

THE MESSENGER



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SESSION MEMBERS

Current members of the Session are:

- Mark Evans
- Lynn Jordan
- Wilson Kayange
- Marcia Fagan—
Clerk of Session
- Jeri Bray
- Richard Frederick
- Luann Bangsund
- Kathleen Wilmot
- Ann Platz
- Jerri Rodewald
- Dick Jones
- Al Polchow

The Pastor's Corner

Our Work

If you're a homeowner you know maintenance and repairs almost never end. There are trees to prune, overgrown bushes to trim back, floors to refinish and paint jobs to freshen. It's the same way in the church. The to-do list is never ending. But here's the good news: we already have some people doing our work for us, and we are moving slowly but surely on work close to home.

Kristi Van Nostran, Farsijana and Bernie Adeney-Risokotta and the Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan Schools are doing work which we cannot do. So is Forman Christian College. It's *our* work. To feed the hungry, to educate the young, to be a force in the world for bridge building and reconciliation tells all that God cares for them, and so do we.

Your Session also made at least two commitments in the recent pledge campaign: (1) to develop a more active children and youth program, and (2) to add a video monitor(s) to tell stories of our mission, community and our world better. Wilson Kayange had more than a dozen kids at the Indonesian American youth group this past week, and it's been that way for more than a month. Is the Sunday night youth group a building block for the whole church, or will it be limited to one of our congregations?

Let's not think that the real work begins just before or when the settled pastor arrives. Your Pastor Nominating

Committee is great. But they will be helped, and all of us will be blessed, including our overseas partners by each of us pitching in now. The Work of Christmas deserves nothing less.



*Affectionately yours in this New Year,
Pastor Tom*

A New Partnership Formed Two Soon Three Kids in Pakistan Receive Scholarships

With the inspiration of Pastor Hameed your Mission Commission has explored and decided to support three students in one of the 15 schools that are part of the Presbyterian Education Board (of Pakistan). Alishba (last name withheld for safety) is a 3rd grader who attends the Christian Girls' High School in Kasur, Pakistan. She wants to be become a doctor (many blessings, Alishba!). Anjica also attends the same school. She likes football and wants to become a pediatrician (wow!). The Mission Commission has also asked for the name of a grade school boy which it should receive shortly. Our church's mission includes scholarships for these three students through the end of next school year (February 2017). The scholarships cover tuition, books, supplies and uniforms. Stay tuned for updates on their progress and check out their pictures on the Mission Board on the east side of John Knox Hall.



January 2016

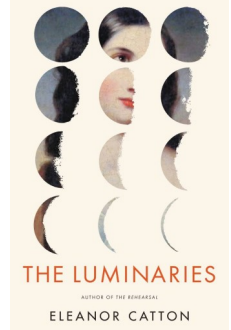


FPC-Redlands* Monthly Book Club

Since the December meeting was cancelled, discussion of *Stickeen*. By John Muir, was postponed to the January meeting. It will be held at the home of Rich and Monica Frederick, on Thursday, January 7, at 7:00 P.M.

Call the office for directions to the meeting.

In February & March, the club will share their thoughts on *The Luminaries* by Eleanor Catton.



“Never underestimate how extraordinarily difficult it is to understand a situation from another person's point of view.” – [Eleanor Catton, *The Luminaries*](#)

Terry Zeidler is back on his feet and recovering from his recent surgery. Despite a setback of a viral infection, his convalescence has been relatively pain free. He expressed gratitude to everyone who rallied to his support with prayers and good wishes. He was blown away by those who brought meals to his house, never expecting such kindness.

We here in the church office, are happy to have him back at work. We never realized how much he does and how varied his responsibilities are.

January 1 **New Year's Day**
Office Closed

January 3
8:00 A.M. Choir Practice
9:30 A.M. English Worship Service
 Congregational Meeting
5:00 P.M. Indonesian Worship Service

January 7
7:00 A.M. Sunrise
10:30 A.M. Deacons Meeting
9:00 A.M. Christian Education

January 9
9:00 A.M. Deacon/Elder Retreat

January 10
8:00 A.M. Choir Practice
9:30 A.M. English Worship Service
5:00 P.M. Indonesian Worship Service

January 11
5:00 P.M. Worship & Congregational Life

January 14
9:00 A.M. Christian Education

January 15
11:00 A.M. Coffee Shop Circle
 Luann Bangsund hosts

January 17
8:00 A.M. Choir Practice
9:30 A.M. English Worship Service
5:00 P.M. Indonesian Worship
 Service

January 18
6:30 P.M. Session Meeting

January 20
1:30 P.M. Wenonah Circle
 Veta Arnold hosts

January 21
6:30 P.M. PNC Meeting

January 24
8:00 A.M. Choir Practice
9:30 A.M. English Worship Service
5:00 P.M. Indonesian Worship
 Service

January 31
**11:00 A.M. Multicultural Worship
Service & Congregational
Meeting**
12:00 Noon Potluck Lunch

Session Highlights

by Marcia Fagan

Due to the busy holiday season, the Session Highlights for December and January will be in your February newsletter.



Deacon's Decorate the Sanctuary with Poinsettias



Donations to support the Deacon's Fund were generously made by:

- Grace Baldwin, in loving memory of her father & Mother;
- Martha Jane Bannister, in loving memory of Rev. Robert Bannister;
- Lois Bohlman, in loving memory of her parents and Brother;
- Jack Brennan, in loving memory of Elsie, John, & Grant Brennan and in celebration of Allison, Emily, Ryan & Zavi;
- Joyce Crawford, in loving memory of Paul Crawford;
- Jean A. Crowell & Judy Crowell Kenny, in loving memory of Donald & Gertrude Anderson, parents and grandparents;
- Larry & Karen Dwight, in loving memory of their daughter, Lesley Dwight-Cochran;
- Rich, Monica, and Tessa Frederick, in celebration of their friends and family;
- Beverly Gaston, in celebration of her family and in memory of Vernon Gaston;
- Diane Glascom, in celebration of the season;
- Susan Glascom, in celebration of Christmas;
- Lynn & Don Jordan, in memory of Marvella Kooiman Beck & Peter Kooiman;
- Dick Leonard, in memory of loved ones;
- Carol Luebbe, in loving memory of Larry Luebbe and David Luebbe;
- Dorothy Loizeaux, in celebration of this Christmas Season;
- Izar and Mary Lou Martinez, in memory of Carol Jean Martinez & Lee Arnold;
- Beverly Schmidkunz Boido, in loving memory of Berdelle Eidsness Schmidkunz;
- Steve & Sue Teele, in loving memory of Sue's mother, Dorothy Stickney;
- Joseph & Gayle Timilione, in memory of their wonderful Stuart Swain;
- Aleta West, in celebration of our church family;
- Terry Zeidler, in loving memory of the Zeidler family.

To these contributors, and to those of you who donated but requested not to be listed in this insert, THANK YOU.

In addition to providing poinsettias for the sanctuary, your bountiful donations are used to help families who find themselves unable to provide for themselves this holiday season.


Fun activities for young people.

Plans are still underway for establishing an activities room for young people, in Classroom 2, upstairs. We are looking for donations of indoor sports equipment, like a foosball table or a ping pong table. The plan is to revamp the Narthex and move some of the still-serviceable furniture into Classroom 2. Call the office if you can help.



Look who's having a birthday!

Happy Birthday!	
Jan 1	Adrian Rioballove
Jan 10	Randy Rajagukguk
Jan 13	Jack Tompkins
Jan 16	Isabel Browne
Jan 17	Lois Bohlman
Jan 20	James R. Appleton
Jan 20	Gayle Timilione
Jan 24	Larry Dwight
Jan 29	Joyce Crawford
Jan 31	Mary Lou Martinez



THE BEST PART ABOUT BEING OVER 40 IS WE DID MOST OF OUR STUPID STUFF BEFORE THE INTERNET!

FEARHEART TOUCHING FUN

ROTARY WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE 2016
JANUARY 15—16, 2016

The mission of the Rotary World Peace Conference 2016 is to bring together experts with solutions to major issues that are occurring in our personal lives, homes, schools, businesses and communities. We are inviting leaders from health care, academia, government, business, and churches to learn about the solutions proposed by the pundits. The format will encourage the development of action plans by the attendees. Thirteen training tracks will present methods of resolving and preventing conflict.

You can register for the conference at <http://www.peaceconference2016.org/> or as Al Polchow for more information. The conference will be held at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario California.



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