

PATHWAYS TO SERVICE

ENGAGING OUR GIFTS
DEEPENING OUR FAITH



OUR VISION:

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A COMMUNITY LOVING CHRIST, BUILDING DISCIPLES, AND SERVING ALL

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Note: Throughout this booklet, all phone numbers are area code 916 unless otherwise

indicated.

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SESSION

The Session is the governing body of Faith Church. It is made up of Pastors and Elders. Each elder is elected for a three-year term to oversee specific ministry functions. The Session is responsible for overseeing the mission and well-being of the community and provides governance for the congregation in accordance with the *Book of Order*. Session meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members of the community are welcome to attend. The Session:

- Equips, trains, and encourages the people of Faith for the ministry of our church within and beyond our walls as we follow and are led by Christ Jesus.
- Welcomes all, encourages spiritual health and growth within the community, provides for Sunday worship services, and offers prayer, healing, and other services throughout the year.
- Maintains a relationship with the higher governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and other congregations in our community.
- Oversees the Faith staff, encourages stewardship, provides opportunities for all to enjoy the many wonderful aspects of our community, supports intergenerational friendship and caring, embraces good communication including new technology, and oversees the finances and property of Faith.
- Prepares for the welcoming and education of new members, both youth and adult.
- Embraces the teaching and mentoring of children, youth, and adults through a myriad of educational, mission, and social experiences.

SESSION MEMBERS:

Moderator: Jeff Chapman, Pastor
Associate Pastor: Jim Zazzera
Clerk of Session: Glenda Arellano

Elders: Class of 2015
Lee Bush, Property Maintenance
Steve Mauch, Stewardship
Jenny Read, Mission
Sheridan Smith, Fellowship

Elders: Class of 2014
Vicky Chastain, Christian Education
Sue Hooper, Lay Ministry
Greg Rapier, Youth Elder
Janet Sather, Outreach
Jennifer Smith, Finance

Elders: Class of 2016
David Nash, Communications
Walter Newport, Adult Education
Hal Turner, Personnel
Mike Nichols, Worship

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THE DEACONS

The Deacons are called to a ministry of “sympathy, witness, and service.” Working with each other and the larger community, they participate in various ministries of caregiving. All are invited to participate in these ministries:

- **Assistance for individuals and families** in the parish, giving comfort related to illness, death, and other needs; assistance with memorial services; and provision of meals on a short-term basis. Contact Bill Kirk.
- **Prayer Blankets** made with love and blessed before being given to comfort suffering individuals. Contact Wendy Benjamin.
- **Prayer Chain** offers confidential prayer for anyone who requests prayers. If you feel called to participate in this ministry or would like the prayer chain to pray for you or someone you care about, contact Kathy Ellis.
- **Health Ministry:** If you have health questions or need a medical referral, contact Sue Kim.

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Moderator: Bill Kirk
 Vice Moderator: Tammi Whitted
 Treasurer: Betty McClure
 Secretary: Mike Sanchez
 Staff Liaison: Jim Zazzera

DEACONS BY PARISH:

Class of 2014		Class of 2015		Class of 2016	
Deacon	Parish	Deacon	Parish	Deacon	Parish
Wendy Benjamin	7	Lois Chan	16	Christianah Akinsanya	6
Erwina Bush	13	Nancy Hom	8	Anita Hogan	15
Virginia Escalante	18	Betty McClure	2	Ellen Holmgren	17
Bill Kirk	12	Jan Sperling	1	John Ravas	11
Robert Mendoza	3	Kathy Stern	9	John Rodriguez	4
Derek Norris	14	Tammi Whitted	5	Mike Sanchez	10

WORSHIPING AS A COMMUNITY

Worship is the heart of the Christian community, the primary gathering of the family of faith, the wellspring from which all congregational life flows. In worship, God invites all to praise their Creator, to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, and to be open to the transforming presence and power of the Holy Spirit. We are called into relationship with God and with each other and empowered to be faithful followers of Christ, beacons of God's love in the world.

Worship at Faith Presbyterian Church is both rooted in tradition and open to newer forms of liturgical expression. It is inclusive, welcoming, participatory, creative and transformational. It is a time of grace.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

Sunday schedule:

Worship in the sanctuary	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Adult Christian education in room 2	10:15 a.m. (between services)	
Children's Worship & Christian education	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Note: at both 9:00 & 11:00, children begin with their parents in the sanctuary.		
6 th - to 8 th -grade Worship & Life Group	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Note: at both 9:00 & 11:00, youth attend worship until after sermon and then leave for Life Group.		

Our Chancel Choir and Worship Band, along with the Young Faith Singers and various other musicians, share in the musical leadership of our Sunday worship services.

Children of any age are warmly welcome to attend worship services with their family. However, for those families who find it helpful, nursery care for infants to preschoolers is available from 8:45 a.m. to noon every Sunday in room 7. There is also a family room available for families with infants. As you exit the sanctuary, it is the room to your right. Children in pre-K through 5th grade are invited to attend worship with their family until after the children's sermon, at which time they may either go to special programs in rooms 4 and 5 or remain in worship with their families.

After services, please join us for coffee and fellowship in the narthex or courtyard.

If you need a ride to church, transportation is available. Please call your deacon or the church's office manager. They will assist in arranging transportation.

SHARING AND CARING IN WAYS THAT KNOW NO BOUNDS

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)

Contacts

Moderator: Lynn Weston

Vice Moderator: Sandi Bilbo

Purpose: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to:

- nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study;
- support the mission of the church worldwide and our local community;
- work for justice and peace;
- build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Faith Presbyterian Church, and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Presbyterian Women (PW) is an independent organization of more than 300,000 women within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The programming and resource options for the organization offer a variety of ways for women to live out their faith in an inclusive, caring community. Women's groups in the Presbyterian Church have a powerful history. Since the early 1800s Presbyterian women have organized themselves to support mission and combat social injustices nationally and internationally.

Presbyterian Women at Faith have strengthened Faith Presbyterian Church through service, charity and love, sharing their experiences as believers in Jesus Christ, and witnessing to the promise of God's kingdom. PW emphasizes hands-on missions and promotes many special denominational and international offerings, such as the *Least Coin* and *Birthday Offerings*, as well as *Mother's Day cards*, the purchase of which supports global women's health. Our community projects include supporting WIND, a homeless shelter for children, and WEAVE, a shelter for women and children escaping violence. Our most recent "home" project is a \$1000 pledge to equip our new kitchen!

All women who attend Faith Presbyterian Church are members of PW and are encouraged to participate in PW Bible studies, luncheon meetings and activities.

PW meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through June. Meetings are held from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., usually in Link Hall, and are preceded by a dynamic Bible study at 10:00 a.m., which you won't want to miss. Our November and December meetings are held a week earlier in the month.

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

Elder: David Nash

The Communications Ministry Team directs the flow of information to the Faith community. Various forms of communication include the church's faithpresby.org website, Facebook page, PresbyNews newsletter, Top 5 @ Faith weekly email, worship bulletin, audio/video operations, Podcasts, in-house signage, and narthex TV. The ministry team consists of Brien Bell, DiAnne Brown, Liz Gibson, Steve Harper, Rick Hom, Suzy Hughes, David Nash, Joe Parente, Heather Ravas and Hazel Watson.

COMMUNICATIONS SOURCES & RESOURCES:

faithpresby.org: Our most utilized form of communication, the website offers easy access to many sources of information about the church, including the PresbyNews, the church calendar, Podcasts of Sunday sermons, the church photo gallery, and Faith's List. The website is also an excellent resource for information and links to other popular Presbyterian websites. Webmaster, DiAnne Brown. Technical support, Steve Harper; contributors, Heather Ravas and David Nash.

Facebook: Our Facebook page, which launched in 2012, was designed by Brien Bell who, along with content contributor Hazel Watson, updates the site regularly with notifications and status. Here you can find the recommended daily scripture meditation, devotion and comment. Like us at [facebook.com/FaithPresbyterianChurch](https://www.facebook.com/FaithPresbyterianChurch).

PresbyNews: Our monthly newsletter includes a variety of articles and reports from our pastors, session members, deacons and other ministries; useful information about upcoming events and classes; and the church and volunteer calendars. You can access the PresbyNews via the website. If you would like to receive the newsletter by USPS or email, contact Faith's office manager, Laura Anderson (landerson@faithpresby.org; 428-3439, ext. 301). The PresbyNews editor is Suzie Hughes; Liz Gibson provides proofreading support.

Top 5 @ Faith: An email update sent out every Monday that lets you know what is happening at Faith in the coming week. To be added to the distribution list, contact Laura Anderson (landerson@faithpresby.org; 428-3439, ext. 301).

Worship Bulletin & The Next Step: You may pick up a copy of the worship bulletin from an usher as you head in to worship on Sunday mornings. The bulletin helps you navigate your way through the worship service, and it also provides news about upcoming events at Faith Church. Inserted into the bulletin every week is **The Next Step**, which includes the sermon's Scripture lesson and some reflection questions based on the sermon that you can

use on your own or with your Life Group. Compiled by Laura Anderson
(landerson@faithpresby.org; 428-3439, ext. 301.)

Audio/Video Operations: Responsible for the operation of the audio and video system in the Faith Media Center during weekly worship, as well as during special services such as memorials. Team members are assigned to run the audio system for one worship service each month on a regular basis. Training is provided. Contact David Nash. The Media Center team consists of Dave Anders, Noel Chapman, Josh and Kevin Clark, Jon Coupal, Silvia Dhillon, Connor and Spencer Hankey, Rick Hom, Kevin Menager, Joe Parente, Pat Smith, and Don Sperling.

Podcasts: You'll never have to miss another sermon, even on those Sundays when you can't be in church. Each week the Prayer of Illumination, Scripture lesson, Sermon, and Prayers of the People are digitally recorded and linked on the church website. To access a podcast, go to faithpresby.org; click on the blue **Sermons** tab on the left column; and then, in the right-hand "Audio" column, click on the sermon you wish to hear. To access a written copy of the sermon, which includes **The Next Step** study questions, go to faithpresby.org; click on the blue **Sermons** tab on the left column; and then, in the left-hand "Written" column, click on the sermon you wish to read. Joe Parente, Rick Hom and David Nash administer the site.

Narthex TV: The wall mounted flat-screen TV in the narthex is a source for announcing events via a slideshow that is updated regularly. Contact Heather Ravas and David Nash.

Internal Church Signage: The glass marquees in the narthex and the north welcome center are used to display posters promoting upcoming events. Other peripheral signage is also managed by the communications team throughout the church. If you would like to place signage in the church, please give ample notice on your request. Size and quality have specifications that need to be met for continuity purposes. Contact Heather Ravas or David Nash.

LEARNING AS A COMMUNITY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

Elder: Walter Newport

The **Adult Education Vision Team** provides adult study, guidance and other opportunities for learning, growth, and spiritual development. Some of the offerings overseen by the team include:

Sunday morning classes: Year round, Faith offers an adult Christian education class in room 2 between services (10:15-10:55 a.m.). Classes cover different topics and are facilitated by different lay and ordained leaders. See the Sunday bulletin or the PresbyNews for details.

Adult Book Study: This once-a-month gathering, facilitated by Pastor Jim Zazzera, meets for study, discussion, prayer and fellowship on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. from October to June. For 2013-14, we will discuss the writings of C. S. Lewis. Watch for updates in the Sunday bulletin and the PresbyNews, or call the church office at 428-3439.

Life Groups: Small groups of people committed to meeting weekly to grow together in their Christian faith. See the Life Groups card in the pew racks to find a time and group that meet your needs. Contact Pastor Jim Zazzera (428-3439), or Walter Newport.

Faith Fall Retreat: An annual highlight of our church life, the September retreat is a relaxing weekend of fellowship, learning, fun, prayer and worship at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe. Registration begins in early summer. Contact Jim or Barbara Tracy.

Faith Women's Retreat: Faith women gather one weekend in early spring at Mercy Center Auburn for worship, renewal, community, and learning. Outstanding speakers lead the retreats. Contact Dawn Roarty.

Faith Men's Retreat: A weekend in late spring for men and boys to gather for worship, fellowship, and fun at Westminster Woods. Look for information about sign-ups in the PresbyNews and Sunday bulletin. Contact Walter Newport.

The Library: Currently located in room 2 and undergoing renovation. You are welcome to make use of its reading and viewing materials. Contact Walter Newport.

Pathways to Discipleship: Classes/experiences for adults to help them grow as disciples. Topics include Introduction to the Bible, Basic Christian Beliefs, Sharing Faith, Spiritual Practices, Finances, and other topics fundamental to faithful and abundant Christian living. Contact Pastor Jim Zazzera (428-3439) or Walter Newport.

Companions in Christ: 8- to 10-week experiences that include prayer, journaling, worship, small-group sharing, and study. Contact Alice Parente or Pastor Jim Zazzera.

LEARNING AS A COMMUNITY

FAMILY MINISTRY

Coordinator: Kathy Stern

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G.E.T. Faith @ Home: God calls parents to be spiritual leaders to **Guide, Encourage and Train** (“**G.E.T.**”) children to follow Jesus. The vision of **Family Ministry** is to equip the parents and families of Faith to hear and respond to God’s call to be spiritual leaders for their children. And with God’s help, we’ll endeavor together. Here’s how:

Family Home Groups gather monthly with the aim of creating authentic and deep community where God’s presence is experienced through sharing life together and encouraging one another to grow in relationship with Christ. It’s a time of pure fellowship: a meal, prayer, and sharing time together as families of Faith.

Faith Family Fellowships are for the entire family to enjoy throughout the year! Pancakes on the Patio, camp-outs on the lawn, bowling, swim parties, and family caroling are just a few of the fellowship opportunities the Family Ministry Team plans for our Faith Families.

Get Faith @ Home Training Events are opportunities for parents, grandparents and all adults desiring to grow as spiritual leaders in their families and communities. These multi-day events are held in the spring and fall.

Mini-workshops are collaborations by Faith’s Children’s, Youth and Family Ministries to equip families to **Guide, Encourage and Train** our children to follow Jesus.

Marriage Events that range from simple coffee dates with conversation to full Weekends to Remember are planned and promoted. Strong marriages build strong families.

Prayer Together is our best offensive and defensive strategy as we seek to **Guide, Encourage and Train** our children. The **PresbyNews** Family Ministry page will often suggest different ways to pray for our children and ourselves.

The Family Ministry Team, alongside the Children’s and Youth Ministries, is committed to building a community of families who G.E.T. Faith @ Home. Please contact Kathy Stern (see above) to get involved or to find out more.

LEARNING AS A COMMUNITY

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Elder & Interim Youth Director:

Greg Rapier

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High School Youth Leaders: Rudy Buehler, Sam and Kami Cadeaux, and Carlene Mauch

Junior High Youth Leaders: Molly Bagby, Brien Bell, Kim Char, and Kurt Pisor

The **Youth Ministry Team** seeks to guide Faith's youth in deepening their relationship with God through meaningful interactions with peers and adults who are rooted in Christ, through worship, and through a variety of activities.

FOR JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH (GRADES 6-8):

Sunday mornings – Worship, followed by Life Group: At both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services, junior high youth attend worship through the sermon, after which we meet in the narthex or on the patio for Life Group. However, the first Sunday of each month, youth remain in worship to take part in the Communion celebration.

Leaders: Kim Char, Cathy Healow, John Latimer, Robert Mendoza, and Mike Sanchez.

Tuesday evenings – Munchies: 7-8:30 p.m. in Link Hall during the school year. This is a time to grow in relationship with God, ask questions, have fun and connect with each other.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (GRADES 9-12):

Confirmation is offered every year beginning in January. It is an opportunity for youth to deepen their understanding and practice of the Christian faith as they affirm their commitment to Jesus Christ. Learning in confirmation involves both the head and the heart, as participants grow through classes and mentor relationships. Confirmation class meets once a month, and each confirmand meets twice a month with his or her mentor. Contact Greg for more details, or keep your eyes open for the informational meetings in November and December.

Core Group meets on the first and third Sundays after the second service during the school year. Core Group provides a place where youth can learn to apply their faith in practical, everyday ways through reading God's Word, praying, asking questions and growing in relationship together. Talk to Greg for more details, or check the Youth Group Facebook page or church website for details.

OTHER LEARNING, WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH:

Triennium: Every three years, high school Presbyterian youth from all over the U.S. gather at Purdue University for a week of worship, play and deepening faith. The next Triennium will be in July 2016.

Mission Trips: Youth here at Faith are very active in mission work throughout the year. In particular, youth are encouraged to participate in the **annual all-church summer mission trip**.

Junior High Spring Break Service: Over spring break, we head up to Westminster Woods to help prepare the camp for summer. This is a great time to combine service, fun and growth in our relationships. Contact Greg Rapier.

Westminster Woods: This summer camp for children and youth gives them opportunities to experience God in God's Creation, to play, to engage their faith and the Bible with other youth, to enjoy lots of activities designed just for kids and youth, and to receive teaching and spiritual nurture from incredible Christian leaders. Camperships are available. Contact one of Faith's pastors.

Serving at Faith: Youth can participate in our Sunday worship services as greeters, ushers, worship assistants, childcare helpers, singers, band and choir members, musicians, etc. Contact the elder in charge of the program you're interested in, or ask Greg.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS TO SERVE FAITH'S YOUTH:

Lead Junior High Life Groups: Sunday mornings at both services, the junior high youth leave worship after the sermon for Life Group. Adults are needed to help facilitate a discussion of the day's sermon. Contact Greg Rapier.

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LEARNING AS A COMMUNITY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

(Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and Elementary School Children)

Contacts

Elder: Vicky Chastain

Dir. of Children's Ministry: Christine Mendoza 428-3439 cmendoza@faithpresby.org

The **Children's Ministry Team** works to provide a loving, encouraging environment for our children to love God and know that they are beloved children of God. The team meets once a month to plan activities that achieve the vision of Children's Ministry. Contact: Vicky Chastain.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN:

Sunday Morning Children's Programs:

Nursery (for children up to 3 years old): The youngest members of our church family are lovingly cared for in room 7 from 8:45 a.m. until noon.

Godly Play (for children in preschool to 2nd grade): a rich experience of storytelling and direct play. The time is led by adults trained in storytelling and creative wondering.

Children's Worship (for children in 3rd to 5th grades): provides opportunities to learn about the treasured stories and heroes/heroines of the Bible through guided Scripture reading, prayer, drama, games, arts and crafts projects, and more.

Vacation Bible School: Provides a week each summer for elementary age children to experience God in an organized, fun-filled week of games, singing, and hands-on activities such as cooking, science, art, storytelling and drama.

Young Faith Singers (YFS): All 2nd through 6th graders are welcome. Practices are at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings during the school year in room E2. Contact Melody Tactaquin, YFS Choir Director.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS TO SERVE FAITH'S CHILDREN:

Sunday Morning Children's Programs: Opportunities abound for adults and older youth to teach Sunday lessons, tell stories based on Godly Play, lead prayer, care for infants and toddlers, and share talents in drama, craft, music and games. Each Sunday we need 8 teachers (4 per service) to lead the Godly Play and Children's Worship classes. Contact Christine Mendoza.

Vacation Bible School: Each year we need at least 30 adults and older youth in various roles from administration and registration to group leadership in the many classrooms. Contact Christine Mendoza.

Support for Children's Mission Activities: There are many opportunities to help Faith's children that do not require an extensive or long-term time commitment. Many of these are tasks that support our children's mission activities. Keep an eye on the Sunday bulletins and the PresbyNews. When a call goes out for volunteers for a particular project, it will provide needed information as well as the names of designated contact people. Some of our past projects and experiences have included: Heifer Project, UNICEF, Special Music, Gardening, Operation Christmas Child (shoebox gifts through Samaritan's Purse), activities for folks in assisted living facilities and for homebound members, Walk through Bethlehem, Seder Dinner, Youth Sunday, and Children's 3rd Grade Bible Presentations.

SHARING AND GROWING OUR GIFTS

...Through Careful Stewardship

BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MINISTRY

Elder: Lee Bush

The **Property Maintenance Team** cares for and maintains all physical facilities of the church building and grounds. Contact Lee Bush.

The **Building Ministry** provides for and plans the update of the Faith Presbyterian Church Master Plan for facilities. It also prepares for the expansion and improvement of facilities and manages the construction of facility improvements. Contact Lee Bush.

FINANCE MINISTRY

Elder: Jennifer Smith

The **Finance Ministry Team** provides leadership and oversight to maintain the financial health of Faith Presbyterian Church. It ensures the security of Faith Presbyterian Church assets so that those assets may be used to express our love for Christ. We are always looking for new members; please contact Jennifer Smith.

Treasurer: Bill Baker

Pledge Secretary: Maria Rodriguez

Head Teller: Joyce Hathaway

PERSONNEL MINISTRY

Elder: Hal Turner

The **Personnel Ministry Team** provides Session with an organized means of carrying out its responsibility to administer the employment relationship with its ordained and non-ordained staff. It is the role of the Personnel Team to encourage and support Faith staff to fully utilize their unique gifts and talents in the service of our Lord and in the growth of the Lord's Kingdom. This ministry maintains Faith's personnel policies and assists the Pastor/ Head of Staff in conducting staff performance reviews. Additionally, this ministry interprets employment policies and procedures and makes salary and staffing recommendations to Session. Contact Hal Turner.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Elder: Steve Mauch

The **Stewardship Team** directs Faith Presbyterian Church's annual financial stewardship campaign and ongoing stewardship education that encourages generosity and wise use of our financial resources. An important component of this ministry's work is to support major fundraising initiatives and ensure proper coordination with the stewardship campaign. Contact Steve Mauch.

SHARING AND GROWING OUR GIFTS

...Through Participation in Worship

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Elder: Mike Nichols

The **Worship Team** provides for the worship life of the community for all ages and in all seasons of the church. They work with the pastors and staff to create a Christ-centered worship experience for all. This includes Sunday services and special services. Contact Elder Mike Nichols.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN WORSHIP:

Worship Assistants: Participate in services by reading scripture and giving the call for the offering. Contact Mike Nichols.

Ushers: Welcome people into the sanctuary, distribute bulletins, assist with the offering and attend to the needs of people during worship. Contact Sheron Vollstedt.

Communion Preparer: Purchase and prepare the bread and juice for communion. Help with cleaning and putting away the plates and chalices. Contact Audrey Newport.

Communion Servers: Elders and deacons, past and present, help serve communion during worship. Contact Janine Menager.

Acolyte (child): Light the candles on the communion table. At the end of the service, extinguish candles and lead the pastors and community out of the sanctuary with the Light of Christ. On Communion Sundays (first Sunday of each month), assist in serving communion by holding a basket of bread cubes. Contact Chris Cowling.

Tenders of the Sanctuary: Working individually or in pairs, prepare the sanctuary for worship each week and straighten up the pews and pew racks after services. Contact Andeen Lovett.

Lock up: After the 11:00 a.m. worship service, make sure lights are turned off throughout the building, the name tag cart is put away, and doors and windows are secured. Contact Mike Nichols.

Flowers for the Sanctuary: Members of the congregation are invited to sign up in advance and request a floral arrangement to be placed in the sanctuary on a given Sunday morning. Contact Cynthia Crow.

Sanctuary Decoration: Work as a team to decorate the sanctuary seasonally at Advent and Christmas. Contact Tanya Anderson.

SHARING AND GROWING OUR GIFTS

...Through Reaching Out to the Community

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Elder: Janet Sather

The goal of the **Outreach Team** is to help equip the members of Faith Church to be more intentional and assertive in their own witness in order to be able to share the love of Jesus Christ. By doing good works, creating goodwill and sharing the Good News, our members reach out to the surrounding community. Our goal is to increase the number of people actively participating in a Christian church community.

If interested in any of the ministries below, contact [Janet Sather](#).

Welcome Center Hosts: Greet visitors and answer questions in the Welcome Center in the narthex following each Sunday morning service.

Greeters: Cheerfully welcome people entering church, encourage visitors to make a temporary name tag, ensure the narthex is orderly, and help the Ushers with the offering.

Visitor Phone Calls: Make phone calls to welcome first-time visitors who attended worship and provided their contact information.

A Look @ Faith: Host periodic lunch meetings for people interested in learning more about our church and pastors.

Annual Open House: Plan and facilitate this September event.

Fourth of July Pocket Parade: Ensure Faith's representation in or at the parade's culmination at Garcia Bend Park.

SHARING AND GROWING OUR GIFTS

...Through Serving in Ways that Engage and Delight Us

LAY MINISTRY

Elder: Sue Hooper

The Lay Ministry Team: Our goal is to assist in providing Faith Presbyterian Church with the knowledge, energy, and know-how to prepare members and followers of Christ for all types of ministries. Bubble-Up Ministries (new ministries started by people in our congregation) are many and varied.

We all have times in our lives when we serve and times when we need to be served. “Sometimes we carry the stretcher, sometimes we walk alongside of it, and sometimes we are on it.” When it is your time to serve, our team would like to assist you in finding ways to serve that you love, that delight you. Contact Sue Hooper.

Time and Talents: On a monthly basis, ministries within the congregation have a forum to let others know of particular needs within a program. Information is available on Top Five @ Faith (our Monday email blast) and also in the narthex after services on the last Sunday of the month. Contact Cynthia Crow.

Stoking the Fires Fund: This fund is used to:

- a) Implement lay ministry programs;
 - b) Equip lay people for ministries to which they are drawn; and
 - c) Provide exposure and develop ministries for people marginalized in our society.
- Apply to the Lay Ministry Team; contact Sue Hooper.

Supporting and Encouraging New Ministries: Is there a new ministry you are thinking about? One that you would like to start? Come and talk with us about it and let us help. Contact Sue Hooper.

Publications: Lay Ministry publishes this guide, *Pathways to Service*, and also *Did You Know?* which is a compilation of the many ways we love and are involved in Christ’s service outside the walls of Faith Church, whether through work, volunteering, being with family, or other service.

SHARING AND GROWING OUR GIFTS

...Through Caring for One Another

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Elder: Sheridan Smith

Fellowship Team: Melodi Andersen, Ellie Boyce, Wilma Cornelius, Betty Keller, Nancy Luke, Betty McClure, and Jeff Simington

The **Fellowship Ministry Team** provides social opportunities for members and friends of the Faith Community to develop closer personal relationships and church ties. You can join the Fellowship Team and share in planning and carrying out fellowship events, or you may volunteer to serve on a more limited basis with any of the events and activities listed below. We warmly encourage you to get involved and enjoy the fellowship!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

Sunday Morning Coffee Host: Prepare coffee, hot water and lemonade for Sunday morning refreshments after worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people. Training and simple instructions provided. Select 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. service. Approximately 1 hour every 2-3 months. Contact Sheridan Smith.

Dinners And Events: These include our annual Luau or Harvest Dinner and Auction in September; Advent dinners; the annual congregational celebration luncheon; Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday dinners; and the golf tournament luncheon, among other events. The fellowship team has a place for anyone who would like to participate, whether cooking, shopping, serving, setting up, cleaning up, making decorations, planning, or greeting. Contact Sheridan Smith.

Kitchen Supply Purchaser: Assist with shopping for kitchen supplies. Contact Nancy Nefsky.

Kitchen Maintenance: Oversee the cleanliness and organization of the kitchen. Sign up on a monthly basis or otherwise, as suits. Contact Wilma Cornelius.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP:

Supper Club: The Supper Club meets monthly during March, April, May and June for fellowship and a meal in each other's homes. The Club is broken down into groups of usually 8 adults (singles and couples), who rotate members and responsibilities for hosting and preparing a main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert. Contact Sheridan Smith.

Mariner Groups: If you enjoy getting together with people for fellowship and friendship, one of the mariner groups may be right for you. There are three groups or “ships” at Faith. The “Tradewinds” are mostly retired, active seniors. The “Castaways” tend to be empty-nesters who are either newly retired or still in the workforce. The “Windjammers” are mostly still in the workforce and have older children. All couples and singles are welcome to visit any group and to join the group that fits them best.

Mariner Group Contacts:

Windjammers:	Georgianne Becker
Castaways:	Dwight & Barbara Beattie
Tradewinds:	Dick McMillan

Crafters’ Club: Meets each Monday at the church from 1-3 p.m. Bring a project you are working on and come enjoy the fellowship and creativity. Contact Jan Sperling.

Women’s Book Club:

Afternoon group: Meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. from August through June in individual homes. Contact Marthe Sweet.

Evening group: Meets the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. from September through May in participants’ homes. Contact Ilah Turner.

The books read during the year are chosen by the group in May.

SHARING AND GROWING OUR GIFTS

...Through Mission Beyond Our Walls

MISSION MINISTRY

Elder: Jenny Read

God calls us to help those in need. The **Mission Team** at Faith carries out multiple responsibilities for providing guidance and opportunities for the Faith Congregation. The team encourages and equips the congregation to serve within and outside our community. Many opportunities are available, including:

Family Promise: Hosts homeless families here in our building 3 to 4 times a year for one week at a time, giving us the opportunity to provide hospitality to our guests: meal preparation, programs each evening, setting up and taking down our rooms, coordinating events, and providing overnight hosts during the week. Contact Kelly Latimer.

Mission Trips: We have opportunities each year to serve at the local, state, national and international levels – wherever need is great. We try to offer opportunities for all ages. Watch for possibilities posted in the PresbyNews and the Sunday bulletin, and on the website. Contact the designated leader of the trip, as indicated.

Mission Scholarships: If you believe you are called to serve God through an individual mission trip, Faith wants to help you answer the call! Speak with Mission Elder Jenny Read or any member of the mission team about an application for the **Conney Willis Memorial Mission Scholarship**.

SSIP (South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership): Faith has been a longtime supporter of this partnership. There are at least three ways to support this vital neighborhood partner in mission:

Donate a Bag of Groceries: On the first Sunday of the month, pick up and take home a grocery bag from the cart in the narthex. On the second Sunday, bring the bag back to the church loaded with food staples, and put it in the narthex. Contact Georgianne Becker.

Volunteer at the SSIP Food Bank at Bethany Church (24th and Fruitridge): Help is always needed with stocking shelves and distributing food. Hours: Monday through Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. Contact Patty Shaw at the SSIP Food Bank, 428-5290.

Food Collection: Volunteers pick up donated food items from various grocery and specialty stores and deliver to SSIP. Contact Georgianne Becker.

Peace and Non-Violence Conversation: “Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction” - Mahatma Gandhi. Join a group of individuals who strive after Christ’s heart by seeking peace and justice for all in our world. Contact Sue Hooper or Ann Johnson.

Crisis Nursery: The Crisis Nursery's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing support to families in times of crisis. Contact Betty McClure.

Giving Tree: The opportunity to help raise funds and donate items for several local organizations during the Advent season. Contact Jenny Read.

Fireworks Booth: A major fundraiser for mission trips and mission supplies is through our fireworks booth. Help is needed to work three-hour shifts selling fireworks during a seven-day period before the Fourth of July. Contact Jenny Read.

Compassion Weekend: Once a year in the spring, the whole congregation is invited to participate in local mission projects for an entire weekend. Sunday morning services are suspended, and a celebration service is held on Sunday evening instead. Contact the designated organizers as the date draws near.

Blood Drive: Three times a year, the Blood Mobile comes to Faith and we are invited to donate. Contact Sally Evey.

World Vision Child Sponsors: The opportunity is available to sponsor a child through World Vision. Two or three times a year, look for Donna Touros’ colorful and informative display and consider signing up to make a difference in the life of a child. Contact Donna Touros.

Project Hope in Abaya, Abaya Steering Committee: As Faith continues to support the Abaya region of Ethiopia, we are looking for passionate people who are willing to meet every six to eight weeks to discuss and recommend potential vision trips, mission projects and additional methods of support. Contact Jenny Read.

SHARING AND CARING IN WAYS THAT KNOW NO BOUNDS

...Through Other Acts of Generosity

Grocery and Gas Gift Cards: The Faith Community has created a pool of grocery and gas gift cards to help on a one-time basis folks needing this type of support. Contact one of the pastors, 428-3439.

Temporary Housing: If you need temporary housing, there may be members in our congregation who are able to help. Contact one of our pastors, 428-3439.

Math Tutoring: Barbara Tracy, a retired principal and former high school math teacher, provides free math tutoring to all interested students in the 4th through 12th grades on two afternoons per week during the school year. Days of the week vary from year to year, so interested participants should look for posted information each year, or call the church office (428-3439). Elementary and middle school students usually come from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; high school students from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Students are encouraged to start coming as early as possible in the year. Even if students start off not having difficulties, they may find it advantageous to attend tutoring and do their homework there, knowing they can get help if they run into a problem.

Office Assistant: Volunteer in the church office one to two days per month, assisting the pastoral and program staff with various clerical duties including answering phones, writing notes, preparing mailings, stuffing bulletins, and other miscellaneous projects. Contact Laura Anderson, 428-3439.

Old Battery Disposal: Bring your old batteries to the church for recycling. Drop them in the can by the copier machine in the church office during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Contact Mary Nabers.

Raley's Something Extra Program (formerly Quality of Life Card): If you shop at Raley's or Bel Air, they will make a monetary contribution to the church every time you shop using your Something Extra card. Sign up for the Something Extra program at the store, and select Faith Church as your organization. Then scan your card whenever you check out. Depending on how much you spend, Raley's/Bel Air will donate between one and four percent of the amount to the church. You can also use your card when purchasing prescriptions. The church uses the monies received to provide camperships and scholarships for those going to camp or on retreats or missions. Contact Marthe Sweet.

Prayer Team: God has directed us to pray for one another: "The prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much," James 5:16. To honor God's command to pray for each other, we have lay and pastoral leaders available every Sunday after each worship service to pray with those who have concerns. If you would like to be a part of this Prayer Team, you will receive a brief, 10- to 20-minute training session. Time commitment: 15 to 20 minutes after one worship service, once a month. Contact Jeff Chapman, 428-3439.

OTHER PROGRAMS MEETING AT FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous): AA meets every day except Saturday. Check the weekly calendar in Sunday's bulletin for times and types of meetings.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): Meets at the church from September through May, with leaders meeting on Monday mornings and the full fellowship meeting on Tuesday mornings. For more about BSF, visit www.bsfinternational.com. For more about BSF at Faith, contact Laura Anderson, 428-3439.

Ethiopian Orthodox Church: Meets Sundays in Link Hall from 6:30 to 10:00 a.m.