



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 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 7:30 a.m. Breakfast, Fun, Conversation, Study, Alma Mendosa Room
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

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS HERE! VBS will be happening next week in Preston Hall and in Rainbow School class rooms. Part of the theme is SKY....nothing is impossible with God. Preston Hall is already transforming into blue skies, clouds, rainbows, hot air balloons & more. John & Debbie Turnbull's daughter, Theresa Yurkovich, does a fantastic job heading this up! This is free for children age 4 through those entering 6th grade.

Monday, August 6th through Friday, August 10th. VBS will be held from 9:30 to 12:30 each day of that week. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please contact Theresa Yurkovich, theresa.yurkovich@att.net or Kat Biggie, 397-1027 or Jeannie Stickel, 964-9717.

Sky VBS 2012 is written by Group Publishing, which is the same company who wrote the program we used last year. Sky has much of the same AMAZING interactive qualities as PandaMania. The music is outstanding and the Bible stories are incredibly engaging. The theme for the summer is based on Mark 10:27, "Everything is possible with God!"

A Keepsake of Opera Night

Just a reminder that there are still recordings available of the Opera Night Concert. There are also recordings available by Simon Kyung Lee, the tenor who performed at our opera benefit. Please let Renee, in the church office, know if you would like copies. The cost is \$10.00 per recording, which benefits our Deacons' fund.

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.

NO SOUP SUNDAY ON AUGUST 5TH DUE TO VBS ACTIVITIES. We will be setting up for Vacation Bible School in Preston Hall so there will be no Soup Sunday this month.

NEWS & NOTES

August 5, 2012

MENDOCINO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

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.

FOR HAITI, John Turnbull will be making another trip to Haiti, leaving August 8, and will be gone for five weeks. Continued donations are encouraged for this Haiti project. So please reconsider the following:

LOOKING FOR SEAMSTRESSES TO SEW DRESSES FOR HAITIAN CHILDREN
- Call Nancy Swehla 964-0096 If you don't sew Nancy may have some suggestions for you!

New Members Class . Pastor Don will be teaching a class for those who are considering membership in this church. It will be held on August 12th 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



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.

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.