



# **the SIERRA Story**

## **July 2013**

*The whole earth  
is filled with awe  
at your wonders;  
where morning  
dawns, where  
evening fades,  
you call forth  
songs of joy.*

*Psalms 65:8*

**SIERRA** Presbyterian Church

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## ><> Worship in Service ><> Sunday, July 21, 2013

**From Pastor Mike...**

**Commissioning:** We will have one worship service at 9am with a brief commissioning occurring at the end of the service and then will participate in various projects to serve our community for Christ. Volunteers under the age of 18 must have a parent/adult accompany them for the duration of the day.

**Lunch:** To wrap-up the event, please join us back at the church at 1 p.m. for a BBQ lunch that will be provided by our Fellowship Ministries. We will get together to pray, eat, and share stories of the day.

There is a Bulletin Insert in the July 7th Bulletin, explaining the Details of these Service Projects:

Backpack Ministry: Organizing backpack supplies

Cards for Homebound Members: Making cards for shut ins

GV Charter School: Gardening Project

Interfaith Food Ministry: Cleaning

KARE Crisis Nursery: Repair & Beautification Work

Pioneer Park Outreach: Outreach to homeless

Prayer Walk-Grass Valley: Prayer & Outreach activities

Prayer Walk-Nevada City: Prayer & Outreach activities

Publicity: Make people aware of Backpack project and Free Mammograms

Singing at Convalescent Hospitals: Singing & Visiting

Sonshine Preschool: Projects to clean & improve

Women of Worth-ReShop: Processing donations

Grass Valley School District: Painting red curbs

Please prayerfully consider where you can help out. Sign up sheets are in the Lobby.

**AUGUST SIERRA STORY ARTICLES:** Please submit all Sierra Story articles by **Friday July 26** to [cecilia@sierrapres.com](mailto:cecilia@sierrapres.com)  
**BULLETIN ARTICLES:** Submit all weekly articles by **Tuesday** for the upcoming Sunday Bulletin

Start saving your items for the **Yard Sale coming Next Month!** Yes, it is on August 30th and 31st. That means, drop off begins on Sunday, August 25th and goes through Thursday, August 29th. Paul and I have been accumulating things in our garage since last September, and can't wait to unload it in the church parking lot, knowing it will bless others. I've been really looking around our house, thinking "*does this add value to our lives or would it bless someone else more?*"

Also, there will be a book drive coming in early August, so start boxing up those unwanted books. You will have an opportunity to purchase other books if you like. More information will be coming on that in future Bulletins and in the August Sierra Story.

Happy Summer to the SPC Church Family! Be Safe and Be Blessed!

><> Cecilia Shampay ><>





# Pastor Mike's Meditations



33rd General Assembly  
June 18-22, 2013  
Cherry Hills Community Church  
Highlands Ranch, Colorado

ALONE

The focus of General Assembly in Colorado Springs, CO was on what it means to be part of a “missional” denomination. Again and again, the speakers and leaders of the denomination challenged the church to be excited about missions beyond ourselves. What does it mean to be “missional”? The working definition of a missional church that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church approved at its 2008 General Assembly states that a missional church is one “that believes that the United States has become **post-Christian** and is now a mission field.”

Another way to think of it, is for the church to be outwardly focused on the world which God so loves and for which Christ died. To be missional is to bring the church, which has largely been focused on attracting people to us, back into balance. That is, it is a realization that the Great Commission calls us to “go and make disciples of all nations...” (Mt. 28:19) not wait until the world comes to us.

What are some of the ways that the General Assembly was encouraging each congregation to be missional? One of the primary thrusts, was the focus on evangelism. In their presentation entitled, “In Christ Alone,” Mark Mittleburg and Lee Strobel challenged each church to make, in my words, “a great commitment to the great commission.”

Seven values or beliefs they encouraged us to adopt were:

- **People matter to God**-We need to care about people as God cares for and loves people.
- **People are lost**-Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.
- **People need Christ**-The bridge across the chasm is Christ alone. In the past evangelism was an event. Now people have moved further away from God, the church and you as a believer. So we need to see it as a process that is built through a relationship.
- **People need answers to their questions and objections**-Apologetics are still essential. We need to help people work through their intellectual roadblocks or searching questions (2 Corinthians 10:5, 1 Peter 3:15) (ex: Small Groups-Spiritual Discovery Groups)
- **Community**-If people don't get it in legitimate ways, they will look for it in illegitimate ways (Internet, etc.). We need to extend community in ways that bring them into right relationships.
- **Relevancy**-Learn to speak the language of the culture so that they understand the unique, unadulterated truth claims of Christ. We have to first cross or help to fill the cultural chasm (Jesus in John 3) (ex: Using the music they like)
- **Time**-The more the culture moves away the more time it takes. Evangelism is a process.

As I said in last month's article, one the aspects of our own congregation's mission is “*Sharing the gospel with those around us...*” In other words, one of our core values is to “practice evangelism in the community to bring people to Christ.” It is exciting to be a part, not only of an individual congregation, but also a denomination that is seeking to do our part in fulfilling the great commission.



## Your Session and Church at Work in June

Statistics: Active membership as of June 11, 2013: 392. Average May worship attendance: 315.

A new format to the annual congregational meeting on June 9, 2013, 5:00 PM was a great success. The gathering was called to elect new church officers, celebrate outgoing Elders and Deacons and to update the congregation on the vision and direction of the church as well as give people the opportunity to share their questions and comments.

The potluck dinner was organized by Fellowship Elder Judy Doyle and her volunteers. Extra tables were added at the last minute as the crowds swelled.

Following dinner Pastor Mike Griffin began the business portion of the evening with a review of the Mission and Vision statements, and church programs that reflect the goals. Treasurer Elder Bill McIntosh reviewed the church's finances. Bill recognized retiring Financial Secretary Jake Leegwater for six years of service and presented him with a gift. Prayers for Jake were offered. Melanie Coursey, Bookkeeper, was also recognized

Pastor Linda Line and Caring Ministries Director Audrey McIntosh honored out-going Deacons Lindsey Betz, Valerie Perry, Bob and Ruby Foster, and Moderator Judy Petrie. Each was presented with a gift, and the group was prayed for. All active Deacons were recognized.

Outgoing Ruling Elders Karen Hayden, Worship; Jeff Hall, Communications; Jan Leegwater, Missions; and Terry Lowell, Personnel were honored by Pastors Mike Griffin and Linda Line. Each was given a scripture and a gift. The group was prayed for. Active Ruling Elders were recognized.

Nominating Committee Chair Elder Mary Reeve, presented the committee's nominees for office. All were elected by voice vote.

### Sierra Presbyterian New Officers

Class of 2015-16		Class of 2013-14
Elders	Deacons	Nominating Committee
Mike Dyer, Missions Jennifer Lee, Families Claudia Shurtz, Worship Meryl Wilson, Nominations	Lee Butler Charles Erion Dorothy Fowler Eric Rumpler	Meryl Wilson, Elder Chair Selma Wright, Elder Joan Ortlieb, Deacon Moderator Barbara Wood Deni Dax Jeff Samco

The meeting was concluded with prayer about 6:30 PM.

At their regular June meeting, Session approved a long list of summer activities prepared by Youth Director and his volunteer staff. The youth will also be working with the Outreach Team and Women of Worth on the backpack project as well as donating \$1,500 of their funds to the project.

The Outreach team is partnering with Women of Worth to provide backpacks for needy children and with Friends of Nevada County Military to help support their video outreach project.

Katie Maxwell was approved as the keynote speaker for the Making Preparation for the End of Life program.

*The Messiah* will not be presented this year due to a conflict with Music in the Mountains. It will be presented December 7, 2014. For 2013, a "Worship-type" concert will be presented December 8.

For more information on activities, contact any Elder.

Selma Wright, Clerk of Session

## Deacon's Corner ~ Saying Thank You and Welcome

Lindsay Betz, one of the outgoing deacons, shares from her heart what this calling has meant to her. Also are some thoughts and thanks from our new moderator, Joan Ortlieb.

*"I am sad to conclude my third year as a deacon, but during this experience I realized something interesting: many of the guidelines directed toward deacons are what God asks of each of us. We are to be a support for one another, and help meet one another's needs. We should pray for the sick, visit the lonely, and offer comfort to the grieving. God asks us to look after widows and orphans – those in need, and that is what deacons are asked to do as well.*

*It seems as though there is an assumption that being a deacon is overwhelming. It has been my experience that the more a deacon is connected with their parish, the more natural deaconing comes. Those monthly phone calls become conversations in person at church on Sundays, waving church friends down in grocery stores, or calling as a concerned friend instead of a deacon-on-duty when something goes wrong. Being a deacon is being a Christian with some extra connections and resources.*

*In a sense, being a deacon is more of a lifestyle instead of something we do. We shouldn't be checking phone calls off a list, although that is easy to do when a deacon hasn't connected with their parish. When we really reach out and connect with people, being a deacon is just being a Christian actively interested in loving other Christians. We can all do this."*

Lindsay Betz, outgoing Deacon, Parish 1

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How quickly this past year flew by! It is now time to bid farewell to the outgoing Deacons, Judy Petrie who served as moderator, Lindsay Betz, Robert and Ruby Lee Foster, and Valerie Perry, and thank them for their faithful service these past three years. We welcome our new board members Lee Butler, Charles Erion, Dorothy Fowler, and Eric Rumpler.

We completed our June board meeting with a salad potluck, inviting our new Deacons, Pastor Linda and the Memorial Committee to join us. We thank the Memorial Committee for their dedication in making our Memorial Receptions very special and beautiful. These ladies are awesome!

We thank the Nominating Committee who spent many hours in meetings prayerfully searching for candidates who have the spiritual gifts of nurturing and caring for our congregation. I know what a struggle it is every year to find those willing to accept the nomination for the next three year term, having previously served. If you have these gifts, I urge you to please pray about answering God's call to serve. I have been truly blessed to be on the board off and on over the years, and am looking forward to another two years ministering to our congregation. I would like to share the following Bible verses in closing:

***I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;***

***I will counsel you and watch over you. Psalm 32:8***

***Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest,  
if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9***

***I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13***

Joan Ortlieb, Moderator and Parish 10 Deacon





## 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 [Nevada County Fairgrounds](#) on the VIP Patio. Go through Gate One and park. The Patio is next to the Administration Building.

## 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.

| Name                         | Branch/Div/Location                                                | Family/Friend                                   |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Thomas Akin                  | Army                                                               | Betz's Family Friend                            |
| Rick Atmospera               | U.S. Army—Afghanistan                                              | Stan & Claudia Shurtz<br>Son-in-Law             |
| Jason Bailey                 | U.S. Army Rangers                                                  | Dennis & Bobbie Bailey                          |
| James Brown                  | U.S. Navy                                                          | Lea William's Son-in-Law                        |
| Chris Burkhardt              | Edwards Air Force Base, CA                                         | Amanda Burkhardt—Husband<br>The Burkhardt's—Son |
| Darrin Campbell              | U.S. Navy—Bahrain                                                  | Patrick Campbell's Grandson                     |
| Jacob Delaney                | U.S. Army—Iraq                                                     | Susan Colbert—Nephew                            |
| Lt. Cmdr.<br>Matthew Doyle   | BUPERS—Millington, TN                                              | Judy Doyle—Son                                  |
| Matt Dusch                   | U.S. Army—Warrant Officer<br>Colorado Springs, CO                  | Stan & Claudia Shurtz<br>Stepson                |
| Uriah Gibson                 | Afghanistan                                                        | Millie Raiche—g. grandson                       |
| Anthony Gilleland            | Staff Sgt.—Marines<br>Afghanistan                                  | Bob & Gladys Joost<br>Great Nephew              |
| Steven Harvey                | US Coast Guard Reserves<br>Port Security, San Francisco            | Jonathan & Denise Harvey's<br>Son               |
| Shane Havle                  | Marines—Iraq                                                       | Betz Family Friend                              |
| Casey Haynes                 | Iraq                                                               | Tish Wathen— Neighbor's son                     |
| Scott Lawson                 | AF Major/Flight Instructor<br>Little Rock, Arkansas                | Don & Loretta Lawson                            |
| Casey Lee                    | U.S. Army—Afghanistan                                              | Greg Lee's Son                                  |
| Staff Sgt.<br>Larry Moorhead | U.S. Air Force Base<br>McCord Air Force Base—<br>Tacoma, WA        | Beth & Jack Moorhead<br>Grandson                |
| Matthew Nesselroad           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Transportation<br>Officer, El Monte, CA | Dick & Joan Ortlieb<br>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<br>Camp Pendleton, CA                             | Paul Schreiber's Grand-<br>son                  |
| Matt Schreiber               | M/Sgt. USMC Okinawa                                                | Paul Schreiber's Son                            |
| Lt. Ryan Smith               | U.S. Army, Ft. Irwin, CA                                           | Beth & Jack Moorhead<br>Grandson                |
| Matthew Ward                 | Afghanistan—July                                                   | Charles & Norma Black-<br>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

|  | Date | Reading:                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                  | 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

|  | Date | Reading:                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                   | 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                                                                                       |

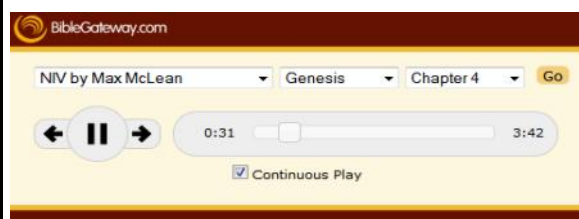
Online Bible

BibleGateway.com

a ministry of Gospel Communications

[Bible Gateway](http://BibleGateway.com) makes the Psalms a lot easier for those of us who don't read so well. I pull up the Psalms that I want to read and then listen along with the audio. The two together are a good combination.

Regards,  
Jim Gilbert





# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



## Sierra Presbyterian Church Recurring Events:

| EVERY Sunday:                                                      | EVERY Monday:                                                                 | EVERY Tuesday:                                                         | EVERY Wednesday:                                           | EVERY Thursday:                                               | EVERY Friday:                                                 | EVERY Saturday:                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <u>Worship Services:</u><br>9:00 Traditional<br>10:30 Contemporary | <u>PRAISERCISE for Women:</u><br>7:30am to 9am - Activity Room                | Men's Bible Breakfast: 6:30am                                          | PRAISERCISE for Women:<br>7:30am to 9am - Activity Room    | *Bells Practice: 5:15pm<br>*Ensemble Practice: 6:45-7:15pm    | PRAISERCISE for Women:<br>7:30am to 9am - Activity Room       | SPC Men's Small Groups 8:00-9:30am (Room B) |
| <u>HEALING PRAYER</u> after Services                               | PRAYER TEAM: 1:30-2:30                                                        | SPC Staff Meeting and Devotional 10-11:30—Library                      | <i>AA Group in Hatcher 2 &amp; 3 12-1pm</i>                | *Choir Practice: 7:15pm                                       | Holy Helpers (church bulletins) 9:00am-10:30am in the Library |                                             |
| <u>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL</u><br>MISSION IS POSSIBLE<br>9 and 10:30am | *Stephen Minister Support on the <u>2nd and 4th Mondays</u> in Room B— 11-1pm | Worship Planning Meeting—1:00pm Cecilia's Office                       | <u>ankor Youth:</u><br>5pm-8pm<br>Various Locations        | <i>Primary Purpose<br/>AA Group-Hatcher 1<br/>6:30-8:30pm</i> | <i>AA Group-Hatcher 3<br/>11am-12pm</i>                       |                                             |
| <u>KidVENTURE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:</u><br>9:00am & 10:30am         | Eskaton Bible Study on the <u>1st &amp; 3rd Mondays</u> at 7:00pm             | PRAY NEVADA COUNTY: 12-1pm: Nevada County Fairgrounds Gate 1—The Patio | *Praise Choir Practice: 6:00pm-7:30pm                      | <u>Hospitality House</u><br>5pm-all night                     |                                                               |                                             |
| <u>ankor Youth:</u><br>9:00am—ankored<br>10:30am—Worship           |                                                                               |                                                                        | *Praise Band Practice: 7:30-9pm<br>*AV Practice 7pm-8:30pm |                                                               |                                                               |                                             |
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*(Events in italics are outside groups)*

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

Coming up:

07/01—Mom's Group at Mautino Park  
07/04—Independence Day—Office Closed  
07/07—MISSION is Possible Adult Sunday School Begins  
07/08-07/12—GO FOR THE GOLD SUMMER SENSATION  
07/15 & 07/16—Initial AARP Class  
07/21—WORSHIP IN SERVICE  
07/25—Mom's Group SPC NIGHT  
07/26—August Sierra Story Articles Due  
07/30-08/05—ankor Youth Backpack Trip  
09/18—Falls Prevention Coalition  
10/07—AARP Renewal Class  
11/01 & 11/02—H.O.P.E. Boutique  
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 - JULY 2013

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                     | MONDAY                                                                            | TUESDAY                                                                                           | WEDNESDAY                                                              | THURSDAY                                                                                                        | FRIDAY                                        | SATURDAY                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                            | <b>1</b><br>MOM'S GROUP at Mautino Park 10-12<br><br>Missions Team Meeting 4:30pm | <b>2</b><br>SWAT Worship Planning Meeting 4:30—Library<br><br>Staff Reports Due                   | <b>3</b><br>Small Group Vision Team 11am-12pm<br><br>Elder Reports Due | <b>4</b><br><br>OFFICE CLOSED | <b>5</b>                                      | <b>6</b>                                   |
|                                                                                                                                            | SUMMER SENSATION—REHEARSALS (Every Day Except Thursday)                           |                                                                                                   |                                                                        |                                                                                                                 |                                               |                                            |
| <b>7</b><br>Communion Sunday and Deacon's Offering<br><br> | <b>8</b><br>Stephen Minister Support will not meet                                | <b>9</b><br>Finance Team Meeting 4pm<br><br>Deacon Meeting 2:30-4pm<br><br>Session Meeting 6:00pm | <b>10</b>                                                              | <b>11</b><br>WHEEL School of Care 12-2 Room B                                                                   | <b>12</b>                                     | <b>13</b><br>MISSION POTLUCK MARISSA PARKS |
|                                                                                                                                            | SUMMER SENSATION—GO FOR THE GOLD!                                                 |                                                                                                   |                                                                        |                                                                                                                 |                                               |                                            |
| <b>14</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>15</b><br><div>AARP Initial Driving Class</div>                                | <b>16</b>                                                                                         | <b>17</b>                                                              | <b>18</b><br>Properties Team Meeting—3pm In Ryosa<br><br><div>ankor Youth Backpack Overnighter</div>            | <b>19</b>                                     | <b>20</b>                                  |
| <b>21</b><br>WORSHIP IN SERVICE 9:00AM<br><br>Community Service Projects Onsite and Offsite<br><br>BBQ Parking Lot Picnic                  | <b>22</b>                                                                         | <b>23</b>                                                                                         | <b>24</b>                                                              | <b>25</b><br>MOM'S GROUP SPC NIGHT 4PM-7PM Activity Room                                                        | <b>26</b><br>August Sierra Story Articles Due | <b>27</b>                                  |
| <b>28</b><br>Adult Spiritual Development Team                                                                                              | <b>29</b>                                                                         | <b>30</b><br><div>ankor Youth Backpack Trip 7/30—8/5</div>                                        | <b>31</b>                                                              |                             |                                               |                                            |

**MISSIONARY UPDATE JULY 2013**

Matthew 24:14 Jesus said “ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come

**Vidal and Cathy Perez** are back in Guatemala after an extended stay in Louisiana. They ask for prayers as they put into practice all they have learned, as they adjust back to life in Tectitan. After a 6 week period, they will then go to Guatemala City for a period of time.

**Steve and Lori Curry** are glad to be together again in Papua New Guinea. The end of the school year presents many opportunities for fun and fellowship. In their letter they quote Psalm 16:5-11. By now we will all have read that Psalm. Let's read it again and pray for the Currys.

**Chris, Karissa and Katelyn**, plus a team from Biola and a couple of others, are all in Bamenda now and are very happy to be there. Chris sent a “Luggage Miracle” e-mail. They all arrived safely, but much of the luggage didn't. We have heard that all but one person's luggage arrived. So we pray that the rest will turn up. Pray for the Jackson's as they have started a new life in Cameroon without Karen.

**BAPTISMS**

baptism

On Sunday, July 14th **Addison Grace Paulus**  
will be baptized

Also, join us on Sunday, July 14th at 1pm at  
Western Gateway Park for  
**Tyler Grebe's Baptism**

# SERVING THE COMMUNITY

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## 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 are available in the Lobby.



## SCHOOL BACKPACK MINISTRY

The Outreach Team under the leadership of Elder Janet Lowell has begun a School Backpack Ministry Team. The SPC School Backpack Ministry Team is partnering with Women of Worth for their 11th annual backpack and school supply drive. The SPC School Backpack Ministry Team and Women of Worth as ONE TEAM will provide school supplies and backpacks to schools and disadvantage students in grades kindergarten through college.

We are accepting donations such as: sturdy new backpacks, school supplies, books and needed items for students to be fully prepared to succeed in school. We will also accept money donations. Let's reach out to the community through this opportunity. **Staples and other stores will be having sales on backpacks over the next few weeks.**

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

## *Under the Umbrella of Care ~ The Shade of Stephen Ministry*



Just as an umbrella provides the refreshing and often much needed shade protection from the hot sun, a Stephen Minister is there for any one of us, ready with listening ears, a caring and loving heart to be that shade in your time of need. Like that umbrella, they are just there – not to get in your way – not to judge you – not to give you advice - just there.



We have an active team of Stephen Ministers providing that umbrella of care, however, we are in need of more umbrellas. Yes, you could possibly be an umbrella. The training you receive to be a Stephen Minister fully prepares you to be that caring umbrella – to walk with someone during a difficult time in their life. This training is also something you will use in all areas of your life – just ask a Stephen Minister and they will tell you that they have learned a new way of listening and find the training helpful in family life, on their job, or anywhere they are with other people.

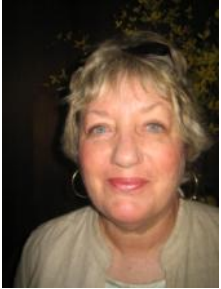
We're planning to begin a new training class soon. If you would like information on the Stephen Minister training, please give me a call at the church office. I'd love to talk with you about what it means to be that caring umbrella to someone.

Blessings, Audrey McIntosh



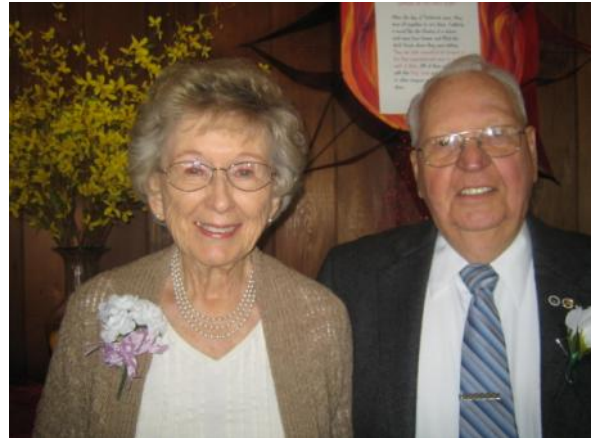
## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

It was a joy on Sunday, May 26th, to welcome four new members into our church family. I hope you have had an opportunity to meet them. Here is a little introduction....



**Sharron Koslosky** lives in Grass Valley. She and hubby Dave have 5 adult children and 7 grandchildren, with the 8th one arriving soon, and two great-grandchildren. Sharron is a retired nurse and now has time to enjoy quilting, sewing and volunteer work.

**Jim and Norma Hawkins** live in Alta Sierra, enjoying retirement. Jim was a Master Sergeant in the Marines and also a manager for a water district. Norma was a Human Resources Manager. Jim now has plenty of time to play golf and Norma enjoys reading and gardening. They both like to volunteer in the community. Together, they have 6 adult children and 17 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.



**Bobbi Williams** recently moved to a home in Eskaton after living in Nevada City for many years. Bobbie is a retired physical therapy technician. She has two adult sons and one grandson. Bobbi has many talents, such as photography and sewing and for many years was active in the Inner Wheel with the Nevada City Rotary.

We welcome these new members to our church family.

# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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## MISSION IS POSSIBLE

Join us this Summer for these exciting Adult Sunday School Classes, focusing on Local and Global Missions, past and present.

Look for brochures around the church which includes short bio's of those who will be teaching the classes during July and August. Take some extra brochures to invite your friends and neighbors, or send an email link to the online version.

It's going to be a "Mission is Possible" Summer at Sierra Pres!

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

-Romans 10:13-15

| SUNDAY:                                                                               | 9:00AM                                                                                                                                                                                | 10:30AM                                                                        |
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| July 7                                                                                | <b>Tim Grebe</b><br>"A Taste of Perspectives"<br><i>The basic ideas of the life-changing Mission Course recently completed here at SPC—a 2 hour introduction to a 45-hour course.</i> | <b>Mike Dyer</b> and the Mexicali Mission Team on their experience in Mexicali |
| July 14                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Jeff Patton:</b><br><i>Finding Joy in Obedience</i>                         |
| July 21st is our Worship In Service Day<br><i>No Adult Sunday School on July 21st</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                |
| July 28                                                                               | <b>Ruth and Joe Chown</b><br><i>Highlighting Two of their Mission Trips: Guatemala &amp; Russia</i>                                                                                   | <b>Marissa Parks:</b><br><i>There is Hope &amp; The Perfect Identity</i>       |
| August 4                                                                              | <b>Dr. Scott Kellerman</b><br><i>Sierra Pres' Support of the Batwa Pigmies of Uganda</i>                                                                                              |                                                                                |
| August 11                                                                             | <b>Mark Andrews</b><br><i>(Christian Encounter)</i><br><i>The Fields are White Unto Harvest</i>                                                                                       |                                                                                |
| August 18                                                                             | <b>Greg DeWolf</b><br><i>Anew Day: First Responders to Nevada County's Broken &amp; Wounded</i>                                                                                       |                                                                                |
| August 25                                                                             | <b>Jon Moore</b><br><i>(Wolf Mountain)</i><br><i>The 5 Essential parts of a good camping ministry.</i>                                                                                |                                                                                |

**Sarah Hernandez** was on the Church Staff for many years as the Secretary and then the Communications Secretary, and was also part of the choir and sang many beautiful solos.

We on staff would like to thank Marlyn Blount for the blessing she was to Sarah and Frank, with the countless hours she spent with Sarah in difficult times. Also, we thank Marlyn for bringing her in to see all of us.

As we miss Sarah Hernandez and celebrate that she is with our Lord, let's let Frank and Aaron know how we felt about her. If you knew Sarah, please send a note or card with a favorite memory included to:

Frank Hernandez  
12569 McCourtney Rd.  
Grass Valley, CA 95949

We need to let them know that they are cared about and being upheld in prayer by this church body. Thank you!

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** Please join us each morning at 9am during Summer Sensation to watch the opening program. You will be able to see Pastor Mike and Jonathan Steel and others in a whole other arena!



 **COOKING FROM THE HEART**  
**SIERRA PRES'S OWN COOKBOOK OF FABULOUS RECIPES IS ON SALE AT THE OFFICE AND AT THE INFORMATION BOOTH FOR \$12 EACH. THEY MAKE GREAT GIFTS.**

If you are a church member, you will be receiving a brochure in the mail with a picture of your Parish Elder and Deacon. If you do not receive this by the end of July, please contact the church office.

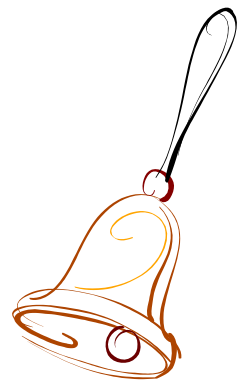
### ***Ring in a great ministry opportunity....Check it out!***

We have all been called to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure. I've observed that people are increasingly reluctant to make a commitment of time and talent to our music program.

The Handbell Choir program is looking for people who will step forward now and make that commitment. The ability to read music (or at least count rhythm) is helpful while learning the skills of bell ringing. I will gladly work with persons who are interested in becoming part of the bell choir. Now is a great time to get involved.

I invite you to talk to me on a Sunday morning or call me at 432-1339. We can start with a conversation and decide together what to do next.

Gordon Pipkin, Director  
Bells of the Sierra







## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Ray and Sandy Hervé are happy to be celebrating the 1st year wedding anniversary of Dan and Kila (Fuller) Hervé who were married July 29, 2012. This photo was taken the day of their wedding at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Spokane, WA. Dan is a graduate of Whitworth University with a double major in Theology and Philosophy and Kila is a recent graduate of Paul Mitchell Beauty and Cosmetology School.



Pictured left to right is:

Proud parents Ray and Sandy Hervé, Dan and Kila who reside in Spokane and best man, twin brother Paul Hervé who resides in Brooklyn, NY.



### SIERRA Staff (530) 265-3291

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| Adult Spiritual Dev.  | Dave Anderson    | 5      | Dana Ritzman          |
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\*Clerk of Session: Selma Wright / \*Deacon Moderator: Joan Ortlieb