

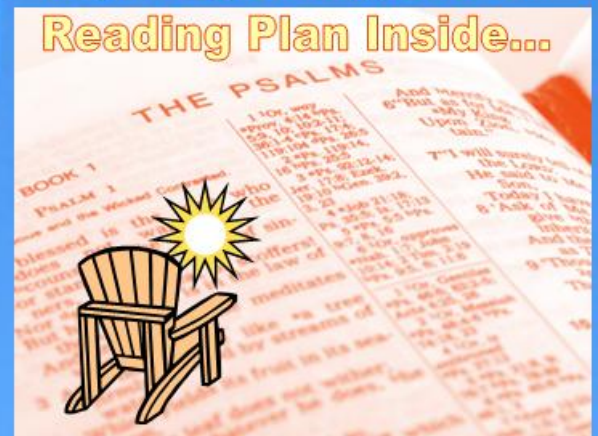
the SIERRA Story

June
2013

**PSALMS in the
SUMMERTIME**

Beginning Sunday, June 9th

Reading Plan Inside...



*It was you who opened up
springs and streams; you dried up
the ever-flowing rivers. The day is
yours, and yours also the night; you
established the sun and moon. It was you
who set all the boundaries of the earth; you
made both summer and winter.*

-Psalm 74:15-17

SIERRA Presbyterian Church

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><> Editor's Letter ><>

JULY SIERRA STORY ARTICLES: Please submit all Sierra Story articles by **Friday June 21** to cecilia@sierrapres.com
BULLETIN ARTICLES: Submit all weekly articles by **Tuesday** for the upcoming Sunday Bulletin

In the coming months, we will be updating our website. The website will not only have a new look overall, it will give us the opportunity to have multiple users inputting information. That could include you and your ministry!... and that is exciting to me, because rather than one person trying to get the information out there, it can come firsthand from your ministry.

Be sure and "like us" on facebook and tell all your friends to like us. If you are a member, you can also join our members only facebook page, where you can post pictures, see other's pictures, post prayer requests, pray for others, etc. etc. It is a social media community for Sierra Pres Church. Also, you get the earliest edition of the Sierra Story :-)) and in FULL COLOR too.

There are lots of exciting things coming up in our church and in our community, so read on...

Blessings, ><> Cecilia Shampay><>

WATER NIGHT - LET'S GET WET!!!



KidVENTURE
God's Love in Action

Bring clothing you can get wet in and a towel and plan on having FUN and getting WET

Parent's Time Out Free Childcare for ages 2-12 Years—Last one of the Season!

When: Friday, June 14, 2012—5pm-8pm
Where: Sierra Presbyterian Church,
 175 Ridge Road, Nevada City
 RSVP to Heather—265-3291, ext. 25



Sharing the Gospel with those around us through biblically based teaching.

This month, I conclude a four-part series of articles on the various aspects of our Mission Statement: *The mission of Sierra Presbyterian Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ through Trusting in Him, Growing Together, Serving one another and the world and Sharing the Gospel with those around us through biblically based teaching.*

The aspect of sharing the gospel with those around us can be the most challenging part of our mission statement to fulfill. Many of us find it challenging to share our faith with family and friends; we may not be sure if they will be receptive or how it will impact our relationship if we do. We know that we are called to practice evangelism in the community to bring people to Christ, but we may not be sure where to start.

Certainly one starting point is to see our sharing of the gospel as coming out of or as being empowered by biblically-based teaching. As we are more and more grounded in the story of the gospel of Jesus Christ we become more able to share that story in natural ways. In a recent adult education class that I facilitated along with Dave Anderson, we offered a number of ideas and suggestions. One of those was to develop our ability to share the stories of the Bible in natural, concise and conversational ways. Being able to paraphrase stories or parts of the Bible that may be applicable to someone's life is a way we can help them to see that the story of scripture is relevant to their own life story.

Sadly, personal witness has gotten stereotyped as a confrontational monologue with a stranger when it's really meant to be an ongoing conversation with family, friends and colleagues. So, we need to relearn how to talk about our faith. We need to be able to move beyond a carefully crafted formula into the heart of the gospel with all its mystery, wonder, hope and clarity. Another way we may grow in our ability to witness effectively then, is to find a conversation partner, someone outside the church who is not yet a conscious follower of Jesus, to listen to and share with.

Another way to grow as a witness is to develop the ability to share an experience in the past or present when God was alive for you or his presence was made known to you. Your story with God has power to influence and encourage another person's story with God. Like sharing stories or truths from the Bible, sharing aspects of our own journey of faith with family and friends may encourage them in a Godward direction.

Finally, I believe we need to heal the division that has developed in the church between witnessing and serving or showing hospitality. In other words, serving our neighbors and friends in practical ways, having them over for dinner or opening your home in other ways can open the doors to someone coming to faith. Remember too, that our call is to serve and to be hospitable to others because those actions speak of Christ's love in and of themselves. They may lead to Christ-centered conversations or someone coming to faith, but the fact is that people often need to see the love of Christ "with skin on it" before they are going to be open to hearing our verbal witness to Christ or to coming to an appropriate event where they may hear the good news of the gospel. I think the primary thing when it comes to sharing the gospel is to be prayerful. Ask God to lead you into opportunities to share and to be responsive when those opportunities come. Be active in developing your ability to share the gospel, so that when situations do come for you to share and serve, you feel confident and empowered by the Spirit of God to do so. Blessings.

Reaching Out to the Community

WORSHIP IN SERVICE SUNDAY

On **Sunday, July 21st** we will be having one "blended" Worship Service at 9:00am and then have a number of different opportunities to serve our community and reflect the love of Christ. We will then gather back together to celebrate and share our experiences through a parking lot picnic. Some of the opportunities will be on-site and others will be off-site. Sign-up sheets will be available out in the Lobby a few weeks ahead.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF WORKSHOP

Who: This workshop is designed **to benefit those who have faced some type of loss or grief** in the past five years. This may include, for example, the loss of a loved one or friend, a disability, poor health diagnosis, infertility, the shattering of a lifelong dream, a suicide, someone we love who betrays us, or discovery of a moral failure. The workshop will be led by Pastor Mike Griffin and licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (M.F.T.) Karen Tyner, both of whom have worked with grief groups and have had their own experiences of loss that inform their understanding of the grief process and some of the resources that can help people grow through it.

What: The workshop will explore the place that the Psalms can play in a healthy grieving process as they encourage us to stay in communication with God. We will also explore the Universal Time Approach to grieving and provide other written and caring resources that can encourage your growth through grief.

Why: Grief is a journey with many destinations. It can lead to disillusionment and despair or we can come to a place of acceptance and growth. Staying in communication with God in the midst of the confusion and disorientation of grief can help people to heal and grow through it. Additionally, understanding some of the barriers and faulty paradigms, as well as what healthy grieving may look like, can encourage the healing process.

Where: The sanctuary of Sierra Presbyterian Church, 175 Ridge Rd. Nevada City, Ca. 95959.

When: **Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 9:00am to 11:00am**

Please RSVP by contacting Ellen Watt at Sierra Presbyterian Church (530) 265-3291 or through the sign-up sheet that will be in the church lobby.

"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God. For I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." ~Psalm 42:5.

OUTREACH TEAM'S SCHOOL BACKPACK MINISTRY

The Outreach Team under the leadership of Elder Janet Lowell presently has a School Backpack Ministry Team. The SPC School Backpack Ministry Team is partnering with Women of Worth for their 11th annual "Way Cool Back to School" backpack and school supply drive.

SPC School Backpack Ministry Team and Women of Worth as ONE TEAM will provide school supplies and backpacks to schools and disadvantaged students in grades kindergarten through college.

Please be sure to keep a watch in future Church Bulletins, Flyers, the Sierra Story, the Union and it will be aired on KNCO Radio Station. On July 1st, we will start accepting donations such as: sturdy new backpacks, school supplies, books and other needed items for students to be fully prepared to succeed in school. Please watch for the full listing of supplies in the Church Bulletins We will accept money donations too! Let's all reach out to the community through this opportunity.

THANK YOU CHURCH!!

SPRING TEA SPRING TEA "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE" A LOVELY SUCCESS

May 4, 2013 was a very busy and fun day around Sierra Presbyterian Church. 224 ladies had the opportunity to come together to enjoy a day of beauty, good food, wonderful entertainment and just be pampered by our handsome gentlemen servers.



Twenty-eight tables were beautifully decorated by the individual Hostesses with no two alike. The purpose for the Tea was to raise funds for the kitchen remodel, which netted approximately \$3,000.00 but the real pleasure was the fellowship that took place with SPC ladies and the many guests who were not from our church. What went off very smoothly



would not have happened without the countless hours of the many people who worked so hard in the months leading up to the Tea. The saying goes "It Takes A Village" but in this case it took a "Church Family" to make this happen.

There were 83 individuals involved and **having that many folks working together for a common cause was more than terrific!**

A special thank you to Cecilia Shampay and Randy Partch for the extraordinary work with the visuals and sound. A tired but happy Tea Team: Lynne Dirga and Judy Doyle, co-chairmen, Armie Bonelli, Rena Criss,

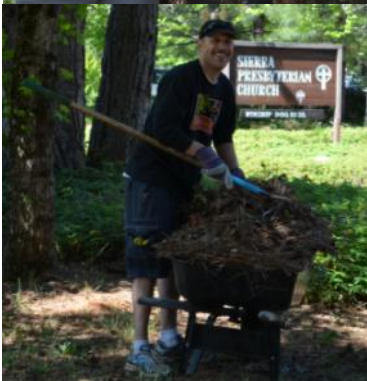


Deni Dax, Ruby Foster, Jen Lee, Janet Lowell, Jamie McCallum, Nikki Meenan, Mary Pipkin, Vicki Solada, Pam Sufleski, Meryl Wilson



WORK DAY

The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time on the 18th at the Spring Cleanup Party. A ready and willing crew started with coffee and doughnuts, got to work and by 11:40 the pizza was disappearing. Windows were cleaned, kitchen areas were scrubbed,



bushes got haircuts, the low spots in the lawn were filled, weeds were pulled, a huge pile of pine needles and pine cones were carried away, and the whole campus was spruced up inside and out. A huge thank you to all who participated. **The Lord's house looks and feels better than ever!**





Pray Nevada County

Open to all for Christian prayer, **Pray Nevada County** meets each Tuesday from Noon to 1:00pm to pray for our county governments and their services, schools and families, businesses and media, and churches and parachurch ministries. In June, we will be meeting at

[Empire Mine State Park.](#)

10791 East Empire Street, Grass Valley. Come to the main parking area. We will gather around two picnic tables.

HEALING PRAYER



HEALING PRAYER—Prayer for God's healing touch on any area of your life is offered after each Sunday worship service in the Prayer Room. On the third Sunday of each month, Prayer Stations are set up inside the Sanctuary. All prayers are strictly confidential.


Prayer teams are available for those who are in need of a home visit or are hospitalized. Call Caroline Obermuller (265-1910) or Marie Alden (265-5459).

Healing Rooms of Nevada County takes place each Thursday evening from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital in the Chapel—Located at 155 Glasson Way. Enter through the main entry doors. Christian prayer for healing in a small group setting. For more information, please call 478-1478.

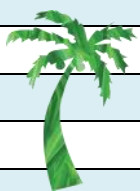
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Thomas Akin	Army	Betz's Family Friend
Rick Atmospera	U.S. Army—Afghanistan	Stan & Claudia Shurtz Son-in-Law
Jason Bailey	U.S. Army Rangers	Dennis & Bobbie Bailey
James Brown	U.S. Navy	Lea William's Son-in-Law
Chris Burkhart	Edwards Air Force Base, CA	Amanda Burkhart—Husband The Burkhart's—Son
Darrin Campbell	U.S. Navy—Bahrain	Patrick Campbell's Grandson
Jacob Delaney	U.S. Army—Iraq	Susan Colbert—Nephew
Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Doyle	BUPERS—Millington, TN	Judy Doyle—Son
Matt Dusch	U.S. Army—Warrant Officer Colorado Springs, CO	Stan & Claudia Shurtz Stepson
Justin Fifer	U.S. Navy Oahu, Hawaii	Norm & Arlayne Fifer Grandson
Uriah Gibson	Afghanistan	Millie Raiche—g. grandson
Anthony Gilleland	Staff Sgt.—Marines Afghanistan	Bob & Gladys Joost Great Nephew
Steven Harvey	US Coast Guard Reserves Port Security, San Francisco	Jonathan & Denise Harvey's Son
Shane Havle	Marines—Iraq	Betz Family Friend
Casey Haynes	Iraq	Tish Wathen— Neighbor's son
Scott Lawson	AF Major/Flight Instructor Little Rock, Arkansas	Don & Loretta Lawson
Casey Lee	U.S. Army—Afghanistan	Greg Lee's Son
Staff Sgt. Larry Moorhead	U.S. Air Force Base McCord Air Force Base— Tacoma, WA	Beth & Jack Moorhead Grandson
Matthew Nesselroad	2 nd Lieutenant Transportation Officer, El Monte, CA	Dick & Joan Ortlieb Grandson
Lt. Megan Pascoe	U.S. Army	The Spreiers—Daughter
Jeff Price	Afghanistan	The Pleski's Grandson
Lt Cmdr. Phil Pelikan	Chaplain-USS Essex	Karen Tyner
Alec Schreiber	Lance Corp. USMC Camp Pendleton, CA	Paul Schreiber's Grand- son
Matt Schreiber	M/Sgt. USMC Okinawa	Paul Schreiber's Son
Lt. Ryan Smith	U.S. Army, Ft. Irwin, CA	Beth & Jack Moorhead Grandson
Matthew Ward	Afghanistan—July	Charles & Norma Black- Nephew
Walter Wiggins	U.S. Army Special Forces	Nate & Betty Beason
Evan Wolverton, LCpl	USMC—Camp Pendleton	Denise Harvey's nephew

THE PSALMS READING PLAN



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	6/9	Psalms 1-2
	6/10	Psalms 3-4 
	6/11	Psalms 5-6
	6/12	Psalms 7-8
	6/13	Psalms 9-10
	6/14	Psalms 11-12
	6/15	Psalms 13-14
	6/16	Psalms 15-16
	6/17	Psalms 17-18
	6/18	Psalms 19-20
	6/19	Psalms 21-22
	6/20	Psalms 23-24
	6/21	Psalms 25-26
	6/22	Psalms 27-28
	6/23	Psalms 29-30
	6/24	Psalms 31-32
	6/25	Psalms 33-34
	6/26	Psalms 35-36
	6/27	Psalms 37-38
	6/28	Psalms 39-40
	6/29	Psalms 41-42
	6/30	Psalms 43-44
	7/1	Psalms 45-46
	7/2	Psalms 47-48
	7/3	Psalms 49-50
	7/4	Psalms 51-52
	7/5	Psalms 53-54
	7/6	Psalms 55-56
	7/7	Psalms 57-58
	7/8	Psalms 59-60
	7/9	Psalms 61-62
	7/10	Psalms 63-64
	7/11	Psalms 65-66
	7/12	Psalms 67-68
	7/13	Psalms 69-70
	7/14	Psalms 71-72
	7/15	Psalms 73-74
	7/16	Psalms 75-76
	7/17	Psalms 77-78

PSALMS IN THE SUMMERTIME

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	7/18	Psalms 79-80
	7/19	Psalms 81-82
	7/20	Psalms 83-84
	7/21	Psalms 85-86
	7/22	Psalms 87-88
	7/23	Psalms 89-90
	7/24	Psalms 91-92
	7/25	Psalms 93-94
	7/26	Psalms 95-96
	7/27	Psalms 97-98
	7/28	Psalms 99-100
	7/29	Psalms 101-102
	7/30	Psalms 103-104
	7/31	Psalms 105-106
	8/1	Psalms 107-108
	8/2	Psalms 109-110
	8/3	Psalms 111-112
	8/4	Psalms 113-114
	8/5	Psalms 115-116
	8/6	Psalms 117-118
	8/7	Psalms 119
	8/8	Psalms 120-121
	8/9	Psalms 122-123
	8/10	Psalms 124-125
	8/11	Psalms 126-127
	8/12	Psalms 128-129
	8/13	Psalms 130-131
	8/14	Psalms 132-133
	8/15	Psalms 134-135
	8/16	Psalms 136-137
	8/17	Psalms 138-139
	8/18	Psalms 140-141
	8/19	Psalms 142-143
	8/20	Psalms 144-145
	8/21	Psalms 146
	8/22	Psalms 147 
	8/23	Psalms 148
	8/24	Psalms 149
	8/25	Psalms 150



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Sierra Presbyterian Church Recurring Events:

EVERY Sunday:	EVERY Monday:	EVERY Tuesday:	EVERY Wednesday:	EVERY Thursday:	EVERY Friday:	EVERY Saturday:
Worship Services: 9:00 Traditional 10:30 Contemporary	PRAISERCISE for Women: 7:30am to 9am - Activity Room	Men's Bible Breakfast: 6:30am	PRAISERCISE for Women: 7:30am to 9am - Activity Room	*Bells Practice: 5:15pm *Ensemble Practice: 6:45-7:15pm	PRAISERCISE for Women: 7:30am to 9am - Activity Room	SPC Men's Small Groups 8:00-9:30am (Room B)
HEALING PRAYER after Services	MOM'S GROUP 9-11am Upper Hatcher 1st & 3rd Monday	SPC Staff Meeting and Devotional 10-11:30—Library	AA Group in Hatcher 2 & 3 12-1pm	*Choir Practice: 7:15pm	Holy Helpers (church bulletins) 9:00am-10:30am in the Library	
ADULT BIBLE STUDIES: 9 and 10:30am	PRAYER TEAM: 1:30-2:30	Worship Planning Meeting—1:00pm Cecilia's Office	ankor Youth: 5:30pm - 7:30pm	Primary Purpose AA Group-Hatcher 1 6:30-8:30pm	AA Group-Hatcher 3 11am-12pm	
KidVENTURE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: 9:00am & 10:30am	*Stephen Minister Support on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in Room B— 11-1pm	PRAY NEVADA COUNTY: 12-1pm: Empire Mine State Park , 10791 East Empire	*Praise Choir Practice: 6:00pm-7:30pm	Hospitality House 5pm-all night		
ankor Youth: 9:00am—ankored 10:30am—Worship	Eskaton Bible Study on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00pm		*Praise Band Practice: 7:30-9pm *AV Practice 7pm-8:30pm			
			<i>Sierra Services for the Blind 1:30-3pm Room B or C 1st & 3rd Wednesday</i>			

(Events in italics are outside groups)

***Check the Bulletin for updates in the Weekly Calendar**

Coming up:



- 06/09—Teacher Appreciation
- 06/09—Congregational Meeting and Potluck
- 06/09—Psalms in the Summertime Reading Begins
- 06/10—AARP Renewal Class
- 06/14—Parent's Time Out Free Childcare—Water Night
- 06/15—Growing Through Grief Workshop
- 06/16—Father's Day
- 06/18-22—EPC General Assembly
- 06/21—July Sierra Story Articles Due
- 06/30—Bob Tyler Memorial Service
- 07/15 & 07/16—Initial AARP Class
- 09/18—Falls Prevention Coalition
- 10/07—AARP Renewal Class
- 11/04 & 11/05—Initial AARP Class
- 12/14—KARE Crisis Center Santa's Shoppe

H.O.P.E.

(Helping Other People Eat) Boutique

The 2013 Boutique is being planned for Friday, November 1st from 12-6pm and Saturday, November 2nd from 10am-3pm. The spaces are approximately 8 X 8 and rent for \$30 each. Church family has first chance to sign up. If you know an artist or craftsman who might be interested, please let me know so that I can view their work. We will open it to the public on June 30. H.O.P.E. will be selling cookbooks, crafts and food. Call Fellowship Elder, Judy Doyle for information 274-9549

SIERRA PRES - JUNE 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>2</p> <p>Communion Sunday and Deacon's Offering</p>	<p>3</p> <p>MOM'S GROUP MEETS 9AM-11AM</p> <p>Outreach Team 10:30-12pm</p> <p>Missions Team Meeting 4:30pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Church Staff Potluck Lunch</p> <p>Staff Reports Due</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Psalms in the Summertime Pastor's Class—only Pastor's Class through the Summer 5:30-6:30pm in Ryosa</p> <p>Creative Hands 10am-12pm Room C</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Elder Reports Due</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Men's Mentoring Group 9:30 in Ryosa</p>	
<p>9</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation between Services</p> <p>Congregational Meeting and Potluck 5:00-6:30pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>ankor Youth Day Hike</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Finance Team Meeting 4pm</p> <p>Deacon Meeting 2:30-4pm</p> <p>Session Meeting 6:00pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Prayer Team Meeting—Noon Fellowship Hall</p> <p>WHEEL School of Care 12-2 Room B</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Parents Time Out Free Childcare 2yrs—12yrs 5:00pm—8:00pm RSVP to Heather</p>	<p>15</p> <p>GROWING THROUGH GRIEF WORKSHOP</p>	
<p>16</p> <p> HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!</p> <p>Children's Talk 10:30am Service</p> <p>Prayer Teams in Sanctuary</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Women's Association Board 1pm-3:30pm Room B</p>	<p>18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>EPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p>				<p>21</p> <p>July Sierra Story Articles Due</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Women's Fellowship Luncheon</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>ankor Youth overnighter for pre-backpack trip</p>	<p>29</p>	
<p>30</p> <p>Bob Tyler Memorial 2:00pm In the Sanctuary</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Psalms in the Summertime</p> <p>Daily Reading Schedule - Page 7</p> </div> </div>						

Opportunity for service to low income families

The Salvation Army has been serving low income families at the Booth Center in Grass Valley for many years. The Booth Center used to be called The Manzanita House out on Rough and Ready Highway. The Salvation Army is able to house nine families in nine rooms there. The families can stay there for six months while they get help looking for jobs and permanent housing. While there, they also need help getting to doctors, getting children to school, writing resumes, getting to school themselves or learning a new trade.

There are now 20 families with children on the waiting list to get into The Booth Family Center Program at this time.

At the present moment, there are nine families with children. Right now they have a group of early teens (6), a group of younger kids (3) and a group of infants/toddlers (7). These families need more than a room for shelter at the Booth Family Center.

We are now looking for couples or individuals who are willing to mentor and advocate for these families while they are staying at the Booth Center for their six months. After their six months there, the mentors may continue to help them if they choose, or the mentors could then move on to mentor and advocate for the new family that moves into that room.

Up to now, Churches who have sponsored rooms at the Booth Center have provided necessary household needs, clothing, toys or school things for the children.

We now would like to recommit to sponsoring the rooms this way, while also adding a whole new way to help these individual families with individual volunteers who would mentor and advocate for them. We're talking about helping with transportation, babysitting, passing on knowledge about budget and money, learning about gardening, clothes making, fixing cars, cooking, learning what services are available, teaching reading, helping with homework etc. Any one of these activities would be so very helpful. And you don't have to do all of them. You would have to see what the family needs or wants most and then see if you can help them. Thank you. Contact Linda Norman at 559-8514 for more information.

Interfaith Food Ministries is an outreach to our community and it takes many volunteers to help with supplying food to those who need it. Would you like to help?

For more information call Lori Gunderson 432-5178 or Bill Dempsey 273-7139

GLOBAL MISSIONARY UPDATE JUNE 2013

Mark and Dayna Blair with Pioneers in China tell of the need to find a new venue for worship. The building they currently use will be renovated. Pray that they will find a place that holds at least 500 people with rooms for 150 children for just one day a week. They also need to find another apartment as their landlord has raised the rent 30%. The Blairs have recently traveled to Kazakhstan, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait, Jordan and Israel visiting with their sons, teaching at seminars and seeing former students who are in ministry. There is a family photo in their letter taken in Beijing, and they are all wearing face masks as the smog is so bad!

Craig and Loren Linqvist with Potter's Field Ministries in Entebbe, Uganda, have just arrived back home after a brief visit to the U.S. Loren visited her parents and Alek in Southern CA. (we got to see her too!) and Craig was blessed by being able to attend a Pastor's conference in Philadelphia, where he was spiritually fed. They joined up in England where they had a few days with Craig's aunt and uncle. Pray for Craig as he went immediately to the Islands with a Team that is visiting.

Adult Sunday School

We are so appreciative of all of our Adult Sunday School Teachers. We want to especially thank our two current teachers, Jim Line and Charles Erion. We want the congregation to know that the minimum amount of time that they are spending preparing to teach these classes is 5 to 6 hours a week. They will both be continuing their current classes in the month of June.

Adult Sunday School for the month of June

9:00 AM

Jim Line continues to teach the "Torah Series", the Book of Leviticus.

June 2- Leviticus Ch. 15-21 June 23 DVD- "The Bible"

June 9- Leviticus Ch. 22-27 June 30 DVD- "The Bible"

June 16- DVD- "The Bible"

10:00 AM

Charles Erion will be teaching on "A Survey of World's Religions—in America" through July 7th

Be watching for a special program schedule for Adult Sunday School for the months of July and August. The following teachers will be leading these programs: Mark Andrews, Ruth and Joe Chown, Greg DeWolf, Mike Dyer, Tim Grebe, Dr. Scott Kellerman, Jon Moore, Marissa Parks and Jeff Patton. A tri-fold brochure with bios, subject matter and class schedule will be available soon.

Dave Anderson, Elder

STEPHEN MINISTRY

OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY IS HERE FOR YOU

Stephen Ministry is a Christian caregiving ministry extended in confidentiality to those seeking someone to walk with them through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister is there to provide a listening ear, encouragement, and spiritual support. All of our active Stephen Ministers are caring for someone in our church family.



We are always looking for new Stephen Ministers, and are planning to begin a new training class this fall. The training prepares you to provide this loving Christ-centered care to another. We are in need of both men and women to serve. If you would like to know about becoming a Stephen Minister, you may ask any of our Stephen Ministers or leaders. There is also a card in the sanctuary chair pocket for you to request more information.

We look forward to talking with you about Stephen Ministry.

The Stephen Ministry Team

Claudia Shurtz, Worship Elder

I came to Sierra Pres in March 2004 when I married Stan Shurtz. I immediately became involved in the music department by joining the Praise Choir and the Praise Band as a vocalist. There have been several other opportunities to praise and worship God in song including the Women's Retreat, the Ladies Ensemble, Renaissance, Steel Shurtz, and now Remnant. Jonathan Steel invited me to be a lead worshiper in late 2007 and I am in the rotation as leader, generally on the first Sunday of the month, at the 10:30 service. Along with others, I have attended four worship conferences with the aim of learning as much as possible, not only about the subject of worship, but also how to fully experience a close encounter with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, during a worship service. Although I have been involved in a few other ministries here at Sierra, such as small group Bible study leader and member of the Small Group Vision Team, my primary focus has been studying worship and endeavoring to lead the congregation of Sierra Presbyterian Church into the presence of our awesome and incredible God.

Jen Lee, Young Families Elder

I "grew up" attending Sierra Presbyterian Church when Ryosa Hall was our sanctuary! I remember eating popsicles and watching skits during VBS in the summer, on a platform under the pine trees where the new sanctuary is now located. During High School, I helped with the Jr. High class, and became involved with the youth group leadership team, alongside Tom Patterson. I traveled to Baja on a few mission trips, and was baptized by Pastor Juan Luna in the Pacific Ocean during one of the trips - a very special moment! I've been a member since 1993 and have sung in the choir for many years as well as in a few ensembles and occasionally special music. Last year, I helped with the summer sensation drama team, and the church yard sale. More recently, I have rocked babies in the nursery and have enjoyed beginning a "children's choir". I also served on the Hope Tea committee, and have been active in the women's mentoring group, the young families small group, and the moms group. I also enjoyed my first women's retreat last month at Lake Tahoe, and helped lead music on the worship team. I am looking forward to seeing how God can use me next, He is so faithful!

Meryl Wilson, Nominating Team Elder

I was born in England, came to the Lord at age 7 and moved to the United States as a teenager. I trained as a nurse and midwife and with my husband, Don Lindquist and 2 young children, went to Central African Republic in 1965 and we were there until Don's death in 1984. Our family, now 3 kids, came to the Bay Area in 1986 to be near family. I married Don Wilson in '88 and moved to Nevada County in '93. In my previous church, I was a Deacon and at SPC have been a Stephen Minister and a Stephen Minister Leader, including teaching the class for 2 years. I was a PIP for 7 years and have served on the Mission committee since 1995. I had also completed a mission trip to Uganda to my son's church. I am dubbed the "kitchen mom" having been in charge of keeping the SPC kitchen clean for several years. I was in charge of small groups and have been a member of the Small Group Vision Team since its inception under the leadership of Tom Patterson and was involved in almost all of the Alpha courses. In the past I have resisted being an elder but the Lord gave me a nudge this time and when asked, I accepted. I look forward to working with Pastor Mike and the nominating committee and serving on Session.

Mary Reeve, Personnel Elder

I have been at SPC since 1997 and have served as a PIP, Stephen Minister and Stephen Minister Leader, Deacon, a total of 8 years as an Elder, chaired or assisted with the Women's Retreat Committee, helped with VBS (summer sensation), taught adult Sunday morning classes, chaired the Small Group Vision Team & facilitated two different small groups, served on the prayer ministry, helped in a multitude of roles with Alpha along with my late husband Bryce. I have just been appointed a CASA and have a weekly ministry at the local Rood Center jail. I find serving on Session very fulfilling and am looking forward to working with the staff in the role of personnel elder.

Mike Dyer, Missions Elder

Sierra Pres has been my one and only church starting before there were any buildings, since my Mom helped to found Sierra Pres way back in the 1960's. I did go away from the church after high school, but eventually recommitted my life to Jesus at an Amway convention. (That story's for another time perhaps). My wife Kristen and I have been members for almost 20 years. We have two daughters. Katie is a Junior at William Jessup University studying Youth Ministries and Emily is a Junior at Bear River High School. Missions are a huge part of my life. My family and I have been on quite a few short term trips together; to Mexico, Guatemala and most recently to Mexicali. Kristen and I know that raising our children on mission trips has allowed God to instill values in their hearts that we could never teach them. It is my prayer that every one of you can experience some sort of mission trip. As the Mission Elder that will be my goal with God leading the way.

Charles Erion, Deacon

I came to Christ when I was 19, while in Junior College and life has not been the same since. I changed my Major in College from Welding Technology to Pastoral Ministry centering in Christian Education, completing B.A. and Master of Religion degrees in that field of study. In 1979 I became an ordained minister and have served both full time and part time as an Associate Pastor in churches in Oregon, Washington, and California. My wife Judy and I became members of SPC in January 2009. Here at SPC, I have been a member of the Adult Spiritual Development Team for several years and have taught classes ranging from various books of the Bible, Christianity in America, the History of the Bible, and many others. I have also taught Aging and Spirituality for several years at American River College as a guest speaker to Medical and Social Services students. I was also present and attended classes with the Elders and Deacons as they spent time in study of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church when the Church made the transition to the EPC. I have enjoyed Hospital Ministry and visitation, graduating from Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital's first class of Chaplain Volunteers then serving for several years as a member of that team, meeting a wide range of people, and teaching to new team members. The Deacon Ministry is a caring ministry that is a part of the overall total team of ministries here at SPC. Caring for people in many different ways, person to person, asking people what I can pray for them has been an important part of my weekly life here at Sierra. Being in an ongoing growing relationship with people as fellow pilgrims of faith is something I care deeply about. I believe it was Saint Francis who said, "Make me a channel of your love." That is the core of being a deacon. That has been an important part of my ministry and walk as a Christ follower.

Dorothy Fowler, Deacon

I grew up in Oakland, and was raised as a Catholic. I was very involved during my high school and college years at St Lawrence O'Toole in Oakland. I was the Folk Mass Director, and was involved with leading the music worship at Sunday Mass, as well as special events like First Holy Communion, Easter, and Christmas. The Oakland Hills earthquake in 1989 brought big changes for me. I was attending St. Francis DeSales Cathedral in Oakland. After it was damaged beyond repair in the earthquake, I began searching for a new church home. For some reason, God led me to Lafayette Presbyterian, where I met Joe. We were married, and began attending First Covenant Church in Oakland. My primary focus at First Covenant was learning about the Bible, and discovering how it would feel to not be Catholic for the first time in my life. It took some time, as my mother had difficulty understanding my decision. Joe and I moved to Nevada City in 2005. After some searching, we found SPC, and became members. I attended Pastor Linda's mentoring class, which helped lead me to the Stephen Ministry. I was an active Stephen Minister until 3 years ago.

Lee Butler, Deacon

I moved here several years ago with my late wife Joyce and after some church searching settled on SPC. Joyce and I have served as Deacons before and as worship hosts which I still do. Our home is in Lake Wildwood. We were active in our former church in Morongo Valley. I feel God is calling me back to serve as the very fulfilling and needed role of being a Deacon.

Eric Rumpler, Deacon

Eric is married to Laura Beth and has a son, Morgan, who is going into 6th grade. Eric is involved in drama ministry here at Sierra Presbyterian Church, including Summer Sensation and special productions. He serves as a youth soccer coach in the community.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POTLUCK, SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

There will be a **Congregational Meeting and Potluck** June 9th from 5pm-6:30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to celebrate outgoing church officers and vote on incoming church officers, and to celebrate and share what is going on in the life of the church. **For those attending, please bring: Last Name A-F—Dessert; G-P—Main Dish and Q-Z—Salad.** Drinks, bread and set-up will be provided.



Teacher Appreciation Sunday is on Sunday, June 9th. Join us between Services to honor all of our Adult, ankor Youth and KidVENTURE Sunday School Teachers and thank them for their service here at Sierra Pres. Refreshments will be served.

"CELEBRATING OUR NATION" WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

A Women's Fellowship Luncheon is being held Monday, June 24th at 11:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be provided with the theme being "Celebrating Our Nation". It is a Salad Pot Luck Luncheon. Women's Fellowship will provide the breads and dessert. All ladies of the Church and their family members, neighbors, friends and their husbands are invited. Mark your calendars. Sign-up sheets will be available Sunday, June 2nd. We will keep you posted as further plans develop. This is a great time of fellowship.



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COOKING FROM THE HEART

WILL BE ON SALE for \$12 TODAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH BETWEEN SERVICES. They will be available at the Information Center other Sundays and in the church office during the week.

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