



Sharon cutting her 30th Anniversary cake

Sharings from Sharon

Dear Friends:

Thank-you so much for celebrating my 30th anniversary of ordained ministry with me. It was a wonderful worship experience that I will always remember. I want to thank everyone for the beautiful Celtic Cross with such kind words and of course your support of the Women's Gathering Place that will open on November the 10th. A special word of thanks to the Deacons, who always make events special. You are deeply appreciated!

So many things are happening during the month of October. I sometimes wonder how our little church does so many things. I do believe that

the joy we have in serving our Lord is what keeps us going. God continues to bless and surprise us in numerous ways.

We always enjoy the celebration of **World Communion with our Peace Making Offering and our celebratory International Brunch.**

My fiancé, David Thomas, and I want to extend a welcoming invitation to all of you to our wedding sometime in the future. **We have postponed the event for now.**

May God Continue to Bless and Nourish Us, As We Continue to Serve With Joy.

- Pastor Sharon



COMING UP ON OCTOBER & NOVEMBER-SUNDAYS!

Sun. Oct 5:

- ⇒ World Communion Sunday
- ⇒ **Change for Change coin collection** for our new **Women's Gathering Place.**
- ⇒ **Peacemaking Offering** will be collected
- ⇒ **International Brunch**
- ⇒ **Sun. Oct. 12: Outdoor Worship and Pet Blessing**

- ⇒ **Oct. 15, 22 & 29: 6:30 p.m.: Soup Supper Series—Delicious dinner and discussion of "Bad Girls from the Bible"**

- ⇒ **Nov. 9: FPC's 165th Anniversary of our church's beginning Celebrated**

- ⇒ **Nov. 10: Soft Opening of the Women's Gathering Place**



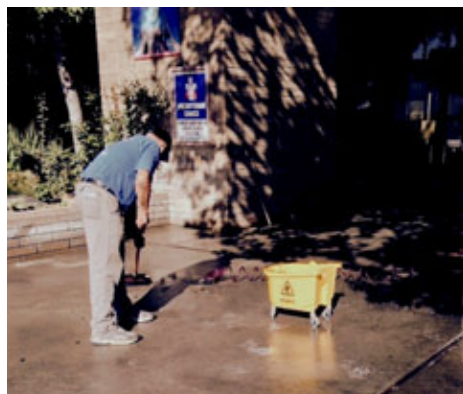
- ⇒ **Sun. Nov. 16 : Operation Christmas Child Show Boxes due**

- ⇒ **Sun. Nov. 30: Next 5th Sunday "Service Worship" Day**



2 of our Friends Help keep the church clean!

Maralynn keeps our refrigerator clean.



Jesse scrubs the front walkway and the benches.

Give Peas



a chance

Soup Supper Series



Wed nights, 6:30 p.m. Oct. 15, 22, 29

Sign up to bring parts of the dinner AND to research and share about one of these bad biblical babes:

- 10/15:** Eve, Potipher's wife, Lot's wife
- 10/22:** The Woman at the Well, Delilah, Sapphira
- 10/29:** Rehab, Jezebel, The Sinful Woman



FPC's BIG Congregation spills out onto 3rd St. in front of old church, 1927

Interestingly, both Grace Baptist on San Fernando and 10th St., and First Christian Church on S. 5th St. have identically posed photos of their congregations taken in the same era.

FPC to celebrate 165th Birthday on November 9th!!

We've been serving the San Jose faith community for a very long time. Did you know our church was the first Presbyterian church established in our area?



Women's Gathering Place to open Nov. 10

Coming soon is the new Front Door project for women that Pastor Sharon is heading up. Homeless women who come to our morning food program will be able to come back two afternoons a week and enjoy relaxing time, discussion, help from aid workers, and a healthy dinner. Please keep this new program in your prayers.

Our *Change for Change* donation brought in \$436.97 to the Women's Gathering Place; Sharon's Ordination Anniversary gifts from the congregation given to this purpose totaled another \$575.00!

FPC Mission



Front Door Ministry

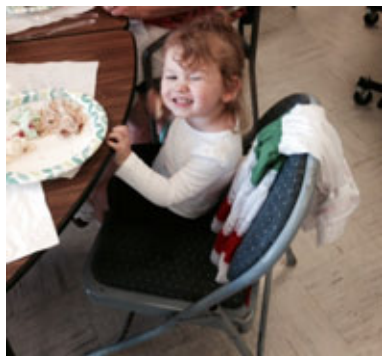
In September we made and gave out **2,522** lunches for the hungry people who came to our door. We are averaging 150 people at our front door each day! So far this year we have given out **19, 111** lunches. Three other churches, wanting to help us out, brought us 800 lunches in September! [We gave out **27,810** lunches in 2013.]

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

In September we gave **60 lbs.** of useful canned and packaged food to **Sacred Heart Community Services**. So far this year, we have donated **625 lbs.** of food, and **4,865 lbs. of food** since we began our monthly food drive five years ago in June, 2009.



World Communion Sunday Oct. 5



After worship we shared a delicious international luncheon in the Social Hall.

Teresa Johnson's niece Melanie enjoyed lunch.

Teresa and the "spread!"



The church family appreciating a good meal together



October and November Birthdays!

Oct. 1 Mike Tierney

Nov. 3 John Tierney

Oct. 12 Charlotte Powers

Nov. 10 Pat Plant

Oct. 15 Marjorie Pearson

Nov. 15 Michele Hare

Oct. 18 Fred Griffith

Nov. 25 Ole Johnson

Nov. 3 Bernadine Boyland

Nov. 27 Tray Gray