

# The Good News *October*

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Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Fullerton

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## A Note from The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Bell



As I write this on September 16<sup>th</sup>, most of you have received the letter from the PNC announcing their Candidate for Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church of Fullerton. By the time you read these comments, the congregation will have voted that the Rev. Duncan McColl be called and installed into that position.

The date of his installation by the Los Ranchos Presbytery will be announced later. I would hope you make that event of installation a major occasion for this Household of God. Dianna and I are very pleased with the selection the PNC has made and we believe you will feel the same.

All of this means that this Household of God continues to move forward in dramatic and effective ways of doing the Ministry and Mission of Jesus Christ. I feel Duncan will be blessed as he becomes part of this church. When a group such as this one is moving forward, anticipating serving as disciples in the mission of Jesus Christ, it is a pleasure to share in the leadership. And, it is a sharing relationship-sharing with the congregation in so many ways.

At this time Dianna and I are not sure what the future holds for us. As I grow older, making such a statement grows more difficult because flexibility on my part has to be maintained. I do believe the Spirit of God is active and alive in us now and into the future. As we move on, we fully trust that the future is bright for us and also for this community of faith.

Thanks be to God!

*Reminder:* As announced at the 09/21/2008 Congregational Meeting, The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Bell and The Rev. Dianna P. Bell will continue to serve our church through Sunday, October 26. The following week, they will be on vacation. The Rev. Dianna Bell will preaching on October 5. Dr. Donald Bell will be preaching on October 12, 19, and 26. The Rev. Duncan McColl will begin preaching on November 2, 2008.

## ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIRE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th is the date!** Come to worship and have breakfast, served from 8:00 to 10:30 AM, by our youth and the Youth Committee. Enjoy wonderful food while making your contribution to those in need here and all over the world.

Local organizations represented will be:

- **Chapel on Wheels** - released time Christian Education
- **Cherish the Children** - after school care for children of single working mothers
- **FIES** - families in need at New Vista and homeless singles through Interfaith Shelter Network
- **Crittenden** - troubled children and teens and homeless youth from overseas
- **Habitat for Humanity** - building homes for low-income families
- **House of Ruth** - sheltering battered women and their children
- **Mary Magdalene** - helping women with addictions
- **YWCA** - programs for women and teens in need

Projects serving people world-wide:

- **Door of Faith Orphanage** - supports 125 children in Baja Mexico with clothes, gifts, and sponsorships
- **Heifer Project** - providing a means of livelihood to poor families
- **FPC Youth** - Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate products
- **Operation Christmas Child** - providing gifts for destitute children
- **PalCraftaid** - hand-crafted olivewood Christmas items made by Palestinian Christians
- **FPC Children** - support for the Presbyterian orphanages in Kenya
- **Synod of the Nile** - support for a lay pastor training ministry in Egypt
- **Third World Hand Arts** - interesting items made by needy people from many countries

Here is your opportunity to get a great start on your Christmas shopping gift list, to make a contribution in the name of someone who has "everything", or just to extend a helping hand!

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## YOUR MISSION DOLLARS AT WORK

The HOUSE OF RUTH, Los Angeles, has been a safe haven for homeless and battered women with children since 1978.

At this shelter, a compassionate, homelike environment empowers these mothers to move from living destructive lives to personal responsibility and self-sufficiency. Their children, who have often been raised in chaotic, dangerous surroundings, are given immediate help for behavioral problems or learning disabilities they may have developed.

Some of the programs and services they target are also domestic violence, homelessness, poverty, addiction and mental health issues. Currently they include: child care, counseling and therapy, education planning and placement, employment development and life-skills training to mention a few. They have a Board of Directors and our own Betsy Azariah has served for many years.

Last year, thanks to your contributions, our church was able to provide new picnic tables and a lunch program for 100 children. They are now hoping to purchase another house right across the street from the one they now own and operate. They serve all of Southern California. Emergency services are 90 days, while others need eight to nine months assistance. What a blessing to be able to share in this mission outreach.

More next month.

# A Note from the Rev. Dianna P. Bell



Something new is happening here at FPC. Maybe it is too gradual for you to notice yet. Or you may have felt a fresh new wind. What is it?

Your new Director of Music, Chris Gravis, has brought a vision of music that not only transforms our worship, but also reaches out beyond the congregation. *Friends of Music* is a series of musical events designed to extend the love and care of FPC to the greater community. Already we have enjoyed three events. On April 27 the sanctuary was filled with an orchestra of 30, a choir of 50, and an audience over 200 for the lush choral and orchestral works of Ralph Vaughn Williams. On June 2 we hosted a concert by the Wiffenpoofs, an ensemble of 14 men from Yale University which was just beginning a 3 month, around-the-world tour. On August 10 our worship was rocked with lively gospel songs by the Watchmen Quartet, and many visitors came just to hear them.

There are three more musical events on our 2008 calendar. First in the Fall, on Friday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m., we welcome Tom Trenney to our organ console. Mr. Trenney is a stunning musician who is the American Guild of Organists winner of the Improvisation Prize. He will play a fascinating program including a hymn tune selected by the audience, upon which he will improvise an entire short symphony. You have never before heard our organ sound the way it will sound this very next Friday. I first heard him in the summer of 2007 when he was the conference organist at the Presbyterian Worship and Music Conference at Montreat, North Carolina.

Then on Sunday, November 16 at 6 p.m., our own Christa Tumlinson will present her Senior Voice Recital in our sanctuary. You already know what a great voice she has, and a wonderful personality. Now is your chance to hear her really sing and not just lead worship.

Finally on Sunday, December 14 at 6 p.m. our sanctuary will again be filled with the sound of a 30 piece orchestra, the choirs of FPC and Orange Korean Reformed Church, performing Handel's Messiah. This concert will be repeated the next week on Sunday December 21 at 6 p.m. at the Orange Korean Reformed Church on Malvern and Wood Streets.

All of these events do not happen in a vacuum. Chris provides the vision and the hard work to make it all come together. But the *Friends of Music* needs your support. You may provide support in several ways. First, **COME!** These events are among the very best you can enjoy anywhere. Second, **BRING OTHERS** with you. What a great way to introduce folks to this great church on the hill. Third, **CONTRIBUTE** your financial support. As you know, even musicians need to eat to live, and these concerts are not free. Consider it part of your outreach mission. And finally, **EXPRESS** your appreciation and support to Chris Gravis. This *Friends of Music* series is a wonderful gift to the congregation, to all Fullerton, and beyond. Let him know you encourage him in this outreach.

FPC is truly the church on the hill. We have a tradition of excellence in music that is rare and needs to be shared. Be part of the *Friends of Music* and see the outreach grow!

## DOOR OF FAITH NEWS

### DOOR OF FAITH SPONSORSHIPS

Alternative Christmas Faire is coming up very soon - October 12 - and some people who sponsor children at the Door of Faith Orphanage renew their sponsorships at that time. We will have pictures and bios of all sponsored children. Sponsors send their money in a variety of ways - some pay all at once, some quarterly, some each month, etc. However you choose to pay, just continue in the way it suits you. I just need to know if you are giving any amount THROUGH THE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIRE for your sponsorship, so I can let the orphanage know. It would help us if you could let us know what your payment plan is. Either call or email us at [mimibill@roadrunner.com](mailto:mimibill@roadrunner.com) so I can keep my records straight. Thanks for your help.

Of course, we will also have pictures and bios of other children for your Christmas giving to friends and family. That gift remains at \$25 per child.

What a wonderful opportunity to do your Christmas shopping early at all the tables on the patio at Alternative Christmas Faire!

Thanks for your support,

Mimi and Bill Maginnis

### Developing the Caring Community Seminar

*Have you wished for the right words to say to someone who is hurting and in grief??*

*Is someone you love in need of better coping skills during stressful times??*

*Do you wish you could transform your tender feelings into acts of compassion??*

*Would you like to become a better listener??*

This seminar series begins Wednesday, October 1 (9:30am-Noon) in the Music Room and continues for ten sessions ending on December 3, 2008. The leader/facilitator is the Rev. Margery McIntosh. 16 members attended the spring seminar.

Working to support the efforts of the Deacons, Growth Initiative, and Membership Committees, the goal of the C.A.R.E. Corps is to **KEEP IN TOUCH** with every member and guest/visitor. We offer **Caring, Assisting, Relating, and Encouraging**.

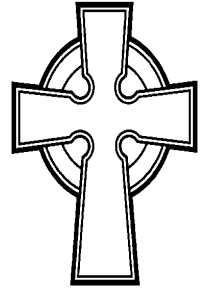
\$25.00 will cover the cost of curriculum materials and scholarships. Register at the Adult Education Table on Sundays or by contacting Gene Stelcik at [gjstelcik@hotmail.com](mailto:gjstelcik@hotmail.com) or 714-773-9141. Mail checks to Gene at 501 W. Laguna Rd, Fullerton, 92835. For more information or to inquire about scholarships, please email Marge at [toshinmc@netzero.com](mailto:toshinmc@netzero.com) or 714-526-5228.

Hurry, the class size is limited to 19 participants.

# Company is Coming



From the many new visitors we have welcomed to FPC this year, several have now joined as members. Our new members class was held on September 28 and our new members will be received during worship on October 5.



Please get to know these new members, some of whom have been regular attendees and are already connected with a small group in the church. Our desire is that every new member would have at least seven new friends in the church within the first six months. By friend we mean those who have mutual interests, concerns, are in touch between Sundays, know spouse's and children's first names, and miss each other when they're absent. Share pertinent stories of your faith journey with one another.

Betsy Azariah, an FPC member for eighteen years, participated in our time of faith sharing during worship this summer. She had this to say about membership:

“My faith is based on God’s faithfulness to me. Life is full of transitions. Friends move away, spouses die and pastors come and go, but God’s faithfulness is forever! I attend church, pledge and volunteer time because I want in some small way to worship the God who created me and never leaves me.”

## **Our new pastor is coming...**

One of the benefits of membership is your vote when a congregational meeting is called. We recently witnessed the results of your vote when you elected to install our new pastor, The Rev. Duncan McColl. We eagerly await his coming...

In Christ's Ministry,

Pastor Linda

[lflatley@fpc-fullerton.org](mailto:lflatley@fpc-fullerton.org)

# Fellowship

## Women's Fellowship

COVENANT Oct. 9  
Thursday at 7:30 PM  
Name: Betty Dunlap  
Address: 1266 Valle Vista Dr  
Phone: 1-714-738-4285

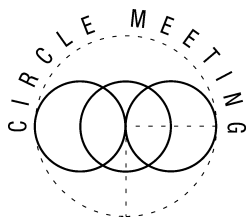
ESTHER Oct. 9  
Thursday at 9:30 AM  
Name: Karen Nichols  
Address: 2226 E. Meadow Ln  
Phone: 1-714-3716

EVENING STAR Oct. 28  
Tuesday at 7:00 PM  
Name: Janet Pickering  
Address: 221 Country Hills Dr  
La Habra  
Phone: 1-714-879-3955

ROSALIA Oct. 9  
Thursday at 9:30 AM  
Name: Berta McClintock  
Address: 2971 La Travesia Dr  
Phone: 1-714-525-3028

RUTH Oct. 9  
Thursday at 9:30 AM  
Name: Irene Munson  
Address: 1012 El Dorado Dr  
Phone: 1-714-526-5488

**Please join us for  
Fellowship,  
Bible Study and  
Prayer.**



## Women's Fellowship Coffee

Thursday, October 16, 2008 at  
10:00 a.m.

Our speaker will be Janet Lynn  
Mitchell.

As a master storyteller, she  
shares her heart passions and  
faith, relating incidents from her  
life that will touch you and make  
you laugh! Janet addresses rele-  
vant life issues and how it just  
takes one to make a difference in  
your world.

Come, and bring a friend!

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## BAKE SALE

Our Women's Fellowship will  
have a Bake Sale on Sunday,  
November 2, following both ser-  
vices.

Proceeds will go to our mission  
giving.



## Senior Singles

We are a community of single adults, ages 55  
and up, seeking to become fully devoted fol-  
lowers of Jesus, through Bible study, prayer,  
and fellowship. We exhibit great care and  
concern for our fellow members. We gain  
comradeship through special outings, recog-  
nizing member's birthdays, and "Care &  
Share" meetings.

If you are not currently on our roster and wish  
to be, come to our table on the patio between  
services or after second service.

Please join us for a fellowship brunch follow-  
ing each service of worship on Sunday morn-  
ings.

### The schedule for October is:

Care & Share – October 13th and 27th from  
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Birthday Dinner – October 25th at 5 p.m.

We will celebrate the birthdays of:

Sally Rae Lonner	October 5
Anne Langstroth	October 11
Virginia Bates	October 18
Phyllis Faxon	October 24
Peggy Dolan	October 27

"Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every  
being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet  
amazement at the stars and the star like things  
and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of  
events, the unfailing childlike appetite for what  
next, and the joy and the game of life."  
Anonymous

"But it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the  
Almighty that gives him understanding."  
Job 32:8

Sue Dunlap, Singles Chairman



# Lines from Lynn



Children's Ministries is off and running! I hope you sense the excitement on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons as children come, bring their friends, and grow in faith and knowledge of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

**KIDS CONNECTION** currently has 21 children enrolled, with 2 more joining us October 1. The marvelous staff of Pam Torres, Jessica Kiger and Patty Clardy makes this program a time of fun with structure, doing homework with help, if necessary, and creating a climate of social and emotional growth for the children. One parent recently expressed to me that she doesn't worry about her son since he is in Kids Connection; she is pleased to have a sense of relief which makes the remaining hours of her work day run more smoothly.

Renette and Ted Laase provide wonderful snacks. Please contact either of them or me if you could give 1 hr. per week to serve the refreshments to the children. Believe me, you'll be blessed by their enthusiasm!

One special event: Margaret Schnoor's daughter, Sarah, brought her service dog for the children to experience, learn, and enjoy. We are open to guest speakers, especially on Wednesday afternoons, so contact me if you have something to share with children in grades 1-6!

**"UNDER CONSTRUCTION"** is going well on Wednesday! Here's a request: If you play **GUITAR** or know someone who could join us from 5:40-6:00 p.m. every Wednesday for our Closing Celebration in Room 205, please contact me! We like to do singing, celebrate birthdays and other fun things with the parents joining in, but desperately need a **GUITARIST!**

**CORNERSTONE, grades 1-4**, will study Noah during the month of October on Sundays.

**JR. WINTER CAMP is January 30-February 1, 2009** at Alpine Conference Center in Blue Jay. Children in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 are eligible to attend this super weekend! We had snow last year—just talk with one of the 35 children who went and they'll tell you all about it! **REGISTRATION** will open **SUNDAY OCTOBER 19** and forms will be available at the Children's Ministry table on the patio, on Wednesday at "Under Construction," and in the office. We have a limited number of slots, but please talk with your children, their friends, your grandchildren, etc. and sign them up right away! The cost is \$138 per camper which includes all meals from Friday night dinner through Sunday lunch. Registration closes December 14, so don't delay.

There is one important way that everyone in the congregation can support Children's Ministries: **PRAY!** Please pray for our volunteers serving so faithfully on Sunday and Wednesday; for the new families who have recently joined our ministry, and for the families God continues to bring to FPC! I also covet your prayers for Debbie Miramontes and me as we handle the day-to-day duties of this exciting ministry!

It is a pleasure to serve God and his children!

Lynn Taylor  
ltaylor@fpc-fullerton.org



# Deacons

## THE DEACONS' CLOSET

Did you know that the Deacons have a closet with medical equipment available for loan to those in need? These items include walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, an electric room heater, a bathtub chair and a rolling shopping bag with a seat. If you need assistance please talk to a deacon and we'll do our best to help you. Or, if you have durable equipment you would like to donate, please let us know. We are challenged to be of service to those in need in Jesus name.

## RECOGNIZING OUR SENIORS!

Attention Seniors!

If you are blessed with **75** years of age or more, or if you will turn 75 by 12/31/2008, we, your Board of Deacons, want to include YOU! Please join us in the *soon-to-be remodeled* Fellowship Hall between services on October 19, 2008, as we celebrate a “**Senior Farewell to Fellowship Hall**”! Seniors will also be honored during each service, so please join us for worship too.

You are asked to RSVP to the church office (714) 526-7701 and let us know, as well, if you will need transportation. Hammers, saws, and hard hats are not required for this event, so we look forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

## “**MAS MATSUNO MEMORIAL FUND**”

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW within the FPC family needs special services or equipment associated with cardiovascular or cancer-related illnesses, do not pass up this opportunity to receive some extra help! Insurance restrictions or limited financial resources may be depriving you of care which could greatly benefit you. Confidential help is available to you through the Deacons for your spiritual, physical, emotional and financial needs.

Please contact: Deacon Moderator, Pat Scofield, (714) 526-4776, or Pastor Linda Flatley (714) 526-7701 for further confidential information. The Mas Matsuno Memorial Fund was established by Pat Matsuno and her family to honor Mas and to continue his work here at FPC.



# Youth News



*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)*

## Get Involved!!!

We are in full swing this Fall season. There is eager anticipation and excitement for new beginnings. There are new schools for many students, new teachers for all, new homes for several of our families, and new building improvements coming on our church property. There is a new pastor being called to serve FPC. There are new opportunities to get involved.

The Growth Initiative has many opportunities for you to connect with the church. Adult Education and the Membership/Growth Committee are sponsoring the Family Enrichment Series “7 Habits of Highly Successful Families”. The Choir is looking for new singers and ringers. Acolytes, crucifers, liturgists -- the opportunities are plentiful. Ask Chris Gravis or anyone on the Worship Committee.

This fall, the new Junior High youth group began meeting on Thursday afternoons. Our weekly children’s programs (Kids Club, Littlest Angels, Club 5/6, Kids Connection, and Kid’s Place Tutoring) bring new children to our campus. This creates opportunities to serve as a volunteer.

The Senior High youth began anew on Sunday evenings. Women’s Fellowships, Adult Bible Studies, Senior Singles Ministries, and the rest are still available. We’re exploring new opportunities in Mission with young adults and finding ways to “spur one another on!”

Simply put, every person at FPC can find a place to get involved!

Make a new commitment for worship, for education, for study. In Hebrews, the author asks us to “consider how we may spur one another on.” I challenge all of you to encourage each other to get involved this Fall.

All for Him!

Isaac Chung  
ichung@fpc-fullerton.org

**SH Youth Group           Sundays       5:00-7:30pm**  
**JH Youth Group           Thursdays   4:00-6:00pm**  
**Family Ministries – Pumpkin Patch Fun,**  
**October 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-7:00pm**  
**JH/SH Special Event – Saturday, November 1**

# How Shall We Worship Our God?

*Part 6 in a 9 part series detailing our "Principles of Worship Content and Style."\**

We strive for worship of the whole person, spanning the breadth of Christian concerns.



You've heard the old Presbyterian joke: that we're the "frozen chosen." We do tend to pride ourselves on depth of mind, rather than spiritual fervor. Let's admit that in general, Presbyterians favor the more reserved side of worship! You probably won't find us speaking in tongues or snake handling or running up and down the aisle anytime soon. However, that doesn't mean we should throw "heart" out of worship. By "heart" I mean our emotions, our passions and our desires. We worship with not only our mind but our heart as well. After all, The Almighty God (the one from whom no secrets are hid) is aware that we sing in the shower! God sees us jump for joy when we're happy and excited and in love. We do not trick God by wearing on nice clothes and sitting reverently for an hour in His house come Sunday. After all, God is in all things, and He delights in our pleasure. This kind of passion, excitement, and "heart" should exist in our worship alongside the intellectual pursuit of the divine. God gave us both heart and mind with which to worship Him.

1. Worship should involve the heart, soul, mind and body. All are important aspects of the worship of the whole self.
2. Actively engaging the mind as well as the spirit is essential to whole, deeply rooted discipleship and growth: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2) **The active engagement of the mind is essential to the music of worship, just as it is to the spoken/preached word.** Lofty intellectualism devoid of spiritual worship is to be shunned. At the same time, "spiritual" worship that spurns the mind is similarly bereft. Singing, "Heavenly Father, I Appreciate You" with one's eyes closed is not a substitute for "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" with both heart and mind focused in praise. **We should have the same desire for depth in the music as we seek in preaching** and be just as willing to work at applying ourselves and entering into its message (as one person said: "let's not covet meat in the preaching and turn around and demand or settle for lollipops in the music.").

*\*A special thanks to Dr. Hanan Yaqub, Minister of Music and Liturgy at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana, for her research and mentorship on this topic. Much of what is re-written here is included in her 1992 paper "How Shall We Worship Our God?"*

# This 'n' That

## In Honor of Russell Ball

We are holding a function at Featherly Park in Anaheim on Saturday October 4, 2008 starting at 1 p.m. to honor Russell Ball. We are dedicating a water color portrait and a bronze plaque that will be installed at Paramount High School later in the year. We expect the ceremony to last about an hour. It is an informal setting. We will also have the barber-shop folks, and probably representatives of the school to attend and speak.

If you have any questions please contact.

Charles Milam – cell phone - (714) 356-3780

## Family Enrichment Series

### 7 Habits of Highly Successful Families

- \* Take responsibility, react less
- \* Determine short and long term family direction
- \* Identify family priorities & accomplish them
- \* Practice Win-Win thinking
- \* Listen for understanding
- \* Creatively cooperating with each other
- \* Build traditions that nurture the family

When: Sunday Evenings through October 26<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Fullerton

Cost: \$20 per person; \$50 max for entire family.

Registration: Call the office at (714) 526-7701 or e-mail at [fpcoffice@fpc-fullerton.org](mailto:fpcoffice@fpc-fullerton.org)

## Paper Drive

Our sincere gratitude to all of our friends who continue to support the Weekday Christian Education program, Chapel On Wheels, through the first Sat. of the month Paper Drive.

Please continue to bring your newspapers, cardboard, plastic bottles and aluminum cans to one of the three collection points from 9:00 a.m. to Noon:

**Chapman and Euclid** - next to the donut shop in the CVS shopping center.

**Sunny Hills** - behind the Bank of America, on Laguna Road.

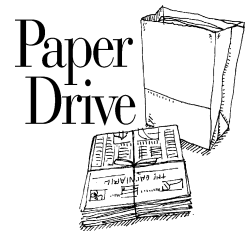
**Raymond and Chapman** - behind Walgreen's.

Also, help is needed! if you can give your time to assist at one of these locations, please call Ken Neisess at (714) 525-5035 to schedule a Saturday and, to support this local mission with a financial donation, at any time during the year, a check may be sent to:

Weekday Christian Education  
P. O. Box 5281  
Fullerton, CA 92835

Thanks, again!

Sheryl Fowler,  
Rep for WCE



## Upcoming Choir Festival

INTERFAITH CHOIR FESTIVAL: Sunday evening, Nov 16, 2008 at 7-8:30 p.m.

Renowned director of Pacific Chorale, John Alexander, will direct the finale of 300 voices. Speakers from Sikhs, Muslim, Zoroastrian, Jain, Buddhist, Baha'i, Hindu and seven great choirs.



No charge. Bring food for Second Harvest. LDS chapel, 23 Lake, Irvine.

## **From the Book of Confessions - About The Apostles' Creed (Conclusion)**

Around A.D. 180, Roman Christians developed an early form of the Apostles' Creed to refute Marcion. They affirmed that the God of creation is the Father of Jesus Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, was buried and raised from the dead, and ascended into heaven, where he rules with the Father. They also affirmed belief in the Holy Spirit, the church, and the resurrection of the body.

Candidates for membership in the church, having undergone a lengthy period of moral and doctrinal instruction, were asked at baptism to state what they believed. They responded in the words of this creed.

The Apostles' Creed underwent further development. In response to the question of readmitting those who had denied the faith during the persecutions of the second and third centuries, the church added, "I believe in the forgiveness of sins." In the fourth and fifth centuries, North African Christians debated the question of whether the church was an exclusive sect composed of the heroic few or an inclusive church of all who confessed Jesus Christ, leading to the addition of "holy" (belonging to God) and "catholic" (universal). In Gaul, in the fifth century, the phrase "he descended into hell" came into the creed. By the eighth century, the creed had attained its present form.

## **Stewardship**

### ***"DON'T DROP THE BATON!"***

During the recent Olympics in Beijing, two U.S. relay teams, one men's and one women's, did just that and were disqualified. Doing that before the whole world certainly didn't make the pain any easier for the runners. Disbelief while staring at the offending baton was followed by shock as they realized the consequences.

There was, of course, more to the games than one race. For most of us watching these superb athletes there was an abundance of human interest as well as lessons in dedication and risk and reward.

Learning the "basics" in any endeavor is one of those lessons. In track and field, it's the starting blocks and the starter's gun. In the relay, it's passing the baton and doing it in the allotted space. In a non-Olympic sport, football, it's "blocking and tackling."

And in the church the unique and essential basics would be worship and stewardship. These are both fundamental in the Christian life. Neither should be considered optional.

On Pledge Sunday (November 23, the Sunday before Thanksgiving), Stewardship pledges will be collected at both services. The operating budget will be based on these numbers. Every member is urged to participate. Each contribution is a help.

***"LET'S NOT DROP THE BATON!"***

# Update from the Building Committee

The target start date for the construction to begin is still the beginning of November. The City of Fullerton has reviewed our plans and issued comments and required corrections. Our architect is now making the corrections and the plans will be re-submitted back to the City around the first week of October. The City said they would then take ten business days to review and then issue our construction permit.

Your Committee continues to meet and work on design issues and we will now begin to look at various materials and colors for each of the areas of this project. We have a group working on the design of the new stained glass windows to go into our new Chapel / Board Room. Barbara Jindra, Jan Regitz and Renette Laase make up this Committee and they welcome your input.

We are working on a plan to have very limited kitchen access during the construction period. This would allow for coffee making, some refrigeration and clean up capabilities. We will detail this plan in next month's Good News. We are also working on plans to store all of the items from the Kitchen, Board Room, Library and Fellowship Hall during this construction period. We will be scheduling a work party for a Saturday in October and we will need volunteers to help pack and move these items into storage units.

The Committee appreciates all of your prayers and words of encouragement. The construction is about to begin and we will finally be able to see physical progress on our campus and not just drawings. We are excited to get started and we will work hard to make this a successful project.

## FPCF BUILDING COMMITTEE

Brad Jacobsen – Barbara Jindra – Renette Laase – Stan Lewczyk – Cathy Monson –  
John Monson – Bob Murray – Linda Powell – Mack Rhodes

## Friends of Music



The *Friends of Music* seeks to raise money to underwrite great music programs for our church and our community. If you would like to help preserve high quality music for generations to come, please consider making a donation today! Without your financial support, these exciting programs would not be possible. Your church and community thank you for your generous support!

## Family Ministries

The Family Ministries committee is looking for new committee members. Right now, the committee is made up of Christine Monson (Committee Chair), Susan Lindberg, Cathy Monson, Isaac Chung and Danny Monson. We would love some new & fresh ideas and help. We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the youth room at church. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Christine Monson at [families@fpc-fullerton.org](mailto:families@fpc-fullerton.org).

- **Pumpkin Patch Fun and Dinner** - Sunday, October 26, 4:00-7:00pm at the Pumpkin Patch located at Beach Blvd. and Malvern in Buena Park. Family Ministries will provide tickets to children for the rides. Dinner location TBD.
- **Christmas Party** - Friday, December 5, 7:00-10:00pm at Danny & Jennifer Monson's home. Adults Only! Our annual exchange of white elephant gifts is the hit!

## News about our Nesting Hispanic Congregation Grupo de Unidad Cristiana

Many of the members in the First Presbyterian Church know Maria Villasenor, as she worked for several of us and attends our church. Six years ago, she asked if our church had a room available for a small Hispanic congregation that had outgrown a house where they were meeting. Maria's brother, Pastor Carolos Torres, started it from his church in Tijuana as an outreach to the Protestant Hispanics in the area.

Terry Sherry met with Carlos, Maria (an Elder in the church), Allan, and me to discuss the possibilities. An agreement was reached that they could meet in the board room on Friday evenings. It was to be our church's outreach to the Hispanic families that we had been unable to reach. The Session discussed the proposal and voted to let them nest.

They have been a truly responsible, God loving, faithful people and extremely helpful to families in need. Pastor Carlos and his wife Maggie will be participating in the World Communion service at 10:30 a.m. in our sanctuary on October 5th. Please give them a warm welcome and extend your friendship in Christian love.

Yours in Christ,  
JoAnne Olson

## Adult Education in October

### CHURCH MUSIC THROUGH THE YEARS

Music Director **Chris Gravis** continues his Hugely Successful Series:

Monday September 29th : The Colonies and Folk Music  
Monday October 6th: Church Music New and the Future!?!

Both 10:00-11:30 a.m. and again at 7:00-8:30 p.m.

### WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE CHILDREN???

A four week series by Professor **RON KERNAGHAN**

Mondays evenings, October 27th through November 17th, 7:00 p.m. only

## Calendar Updates are Available Online!

While the calendar of events is included in each edition of the Good News, please check the FPC Website for the latest updates and new events. You can print your own copy of the updated online calendar.

Here is the web address: <http://www.fpc-fullerton.org/calendar.htm>



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## WHAT FPC MEMBERS BELIEVE AND PRACTICE

First Presbyterian Church of Fullerton is being called by God to invite all people into a growing and transforming relationship with Jesus Christ, through:

inspiring and biblically-based worship and education;  
loving and caring fellowship; and  
spiritual gift-based ministry and service,  
so that all may become His committed disciples!

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