



The FPC Newsletter

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Serve the Community Theme for 2016

What is it that God would have us do as a church? There are a lot of ways to answer that question. As your leadership team (or session) we have been thinking about that a lot. Are there ways to reach people whose lives we are not touching right now? Are there ways we can bless our area that we have not yet considered?

The Session has asked me to create an emphasis on reaching out more and more. Below are a list of what is planned at this point. It is our way to "Serve the Community." Of course, it is not the only way we serve the community. These are just additional opportunities for people to receive some help and feel invited into the fellowship.

Our first "Serve the Community" event is called, "Successful School Year Tips and Techniques" to be held on Thursday, September 8 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. It will be a panel of moms and dads sharing what they did at various ages and stages to help their children succeed.

How to Thrive Again After Divorce is being offered by me (Pastor Stuart) and Cindy from 6:30-8:00 on Thursday, September 22.

In October, we offer a special new worship opportunity on Saturday,

October 1 at 4:00 (see related article.)

That month we are offering "Secrets to a Great Blended Family" that Cindy and I will also teach on Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00.

The following day, October 23, we will have ONE SERVICE so that we can all enjoy the second annual chili cook off downstairs.

Those are just some of the things we are doing in the first two months of this program year. About now, you just might be saying, "But I am not divorced. I don't have kids in the house anymore. I am not part of a blended family. And I don't even like chili."

I understand. However, the theme is "Serve the Community." Think in these terms: Who do you know who might fit one of these events? Could you tell them that you will bring them and even sit with them through the presentation? The more we are inviting, the more we are opening up to others, the more we have a chance to reach out and touch our community.

We are looking at other events in the upcoming months, and I will be sure to let you know about them. Thank you for your great support of FPC in every way. Now, the Lord is giving us yet another way. Every one of us can participate, invite, and serve our community.
by Pastor Stuart

Announcements

September 4--Our first Sunday of the month is both communion and a meal afterwards. We hope you will join us for this meal celebrating our fellowship and the joy of being together.

September 7-- Wednesday, King's Kids Boot Camp 5:30-7:15pm. Dinner will be provided.

September 8 -- "Successful School Year Tips & Techniques" 6:00-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Normal Sunday Schedules are Back on September 11-- Contemporary services at 9:00 and Traditional services at 10:30am. Susan Scrimsher will be filling in on organ for the later service.

New Women's Bible Studies!

Tuesday's starting **Sept. 13** at 5:30pm

Wednesday's starting **Sept. 14** at 9:00am

September 18th -- Christian Women of the Basin's Praise & Worship Night at 6:30pm at FPC.



September 22 -- 6:30-8:00 How to Thrive Again After Divorce by Pastor Stuart & Cindy

Tina Watson lost her son, Darrell, in August. She wrote this note to all of us:

Thank you FPC for all that you have done and continue to do for Darrell and I. I am so blessed to be part of this church family. Thank you for your prayers and helping us through this time.

Tina and family

Announcements

FPC will have its first Saturday Night Worship service on October 1st at 4:00 PM. This is an opportunity for those at FPC (and beyond) to experience a different kind of service at our church. It will be less formal than our Sunday services and will focus on our stories and personal experiences to strengthen our faith and encourage trust in God. We will sing modern worship songs, experience prayer together and encourage one another to trust that when God calls us to walk out on the water, he will protect us. Please consider joining us for worship on Saturday, October 1st! If you have any questions about the service, please contact Mary Kern at maryekern@hotmail.com

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Preaching Schedule

Preaching in September and October
We begin our fall series by looking more deeply at this theme of “Serving our Community.” Our opening Sunday marks the 15th anniversary of a date we know all too well: 9/11. Our theme is “The Battle of Our Lives.”

Then we take off with questions like, “Me? A Servant?” That, in turn, moves us into a four week focus on how servants listen. We will be focusing on Bill Hybels’ “The Power of a Whisper.” We will then look at “The Lasting Influence of Servants” as we remember and do a roll call of those who are now part of “The Church Triumphant.” I believe you will be blessed and equipped to serve the Lord even better following these several months. Pastor Stuart

Your Church is Blue

Not in the sense of being sad. But in the sense of supporting the community's emphasis on Blue Zones, we are one of many churches who want to support not only our spiritual health but also our physical health.

Erin Cox will make a presentation on Sunday, September 18 between services. She is a delightful presenter and every one of us can use some help with becoming a bit more healthy!

Pastor Stuart

Women's Bible Studies

You won't want to miss out on our Fall Bible study! Both morning and evening groups are kicking off the season with Beth Moore's newest study, “Entrusted: a study of 2 Timothy.” This is your chance to dig in deeper with a group of ladies to support and encourage you on your journey through the Bible. We lift each other up in prayer, question and search for answers together, and learn so much about our God and His word.

Join us either Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm or Wednesday mornings at 9:00am beginning September 13th and 14th. Our first meeting will be an introduction celebration. You can either bring a dish to share for this potluck or just show up and get your book! Registration is \$15.00 for your study book, but please don't let that stop you as we have scholarships available as well. Hope to see you at bible study! For more information you can reach me by text or phone call to 541-891-0395 by Karli Fussell

New!

You are all cordially invited to: “Life Around the Table” on Thursday, October 13 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and join us for dinner as we gather together to get to know each other better and share life. by Karli Fussell

R.O.C.K. Youth Group



We did it again! ROCK (Reaching Out in Christian Koinonia = community) Youth group rafted the Rogue! We had 17 people total go and more that wanted to go, if we had enough boats. Next year is going to be even bigger! We left the church at 12pm and got back around 8:30pm. Three boats, three guides and an awesome river to ride!

Thank you so much to Carrie Demetrakos, Emily Coe, and Jake Weems for braving the day with the youth!

Once our river adventure ended we made our way over to Jasper's in Medford for the best burgers and shakes you can find! They were ROCK stars taking in 17 people a half hour before they closed!

by Heather Bartlett & Austyn Weems

R.O.C.K. Happenings

On September 4th the 6th-8th grade kids of the ROCK Youth group want to invite any new 6th graders to a fun filled night of bowling at the Epicenter. Cost is free and so is the food! Please invite your friends and let them know how much fun youth group is! Please let Heather know if you can come and if you are bringing a friend!

hbartlett@klamathfpc.com or visit us on Facebook at ROCK youth group.

ROCK Youth Group 6th-8th Grade

Bowling Party @ The Epicenter for New 6th Graders

**September 4th
6pm-7:30pm
Dinner Included
Invite your
Friends!!**



ROCK Youth Kick-Off Party September 11th 6:pm-7:30pm Meet at the church Dinner will be provided



**Bring a friend!
Prizes for the
most items
checked off
your list!!!!**

King's Kids Boot Camp



Wednesday, September 7th from 5:30 to 7:15pm we will start King's Kids Boot Camp for "Operation Love God and Others." Dinner will be provided.

Bring your friends!

Senior Luncheon



Bill Nicholson was our presenter at the August Senior Luncheon. He gave us a wonderful account of some of the history in the Fort Klamath

area. Bill even has set up a museum of historical items on his ranch. If you ever get the chance to view his museum of this historic information he would love to have you. Thanks Bill!

September 19th is the next luncheon. The presenter will be Allison Miller, Assistant District Attorney. She will be speaking about our Court System and her place in it.

The October luncheon will be on the 17th, and the presenter will be Brooke Smith. She will be speaking about what we need to think about in preventative medical care. by Belinda Reno and Barb Dehlinger

FPC Library

Become Acquainted With Your Church Library! Find us at the end of the hallway past the Pastor's office.

We have fiction by well-known Christian writers, a vast assortment of non-fiction and entertaining DVD's.

You will find help for every avenue of your Christian walk: spiritual assistance, financial aid, and practical living.

It is easy to check out once you have chosen what you want. Just write your name and date on the card and put it in the green file box. Also, on the church website: www.klamathfpc.com, you will find a complete and current list of the FPC Library Books, DVD's, and Audio Books. Check it out!

New DVD's in stock:



Pregnancy Hope Center



Thank you, thank you, thank you FPC!

Thru your contributions, for a total of \$835.91, you have given "Hope" to many young parents. You have helped provide physical needs such as baby clothing, formula, diapers, and many other things. There is also counseling and lots of support for these young mothers and fathers when they have no where to turn. Thank you!

Why I Love America by Grace Barnes



I was born into an immigrant family; English father, American mother. My grandparents and

and parents were missionaries to China. My parents grew up in China separately and later in life went back to China as missionaries, met and married. We moved 31 times before I was three. That same year our family traveled by boat to spend Christmas in the US and England on a furlough. The first boat stop was in Manila on Pearl Harbor Day. The crew got scared and dumped us and our luggage on the dock and we were stranded for three years. God protected us in amazing ways during WWII.

Finally release came to our family and we traveled to the US and England and back to China. We children went to British boarding school 'til the Communists took over China. All missionaries were kicked out. I was 12. Our family went to England, but our father was held back by the Communists for three years. After further British boarding school education, our mother and us four kids traveled to the US and settled in California. I went right into a Christian high school. Father was released and eventually joined us.



Our parents decided that it was best for us to live in the US. And in my senior year, I wrote in my Bible, "Here I am, send me!"



Wow! I sure didn't know what that would mean for my future. By that time I had traveled and moved so much and had lived in five homelands, that **I felt I didn't really belong anywhere.**

Here are a few of the amazing opportunities I have had since living and working in the US. 1) A college education focused on youth which led to working with Young Life, 2) Continued higher education, becoming a professor and traveling to 50 countries over 25 years, and 3) The calling to God's Kingdom work with churches and other ministries across the country.

I now believe I belong everywhere!

America is beautiful to me.

I believe we are all blessed!

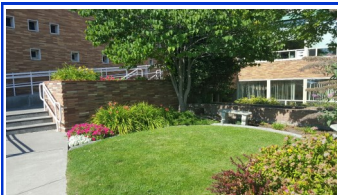


New Church Directory!

Yes, it is that time again! But this time is different. A new program by Lifetouch that we can have our pictures taken and not need to repeat for a very long time. They will give us new directories every time we have 20 changes.

The photographers will be here October 19, 20, 21, and Saturday the 22nd. If you click on [this link](#) to schedule your appointment, you can schedule it now or on our website at www.klamthfpc.com.

Physical Resource Team



WOW-the Memorial Garden area looks so light and open now.

The Physical Resource Committee has been working with Charlie Short and Horizon Nursery to get extra jobs done outside. This year's extra project has been to remove some overgrown or dead bushes in the Memorial Garden. There will be new shrubs planted there and in front of the stained glass window. Parents need to be aware that the bushes that used to be a "fence" on the north side are now gone, so there is no barrier on that edge.

Work-Day projects in June included touch-up pointing on outside entry rails, changing air filters, touch-up painting downstairs after re-location of coat racks, window washing, weed removal/spraying and general litter pick up. Helping the committee were Todd Wilkins and Wes Handley.

Agile bodies are needed to help with the pew stabilization project. Do you have skills or experience with painting railings? Those in the Fellowship Hall on the ramp and down the stairs are in sad shape.

The committee could use help with projects and appreciates people sharing their time and talents when needed. Scott Senter is committee chair and would welcome names of people who can help in different areas. by A. Weaver

MOPS (Moms of Pre-schoolers)

We are so excited to welcome all the moms back to our MOPS & MOMSnext programs this year! If you are a mom of kids under the age of 12, we encourage you to join us for a little bi-weekly R&R. This year's theme is "We are the starry eyed: a year of wonder, hope and kindness." Here's an excerpt from MOPS International that explains the theme and what we will be delving into this year.

"Sometimes we think we have to pick one, when in reality it is always both: light and dark, hope and fear, kindness and risk, wonder and mundane. This is evidenced by the fact that we are people meant to live by both sunlight and moonlight. Our natural rhythms revolve around the circling of the sun and moon. Yet often our tendency is to cling to one, the one that is more comfortable, forgetting that our fullest living comes when we embrace the swirly mix. Starry eyed means looking for the light even when darkness is enveloping. It is an opportunity to hope recklessly and to witness God's presence guiding things seen and unseen, comfortable and uncomfortable. When we reflect back over our lives, this year is going to stand out. It will be the year that we decided to live fully by both sunlight and moonlight. Because audacity is rising in the deepest and wildest parts of our souls. And the best part is, we will experience it together."

We meet every second and fourth Tuesday from 9-11am in the Fellowship Hall beginning September 13th. It's going to be an exciting year! Hope to see you there!
by Karli Fussell

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Janell Knutson
Dustin Demetrakos
Sharon Nelson
Judy Swan
Tammie Williams
Lee Woods

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Zone 1-Bryan Coe &
Tammie
Williams
Zone 2-Sharon Nelson
& Lee Woods
Zone 3-Denny Fullerton
Zone 4-Dustin
Demetrakos &
Judy Swan
Zone 5-Charlie
Dehlinger
Zone 6-Janell Knutson