



# First Presbyterian Church

"A community serving and worshipping Jesus Christ our Lord"  
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November/December 2018



From the desk of Pastor Peter:

## FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO KNOW

### Roof Repairs

Repairs to our church roof have started. We have taken a two-step approach. The first step will be to make repairs. The second step will be to replace the old roof with a new roof in the spring of 2019. The repairs mentioned in the first step will be completed this week. Stay tuned, more information will be coming soon.

### Thursday, November 22: Community Thanksgiving Dinner at 12:30

The Salvation Army will be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year and they need volunteers to help.

This is a great opportunity to serve. They need people to help with set up, cooking, clean up, and crowd control. They also need help with donations of money as well as mashed potatoes, canned yams, cranberry sauce, olives (but not turkey, stuffing or veggies)

For more information call (760) 872-2124.

### December 2, 9, 16, 23: The first four Sundays of December. Worship at 10:00am

Will there be Christmas carols? Yes, many, many carols! Our Sunday morning worship services during the month of December will be filled with the sounds of Christmas.

There will also be special music, special presentations, lighting the Advent Candles, along with many other special happenings.

December at First Presbyterian Church will be a special time. Come join us.

### Saturday December 8: Round Table Community Christmas Concert at the Nazarene church

### Sunday December 9: Thomsen Open House from 4:00 to 6:00

*Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost nipping at your nose, yuletide carols being sung by a choir, and folks dressed up like Eskimos.*

I don't know about the chestnuts and the open fire but I do know that there will be plenty of food and fellowship for everyone who drops by the Thomsen's Christmas Open House on December 9 at 1606 Shoshone Drive.

I am hopeful that you will come dressed up like Eskimos but I'm not holding my breath.

### Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve at First Presbyterian Church at 6:00pm

On Monday evening December 24 at 6:00 you are invited to join us for a very special Christmas Eve Candle Light service. The evening will include Christmas Carols, special music, the telling of the Christmas story and much more. The evening will conclude with the lighting of the candles and the singing of Silent Night. Come One, Come all to this Christmas Eve worship service.

### Sunday, December 30: Community Worship at 11:00

We will not be gathering for worship at First Presbyterian Church on December 30.

This one Sunday we will be participating in the community worship service (sponsored by the Bishop Ministerial Assoc.) on Dec. 30 at 11:00am at Calvary Baptist Church.

Even though we won't be meeting for worship at our church facility on December 30 we still need your offerings and contributions. Please send-in (or drop off) your offering to the church at any time.

### Sunday, January 6: Worship at First Presbyterian at 10:00am

Blessings to you for a glorious holiday season! --Pastor Peter

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

### Worship

10:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary

Communion  
is on the  
1st Sunday

**Nursery Care (0-3)**  
9:50

**Little Lights  
Kinder-2nd Gd.**  
9:50

**Son Lights  
3rd-6th Gd.**

**RHP Class  
7th-12th Gd.**

**Sunday School**  
(1st Sunday  
Movie & Popcorn  
-Called at  
beginning of  
service

2nd—5th  
Sundays  
~10:20 a.m.  
-Called to go  
from sanctuary

**Adult Sunday  
School**  
9:00-9:45

## Giving Opportunities

### To Mexico with Love

Please help us fulfill Christmas wishes for the families and children of Valle de las Palmas, Cerro Azul and Polverine by contributing the following as you are able:

#### FAMILIES - NEW Blankets

We also have new warm wool blankets that you can send by donating \$12 per blanket. See the example in the Johnson Room.

Adults and Children: NEW stocking caps, gloves, and NEW or GENTLY USED jackets

Cash donations gratefully accepted to be used for gifts and a luncheon we provide in Cerro Azul.

Please bring your gifts to church by **December 9th**.  
Call Ron Graves for more information (760) 277-1415



### Larisa's Birthday Parties for Jesus

It's time to fill a box (or several boxes) with gifts for the kids on Larisa's mission field. The empty boxes are in the Johnson Room, along with the list of suggested items for the different age groups. This may be the only gift that some of her kids get.

If you are going out of town, a dollar store is a good place to load up on many of these goodies. Get creative - giving is fun! She hosts the parties throughout the month of December. The 1st Pres party is on December 13th.

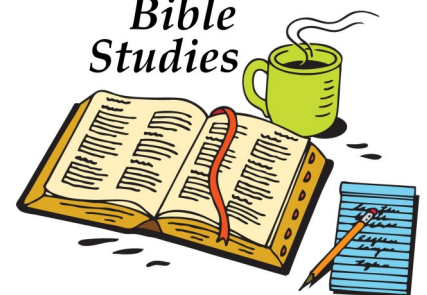


## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

In the life of the church, there are many ideas for serving others. Session would like to hear your ideas. Perhaps the Holy Spirit is leading you to help in one of the following ministries:

1. Bible Studies: We have many Bible Studies from which to choose. Check the calendar for times and places or call the church office (760) 872-2261.
2. Would you like to help with the Children's Ministries of Kid's Club Sunday School, occasional help in the Nursery on Sunday or our Youth Group night?
3. Prepare food for our monthly Share Your Blessings dinner or for the fellowship table?

### Bible Studies





**November Anniversaries:**  
**Did you get married in November?**  
**Let the office know so that we can recognize you!**

**December Anniversaries:**

Pastor Peter & Betsy Thomsen December 29



### November Birthdays

Lilla Hadeler	November 4
Betsy Thomsen	November 5
Larry McIntosh	November 7
Greg Knight	November 8
Jeannie Hutton	November 14
Christian Edwards	November 23
Ingrid Gaul	November 25
Roselynn Edwards	November 27
Tamara Donnelly	November 30



### December Birthdays

Doris Ives	December 1
Irene Knight	December 1
Jennifer Hembree	December 7
Pat Noles	December 11
Andrew Pucio	December 12
Andrew Boyd Jr.	December 17
Arnie Palu	December 17
Ellen Siegal	December 17
Anibelle Downard	December 23
Flint Fisher	December 30
Cynthia Quinn	December 31

### Goodies for Fellowship Time

November 4 - Cynthia & Michael Quinn

November 11 - Men's Fellowship

November 18 - Betty Wagoner

November 25 - Pat Downard

December 2 - ?????

December 9 - ?????

December 16 - ?????

December 23 - ?????

December 30 - We will be worshipping at Calvary Baptist

Please sign up for December!!

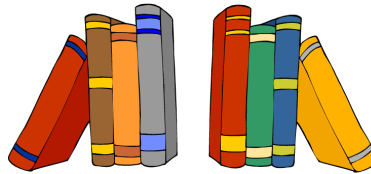
## Youth Happenings



Remember that our Youth Group continues to meet on Thursday evenings 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. This is a group for 5 years through high school ages.

See you there! -- Kristi Boxley

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## Library Notes.....New Books in the Library

### 12 Rules for Life by Jordan Peterson

This very popular book gives a frank, and sometimes blunt, message about the value of individual responsibility. Peterson gives eternal truths for our modern problems. This book will be especially helpful to those who work with young people and parents and grandparents. Some of the interesting rules are:

- Stand up straight with your shoulders back - people will assume you are competent.
- Set your house (or room) in order before you criticize the world.
- Pursue what is meaningful, not what is expedient.
- Choose a college that will educate, not indoctrinate.

### Honest Evangelism by Rico Tice

- How to talk about Jesus even when it's tough

### Keep Your Love On by Danny Silk

- Connection, communication, and boundaries



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**A New Season, a New Partner, Same Ministry**

A new day dawned this summer, one where the storm of the night before left boulders in the washed out road, homes and a church building with mud inside, and me a little bewildered as to how we get from where we were to the community in which we were going to serve in. At the other end of the road was the Executive Director of Missions Door, Mike Fleischmann, letting me know by phone that he would be waiting when I arrived. It was the perfect word picture of how I came to partner as a missionary with Missions Door.

I celebrated my 15th year serving the Lord in the Eastern Sierra's and Nevada this summer with 27 Vacation Bible School programs and a Bible Camp that hosted over 121 kids—that first year we had 6 Vacation Bible Schools and no plan of building a camp. I stand amazed at how far God has led us to come.

When InFaith chose for me to no longer be one of their missionaries, I felt like the Israelites in Egypt, a little lost as to what or where God wanted me to go or do next. Then the churches I had partnered with here asked me if I would come and serve as their missionary. The wonderful leadership at First Presbyterian offered to take care of the collecting of your giving with the church partnership, and I stepped out in faith and continued to serve full-time. The Lord has continued to lead and guide me in the day to day choices for ministry; however, I must admit though that somewhere along the way I was standing at the Red Sea and asking God part the waters for me to join with another tribe of people serving Him. What am I trying to say with all of this allegory? I wanted to serve with a missions agency because I get to be part of a bigger team. I have been prayerfully waiting for God to part the waters so I may move forward with a new partner.

Some of you may be asking what does being a part of a missions agency do to help me with ministry in CA and Nevada. As some of you may have heard, sometimes I am a busy lady. Consistency in my ministry, being present in the lives of the families I work with, and bringing forth the gospel are all things that I love and thrive on. In the years of working with First Presbyterian I have had to take over the managing of my taxes, insurance, retirement, tax donation letters and other business things—all things that take me away from my first love. As I said above, First Presbyterian has been a wonderful partner to me the last several years; however, I am excited that Missions Door has a team in place to help with so many of the administrative parts of my job. I am not just partnering for the administration side. There is a greater ministry I will be joining called Harvest America, a team of other missionaries who are trying to bring the gospel to the lost.

I am excited for this next step in my ministry. This letter is my invitation to you to get to know Missions Door and the ministry they have. It is also my opportunity to thank you for your continued love and support of the kids and ministry here in the Eastern Sierra Nevada area.

Grateful to be Serving Christ, *Larisa*

If you would like to continue supporting this ministry financially or begin now please send this support coupon with your check, following the instructions below and be assured all money given goes to our ministry.

**MY SUPPORT Path:** Larisa Support Account Number 17251S

Name

Address

City / State / Zip

Phone

Email (to receive news and information about Missions Door)

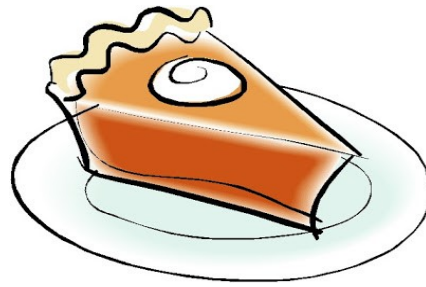
Special Gift



Please make checks payable to  
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[MissionsDoor.org/Donate](http://MissionsDoor.org/Donate)

# PIE!



It's time to order your Thanksgiving pies! You will be supporting a great cause - Matt Fisher's mission trip to Cuba! The order sheet is in the Johnson Room. OR you could call the office and place your order. The cost is \$18 each, to be paid at the time of pick-up. The flavors are: Apple, Boysenberry, Cherry, Peach, Pecan and Pumpkin. The order deadline is Sunday, November 18th. Pick up will be on the 20th or 21st.



## *Come to the Decoration Party!*

*We are getting the church decorated for the Christmas season. Join us on November 28th at 5:30 p.m. There will be pizza and soda!!*

*WooHoo! It will be fun!*

# Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 277

Matt 20:1-19

## The Hired Hands

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BEING	CONDEMN
CHIEF	CRUCIFIED
DEATH	DISCIPLES
EARLY	ENVOIOUS
EQUAL	FOREMAN
GAVE	FRIEND
HIRED	GENTILES
JESUS	GRUMBLE
LAST	HEAVEN
LIFE	JERUSALEM
MONEY	KINGDOM
ONES	MOCKED
ONLY	OWNER
RIGHT	PRIESTS
STILL	RAISED
TOLD	TEACHERS
WAGES	VINEYARD

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a  
Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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MORE PUZZLES AT:

<http://biblewordgames.com>

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**The winner for October was Larisa!!! She has won \$20!**

***The correct puzzle solution was:  
"Grant Your strength to Your servant"***

**Do this search and turn in your answer to the office, call or email  
it, and we will draw a winner from the correct entries**

**on January 2nd 2019.**

**Love, Jennifer Montin & Bonnie Jahn**

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