

Sharings from Sharon

Dear Members and Friends:

Wishing you a rainbow
For sunlight after showers—
Miles and miles of Irish smiles
For golden happy hours---
Shamrocks at your doorway
For luck and laughter too,
And a host of friends that never ends
Each day your whole life through!



Michele and I had a wonderful vacation in Ireland. We were able to connect with family that we had never met in person and Michele had the lovely experience of being accepted as a family member with open arms.

We were also able to leave a bit of Mother's ashes in the Irish Sea. It was a meaningful moment that helped us say good-bye to Mom until we meet again in God's Kingdom.

I have a keen interest in Celtic Spirituality and I had the opportunity to do some first-hand research that renewed my interest and fed my soul. I was able to visit the grave of Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. His grave is in the graveyard in a Church of England in Northern Ireland. They claim, with some success, that Patrick was never Roman Catholic.

We also had the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Ireland and the gentleness of her people. We had the lovely experience of being care free, on our own time schedule, and open to experience any adventure God had in mind for us. It truly was a time of re-creation. I would like to thank-you for giving me the time and the support to have this wonderful experience.



My hope for you is that the summer months will also give you a time for re-creation---perhaps an afternoon a week or an extended time of leave. It is good for our bodies and our souls to take time for re-creation. May God Bless you and keep you as you take time to enjoy the "lazy days of summer."

Joyfully, in Christ's Service

Pastor Sharon

5th Sunday June 29th

We are doing 4 projects this Sunday:



1. Playing BINGO at Town Park Towers



2. Making bag lunches for our Front Door Ministry



3. Making bag lunches for the Bill Wilson Center for at-risk teens



4. Bagging laundry soap for our Front Door Ministry

The 5th Sunday is our FPC opportunity not to go to church but to "be the church!"

JULY AND AUGUST.....



Change for Change

Starting in July we will save our coins for this year's **Change for Change** project, to help start our new FPC Front Door ministry, a "Gathering Place for Women." This will be an afternoon retreat for

homeless and poor women to come relax, eat a nutritious meal, have fellowship with other women and get needed support from local agencies.



Summer Salad Suppers

Wednesday, July 16, 23, and 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Theme: **Palestine**

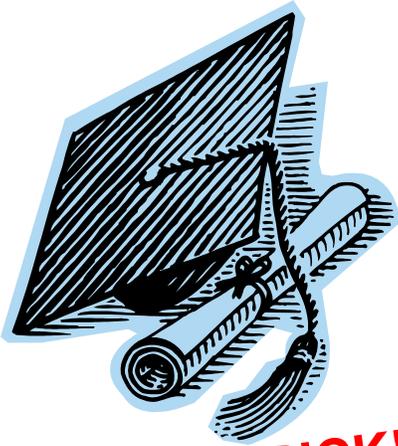
Isaiah 65:19: "I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress."

See more details on page 2.



Summer Worship and Picnic

Our FPC backyard - Sunday, August 3, 10:30 am—1:00 pm



YEA! PATRICK!

John, Patrick, Lori and Mike Tierney with cake on June 1st celebrating Patrick's graduation from high school



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Wednesday, July 16, 23, and 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Sign up to bring salads or dessert. We will share a light summer meal and then step into the history, present day, PC USA involvement, and travel stories to this ancient, troubled, beautiful, interesting place amid conflict and sorrow, Palestine.

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July 16 - Our guest speaker will be local Palestinian community leader, Samir Lemoune who will give us an overview of the history, culture and present day problems in Palestine.

July 23 - The Rev. David McCreath, who served as a Commissioner for the recent PC USA General Assembly in Detroit, will share the emotional debate and decision to divest PC USA pension funds from 3 U.S. companies (Hewlett Packard, Motorola, and Caterpillar) who sell things in Israel that lead to harm to the Palestinians.

This brave decision was met with both happiness (in groups who support the rights of Palestinians and do not approve of actions by the state of Israel that harm them), and disapproval from others (Israelis, supporters of the state of Israel.)

July 30 - We will hear from our new church friend Martha Beattie on her trip last year to Palestinian West Bank. She will share the interesting highlights she experienced.

FPC Mission



Front Door Ministry

In May we made and gave out **1,896** lunches for the hungry people who came to our door. We are averaging 125 people at our front door each day!

So far this year we have given out **14,108** lunches. [We gave out **27,810** lunches in 2013.]

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

In May we gave **60 lbs.** of useful canned and packaged food to **Sacred Heart Community Services**. So far this year, we have donated **485 lbs.** of food, and **4,740 lbs. of food** since we began our monthly food drive five



Garden Joy

Our gardeners led by Rich Stewert, have planted lots of pretty flowers and vegetables in our garden area.



June Birthdays!

Don Choi June 27

Jo Fukasawa June 28



July Birthdays!

Helen Rodriguez July 2

Lori Tierney July 5

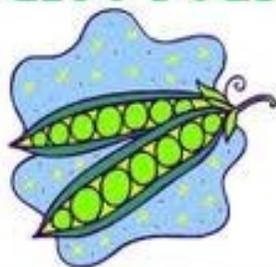
Greg Plant July 9

Luana Reveles July 9

Susan Hyatt July 22

Aysan Abasi July 27

Give Peas



a chance

We are the Church

By Avery & Marsh

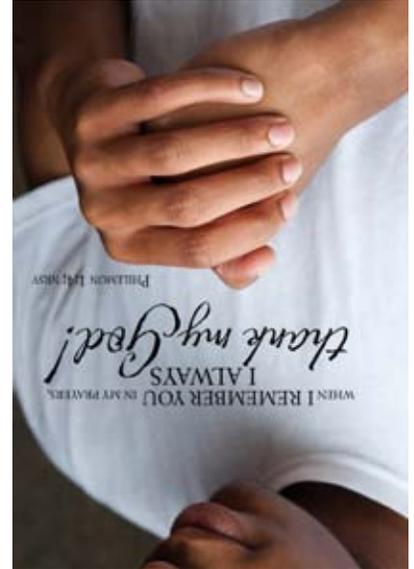
I am the church! You are the Church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, All around the world, Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, The church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, The church is a people!

We're many kinds of people, With many kinds of faces,
All colors and all ages, too, From all times and places.

At Pentecost some people received the hOly Spirit
And told the Good News through the world to
All who would hear it.

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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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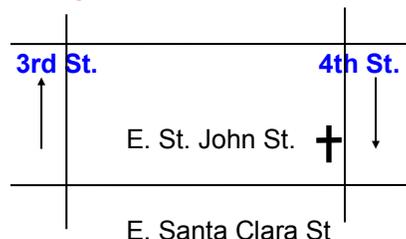
Join us this Sunday!

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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