministry

We invite you to join us in this ministry. You will be blessed in how the Lord will use you in His Service while helping others.

Come be His Hands, Ears, Voice and Heart here in our community.

Contact
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Healing & Prayer

Prayer Room
First Sunday of the month, after each service

Hayward’s Farmers Market
Saturdays—9:30AM to 1:00PM

FPCH Peacemakers
A Ministry of Reconciliation

One Service Sundays at 9AM in the MPR
June 28, July 26, and August 30

June Workshop:
Peace-breaking, Peace-faking and Peace-making.
How do you address conflict? Do you Confront, Ignore, become Passive Aggressive, Give In, or do you try to reach a HEALTHY SOLUTION? Learn how to address these varying styles in a Biblical and affirming way.

July Workshop:
It’s Never Too Late.
For many of us, that strain in relationship with our dad, our daughter, our coworker, our neighbor happened so long ago. How can I explore reconciliation without making things worse? This valuable workshop will explore a Godly approach to reconciliation.

August Workshop: TBA

FPCH Peacemakers has several people who are trained to assist with conflict resolution including coaching and mediation. To get more information or to request assistance from this confidential lay ministry call 510-581-6203 x213 or send an email to peacemakers@firstpreshayward.com
Congratulations to the

June 2015

3  Summer Growth Group—Leader Training — MPR/6PM
7  Summer Growth Group—Leader Training — MPR/12:30PM

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
2PM TO 4PM

“SHOUTIN TIME” OLD TIME
GOSPEL CONCERT — 4PM

8  Summer Growth Group—Leader Training — MPR/6PM
10  Seniors Fellowship/Lois Reilly — MPR/9AM
14-20Nicaragua Mission Trip
20  Scrapper-Crafter Group — Rm. 15/9:30AM to 3PM
21  Father's Day
   Summer Growth Groups start — “Discipline of…”
22  Deacons Meeting/MPR/7PM
26  His Growing Grove Graduation — Sanctuary/3:30PM
28  One Service at 10AM
   Breakfast — Family Life Center/8:30AM to 9:45AM
   Peacemakers Seminar/MPR/9:00 AM (bring your breakfast)
July 2015

3  Office Closed — Independence Day (observed)
4  Independence Day
26 One Service at 10am
27-31 Vacation Bible School — 9AM to Noon

August 2015

29  Crossover Basketball—Skills Evaluation — 9AM to 12:30PM
30  One Service at 10AM
30  Crossover Basketball — Skills Evaluation — 2PM to 4PM

$1 BBQ
Saturday
September 5

Relay for Life—Castro Valley
Canyon Middle School
19600 Cull Canyon Road

July 18
9AM to 9AM