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Our Mission:  
To bring people  
into a lifelong relationship  
with Jesus Christ,  
to seek to know  
Jesus Christ more deeply,  
to grow in His likeness  
and to show His love  
and truth to each other  
and to our community

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**THE REDWOOD BARK**  
**FEBRUARY 2015**

**Clark and Gail Whitney**

*Charles Lewis*

Felton Presbyterian Church supports Clark and Gail as they work with *Frontiers* in ministry to the Muslims in India. We first met them when they attended a Community Dinner three years ago.

Their focus is on the 300 million Muslims living in North India. Check out a map to locate New Delhi. This is a very congested city with extreme heat in summer. In the summer months, the Whitneys moved to Srinagar, Kashmir. In this city Muslims are a minority with most of the people Hindus.

On a recent trip Clark and Gail took along two world wall maps - one in English and one in Urdu. This was presented as a gift to the free elementary school their friends (a very influential family) host in their home.

Pray for the health of this couple. Pray that God will use them as effective witnesses to the gospel of Jesus Christ and our loving God.

The mission team is always looking for new members. Would you like to serve on this team? Speak to one of its members: Charles Lewis, Charlie Johnson, Dave Berkey, Ellen Maruska, or Elder Charles Murray. Flora Schweitzer served as elder for missions in 2014



**Hearts**

The word heart (or hearts) is used in the Bible 140 times in the Old Testament and 76 times in the New Testament.

The heart is a muscle, but we often use the word to mean "our innermost being, our core." The Old Testament speaks of the "thoughts and intents" as well as the "affections of the heart." When David states "my heart is steadfast," he means a determination and abiding communion of thought between himself and God.

Four times in Hebrews we are cautioned not to harden our hearts. Jesus used the word many times in the Gospels. Most often He was referring to "hardening our hearts." John 14:6 however is one of His most beloved quotes. "Let not your hearts be troubled. You believe in God. Believe also in Me."

Unless our heart is strong and unwavering, it will never sustain the burdens that it must bear or withstand the blows that it will receive.

We must have a heart that is steadfast and fixed upon God. As David says in Psalm 57,

"My heart, O God, is steadfast,  
I will sing and make music.  
Awake, my soul!

For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;  
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.



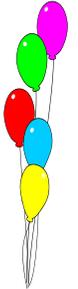
## Talent Show and Pie Social

Jeff Juliano



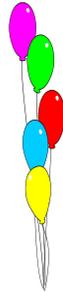
The Annual Talent Show and Pie Social is coming up Saturday, March 7 at 6:30pm in Taylor Hall. Sign up to perform on the sheet in the narthex! Or just come out and enjoy the entertainment, fellowship and pie provided by the deacons.

### February Birthdays



Sandy Thormann  
Tarynn Gibbs  
Barbara Lang  
Jerry Thormann  
Monty Trulsson  
Danny Carlisle  
Sharon Yang  
Ed Lopez  
Randy Fujishin  
Bob Johnson  
Norm Crandall  
Peggie Lopez  
Mary Grable

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### Do You Know This Disciple?

In the scriptures, this disciple is always the first on the lists of disciples. He asked more recorded questions in the gospels than all the other disciples combined. He was a fisherman. He cut off the ear of a soldier when Jesus was taken to be tried. He denied Jesus three times after Jesus' capture.

His name was Simon. Jesus gave him the nickname "Peter." When Jesus called him "Simon" he was acting like his *old self*. It was a commendation when Jesus called him "Peter." In his writings, he calls himself Simon Peter. According to tradition he was crucified upside down as he didn't feel worthy to be crucified as his beloved Savior.

### Guess Who?



← Loves to line dance and go the movies  
Has a dog named Fred  
Grew up near San Francisco  
Helps serve at Lunch Bunch

Has a dog named Carson →  
Volunteers in Mount Hermon  
Friends with Charlie Johnson since boyhood  
Rode a bicycle around a foreign country



June Christman Charles Lewis

## From the Pastor's Desk

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."* -- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Dear Family and Friends of Felton Presbyterian Church,

This month we celebrate Valentine's Day. In our culture, Valentine's Day is seen as a special day for celebrating romantic love. It is a day of red hearts, overpriced cards, dark chocolates, and cut flowers.

For some, it is a day of kindness, sweetness, and love. For others, it is a day when loneliness, brokenness, and emptiness are magnified. For all of us, it should be a day in which our deepest longings for intimacy and connection find that way to Jesus. That is where we come in.

We know that as Christians, we are called to love others as Christ loved us; a sacrificial, gracious, unending, everlasting love. This is a love that cannot be commercialized or purchased.

Paul reminds us that this love is patient, kind, humble, forgiving, protective, hopeful, truthful, and persevering (all the ways in which God has loved us). This month, as we express our love to those that are special to us, let us also be I Corinthians 13 type of lovers to our neighbors, in our communities, and at our church so that more of the people we meet will be introduced to the love God has for them.

Yours in Christ,  
Ed Snedeker, Pastor

### A Good Read Under the Overpass Mike Yankoski

Ever wonder what it would be like to live homeless? The author did more than just wonder. By his own choice Mike's life went from upper-middle class plush to scum of the earth overnight. With only a backpack, a sleeping bag, and a guitar, he and his friend, Sam, set out to experience life on the streets in six big cities.

For more than five months the pair experienced firsthand the extreme pains of hunger, constant danger of living on the streets and social rejection. They wanted to find out if their faith was real, if they could actually be the Christians they said they were apart from the comforts they were used to - to discover what it feels like to be homeless in America.

This true story also tells of the men's encounter with Christian churches - the rejection they sometimes experienced when they attended services, It also tells of the love and help churches often extended to the men.

The author offers a few ideas if you want to actually do something: Get involved with some program that is trying to be a part of the solution such as the Tuesday lunch here at FPC. Hand out bottled water, a sandwich, cookies, a warm sweater, some conversation. Never give money to a homeless person.

## Kids Club's

*Kathleen McNair, Elder for Children's Ministries*

Kids Club is going strong at 40-45 kids attending weekly. We have 10-15 kids in Kids Church every Sunday. And since there are over 900 families within 7 miles of FPC who aren't attending church we are starting "Family Focus 2015" in February. We will invite all Kids Club families, and all Middle and High school families, as well as all families with children to attend a monthly dinner at FPC. We are trying to reach the unchurched families of the San Lorenzo Valley and welcome them into this Body of Christ.

The main objectives of the Children's Ministry team are as follows:

- \* To provide a fun, safe place where all kindergarten through 5th grade kids can come together and enjoy creative crafts, nutritious snacks, exciting games and age appropriate, interactive biblical lessons.
- \* To create a welcoming and informative environment for children to learn about God and develop a lifelong relationship with Jesus.
- \* To provide a safe and supportive place for children to develop healthy, Christian relationships with one another and with the staff members and volunteers.

We are always looking for volunteers who love children and have some free time on Wednesday afternoons. Under Malcolm's leadership the volunteers are: Kathleen McNair, Karen Snedeker, Barb Carlisle, Michele Carlson, Sandy Tragesar, Cynthia Hall, Elsie Dunhaven, Connie Trombetta, Luci Mitchell, Sandy Thormann, Kanda Whaley, Brent Portman, Sandy Pearsall and Barb - (Norm Crandell's mom.)

## Lunch Bunch

*Ken Clouse*

Not all priceless works of art are in a museum. Be with us at Lunch Bunch on Wednesday noon, February 4, to explore the intricate beauty of a snow crystal, a drop of sea water and other wonders in the Moody film *Hidden Treasures*.

There will not be Lunch Bunch on Feb. 11 due to a family dinner to be held at 6pm.

Lunch Bunch resumes on Feb. 18 with Pastor Ed presenting the program. Join the Bunch for fellowship, food (\$3.00) and an interesting program. We dismiss promptly at 1pm.

## Free Lunch Tuesday

*Ellen Maruska*

Danny Bell, Dorothy Holmes and others have donated many socks. The people who come to free Lunch Tuesday are grateful to our church for the fellowship each week, the meal, the availability of showers and these donated items.

One man, I will call him Otis (primarily because I called him that for a few weeks, thinking it was his name; It's not!) was so happy and appreciative when I handed him a pair of socks, his smile grew and he said "Thank you so much. I've been praying for socks!" He was grateful to God for answering his prayer and we at Free Lunch Tuesday thank you for your part in this important ministry to the people in our community who are so poor that they pray for socks. He thanked us again the next week and the week after, marveling each time at God's answer to his prayer.

When you follow your heart and the directions we as Christians are given in the Bible to help the poor, your generosity is an answer to prayers. How wonderful is that!

Thank you for your care for these children of God and your continued generosity.

## Getting to Know You

**Renee Seligman**

*Leslie Nelson*

Hello, fellow church people! Leslie Nelson here with a brand new year of growing closer to our fellow Christians.

I was honored when Renee Seligman agreed to tell me her story. Renee was born in San Francisco. She moved at a very young age to this area. She has two sons - 19 and 9. A very intelligent person, Renee has many degrees in the nursing field. Drug rehabilitation is one of her interests. Her favorite color is yellow. She loves food that is natural and healthy. Although she loves chocolate, she stays away from it. Exercising is a big part of her routine.

We don't see Renee, our nursery director, all that often. I catch her briefly as she comes to church earlier than most - to round up any stray kids who may be held captive by the worship team and forced to endure repeatedly (2 or 3) praise and worship songs at a time. Their young faces light up when they see Renee's smiling face. They run to greet her, practically bowling her over as they cling delightedly to her skirts.

Renee's heart beats for children. Downstairs she usually works with the 3 and 4 year olds. She wants to teach kids the simple fact that Jesus is the living son of God, that he lived and died for our sins and that God is always present in their lives. They are never alone. God is there. To the older kids she says, "Flee to God."

The words of the 3 and 4 year olds sometimes get mixed up. For example: "Hosanna in the highest" sometimes comes out "Lasagne in the highest..."

Renee says "Kids don't have heart attacks because they get all their feelings out. There is no emotional build-up." The newborns are very special to her. They are so naturally innocent - truly a gift from God.

Leslie signing off with a tip - "Keep busy. Jesus is coming!"

## Faith

George Mueller says that faith grows with use. Dare today to trust God for something small and next week or next year you may be able to trust Him for answers bordering on miraculous. Everyone has some faith, said Mueller. The difference may simply be the one who has not dared to exercise the little faith he has.

Romans 10:17 *Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

## He Alone Knows

*Barbara Bell*

God loves to put a fast with a slow.  
The reason for this I really should know.  
Now fast with fast will wear out and not last.  
Slow with slow would have difficulty to go.  
Fast speeds up slow. Slow moderates fast.  
This combination causes both to last.  
The Lord knows what He is doing better than I.  
On this way in life, I will rely.

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### **FAMILY FOCUS 15**

*Randy Fujishin*

Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to love God and to love your neighbor. In fact, our love for one another is one of the truest indicators of our love for Him. And the final commandment Jesus gave us is to go out into all the world and make disciples of all people. 2015 is ripe with opportunities to do just that---to love God, to love our neighbors, and to make disciples.

Your Session is inviting you to participate in **FAMILY FOCUS 15** during the coming months. **FAMILY FOCUS 15** is designed to coordinate and focus our efforts as a church to seek, welcome, serve, and love young families (parents 20-45 years of age) in our local area.

The 2010 U.S. Census states that there could be as many as 900 young families within a 7-mile radius of Felton Presbyterian Church who do not attend church on a regular basis. We hope to become the church that actively welcomes and loves these families.

All nine of our church's ministry teams will be focused on seeking, welcoming, serving, and loving young families in our local area. **FAMILY FOCUS 15** will act as the common guide and primary goal in all that we do.

We are joyfully seeking your participation in this great effort. Your love for Jesus, your warm and friendly heart, your life experiences, and your desire to please God will be the welcoming arms of Jesus to young families in our area. You are called to be the Body of Christ. **FAMILY FOCUS 15** invites you to do just that.

The Kick-Off Family Night is Wednesday, February 11, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Taylor Hall. Young families from our church and in the local community will be invited to a free Tri-Tip Dinner, Family Games, and Gifts for Parents as a way to show the love of Jesus.

You can volunteer as a Greeter, Table Host, Dinner Server, Cook, or Dessert provider. We need your smile, friendliness, and love more than anything else. Please consider serving during one of these Family Nights in the coming months.

Sign-up sheets for this first event will be available at the conclusion of our Congregational Meeting on Saturday, January 31. Announcements of upcoming **FAMILY FOCUS 15** events and Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets will be made available prior to each event.

YOUR participation in **FAMILY FOCUS 15** is essential to its success.