All-Church Conference!
July 28 - August 3, 2013

TO BOLDLY GO WHERE "THE ONE" HAS GONE BEFORE

CAPTAIN’S LOG, STAR DATE 7.1.2013
We have entered Earth’s orbit and are beginning our final descent to attend Fremont’s All Church Conference (ACC). The crew is extremely excited and cannot wait for their shore leave. I cannot believe that our adventure in the Santa Cruz mountains is about to begin! Spock has packed extra sunscreen for beach days. Scotty is looking forward to playing games. Dr. McCoy is curious to try the different foods. Lt. Uhura wants to go shopping. I understand that there are many fun activities and opportunities to relax at Mission Springs, but I am most curious to find out what drives Fremonters to come together in faith and fellowship. What is it about these people! When we beam down, I am planning to make contact with their ACC organizers to reserve rooms for my crew. I understand that the rooms are going fast so I will be sure to contact them sooner rather than later. This is my final log entry before the conference. We look forward to when we will Boldly Go Where “The One” Has Gone Before!

Partial week rates and scholarships are available. Please contact the deans if you are interested in finding out more. Additional information is located on the church website www.fremontpres.org

Graham Baird, speaker

Have a vacation with your church family! All Church Conference will be held July 28th - August 3rd at Mission Springs Christian Conference Center. Register now and join us to “Boldly go where The One has gone before!” Stop by the ACC table after services or contact conference deans, Jarrett and Ashley Trask, for a registration packet at fremontacc@gmail.com or (916) 835-2745. ACC is all about growing your relationship with “The One” and getting to know others better – whether through fun competitions or relaxing conversations. Scholarships are available and there are discounts for first time conference attendees. Live long and prosper…in Christ!
Welcome to our new Interim Assistant Pastor for Congregational and Community Life, Rev. Stephen Whitney, his wife Eleanor, and their three children Johnny (10), Joshua (8), and Lydia (5) have joined us from West Sacramento! We are so thankful for Steve’s presence, strengths, and enthusiasm.

Steve has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University, a Master of Science in Computer Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Master of Divinity from the San Francisco Theological Seminary. He became an Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament/Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church, USA, in 2003.

Steve started his career as a systems software engineer, moved on to become a senior engineering manager, and finally became a consultant in the technology industry until he answered his calling to the ministry. He served as a Chaplain’s Assistant at San Francisco Theological Seminary and was a Chaplain Intern at Marin General Hospital. His business experience suited him well when he became, not only the pastor, but also the head of staff at Trinity Presbyterian Church of West Sacramento. Under Steve’s leadership, the attendance increased one hundred fifty percent in the first six years, and the giving more than doubled before he left the church in 2011.

Fremont’s elders felt that Steve’s breadth of experience in evangelism, discipleship, and outreach made him the best fit to work with your elders in evangelism, outreach, spiritual development, and specialized ministries at Fremont. The search team noticed his successful track record in prayerfully thinking outside-the-box to find solutions to challenging problems. He has quite a sense of humor, is very approachable, and is transparent in his relationships.

Steve is serving three-quarter time and continues to develop and market phone and tablet software applications in his free time. Please introduce yourself and get to know Steve and his family!
We’re getting there! Commitments received so far total over $550,000! Thank you to all who have joined the effort.

We still have $175,000 to go toward our goal of $775,000. More importantly, we want everyone to participate at whatever level they are able. Whether it’s 10 cents a week or $500 a week, your involvement is the key.

Please consider how you can make a long-term investment in Fremont’s future by participating in providing the facilities and the faith foundation for ministry. Your contributions over the next few years will retire the remaining debt on the facility development and pay off the dismissal payment resulting from our denominational change.

Your participation can change lives and meet critical needs. In addition to expenses related to Fremont’s facility/ministry development, funds from this ministry have been used to build a Habitat for Humanity home for a family in Sacramento and to meet the future needs of the Shekaccho tribe in Ethiopia.

Sacrifices for God result in blessings. Faith in God results in blessings.

Additional commitment cards are available in the church office or you can make your commitment online at www.fremontpres.org.

Can you join in meeting this challenge?

Please mark your Blessings checks or envelopes “Old” or “New” depending on campaign.
NOW through August 12th, Fremont will be offering a TODDLER STORYTIME for children ages 2-4. Storytime will be held from 10:00 - 11:00 am, Monday mornings in the Bookstore. Toddlers will be read a couple of stories, make a simple craft, and have time to play. A parent must be present during the entire hour. Please bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Cate Williams at cate@fremontpres.org.

Summer Blitz

VBS for kids K-5th grades

July 8—12

Register Online: www.fremontpres.org/Ministries/Children

This year’s theme is “Facing Fear, Trusting God.” Kids will have a great time as they spend their morning in small groups winding their way through the Bible story, discussion groups, BIG recreation, innovative & messy art, snack, and the Colossal Worship Rally to open and close the day.

To volunteer to serve at Summer Blitz, fill out the Summer Blitz Volunteer form online or contact Kim or Angie in the Children’s Ministry office at 452-7132 or kim@fremontpres.org or cmpa@fremontpres.org.

Got Preschoolers? A complete Summer Blitz experience is waiting for preschoolers whose parents are serving at Summer Blitz! Register your preschooler on the Children’s Ministry page under the Summer Blitz Icon. After you sign up to volunteer at Summer Blitz, contact the Children’s Ministry office to get the code for registering your preschooler online.

You can volunteer to serve at Summer Blitz by going to the Children’s page on the church website, or email kim@fremontpres.org.

Seniors Ministry - Fun and Fellowship

Fremont’s Prime Time!
for Active Adults (55+)

PRIME TIME:
Call Jeanne Wallis at 397-8584

SCHEDULE: (choose as much or as little of the day as you’d like.)

9:30 am Coffee, fellowship & board games begin

11:00 am Low-impact exercises in Ferguson Hall, a group walk in the neighborhood or table games (Kings in the Corner, Dominoes, Bridge, Cribbage).

11:45 am You provide your own sack lunch ($4.00 buys dessert and coffee) followed by more board games and occasional informative and/or entertaining programs throughout the year.

(We will not meet on July 4 or 11.)
Join Matt Davis as he leads an exciting look at how every sister and brother at Fremont can share in fulfilling God’s will for His Church.

This Adult Christian Essentials (ACE) class will provide us with a fantastic opportunity to look at the Great Commission, read Scripture, share experiences, hear how God is already working through Fremont missionaries, and develop our own testimonies to better prepare us to take a more active part in the ministry Jesus calls us to live out.

A key question facing Christians today is not whether we will work to spread the gospel to all nations, but what role each of us will play in making Jesus’ final command our first concern. Mission work is not a call for others to go and teach, but a command for all of us to share the gospel with the world around us. The real source of hope in world missions is not the statistics of man; it’s the promise of God, who has equipped each of us to perform a vital role in His plan to make disciples of all nations.

Francis Chan wrote, “If we are not working together to help the unbelieving world around us become flowers of Jesus, then we are missing the point of our salvation.”

God calls us to go, baptize, and teach to all nations, “so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12-13).

This class will help us as a congregation to live into our true purpose.
Fremont Nursery School

Chances are you’re aware of Fremont Nursery School but there may be some interesting things about FNS that you don’t know! Did you know:

• FNS employs 11 teachers.
• All our teachers meet the requirements for the Child Development Master Teacher Permit as determined by the State of California.
• Half of our staff has a Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential.
• The average number of years our teachers have taught at FNS is 12 years.
• The preschool director and teachers’ salaries are paid through student tuition received.
• Our preschool program is play-based and developmental.
• Our school offers 3 programs for preschool aged children.
  - The Tuesday/Thursday program is for children who are 3 years old and potty trained by September 1st.
  - The Monday/Wednesday/Friday program is for children who are 4 years old by September 1st.
  - The Transitional Kindergarten program, which meets Monday through Friday, is for children who are age eligible to go to Kindergarten but would benefit from another year of preschool before going to Kindergarten or, in some cases, children who miss the cut-off date to enroll into Kindergarten.
• Each year there are 112 children enrolled in Fremont Nursery School, 64 children attend on any given day.
• FNS currently has a waitlist into 2016. That means many of the children on the 2016 waitlist haven’t been born yet so they don’t have a first name! They are entered into the waitlist database as Baby (last name)!
• The FNS school year runs from mid-September through the end of May.
• The Children’s Ministry elder and the Fremont Nursery School Leadership Team, a sub-team of the Children’s Ministry Team, have oversight of the preschool.
• The preschool has its own website www.fremontnurseryschool.com, you should take a peek! The preschool’s website is also linked to the church’s website.

For 45 years Fremont Nursery School has remained committed to the church’s original mission to provide an enriching learning opportunity to families and preschool aged children in the community. Now that’s dedication! If you have any questions about Fremont Nursery School just ask Miss Du who wears her pink boa Monday through Friday!
NEXT MEETING IS ON JULY 11!
Come, join us and be our guest at the Alzheimer’s Cafe of Sacramento. Food, fun, activities & music in the Geneva Room. Dates are 2nd Thursday of the month: July 11, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Questions? Call 594-9088.

MEN’S MINISTRY TREK - Men Together on God’s Path. Men’s Trek is studying and practicing Spiritual/Servant Leadership. All men are called to be leaders!

Join your brothers and learn to “Lead like Jesus” and become the spiritual leader God meant you to be for your family, church, work, and community.

Men’s Trek invites all men for fellowship, scripture, prayer, and accountability. We meet on every Friday morning from 6:15 - 7:45 am at Hoppy’s Brewing Company, 6300 Folsom Boulevard.

Just show up and see how God is working and transforming each man into the man God meant him to be.

For more info contact:
Stephen Wong,
skw560@yahoo.com

Mariners are men and women, singles and couples, young and old.

Mariners meet to offer fellowship, provide support, encourage discipleship, and offer service to the church. Each ship decides for themselves how often and where to meet.

How Can I Belong? Contact:
Fleet Admiral: Bobby Cobbs
(916) 376-9238
cherylbobbycobbs@yahoo.com

SYMPOSY #9 BY BEETHOVEN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AT 8:00 PM
FREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SANCTUARY

Here’s an opportunity you singers will not want to miss. The Camellia Symphony is performing at Fremont and has invited Fremont’s Sanctuary Choir and the Davis Chorale to join them in performing Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony. We have scores and part predominant CD’s available for you. Rehearsals TBD. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Cheryl Eshoff at 452-7132 or email Cheryl@fremontpres.org.

Singers Needed
Sunday, July 21
Have you always wanted to sing in the choir, but couldn’t find the time or the courage? Come join us Sunday morning, July 21, and sing for the 8:55 worship service. Meet in the Sanctuary at 7:45 am where we will help you find music and a seat. Dress in Sunday clothes. Questions? Email Cheryl at cheryl@fremontpres.org or Vicki at vicki@fremontpres.org or call 452-7132.
LOCAL MINI-RETREAT:
“BECOMING AN AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN”

Christ the King Retreat Center,
6520 Van Maren Lane,
Citrus Heights, CA 95621

July 26 and 27, Friday evening, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
and Saturday, 8:00 - 4:00 pm

If you were to identify one area of your life that is the source of most of your difficulties, what would it be? Your family, or other relationships? Some aspect of your work? Would it be in what you do with your spare time? Finances? Living out your faith?

This retreat will provide plenty of time for teaching, rest, and quiet reflection in a stunning twenty three acre wooded setting. We will be discussing personal transformation, finding new freedom in Christ, and experiencing healing from life’s wounds. The retreat is about understanding how our ‘false’ side, as mentioned in Pastor Dan’s message last month, originated, and how it influences us today and what we can do about it. Dan Maust, our facilitator, says: “This seminar material is critical for both new and mature Christians to understand and apply to their lives. Next to the Gospel of Christ, I believe it is the most helpful and important Biblical truth to communicate to believers.”

Sign up at the courtyard or coffee shop tables, after services, through July 21st, or stop by the Church Office.

Presented by Dan Maust, former Regional Director, Campus Crusade for Christ. Cost is $30 for materials, lunch, drinks and snacks. Questions? Call: Skip Ohs (916) 443-5581 or Jay Wright (916) 591-8787.

On a personal note, it was through the Fremont Presbyterian prayer warriors that I learned to pray. When I attended an Alpha course in 2001, I couldn’t spell “prayer.” But the Lord graciously and gently, placed me in a prayer circle with eight prayer warriors, many of whom still witness to me today at Fremont.

Over the years as I have hoped, and doubted, and stumbled, I have come to believe the following about prayer:

1. Lift up the need. Put your children, family members, and friends in the arms of God, and leave them there. He will not drop them.

2. Many say God never gives you more than you can handle. I believe God always gives you more than you can handle. Otherwise, you wouldn’t need God.

3. “Pray, and let God worry.” --Martin Luther

4. “I know whenever I have prayed earnestly that I have been amply heard, and have obtained more than I prayed for. God indeed sometimes delayed, but at last He came.” --Martin Luther

5. Pray not for crutches, but for wings.

Finally, God touched my heart for prayer at a national prayer conference in Arizona awhile back. He used the words of a Ugandan pastor to break my heart. I have never fully recovered, and I am grateful. He said to this group of 1,500 pray-ers from across America:

“Americans sleep on their blessings. Desperation is the missing ingredient in American prayer. Americans need to get hungry for the presence of God. We need to come to God with a bucket, not a tiny cup, and ask Him to fill it. Americans need to storm the heavens with passionate prayers. We need to cry out to the Holy Spirit to light a firestorm in our hearts for a passion for the most of Jesus! God is watching America and He needs more of our tears, the tears of God’s people.”

--Terry McDermott
DEAR GO DAY VOLUNTEER:

On behalf of the staff, leadership, and members of the Fremont Presbyterian Church, we would like to thank you for your incredible sacrifice of time and energy for this year’s GO Day. God blessed us with the opportunity to involve you and more than 200 other volunteers in 14 different projects throughout the Sacramento community.

On that remarkable day we were able to –

• Create “Blessing Kits” for the homeless, along with knitted items and ready-to-eat meals for those in need
• Rebuild and renovate school campuses, baseball fields, and youth facilities throughout the Sacramento area
• Provide repairs and gardening help at the homes of Fremont members and friends of the church
• Enable our singers – youth and adult – to sing and perform at a Senior Center
• Organize clothing and supplies at local shelters and homes for the less fortunate
• And more!

The handful of hours you gave up for GO Day truly made a positive impact on those in need; and it served to glorify God and honor our Lord Jesus Christ, as we demonstrated what it means to serve in His name. Our prayer is that future GO Days will continue to inspire us, and teach us how to be compassionate in the same way that our Father in heaven is compassionate.

If you would like to be involved in our GO Day efforts for 2014 – either as a member of the planning committee, a project leader, or a volunteer – feel free to let us know by contacting John Kabateck at johnkabateck@nfib.org. Again, thank you for all you did with this year’s GO Day. We wish you God’s blessing and a wonderful summer ahead!

Pastor Donald H. Baird
Pastor Dan Willson

If you are knitting charity projects from GO Day in April, here are two items of interest:

1. As you complete your knitted/crocheted items, please attach a label indicating that they are for charity knitting and drop them in the office for the Missions box. Or call Adele Ohs at 916-443-5581 and she will arrange to pick them up from you.

2. Look for another GO Day charity knitting session in late September. If you’d like to receive an email update about this, let Adele Ohs know at adele_ohs@gmail.com.

GO Day Challenge

“TAKE THE CHALLENGE” FOR JULY:

Refuse to take part in gossip or slander. Whenever either begins in a conversation, end it quickly. If possible, don’t be judgmental or confrontational – just guide the conversation in a different direction.

Earl Warren School

CHRISTMAS BAGS: Who’s thinking about Christmas in July? It’s the Earl Warren Christmas bag shoppers who are taking advantage of the July and August Back to School sales of school supplies. The shoppers buy all the items to fill the Christmas gift bags that are given to every student at Earl Warren Elementary School. The school is growing due to closure of another nearby school so more bags need to be filled this year.

Please consider making a donation to the fund to reimburse the shoppers. The cost to sponsor a whole class is $150, but all donations are welcome and helpful. If you or your group wants to sponsor a class and help deliver the bags on the last day of school before Christmas vacation please contact Dale Aust at 686-5705 or dale.aust.qhg1@statefarm.com.

You can help Fremont make Christmas a little brighter for the Earl Warren students.
Following are some action and informational items from the Session meeting of May 28 that might be of interest to the general congregation. These notes are not intended to reflect the total work of the Session at the meeting. If you are interested in more information about a particular item, please contact any member of Session.

There was lengthy discussion about the Pastor Search Committee. Actions resulting from that discussion are shown below.

Work on revision to the church by-laws is underway. This will be a start-from-scratch effort. Team members include Mark Eshoff, Ken Moody, Bruce Ogden and Brian Wyatt. If you have any early thoughts on the by-laws, please talk with any of the team. The congregation will be given an opportunity for questions and comments prior to any vote. The vote will probably be set for the fall.

The Financial Report for April showed General Fund revenues (total) were $129,506 and expenses were $151,233, giving a loss for the month of $21,727. Year-to-date revenues of $551,563 were less-than-budget by $21,559, and year-to-date expenses of $593,189 were less-than-budget by $24,001, giving a year-to-date loss of $41,625, with a positive variance from budget of $2,442.

**ACTIONS:**

- Approved a slate of recommended names for the Pastor Search Committee: Conrad Davis, Mark Eshoff, John Hansen, Dana Jaime, Lynn Jordan, Ken Moody, Scott Nichols, Marlin Ogden, and Carol Wyatt. This slate will be presented to the congregation.

- Set June 23, 2013, at 1:30 pm, as the date and time of the Called Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing a Pastor Search Committee. Also voted to have a sign-in of active members at the meeting in order to vote.

- Approved collection of relief funds for the Oklahoma Tornado Disaster. Note: Session policy allows the head pastor to respond to disasters outside of formal session meetings. This vote was a vote of support.

- Acknowledged that all current deacons have successfully completed the requirement for training for ordination in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

- Asked the Clerk to send thank-you letters to Don Davison and Roy O’Neal for the design and construction of the baptismal stand in the CLC.

- Approved an upgrade to the technology in Children’s Ministries’ Purple Room.

--Elaine Moody, Clerk of Session

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**Word of Thanks**

*Dear Fremont Family:*

The word “family” has taken on a whole new meaning, as there are no words to express our overwhelming gratitude for the constant source of love and support you have been to us during Frank’s long illness and recent death. Your calls, cards and, especially prayers have sustained and nurtured us through this very difficult time, and we are so thankful to be a part of this incredible church family. The light of Christ truly shines in all of you!

Much, much love,
Carolyn and Stephenie Armstrong

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**Sanctuary Flowers**

Honor the memory of a loved one with flowers in the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning. Remember someone special on a birthday or anniversary with flowers of celebration. Call Barbara Kennedy at 489-5665 to schedule a Sunday.
SAVE THE DATE FOR ASILOMAR 2014! Asilomar, where the ocean meets the shore in Pacific Grove, will be the site of another Adult Retreat next year. If you have never joined us in year’s past, why not get this on your calendar for 2014 and be a part of this special time? And, for those who have been there before, you know just what we mean. So, come one, come all to next year’s Asilomar retreat. The dates: September 19 – 22 (Friday dinner through Monday lunch). Questions? Contact Dave Freeman at 363-7158.

FREMONT FINANCIAL UPDATE YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH MAY 2013

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We are deeply grateful for your faithful giving to Fremont!