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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SAN LEANDRO

HIGHLIGHTS



WE WANT **YOU** IN THE NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

We are putting together a new church directory for 2015, and we want YOU to be included! If you have not already done so, please sign up on Sunday morning, or call the church office to make your appointment. Photographs will be taken on October 16-17, and also on October 24-25. You may also make your appointment during the week by going online to our church website, and clicking on the "Portrait Sign Up" link.

New this year: in addition to getting a free 8x10 photo and a free church directory, you can get \$5 off your photo order by bringing a can of food to be donated to Davis Street Family Resource Center. And if you provide an email address when you sign up, you will find a \$10 gift coupon in the email reminder that will be sent to you 48 hours in advance of your appointment. And if you are a senior (60+), you get an additional 20% discount.

There is no obligation to purchase photographs - and price lists will be given out on Sunday mornings, so you can consider your options ahead of time.

We are doing our directory with a new company this year (Lifetouch), and there will be no "robo-calls" made ahead of time. Only our own church members will be phoning those who have not made an appointment - so please, sign up right away! We want EVERYONE of our church family (members and non-members alike) to be included in the directory! And the more people who are photographed, the more free activity pages we can include in the directory.

Thank you in advance for your support!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 5th, Christians all around the world will be celebrating World Communion Sunday. As we commemorate our oneness in Christ around the table with believers everywhere, we will also receive the 2014 Peacemaking Offering.

Our congregation has a history of generously supporting this offering that helps to support our partners in

the Presbyterian Church as they continue their efforts to be a part of God's peacemaking throughout the world. Twenty-five percent of the offering will stay here in our local budget, for our own peacemaking work as the Session designates.



THE STORY

On September 21, our children and adult classes began reading THE STORY, which is a 31-chapter book of the Biblical story that reads like a novel. For nine months, we will be reading a chapter each week, hearing about that portion of scripture in the sermon, and studying/discussing the chapter in our education classes.

It's not too late! If you would like to participate, call the church office to get your copy of The Story Bible and the Participant's Guide.



THE STORY

Adults may attend the 11am Sunday morning class (while the children are learning about the same portion of the Bible in their Sunday School classes), or may come to the Monday evening adult class at 7pm.

BAKE SALE - October 26th

Home-baked goodies will be for sale on Sunday morning, October 26th. Come and get some great desserts to take home or enjoy during coffee fellowship! Your contributions will go to the campership fund for next summer's campers going to Westminster Woods.



YOUNG AT HEART - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th

The Young at Heart group will be meeting on Thursday, October 16th at 11:30 am, with a delicious luncheon followed by an interesting program! We are looking forward to hearing Steve Kendall who will be speaking on "What Your Handwriting Reveals About You." Everyone is welcome. Please sign up on Sunday mornings ahead of time, or call the



church office, so we can know how many to expect for lunch.

ALSO, be sure to sign up ahead of time for the Lifetouch portraits being taken that day for our new church directory - everyone who is photographed receives a free 8x10, and seniors get a 20% discount on any additional photos they order.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

There will be a New Member class offered on Sunday afternoon, October 5, 1:30 - 4:00 pm. Anyone interested in joining the church, or learning more about the Christian faith and the Presbyterian reformed tradition, is welcome to attend! Childcare will be provided upon request - please phone the church office by October 1st so we can arrange for a babysitter.



COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES



Has your college student recently moved into a new dorm or apartment?? Please call the church office and be sure we have an up-to-date address for him/her so that we can send the Highlights and keep in touch!

Also, if your student is away at school and cannot make it home for the church directory photos, we can try to find a church in their area who is doing a directory with Lifetouch, and arrange for your student to be photographed there.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT 2014

Our Annual All-Church Retreat will be held at Westminster Woods beginning on Friday, October 10th at 7:00 pm and concluding on Sunday afternoon, October 12th at 1:00 pm.

The adult program will feature a video series called "Remembering our Forgotten God" with well-known author/speaker Francis Chan.

We will see the video and then have small group discussion. The children and youth will have their own separate programs during the weekend. Have you signed up yet?? If not, call the church office right away to register!



The cost for 5 meals and two nights of lodging for adults is \$145, for junior and senior highs \$110, for kindergarten through fifth grades \$75, and for toddlers and pre-schoolers, \$35. Limited campships are available.

THE IRRESISTIBLE CHURCH A Special Workshop

On Sunday, October 26, a special workshop will be offered at the church for ushers, Bible teachers, WOW table parents and other interested adults. The purpose of the workshop is to equip us to be welcoming to families with special needs. The workshop will increase our awareness of the challenges facing some of God's children.

The workshop will be led by Joni and Friends, and will begin at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will have a light lunch available or you may bring your own. If you need childcare, please contact the church office. Call Jane Kraut (483-2772) if you have questions. We will conclude at 1:45 pm.

Mission Statement of Joni and Friends: "To communicate the Gospel and equip Christ-honoring churches worldwide to evangelize and disciple people affected by disabilities."

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, October 19 at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of electing deacons and elders. This will be a brief meeting following worship.



THANKS TO THE BREAKFAST CLUB

We want to thank the Breakfast Club for their generous gift which paid for the cleaning of the Fireside Room carpet. It looks wonderful!







SAVE THE DATE - "CANDIDE" MUSICAL

On Sunday November 16, we have reserved a block of seats for "Candide," the musical by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Richard Wilbur. Featuring Bernstein's soaring score and lyrics from some of the wittiest writers of all time, this rollicking musical satire chronicles the lives and loves of Candide, a simple soul whose glass is

always half-full.

The performance is at 2:00 PM at the Douglas Morrisson Theater, 22311 N. Third Street, Hayward. Don't delay!! Contact Jane Kraut (537-2369 or 483-2772) to reserve your seats **now**; we must give the theater the exact number attending by October 19.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee 11:00 AM "THE STORY" Class 11:00 AM Sunday School Classes	29 7:00 PM "THE STORY" Class	30	1 4:00 PM WOW 5:15 PM PEAK	2 6:17 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	3	4 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM Women's Fellowship Breakfast 
5 World Communion Sunday 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee/Donuts 11:00 AM "THE STORY" Class 11:00 AM Sunday School Classes 12:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30 PM New Member Class	6  7:00 PM "THE STORY" Class	7 7:30 PM Building & Grounds, Worship & Stewardship Committees	8 4:00 PM WOW 5:15 PM PEAK	9 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:17 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	10 5:00 PM All Church Retreat	11 
12 All Church Retreat 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee 11:00 AM NO Sunday School	13 7:00 PM No Class tonight	14	15 4:00 PM WOW 5:15 PM PEAK	16 11:30 AM Young at Heart Luncheon 12:00 PM Church Directory Photos Begin 6:17 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	17 1:30 - 9:00 PM Church Directory Photos 	18
19 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Congregational Meeting 10:40 AM Coffee/Donuts 11:00 AM "THE STORY" and Sunday School Classes	20 7:00 PM "THE STORY" Class	21 7:30 PM Session Meeting	22 4:00 PM WOW 5:15 PM PEAK 7:30 PM Mary Martha	23 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study  6:17 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	24 1:30 - 9:00 PM Church Directory Photos	25 10:00 - 5:00 PM Church Directory Photos
26 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee 11:00 AM "THE STORY" and Sunday School Classes 12:15 PM Workshop: "The Irresistible Church"	27 7:00 PM "THE STORY" Class	28 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	29  5:00 PM WOW and PEAK HALLOWEEN PARTY	30 6:17 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	31 	1 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM Women's Fellowship Breakfast 10:00 AM Hike



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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th
10:30 AM

HIKE
NOVEMBER 1st

Hiker will be meeting at the church parking at 10:00 am to go on a hike in a nearby park.

All ages are welcome. Be sure to pack a lunch. If you have questions, please see Melissa Seaton.



ALTERNATIVE GIFT
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It's time for you to start making your lists and checking them twice, because

planning has begun on this year's Alternative Gift Faire, to be held Sunday, November 16th in Fellowship Hall. As in the past, we will have tables set up for Equal Exchange Coffee & Chocolate, Heifer International, and Habitat for Humanity. Also there will be some gift items you may purchase, to support artisans and farmers worldwide. For more information please see Helen Fortner.

ADVENT
CELEBRATION

The Advent Celebration this year will be on Saturday, December 6th. We have some exciting plans along with the traditional crafts to begin our preparation for Christ's coming. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 6th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods and appetizers to share! All ages are invited – don't miss it!

