



Happy Birthday!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 Cynthia Scott, 7 Jerry Hinkley, 8 Suzanne Bellm, 9 Janis Porter, 10 Doris Bohan, 14 Mitchell Walker, 15 Hannah Daniel, 16 Pam King, 18 Vivian Jones, 22 Tim O'Connor, 23 Lois Leister, 23 Helen Williams, 24 Marga Meyer, 24 Nancy Swehla, 25 Alan Dunn, 28 Betty Stavely, 28 Renee Burnett

Weekly Meetings:

- Sundays 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School in the Ronn Garton Library, Preston Hall
- Sundays 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice, Alma Mendosa Room
- Sundays 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- Sundays 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School and Childcare during Worship Service.
- Tuesdays 9-12 a.m. Deacon's Outreach Program, including food and showers
- Tuesdays 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Summer Break June 26 until September)
- Wednesdays 3:00 Christian Spirituality Study, Library
- Thursdays 9:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Alma Mendosa Room, Eidsath House
- Thursdays and Fridays, Counseling appointments with Kathy Mooney, Fireside Room
- Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Alma Mendosa Room
- Fridays 5:00 p.m. Ringing of our bell, honoring the week's war casualties
- First Sundays Communion 10:00 a.m.
- First and Third Mondays 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jr/Sr High Youth Group, 12 & up. Preston Hall
- Second and Fourth Mondays 5:30-7:30 Jr/Sr High Youth Group, 1st Presby. Fort Bragg
- First Mondays 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting,
- Third Mondays 4:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting, in the Ronn Garton Library
- Second Mondays 6:30 p.m. Session Meets Alma Mendosa Room
- Last Wednesday Evenings of Month, 5:00 p.m. Soul Food outreach dinner, Preston Hall

The Adult Sunday School Class: Giants of Christianity -- they are just finishing the first section. All are invited and the word is that "it's fabulous".

Devotional Classics is the subject of the Adult Class each Sunday at 9 a.m. They are studying excerpts of writing by the giants of the faith in the six historic streams of Christianity and using the book edited by Richard J. Foster and James Bryan Smith. They are just finishing *Preparing for the Spiritual Life* with readings from C.S. Lewis, Dallas Willard, Bernard of Clairvaux, Jonathan Edwards, and St. Augustine. Then to: In the Contemplative Tradition, readings will include Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Frank Laubach, Evelyn Underhill, and Martin Luther. Come join us in Preston Hall each Sunday. These readings will bless your life--richly!

Christian Spirituality Study The congregation's continuing study of Christian Spirituality is beginning *The Modern Era*, chapter 6 of Bradley Holt's book, Thirsty for God-A Brief History of Christian Spirituality. The material in this portion of the book will trace our faith's longings to better experience God as represented by Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant believers in the 17th century to the 19th century. It will focus on European and American problems such as new cultural developments, urbanization, the Industrial Revolution and wars between nations as it again becomes a transcontinental faith that includes Africa and Asia. We will read about leading Christians such as John Bunyan, George Fox, John Newton, William Wilberforce, John and Charles Wesley, Francis de Sales, Blaise Pascal, and Soren Kierkegaard. **The weekly study takes place every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in the Church Library in Preston Hall.** The cost of the paperback book is \$12.50 and can be purchased through Rob Scott or directly at Amazon.com. Each week's gathering focuses on roundtable readings through the material by members followed by discussions. **If you would like to join the study or have any questions please call Rob Scott at 964-7433.** See You at The Library.

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NEWS & NOTES

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MENDOCINO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DEACON'S OUTREACH PROGRAM IS IN NEED, we would appreciate donations of plastic bags with handles, recycled grocery bags are fine, and if you are not able to donate now, please save some for the future. **ALSO...CALLING ALL MEN WITH A HEART**, if you have a heart for the outreach to the homeless, we would love your participation in this program. We could use some strong able bodied men with generous giving hearts to step in and fill the void left by our dear former deacon, Chuck Jones. If you have some time to spare on Tuesday mornings please consider joining us in this vital outreach program to the homeless in our community. If you are interested in helping out, please call Brad Stephens, 937-1106.



The Stewardship Committee met recently to begin to make plans for this year's campaign, culminating with Stewardship Sunday on November 18. The first item on our agenda was to take a look at where we stand with tithes and offerings through the first six months of the year. The news is good. Tithes and offerings are running slightly above budget through June 30. There is additional good news! Designated gift offerings, those earmarked for special purposes over and above regular tithes and offerings, are at 17,500 through June 30. These designated gifts represent special offerings that go directly to such causes as missions, the Haiti relief sewing project, Rainbow School, and Deacons Fund, among others. This is a high figure for half way through the year.

Taken altogether, the healthy state of our regular tithes and offerings plus the level of designated gifts reflect the loving, caring Christian community that is Mendocino Presbyterian Church. Thank you for providing the pledge cards in last year's Stewardship campaign. The individual information from the cards is, of course, kept confidential, but the aggregate data gathered from them enabled Session to prepare an accurate budget for 2012. Thank you especially for following through on your pledges. With all of us working together as good stewards MPC is changing lives for the better.

New Members Class . Pastor Don will be teaching a class for those who are considering membership in this church. It will be held today after the service, in the library. Lunch will be included. We will be discussing the basics of the Christian faith, the character of the Presbyterian Church, and the uniqueness of this congregation. By attending, you do not necessarily commit yourself to membership. This is truly for inquirers

Rev. D. Hugh Peniston, who was an interim minister here in the 1980's, died on Wednesday, July 18th after a long struggle following a stroke in 2004. His family would like to inform you of his passing, and invite you to attend the memorial service that is planned for Tuesday, August 28th at 10am at the First Presbyterian Church in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

For the next two weeks our office will only be open on Thursday and Friday. Renee will be taking some vacation time. If you have information for News & Notes please email it to the office by Wednesday afternoon. It works best if it is sent as an attachment.

News from the Tuesday morning breakfast fellowship group. We have decided to take a break for the summer. We will keep you informed on our start-up plans for the fall. It would be nice to add a few members to our group.



Please join us for coffee hour in Preston Hall, after the service. Thank You!