

The Vision



A Community of Comfort and Care

Where:

- ~ Christ Reigns Supreme
- ~ Worship Lifts the Spirit
- ~ The Bible Touches Hearts & Minds
- ~ Serving Brings Meaning
- ~ Relationships Change Lives

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

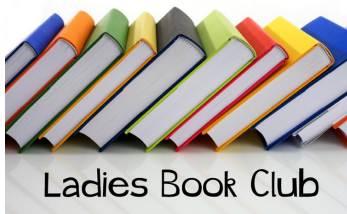


Mon. - Thurs. 7 am-4 pm
Friday 8 am-12 pm

TEAM LEADERS
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FOX HAL



Wednesday, May 8th
Tanner Jacks, AG Mesa
8:00 AM



Ladies Book Club

May 9 at 11:30 am – Fox Hall
NOTE CHANGE IN BOOK FOR
MAY!!!

May 9: Rules of Civility – Amor
Towles (fiction)
 On the last night of 1937, twenty-five-year-old Katey Kontent is in a

second-rate Greenwich Village jazz bar when Tinker Grey, a handsome banker, happens to sit down at the neighboring table. This chance encounter and its startling consequences propel Katey on a year-long journey into the upper echelons of New York society —where she will have little to rely upon other than a bracing wit and her own brand of cool nerve.

June 13: Beartown – Fredrik Backman (fiction)

ALL WOMEN are invited to join our Ladies Book Club. We meet in Fox Hall, at church at 11:30 am, the 2nd Thursday of the month. Bring your lunch!

YOU ARE FREE TO JOIN US FOR ONE OR MORE OF OUR MEETINGS. Copies of our entire reading list are available on the church library table. If you haven't come before, please give your email address to Cathy Brady (cathy.brady@gmail.com) so we can update you on any changes to the schedule.

Weekly Reminders

Thursdays

★ Choir Practice 6:30 PM

Sundays

★ Worship Service 10:30 AM



Monthly Reminders

- ★ Ladies Bookclub
- 2nd Thursday**
- ★ Genealogy Club
- 3rd Monday**
- ★ Presbyterian Women's Luncheon
- 4th Thursday**



**Genealogy Club –
May 13th @ 10:30 AM**

Our purpose is to help and encourage each other in our research. If you're interested in discovering your family history, we invite you to join us. We can even help you get started on your own family tree. Laptop computer helpful but not necessary. Bring your curiosity and enthusiasm! Contact Kathy Nienhouse at knienhouse@yahoo.com with any questions or to let us know you're coming.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Losses come in a lot of ways and grief comes in waves. If you are experiencing grief from any kind of loss, loss of a loved one to death, loss of a relationship, loss of health, loss of hope and energy. It can help to meet together in a positive environment with others who share your experience. If you would like to explore the possibility of a group to walk through these times with, please join us in Fox Hall the

3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM.

Next date: April 21st.
Kristy Clark or Pat Ford will be facilitating the group.



The Living Word ministry would like to thank the congregation and Presbyterian Women for supporting the mission projects for Children's Day and Mother's Day for our indigenous population. We gathered over 30 books for the children, and made 18 gift baskets for our indigenous participant moms.

THANK YOU!

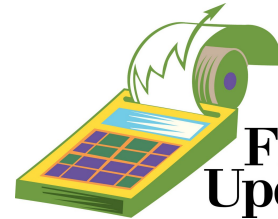


THREADS OF FAITH

Welcome All Crafters!

Join us **May 25th from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in Fox Hall. Come work on a project or learn a craft, or stop by to drop off what you have made. All

crafters are welcome, if you can make items we can donate locally or globally. Enjoy fellowship while you give to others. For more information, contact Caroline Cohen (805-345-5297 cscohen45@gmail.com).



Giving for the 1st 6 months of Fiscal Year (Oct 18-Mar 19)
\$146,257.99

Budget for the 1st 6 months of Fiscal Year (Oct 18-Mar 19)
\$152,850.00

Short fall \$6,592.01

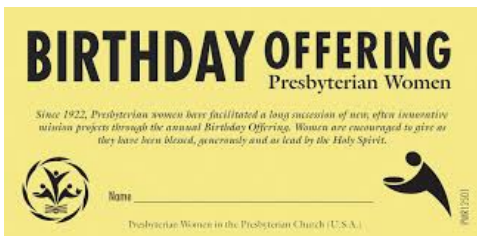
Please review your planned giving to the church to see if you are current in your giving. Contact Caroline Johnson in the church office if you need a report of your giving.



A Message from Dan McNerney: Our mission partner and an associate director of Frontier Fellowship Dan just returned from 2 weeks in Egypt. In his letter, he says "The contrast between light and dark throughout the Arab world has never been

greater than it is now. ISIS, Al Qaeda, and the Brotherhood of Islam have done more to drive Egyptians and other Arabic-speaking people into the arms of our Lord, Jesus Christ, than any other factor in recent history. The utter darkness and cruelty of these movements have caused an increasing number of Egyptians to either become atheists, or be more moderate in their Islamic faith, or followers of a different religion, most notably Christianity. Egyptians want nothing more to do with radical Islam. They are seeking more light in their lives, and many are finding it in Christ.” Pray that more and more Egyptians will seek Christ and that they will experience the healing and light Christ can bring to their lives.

If you would like to read Dan’s complete letter, there will be copies on the library table in Fox Hall.



In 1922, Hallie Paxson Winsborough challenged members of her Presbyterian Women’s group to give one penny for each year of their lives as a birthday gift to a school for girls in Kochi, Japan. Since

then, the tradition has become known as the Birthday Offering, which provides monetary assistance each year to mission projects throughout the world.

This year, with our “God is Faithful” theme, we will be providing grants to three very deserving capital improvement projects, including the Presbytery of Charlotte, North Carolina Disaster Response Team; the Effingham Child Development Center of Effingham, Illinois; the Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center in Phelps, Kentucky; and the Winds of Refuge Restoration home in Iowa Falls, Iowa. For further information about these projects, please refer to the PW article in our April Vision.

We hope that you will join Presbyterian Women in our efforts to support these missions that benefit families, women, children, and our elderly. The Birthday Offering envelopes will be included in the May 12th bulletin. Checks may be made payable to NCPC PW and may be placed in the offering plate. If you need further information regarding your donation,

please contact Sjaan Buck (Missions Chair) or any member of the PW Coordinating Team

Small Friendship Groups

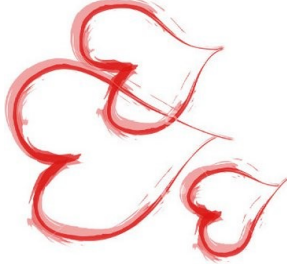
Small groups within the congregation are forming in May for friendship and fellowship. There will be choices of dinner/lunch groups, study groups, movie groups, and mixed-up-for-fun groups. Sign up on the patio or in Fox Hall after worship with Pat Ford. When the groups are formed, the 6-8 participants will decide their own schedule and activities. Each group will also decide which member will be the contact person for the others.

Pat Ford will lead a Koinonia Study group beginning in July. Sign up now for the study that will last 12 weeks. Koinonia is the Greek word John used in 1 John 1:7 that means fellowship at a deep life-sharing level.

Contact Jim Ford with any questions or interest at 805-268-1222.

Presbyterian Women of the Santa Barbara Presbytery

Spring Gathering



Love Lived Out

Featuring

Rev. Eugenia Gamble—Horizon Bible Study
(Video)

Cyndi Culp & Ninnette Bolton-Hewitt—Worship Leaders

Highlighted Ministries:

Living Word & Shower the People

Saturday, May 4, 2019

9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church

1235 N Thompson Road, Nipomo, CA 93444

Cost: \$15 * Lunch included * Please register by May 3

Registrar: Kathy Nienhouse (805) 264-1517. Klnienhouse@yahoo.com
Or use the registration form in the Spring Gathering brochure available at church.



LOVE CARVED IN STONE

A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments

By Eugenia Gamble

Words! Words! Words! We are accustomed to speaking of Jesus as the Word, or the Bible itself as God's Word, but we may never have thought of the Ten Commandments in that way. I've chosen to retain the term *Ten Words* because it is the biblical form and can help open us up to looking at the Ten Commandments in fresh ways.

Each lesson begins with an exploration of the Ten Words in their biblical contexts. From there, we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out those Words. We then consider the Words for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Words in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions.

How do we live out our relationship with God and with one another in a world that is often ruled by other standards? What is the pain from which God seeks to protect us in the Ten Words? How can a fresh embrace of these Words contribute to the restoration of ourselves, our communities, and the furthering of the gospel in the world?

This study will be used in our 2019-2020 PW circles and starts in the fall. If you are not already in a circle but would like to join one, you may contact Kathy Nienhouse (Klnienhouse@yahoo.com or 805-264-1517).



**Cinco de Mayo
Fiesta
Lunch
Sunday, May 5**



After church, there will be a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta in Fox Hall.

Join us for the festivities!





2019 BIRTHDAY OFFERING

of Presbyterian Women

God is Faithful

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Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

—“A Brief Statement of Faith”¹

God has been faithful to us and we are called to faithfully respond. When we listen to others’ stories, pray for their needs, and give generously, we follow the example of our creator who is, in the words of “A Brief Statement of Faith,” “Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home.”

Since 1922, the Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve lives. This year’s Birthday Offering recipients are:

Disaster Response Team

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Effingham Child Development Center

INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND
Effingham, Illinois

Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Inc.

GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY
NURSING CENTER
Phelps, Kentucky

Wings of Refuge

RESTORATION HOME
Iowa Falls, Iowa

**Presbyterian Women
Thursday, May 23rd, at Noon – Fox Hall**

After lunch the speaker will be the Karen Borges from Stand Strong, formerly the Women's Shelter Program in SLO.

Karen will talk about Stand Strong's activities to support survivors and end domestic violence in SLO county.



All women of the church and their friends are welcome.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon

A \$5.00 donation is requested.

DIAPER DRIVE

LIVING WORD

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND



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DROP OFF: Sunday, June 2

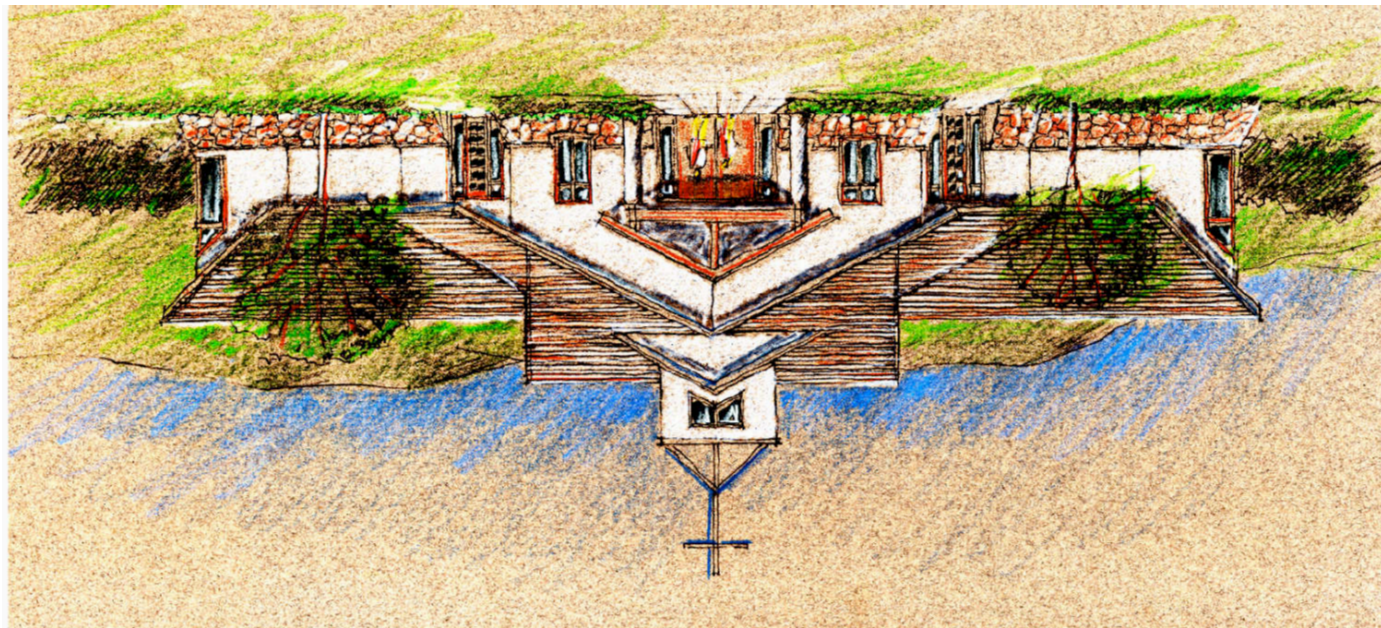
LOCATION: Sanctuary

Feel free to drop off diapers in the church office during the week.

n ipomopres@att.net, Holidays in United States				May 2019 (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
28 9:45am - Choir Practice @ 10:30am - Worship/Childrens & 12:15pm - Local Missions Team	29	30	1	2	3	4	
5 Cinco de Mayo 9:45am - Choir Practice @ 10:30am - Worship/Childrens & 12pm - Fiesta Lunch @ Fox Hall 5:30pm - SLO Jam	6 9am - Watercolor Society @ Fox 6:30pm - PW Circle Kolonita @	7 6:30pm - Team Leader Meeting 6:45pm - Session @ Fox Hall	8 8am - Men's BreakMaast @ Tanner	9 11:30am - Ladies Book Club @ 1:15pm - PWCT Meeting @ Fox 6:30pm - Choir Practice @ 6:30pm - Private Group @ Fox	10 9:30am - Bread Packaging @	11	
12 Mother's Day PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING 9:45am - Choir Practice @ 10:30am - Worship/Childrens &	13 10:30am - Genealogy Group @	14 11:30am - Interfaith Coalition @	15	16 6:30pm - Choir Practice @ 6:30pm - Private Group @ Fox	17 9:30am - Bread Packaging @	18 VISION DEADLINE	
19 9:45am - Choir Practice @ 10:30am - Worship/Childrens &	20 9am - Watercolor Society 7pm - Finance Team Meeting @	21 1:30pm - Grief Group @ Fox Hall 4:30pm - Deacon's Meeting @	22	23 11am - PW Setup @ Fox Hall 12pm - PW Luncheon @ Fox Hall 6:30pm - Choir Practice @ 6:30pm - Private Group @ Fox	24 9:30am - Bread Packaging @	25 10am - Threads of Faith @ Fox	
26 9:45am - Choir Practice @ 10:30am - Worship/Childrens & 12:15pm - Local Missions Team	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30 6:30pm - Choir Practice @ 6:30pm - Private Group @ Fox	31 9:30am - Bread Packaging @	1	

Please visit www.nipomopresbyterian.org for a full description

- May 4th, 2019 from 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Location: Fox Hall
PW Spring Gathering
- May 5th, 2019 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Location: Fox Hall
Cinco de Mayon Fiesta Lunch
- May 7th, 2019 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: Fox Hall
Team Leaders Meeting
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