

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
- Samina Roiballove
- Luann Bangsund
- Kathleen Wilmot
- Ann Platz
- Jerri Rodewald
- Richard Jones
- Al Polchow

The Pastor's Corner

Four Conversations

“My soul waits for the Lord, more than sentries for the morning, more than sentries for the morning.”

Psalm 130:5

Young Life is a Christian organization that does youth work in public high schools. One youth worker who was organizing at the local American school in Lima, Peru, said something I won't forget, “What takes five *days* in business takes five *months* in the church.” The church's decision-making groups meet once a month and as a volunteer organization it takes longer to build consensus.

As I mentioned in a past Sunday's sermon, there are four conversations going on around the edges. This does *not* include our Music Task Force; the conversation with the presbytery's Evangelism and Mission Advocacy Team about our *2015 Mission Assessment*; or work being done on our web page and technology upgrades.

Those conversations are (1) What does it mean to be a truly multicultural church, (2) Do we have too much property for the size and scope of our congregation? (3) Are we an inclusive congregation, that is, if a gay or lesbian

couple or individual started worshipping with us would everyone accept him, her or them, and would they be encouraged to serve in leadership, and (4) Can we develop a com-

pelling Redlands or East Valley Presbyterian Vision for the year 2030 and beyond? Does it include our fellow Presbyterians on the north side?

These are big questions and vital conversations. The first (#1) will begin to be addressed on **May 2nd** with a workshop we're calling *Starting the Dialogue*. We'll be asking 6-8 people from each group, the Urdu-, Indonesian-, and English-speaking congregation to attend an event, facilitated by the Rev. Eric Law. This meeting will be held in John Knox Hall from 9:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M., with a catered lunch, and child care provided. The property talk (#2) is happening “off-line.” The session and congregation will be brought in if it feels like it's from the Spirit and a plan develops. Inclusivity (#3) is personal and potentially divisive. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't talk about it.

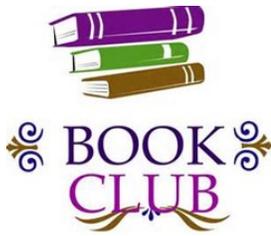
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Sunrise Morning Prayer

Sunrise Morning Prayer continues on Tuesdays through March 31, at 7:00 A.M. in the Narthex. Those who have experienced “Sunrise” have found it

very meaningful and it adds to our worship experience on Sunday morning. Coffee and refreshments will be served, and we finish promptly at 7:45.



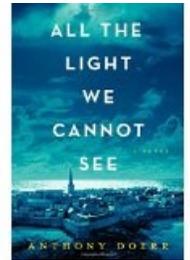
FPC-Redlands* *Monthly Book Club*

The book selection for March is *All the Light We Do Not See* by Anthony Doerr.

Books for the next few months will be selected at the March meeting. We encourage you to submit your recommendations.

You are welcome to join us the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 P. M.

Chris Kane will be hosting this month's meeting.



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| <p>March 1 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>
 8:00 AM Choir Practice
 9:30 AM English Worship Service
 Communion
 10:45 AM Adult Enrichment
 5:00 PM Indonesian Worship Service
 5:00 PM Pakistani/Indian Worship Svc.</p> <p>March 3
 7:00 AM Sunrise Morning Prayer</p> <p>March 4
 6:00 PM Lenten Supper Potluck</p> <p>March 5
 11:00 AM Deacons Meeting
 7:00 PM FPC Book Club</p> <p>March 8 <i>Daylight Savings begins</i>
 8:00 AM Choir Practice
 9:30 AM English Worship Service
 10:45 AM Adult Enrichment
 5:00 PM Indonesian Worship Service
 5:00 PM Pakistani/Indian Worship Svc</p> <p>March 9
 5:00 PM Worship & Congregational Life</p> <p>March 10
 7:00 AM Sunrise Morning Prayer</p> <p>March 11
 12:00 PM Bridge Club
 5:15 PM Property & Finance Mtg.
 6:00 PM Lenten Supper Potluck</p> <p>March 13
 11:00 A.M. Coffee Shop Bible Study</p> <p>March 15 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>
 8:00 AM Choir Practice
 9:30 AM English Worship Service
 10:45 AM Adult Enrichment
 5:00 PM Indonesian Worship Service
 5:00 PM Pakistani/Indian Worship Svc</p> <p>March 16
 7:00 PM Session Meeting</p> | <p>March 17
 7:00 AM Sunrise Morning Prayer</p> <p>March 18
 1:30 PM Wenonah Circle
 Joyce Crawford Hosts
 6:00 PM Lenten Supper Potluck</p> <p>March 20
 10:00 A.M. Knitting Companions</p> <p>March 21
 9:30 A.M. Presbyterian Education Day</p> <p>March 22 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>
 8:00 AM Choir Practice
 9:30 AM English Worship Service
 10:45 AM Adult Enrichment
 5:00 PM Indonesian Worship Service
 5:00 PM Pakistani/Indian Worship Svc</p> <p>March 23
 7:00 PM Mission Commission Mtg.</p> <p>March 24
 7:00 AM Sunrise Morning Prayer</p> <p>March 25
 6:00 PM Lenten Supper Potluck</p> <p>March 29 <i>Palm Sunday</i>
 8:00 AM Choir Practice
 10:00 AM English Worship Service
 10:45 AM Picnic on the patio
 5:00 PM Indonesian Worship Service
 5:00 PM Pakistani/Indian Worship Svc</p> |
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**The Great Courses—
 “Jesus and the Gospels”**

presented by Professor Timothy Luke Johnson of Emory University, and led by our own Ron Duvall. Fall in love with the Master through deeper understanding of his portraits in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. **Sundays, 10:45 A.M. thru March.**

Session Highlights

by Marcia Fagan, Clerk of Session



The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Redlands held its regularly monthly scheduled meeting on February 16, 2015 and took the following actions.

Approved the Elder Committee structure for 2015:

Christian Education & Evangelism: Wilson Kayange (Moderator), Al Polchow

Mission Commission: Ann Platz (Moderator), Samina Roiballove

Personnel: Rich Frederick (Moderator), Jeri Bray

Stewardship of Finance: Luann Bangsund (Moderator), Mark Evans

Stewardship of Property: Lynn Jordan (Moderator), Dick Jones

Worship & Congregational Life: Jerri Rodewald (Moderator), Kathleen Wilmot

Elected Marcia Fagan as Clerk of Session for 2015.

Elected Jeri Bray and Luann Bangsund as Session representatives to the Church Officer Nominating Committee.

Approved the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first Sunday of each month of 2015, with the exception of April 5, 2015, and with the addition of Thursday, April 2, 2015 (Maundy Thursday) and Friday, April 3, 2015 (for the Indonesian service).

Approved Luann Bangsund, Judy Tanner, Terry Zeidler, and Karen Dwight as Counters and Recorders for the Sunday offering, with the reminder that two Counters must be involved in the counting and recording at all times.

Approved continuing education/study leave for Pastor Tom for March 1 through March 6, 2015.

Approved the recommendation from the Stewardship of Finance Committee establishing policies and procedures for check writing.

Expressed grateful appreciation for the ongoing hard work and dedication of Lori Uber-Zak with the Scrip program. Approved the recommendation from Christian Education & Evangelism Committee that Session receive regular updates on the Scrip account and funds in order to consider these funds in support for the Christian Education program goals.

Approved the recommendation from the Worship & Congregational Life Committee to reschedule the Multicultural Worship and dinner for Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. (previously scheduled for Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015)

Approved the recommendation from the Worship & Congregational Life Committee to change the Sunday morning worship time to 10:00 a.m. on March 29, 2015 only.

Corporation officers elected for 2015:

President: Mark Evans

Secretary: Marcia Fagan Treasurer: Luann Bangsund



LENT AND EASTER

Sunrise meets at 7:00 A.M. Tuesdays, through the end of March. Join us for prayer, study, reflection and fellowship.

Lenten Suppers began on Wednesday, February 25 and continue for 4 Wednesday evenings. Dinner will be served at 6:00—potluck! All of us will have an opportunity to bring our favorite dishes. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex or call the office.

Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday, we will worship at 10:00 A.M. (previously reported as 4:00 P.M.). AND Community Presbyterian Church has been invited to join us for a picnic on the patio following worship.

Maundy Thursday service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 2.

Easter services & Brunch will be celebrated on Sunday, April 5, at the 9:30 worship service

The Redlands Bicycle Classic on April 12th encourages us to accept the gracious invitation of Community Presbyterian Church to worship with them at 320 Union Street, at 10:00 A.M. A picnic brunch will follow the worship service.

Please avail yourselves of all of these opportunities to share this glorious season with your church community. Invite your friends to join us!

New Member's Class Combined With Lenten Soup Suppers

This year we're showing five, short videos from *Theocademy: Form Your Faith, Anytime, Anywhere* as our New Members' or Inquirers Class. We're doing that in conjunction with a tasty meal on Wednesday nights in Lent.

I ask that you attend at least 4 of 5 videos and the following roundtable discussions if you want to unite with First Presbyterian Church of Redlands on Easter Sunday. If you choose to join, you will also meet with at least two representatives of the Session (church board) before uniting.

The lessons are:

March 21, Presbyterian Education Day

hosted by

First Presbyterian Church of Redlands

Two important amendments will be voted upon by every Presbytery this year in preparation for General Assembly in 2016. The first is to add the Bellhar Confession to our Book of Confessions. The second will be to amend the Book of Order regarding marriage between *a man and woman* to *between two people*. Both issues will be discussed on March 21.

Jane Dempsey Douglass, retired president of the former World Alliance of Reformed Churches (now World Communion of Reformed Churches), will be present from **10 A.M.—11:30** to discuss the Bellhar Confession, so that we all have a better understanding of the confession and why it is so important to add it to our Book of Confessions.

From **12:30 P.M.—2:00 P.M.**, there will be a discussion on the marriage amendment, presenting both sides of the issue. Lunch will be served 11:30—12:30; there will be a charge for lunch (details later). We will be taking reservations, and could use some help for registration. It is important to be knowledgeable about both of these amendments—please make an effort to attend.

1. *A People of Grace*
2. *Wicked Bad*
3. *Who Do You Say That I Am?*
4. *Update Your Faith System*
5. *Blessed to be a Blessing.*

For prospective members, new, and long-time members alike, they are artfully and playfully produced. They are sure to stimulate thought and acceptance of where you are on your journey of faith, hope and love.

Look who's having a birthday!

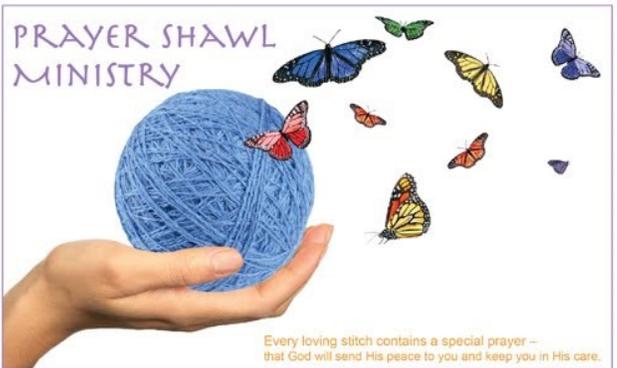
Happy Birthday!	
March 3	Jean Anderson Crowell
March 4	Lorence Kayange
March 5	Neena Jacob
March 8	Alice Munde
March 11	Norma Pucek
March 11	Shannon Polchow
March 14	Sohail Sardar
March 15	Carleton Lockwood
March 18	Evelina Sitompul
March 18	Cathy Smith
March 23	Claudette Lockwood
March 27	Nayab Sanchez



The Bridge Club meets in Classroom 1, on the second Wednesday of the month at noon. You're welcome to bring a sack lunch and join us for a very sociable game of Bridge. Call the church office for more information if it sounds like fun to you.

**Coffee Shop Circle
Bible Study**

You are cordially invited to join us for Bible Study and coffee at Olive Street Market, on the second **Friday** of the month, at 11:00. Meetings are held on the back patio, weather permitting.



KNITTING COMPANIONS

Do you like to knit or crochet? Or would you like to learn how to knit or crochet? If so, please come join us on the third Friday of the month at 10:00 AM. in Classroom 1. Our mission is to knit prayer shawls for those in need of extra comfort during times of great stress. Call Grace Baldwin or Jerri Rodewald and let us know that you will be there OR just show up on Friday, March 20. We look forward having you join us.

Some Security Tips

- Never throw away ATM receipts, credit statements, credit cards, or bank statements in a usable form.
- Never give your credit card number over the telephone unless you make the call.
- Reconcile your bank account monthly, and notify your bank of discrepancies immediately.
- Keep a list of telephone numbers to call to report the loss or theft of your wallet, credit cards, etc.
- Report unauthorized financial transactions to your bank, credit card company, and the police as soon as you detect them.
- Review a copy of your credit report at least once each year. Notify the credit bureau in writing of any questionable entries and follow through until they are explained or removed.
- If your identity has been assumed, ask the credit bureau to print a statement to that effect in your credit report.
- If you know of anyone who receives mail from credit card companies or banks in the names of others, report it to local or federal law enforcement authorities.

Did you know that you can ask the credit reporting agencies to “freeze” your credit report? By making your credit report unavailable to companies who issue credit, you don’t have to worry about someone opening new lines of credit in your name. The downside of that is that you will need to request a temporary lift of the freeze when you want to establish a new account. The procedure is simple and usually free. You can allow a specific vendor to view your credit report; or you can simply lift the freeze to everyone for a specified period of time.

If you were moving and anticipated opening several new accounts, you might lift the freeze for thirty days before your move in order to establish new utility service. Otherwise, it could be safer to make your report available only to State Farm if, for instance, you were changing insurance companies.

Smart phone users in Redlands

now have a new way to report a variety of issues to City employees quickly and easily thanks to Redlands 311, a new app for smart phones.

The free app, which is available for various platforms, including the iPhone, Android, BlackBerry and Windows Phone 7, allows users to snap a picture of issues such as potholes or graffiti, add a message and send it directly to City personnel. The application uses geo-tagging technology to automatically provide the problem’s location, simplifying the reporting process for users.

Using the Redlands 311 app, smart phone users will be able to report problems including:

- Abandoned bicycles, vehicles and shopping carts
 - Loose, dead or biting animals
 - Graffiti
 - Potholes
 - Flooding
 - Homeless encampments or nuisances
 - Illegal dumping
 - Illegal fires
 - Illegal signs
 - Parking violations
 - Overgrown or problem trees and plants
 - Roadway or sidewalk dangers
 - Non-working streetlights
 - Polluting vehicles

Smart phone users can download the app by searching for the words “Redlands 311” in their phone’s app store.

The City is also implementing computer technology in pothole trucks, allowing crews to receive detailed information and file timely reports from the field, speeding up the repair process.

Through a partnership with GIS technology innovator ESRI, the City received a deep discount as an early implementer of the technology. Redlands is one of only four cities in California currently using the technology. The others are San Francisco, Los Angeles and Glendale.



Introducing the Board of Deacons for 2015:

Dorothy Loizeaux-Moderator
Jean Vieten- Vice Moderator
Chris Kane - Treasurer
Susan Glascom- Recording Secretary
Lois Bohlman- Corresponding Secretary
Lynn Phelps- Prayer Chain
Dorothy Moore- Family Service Donation Drop-off
Jan Pflaum, Izar Martinez, and Alice Munde/Kayange assist with Communion, visitation, and various service and member requests as needed.
Please welcome and get to know these wonderful helpers in our church.



2015 Churchwide Gathering Of Presbyterian Women June 18 -21, 2015 Minneapolis MN

The Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women is a time to make and renew friendships, enrich our minds and souls and engage in new ways to live out our PW Purpose through mission opportunities, advocacy work and Bible study. This June it will also be an opportunity to renew ourselves as an important body within the Church—one body with many members. It will be a time to celebrate the one Spirit that lives and works through all of us. We will recognize the gifts of the Spirit that have graced each of us and lift up the shared mission and ministry that is accomplished when we work and worship together as a single body. Join us at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis and be a part of the “One Body, One Spirit” celebrated there. Bring your friends and family, so that you might celebrate and share your gifts with the whole community. Registration booklets are available in the church office.

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The Pastor’s Corner—Four Conversations

Vision 2030

I’m most excited about Vision 2030. In the year 2030, what would a Presbyterian Church look like that would attract families, youth and older adults?

“We wait *for the Lord*”, is not just a good idea. As we move forward in this transitional time, know that big questions are being asked. We seek answers from God, the Holy Spirit and the amazingly talented and dedicated people of this congregation and those of Community Presbyterian Church,

With hope and affection,
Pastor Tom

Confirmation News

It is the Pakistani and Indonesian Presbyterian and Reformed practice to have youth and young adults receive the Lord’s Supper for the first time after they are confirmed. During Lent, 4-6 high school and college age young adults in our congregation will be determining if Christian faith is for them. Then they’ll meet with representatives of the Session, declare their faith and join with us on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd for the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 P.M., in the Sanctuary. Veta Arnold and Pastor Tom are leading the class which will be held in the Pastor’s Office from 10:45 to 11:45 on Sundays, from February 22nd to March 22nd. Please be in prayer for these young people as they make their decisions.

Young people will join with the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

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