

## Sharings from Sharon

Dear Friends:

During my Lenten Journey I have been focusing my study and meditation time on the recorded words of Jesus as he hung on the Cross. They are:

- “Here is your mother” (John 19:27)
- “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34).
- “Today you will be with me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43).
- “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34).
- “I am thirsty” (John 19:28)
- “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit” (Luke 23:46).
- “It is finished” (John 19:30)

I have found myself drawn toward the third phrase that Jesus spoke to one of the two thieves that the Romans were crucifying alongside Jesus. They were dying horrible deaths yet one of them joined the crowd in the mocking of Jesus. Jesus’ response as he watched the soldiers cast lot for his clothes, the Priests pointing at him with disgust, the crowd hurling their insults, was to pray for mercy for every one of them. Somehow, the second thief’s eyes were open and he was able to see the truth of what was being done. He took the crowd and the other thief to task and said “Stop. Don’t you see? We deserve to die. This man doesn’t. He is innocent.” Then he turned to Jesus and said: “Remember me when you come into your kingdom” (Luke 23:43). Even in the midst of his own agony Jesus was a healer and told the man that: “Today you will be with me in Paradise”.

Once again I am awed by the nature of our Savior and the amazing glimpse of the glory and love of God. Jesus’ words to this man spoke volumes about the nature of God’s mercy and of salvation.

As we move to the joyous celebration of Easter I once again encourage you not to ignore the last week of Jesus’ life. Easter dawns so much more glorious if we are willing to walk the valley of Christ’s ultimate sacrifice. Perhaps these scriptures I have listed will encourage you to read the story, to share worship on Maundy Thursday, to add a time of Prayer on Good Friday, and then gather Easter Morning to rejoice together once again.

Joyfully in Christ’s Service, *Pastor Sharon*



### Lenten Activities in April:

**April 6 - After Fellowship: 3rd Adult Study in the “LIVING “GENEROUSLY” series**

**April 13 - PALM SUNDAY**

- ◆ Los Gatos Brass will join our worship
- ◆ Church photo will be taken right after worship... practice smiling :-)
- ◆ Easter Brunch hosted by Connections
- ◆ After the brunch: 4th Adult Study in the “Living Generously” series

**April 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY**

- ◆ 7 p.m.

**April 18 - GOOD FRIDAY**

- ◆ 12 noon - 3 p.m., 5-6 p.m. The Church will be open for individual prayer and meditation during these hours.

**April 20 - EASTER**

- ◆ Celebration of our risen Lord
- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt for Children AND Adults after worship!





**“Go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage - to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If you do that, you’ll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life.”**

**- 1 Timothy 6:18 (The Message)**



**APRIL Birthdays!**

**Anna Lucia Capuchino**  
turned 1 year on April 2!



**Maralyn Anderson** April 7



**4th Annual Congregational Photo to be Taken on Palm Sunday**

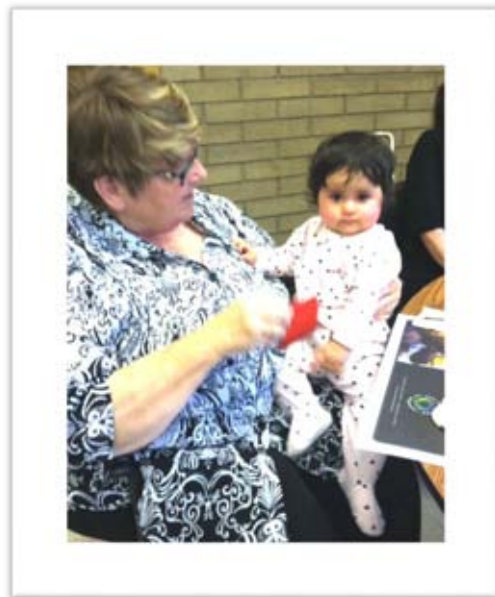
**DON'T MISS IT!!!**



**WANTED!**

**Good home for sweet cat**

Pastor Sharon is looking for a good home for her parents cat. The perfect home for this cat would be one in which there are no other pets. This cat is 15 years old and has a little arthritis (don't we all!) Call Sharon if you're interested in a new kitty-friend!



**Pastor Sharon loving baby Anna Capuchino at March 19 Soup Supper**



# FPC Mission



## Front Door Ministry

In March we made and gave out **2,005** lunches for some **720** people (some of whom came to the door several times).

So far this year we have given out **5,990** lunches. [We gave out **13,510** lunches in 2013.]

## Monthly Food Drive for the Hungry People Served by Sacred Heart Community Services

In March we gave **40 lbs.** of useful canned and packaged food to **Sacred Heart Community Services**. So far this year, we have donated **385 lbs.** of food, and **4,640 lbs. of food** since we began our monthly food drive five years ago in June, 2009.



# Heroes

During the Soup Supper Series in March we added three more stellar additions to our **FPC Hero Hall of Fame**: **John Lococo** and **Susan** and **Travis Hyatt**. These three join **Ole Johnson**, **Sister Marilyn Lacey**, Director of **Mercy Beyond Borders**, and **Maria Evans**, Principal of **Washington Elementary School**.

## Service Worship Conference

**John Capuchino**, **Pat** and **Greg Plant** attended the recent regional Service Worship Conference and promoted our **FPC Front Door Ministry** volunteer and lunch bag-making opportunities to the more than 500 church representatives present.

Conference members heard the benefits to churches and our community of 5th Sunday-like service worship events like our church has had for the past 5 years.





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### OUR MISSION:

At **First Presbyterian Church of San Jose**, we are a Spirit-led Community of Faith where the life and love of Jesus Christ is felt and shared.

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### Newsletter Submissions:

Please submit items to **Pat Plant**. Any format works (in person, church mailbox, email [pat.plant@gmail.com](mailto:pat.plant@gmail.com)).



Deadline for the **May, 2014 edition** is **Monday, April 28, 2013.**

### Friends, visitors, newcomers:

### Join us this Sunday!

**Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.** (come by 10:20 a.m. and join in the praise singing preparing us for worship.)

### Fellowship Time: Following Worship

Children attend the first part of the worship service. Following the Children's Message, Sunday School is available for nursery through high school. High school – age children attend worship service on the first Sunday of the month, and a teen discussion other weeks.

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