





The Grapevine

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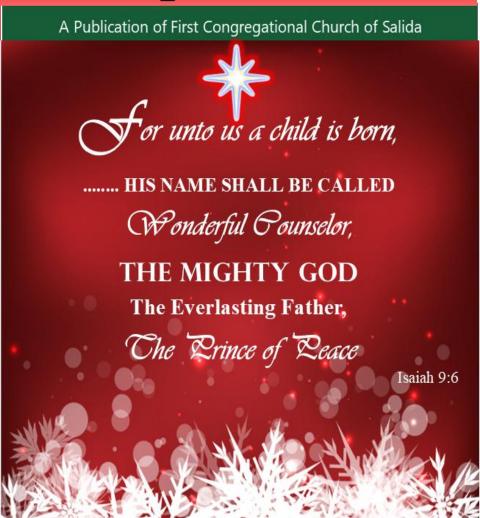
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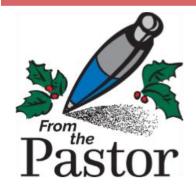


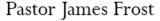
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Pregnancy is an amazing thing—to have another person actually growing inside of you is a miracle. But what Mary experienced sounds like a science fiction movie. Imagine! A woman has something growing inside of her that is human, and yet, also God. The fetus has taken on the form of a person, but it is completely other, as well. I try to envision what Mary might have felt, knowing that the unborn child growing in her was also the Holy God, Creator of the universe. It's mind blowing. Singer and comedian, Mark Lowry, tried to capture that amazement in some lyrics he wrote: "Mary did you know, your baby boy has walked where angels trod, and when you kiss your little boy, you've kissed the face of God? Oh, Mary did you know?"

And yet, the real wonder comes when we turn the situation around and look at it from the other side. God in human form was willing to make himself dependent. His body, growing inside of Mary, was completely dependent on his mother's body. The umbilical cord nourished him. Mary's body warmed him; her womb protected him.

And that seems to fly in the face of everything we know about God. What are we to make of a God that takes on a position of weakness and dependence? We're tempted to think, "But that was only true about Jesus—not God the Father." Really? Jesus told his disciples that if they had seen him they had seen the Father. "He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form" (Col. 1:15a---17, 2:9). This contains the idea that Jesus is an exact picture of God, and that if we look at Jesus, we will see what God is like.

The reason we rejoice at Christmas is that the Baby born to Mary and Joseph was no ordinary child. As Matthew records, this Baby was the ultimate fulfillment of Isaiah's prophesy of Immanuel, which means "God with us" (Matt. 1:22---23). The ultimate self----revelation of God to humankind, Jesus the Christ was and eternally is God incarnate (literally, "in flesh"). The testimony of Scripture is that, in the incarnation, Jesus was fully God and fully man; that is, He existed as the perfect unity in one person of a divine and a human nature. Paul most eloquently expressed this profound truth of the incarnation in his letter to the Philippian Church saying, "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, Who, being in very nature God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and being

found in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:5---8).

And this is why Jesus came on that first Christmas day. Jesus lived a perfectly sinless human life and died a sinner's death to sufficiently atone, once and for all, for the sins of us all. Without both natures, Christ's payment would have been insufficient. As God, His sacrifice was sufficient to provide redemption for our sin; only God can forgive sin. As man, He did what the first man, Adam, failed to do. Says Paul, "For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the man (Christ) the many will be made righteous" (Rom. 5:19). To the Corinthian Church he says, "As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22).

This is the reason for the season. Only God could redeem humanity, not simply another created human being. This is why, not only during this Christmas season, but all year long Christians from around the world pray, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15). That gift to the world is Jesus.

Merry Christmas from Lu and I to our entire Church family





DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Bill & Dianne Gillette
- 12 James & Lu Frost
- 22 Darrol & Sandy Tuggle
- 29 Rick & Linda Kendall
- 31 Chuck & Ginny Byrum



- 1 Lu Frost Anne Lowe
- 6 Richard Ruiz
- 7 Kim Kiernan
- 11 Roberta Steen
- 17 Churck Byrum
- 18 Jackie Zuniga
- 19 Diane Suzuki
- 22 Phyllis Nelson
- 25 Randy Klinkefus
- 28 Vicki Cheek



- 3 Jo Ann Tamura
- 4 Priscilla Bowman
- 10 Alice Billings
- 11 Alyccia Ruiz
- 15 Diane Portnov
- 19 Mariah Baker
- 21 Florence Velthoen
- 24 JoAnne Warner-Unruh



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

As we end one year and are soon to begin another, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have served on a church board or committee this past year. As moderator, I have had the privilege to be part of these groups and take part in the discussions held. As a comparatively new member of this church, I continue to be thankful that I am here to worship our God with dedicated people such as yourselves. As we begin year two with Pastor James, we can look back and see what a positive influence he has had and look forward to what lies ahead. Let's all continue to remain positive in our attitudes, continue to serve one another, whether we serve on a board, a committee, or as a volunteer in some other capacity. One thing we can all do is to be supportive with our positive words and prayers.

May God bless each and every one of us! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Moderator Wayne Beck

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

- Our Financial report moving forward was approved along with the new officers for next year.
- Approval for the By-Law revisions and the new Statement of Faith was made, after some hearty discussions.

Submitted by CINDY BEYNON



Sharon Riley, Outreach Committee Chair

Sharon Riley, Elaine Tindle, Wayne Beck, Anna Dean James Lopez and Shirley Akrish

CALENDAR SALE

The Calendar sale has been a great success. Thanks to all of you who purchased them this year. We still have 3 left, if anyone is interested please see Sharon.







The Good Samaritan Christmas Boxes have been assembled and taken to be delivered to children through out the world. This year we donated 20 boxes filled with toys, clothing and toiletries for boys and girls. The children who receive these are so grateful to have them. Thank you again for your generosity and loving desire to help others.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

This year we decided to have a Thanksgiving celebration together. OVER 30 people signed up to come. All food was donated and we had Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Yams, Ambrosia, Jello Salad, Dressing and Gravy, Corn Pudding (James tried), Pumpkin, Chocolate Pie, Lemon Meringue Pie, Cranberry Salad and rolls. I'm stuffed just writing this down. A huge thanks goes to Linda Kendall for organizing this!

The Outreach Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month We are able to reach out to people in our own church, our community and as far away as the Haitian Islands, Asia and Africa. This year the committee has grown in size despite the fact that we lost one because she went off to college. It won't be long before nominees will be taken to join the committee. We will be needing a new secretary. If you have been thinking, "How can I be of more help to the church? I really want to be involved some way." I think this is your perfect solution.





Why we celebrate Advent.....

Have you noticed how the Christmas season seems to arrive earlier every year? If shopping centers and radio stations have their way, we'll all soon be gearing up for Christmas before September is over.

A recent UK study of internet traffic seemed to confirm this trend: People start thinking about Christmas earlier each year, as early as late August these days. (Of course, now that the season really has arrived, you probably feel behind schedule!)

It's easy to be cynical, that this is all driven by the hyper---commercialization of Christmas. But maybe there's something deeper here. Perhaps we all yearn for something special at Christmas—warmth and joy and happy family memories. Of course, deep down, what humanity really longs for is a Savior. Our culture obscures this point, yet the universal desire for Jesus remains. We ache for His redemption.

That's why many Christians have long observed the season of Advent. It's a time of anticipation and preparation, a time of celebration of Jesus' coming. Advent is meant to awaken in us a deep yearning for the Messiah—to help us recognize our sinful condition and understand how He comes to free us.

As our culture strays from the real message of Christmas, the tradition of Advent can serve to counter our human tendency to cheapen what is sacred and refocus our attention on Jesus.





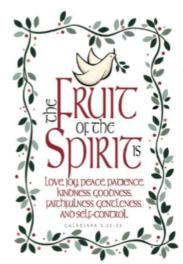
From **Phyllis Agers**

PEACE BEGINS WITH ME

Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give to you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid. John 14:27 (Good News)

I'm wanting peace and praying for peace, but then I'm annoyed by my closest friends, my loved ones. If I can't have love and peace with those near me, how can I expect peace on a world level? I'm quick to judge others, world leaders, politicians, etc., but if I can't have brotherly love at my own personal level, who am I to judge others?

I'm so quick to have negative thoughts of others. People vex me or get on my nerves, and my mind has a whole litany of uncomplimentary thoughts about them. But then I read, "Try to find one good thing about them." I started writing them down and there were many: a devoted mother and wife, she is helpful, a good example, keeps a clean house, leads a good life, tries to please others, hold her tongue, loves others, and I could go on. What's there not to love? Forgive me for judging.



We're all different and variety is the spice of life. I need to appreciate the differences and look for the good in each of us. Make it a habit so it's easy to spot the good. Concentrate on the positive not the negative.

Oh, Lord, Prince of Peace, be with me as I daily try to see the Christ within all I meet each day. Help me to see the fruits of the Spirit within them: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen. (Galations 5:22)

UNSUNG HERO

Who was the "glue" that held our church together during the transition when we were in search of a new pastor? The person who kept our church running smoothly... The person who made this transition period seem so effortless...



THAT PERSON was our church secretary, **ELIZABETH LOPEZ**. The congregation would like to officially acknowledge and thank Elizabeth for all she did during this time. Here is what many in the congregation have to say...

♦ We want to say a Big "thank you" to a special person who is always so willing to whatever is asked of her. We are happy to say this is our own secretary Elizabeth. You are much appreciated for all you do.

Fondly, Bill & Dianne

- ◆ The very first impression I had with Elizabeth was when i was moving all of many books into the church office. The first thing she said to me was "Can I help you with anything." I knew right then and there that this was going to be a match made in heaven. She is a great compliment of the ministry of this church. Her temperment is perfect for constantly dealing with all types of people that call, and enter the office. The greatest strength that Elizabeth has is her approachability. She helps everyone, and never turns anyone away, while she is always up for a new challenge. She is an invaluable asset to this church, and God's ministry to people.
 Pastor James
- ◆ ELIZABETH Excellent and exceptional, Loves her job, Incredibly professional and empathetic, Z the best there is, Amazing in all she accomplishes, Brings comfort to those who need it, Exactly what is best for our church, Terrific and top notch and is there when you need her, High class, helpful, handy.
 Thank you, Sharon Riley
- ◆ A Woman of Excellence. She's able to photocopy, collate and staple 500 documents in a single bound, takes phone calls while proofreading the bulletin and fixing the copier machine! She swoops in to save any distressed parishioner; all while navigating past the pile of notes that church members have left on her desk. Who is this woman? It's a bird, it's a plane, it's...SUPER SECRETARY ELIZABETH LOPEZ! In searching the meaning of excellence, we pondered this treasure in 1 Corinthians 12-31... "And now I will show you the most excellent way." The most ecellent way: Love. Today we would like to find a moment to "Love Excellently" by honoring Elizabeth. Elizabeth, you're truly appreciated and an asset to First Congregational Church of Salida. You always are willing to go above and beyond. Thank you for all you do.

 Lee & JoAnne (Warner) Unruh

Thoughtful, kind, knowledgable, and organized are but a handful of adjectives that describe Elizabeth. She has been with our church through troubled times and during our recent good times. Elizabeth has been our "go to person" for dealing with a time when we were between ministers, and of course she's the one that has to work with them. She is of immense help to the Trustees, Deacons, and others. The list is very long. To top it off, she does it with all with patience and a smile. Thank you Elizabeth! Our church is truly blessed that you found us! We can only pray that your journey with is ongoing for many more years.

God bless, Dave Baker

The greatest asset this church is not the buildings or properties. It is the people who attend and work at the church. Our church secretary, Elizabeth, is one of these people. A quiet and unassuming individual, Elizabeth is one who helps to keep the church running smoothly. Whether it's answering the phone, putting together church bulletins, assisting Pastor James, assisting commmunity members or working with church officers and Board members, she does it all with ease and grace. We are fortunate to have her. It was Elizabeth who kept much of this church going during the time we were between pastors. It must have been difficult, but she handled it beautifully. As moderator, she has been of great help in providing me with any information I may have needed in doing my job. Thank you, Elizabeth for your service to us all!

Wayne Beck

NEW MEMBERS CLASS



If you would like to become a member or get more information, please join our New Members Class.

Class begins on Sunday, January 7, 2018, after Coffee Hour.

Please see Pastor James if you have a question.



PRAYER CARDS

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

As the above verses from Matthew state, it is vital for us to get the message of the gospel out into the world, and especially our individual communities. This is where our prayer cards come in. It may be difficult for some of us to share our faith, but it is easy to pray for someone. Make a list of people that you will commit to pray for, that live within a ten---mile radius of the church. Pray that God gives you opportunity to share your faith with them and invite them to church and our fun activities. You will be amazed at what the Lord can do in your life if you are deliberate in your prayers. Duplicate two index cards by placing the same names on both, keep one of the cards and personally pray, and bring the other to church and the prayer group at Church will pray over them as well. We already have two people that have been affected by this effective tool. In closing scripture says, "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous has great power in its working' (James 5:16b). Let us make an impact upon this Salida community for Christ!

PASTOR JAMES



OFFICIAL NOTICE: The Northern California Fellowship will meet for its Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 13th, 2018, at 10am at Grace North Church in Berkeley. We hope all of our member churches, delegates and guests will join us for Worship, Luncheon, Fellowship and

Program. We will conclude by 2:30 pm. For the Program this year, I am asking each of our churches to come prepared to share some of your church history with the rest of us. Berkeley just celebrated their 125th Anniversary, and Congregational Church of Soquel is celebrating its 150th Anniversary so there is much to be commended and shared and the others of you, whether new or old, also have stories to tell. I think we will all be blessed when we share what the Lord has done in our years past. I look forward to seeing all of you and catching up on the present as well.

In His Service
Patty Haaheim



We all go through times in our lives that are stressful and a little trying and take pride in handling them pretty well.

SHARON RILEY

Only our closest friends and sometimes not even they know what is going on. Why do we seem to think we have to handle things, big or little, by ourselves? I am certainly at fault where this is concerned. I don't imagine I am alone. Of course we know God is always there!

The last several months I have had several medical conditions looked into. You know the old saying, "If it's not one thing it is another", that's how I felt CT's after CT's and ultrasounds. This time I shared with you what was going on and I could feel your prayers coming my way, knowing God had heard them. I can't begin to thank you enough. The bowel problem has cleared up, the lung modules are being watched, a new one has started growing and the thyroid is also being watched. I feel good where those are concerned. I know God has his healing and loving hands on me and what ever happens is his desire. Please keep praying. I love you all.

TRAIN RIDE

Jo Ann Tamura

The time change really messed me up this am. (11-10-17). I went to the mall to catch the bus thought it was 6am instead of 7am. to the wine train. I thought it was time to go to park and ride. Then I noticed the Storer bus come from the park and ride. I figured they were leaving without me. I waved my arms frantically. Thank goodness he saw me. Boy was I glad. I boarded the bus and the hostess said she was worried about me and tried to call me. Finally we were on our way. Our first stop was at a nursery. I really liked going thru the nursery. Then we boarded the bus to the wine train. When we got there we had to wait for half an hr. to board the train. Then the hostess boarded. We were given a menu to decide what we wanted. The server gave us a choice whether we wanted merlot or chardenay. Our lunch was delicious. Then we must have waited for an hr. so it seemed for the engine to go from the front of the train to the back. We went to another coach to have dessert and coffee. Back to the station and got on the bus to a fancy deli. Got our choices, got on the bus to home.







We will once again purchase poinsettias in memory of a loved one. These beautiful flowers will be placed in the Sanctuary and throughout the Church.

The **deadline** to buy your poinsettia is Friday, **December 15**. The cost is \$10. Please see Linda Kendall to buy your poinsettia.





THE GIVING TREE

Our annual Giving Tree is up and ready in the narthex. We are sponsoring a local family in need. If you would like to buy a gift please take a tag from the tree.

The **deadline** to bring your gifts is Sunday, **December 17.** We will deliver packages to our sponsored family the week before Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.











Our annual Christmas Potluck will be held after worship on Sunday, December 17. Everyone is welcome to join for good food and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. Thank you.







FOLLOW YOU SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX

If you decided to track your Samaritan's Purse Operation Shoebox, please let us know by submitting a note to The Grapevine. Let's see where your shoebox ended up.





THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH GREAT FRIENDS

Sharon Riley

Saturday, November 19th our church celebrated our first annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Over 40 people came. Linda Kendall organized the event. The Church Family cooked, donated and helped serve the delicious moist turkey and perfectly flavored mashed potatoes, yams and gravy. There were also many different salads from strawberry jello, ambrosia, broccoli and cauliflower bits to cranberry salad. Lena also brought her green bean, bacon and mushroom side dish. Of course there were also rolls. The dessert table was covered with many different types of pies and other fabulous treats.

We gave thanks to the Lord, ate, visited and enjoyed the fellowship of each other.



Supper Club's tradition of FCC's Annual Hall Sale took place on Saturday, 4 November, in the Fellowship Hall.

As usual, setup took place on Thursday and Friday.

Total sales were \$2,908.00, which is used to pay our property taxes.

Women's Christmas Tea

December 2, 2017





all the waiters who did a great job serving.

"They just don't stop eating..." said one waiter.

Guest speaker was Erin Countryman, the oldest granddaughter of John Velthoen and daughter of Brian and Peggy Velthoen.



Everyone enjoyed Kim and Miike Kiernan's story... A very heartwarming and tell all look into their family.

Little did I know that when Kim said she was going to do a story about Kelly and her new adventure as a college student that the story told would be such a poignant one.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kim and Mike for sharing their story with our church family. Kim says it is God's story, but you put it into words, Kim, for all of us know a very personal story about your family. We are so blessed to have the Kiernans part of our First Congregational Church Family.





Kelly in front of her dorm at Sacramento State University.



Things heard around FCC that we thought you would want to know....

22 OCTOBER

"Things of Note" ...

Pastor James said he was thankful for the "Boys in Blue" winning the National League Pennant after 29 years! In honor of this remarkable feat (not his words), he wore his blue suit. By the way, no dancing down the aisle or Dodger Blue from Kim Beck!

Sandy Tuggle sat on the other side of the sanctuary. Just may have been a first!!

29 OCTOBER

This may have been a first...

CAROL HERTLE was Greeter. Yes, Carol Hertle welcomed everyone as they entered the Narthex. Pastor James said "Great job, Carol!" Carol replied, "I think a few might have left" because of her warm and bubbly personality.

And, since it was the Sunday before Halloween, Pastor James told a story about a man who took a shortcut through a cemetary... You guessed it, there were eerie piano sound effects provided by Shelly. "What a team", Pastor James replied. "This was not planned." Throughout the story, everyone had a few laughs...

And what was Lu Frost doing when she entereed the sanctuary from the side door? No, she was not part of the walk through the cemetary story!

Well... A lesson learned. Never try to enter the sanctuary through the side door during service from the Fellowship Hall. The gate to the Memorial Garden is locked. The Fellowship Hall side door is locked once the door is closed. And, the side door to the Sanctuary is locked.

Good thing Randy and Sue Klinkefus happened to be sitting in the front pew. Generally it is empty. Sue came to Lu's rescue as she heard a faint knock. Otherwise, Lu would have been in the Memorial Garden until everyone was headed to the Fellowship hall. At least, it was a nice day.

19 NOVEMBER

On Sunday, Brian Velthoen, John Velthoen's son, attended Sunday Service. The Holy Spirit has been speaking to him for a while to come to First Congregational.

On this Sunday, his voice really moved him, and Brian knew it was time... When Florence saw Brian, she said John would have been pleasantly surprised to see Brian sitting at the back fo the Church. Brian thanked everyone for their prayers.

26 NOVEMBER

On Sunday, 26 NOVEMBER, there was a bicycle parked in the Fellowship Hall...

Who rode to church on their bicycle?

Well... It was LARRY COOMBS. As he was leaving, he said to Florence Velthoen, "Want a ride on my bicycle?" She was in the middle of eating, so she had to decline.



3 DECEMBER

Pastor James reported he had to soak his left leg in ice water after he got home from being a waiter at the Women's Chrismas Tea.

A TIME FOR GRATITUDE

Kim Beck



Time for a gratitude check! It's been a year since the challenge to keep a gratitude journal and write down 1000 gifts for which you are thankful! Anyone made a 1000? 500? 100? 10? I hope keeping track of the things you are thankful for has been meaningful and uplifting! Here's to another year and another 1000!!

IN A TIME OF NEED

Joanne Woodbridge

Three years ago I was awakened at two o'clock in the morning by someone breaking the window over the kitchen sink and entering my home while I was in bed. My house alarm went off, and I could hear him moving around. As he came down the hall I screamed, and he ran out the front door. What his ultimate purpose was I don't know, but I think my guardian angels must have been working overtime.

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While looking around a thrift shop a few months later, I came upon a small figurine shaped like a cross that I keep on my bedroom dresser. I think this figurine was meant for me. The inscription is as follows:

I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8



Advent in the Sanctuary

Thank you to the Bill and Dianne Gillette, Ginny Byrum, Randy Klinkefus, Vikki Huckell, Elaine Tindle and Mike Kiernan. And, a very special thank you to Linda Kendall for coordinating the decorating. And, how great it was that Pastor James lent his helping hands.



It seems like just yesterday that I saw BETTY CHEEK shopping at WINCO with her sister, Ann... Shortly before she moved to the Sacramento area to be near Jerry and Vicki.

It has been a year since my Pew Buddy, Betty, left us to be with her beloved, Gene, 9 December 2016. I think about her each Sunday when I sit in our pew that we shared with the Tuggles...

For those of you who do not know... The name Pew Buddies began when I called Gene about something for church. I said this is Diane Suzuki from church. He said who? I replied, your Pew Buddy. From that day forth, we were Pew Buddies... We would meet at In-N-Out Burger for lunch. Sometimes Matt, their great grandson would join us.

I remember going to Black Oak for a church outing with Gene and Betty. Gene took us to see where they used to live... Told us all about their property.

And, if you look on the bottom shelf as you enter the narthex, you can be remember Betty who made those three angels ...

What a pair, Gene and Betty!

Diane Suzuki

STOCKTON HEAT HOCKEY GAME



Stockton Arena Stockton Heat vs. Ontario Reign Friday, January 19, 2018 Game starts at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are now available!! \$20.00 each

We have an added bonus this year... If we sell 30 tickets we can take a group photo on the ice! Please see Lee or JoAnne Unruh to buy your ticket.



You're all welcome. Books are borrowed from the library so there are no fees. We get a new book each month. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 1:15.

Dec. 13, the Miniaturist, by Jessie Burton: Nella, a new bride in 1686, hires a miniaturist to furnish the small model of their new home which her husband has given her.

Jan. 10, Beautiful Ruins, by Jess Walter, a 50 year epic about those who make art and those who long to.

Feb. 14, The Story of Edgar Sawtelle, by David Wroblewski: Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar's family raises dogs. When catastrophe strikes, he faces the world with three yearling dogs.

March 14, Endless Love, by Scott Spencer: a love story gone wrong as the girl's father banishes the boy and he takes revenge.

April 11, The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the fire that saved America, by Timothy Egan

May 9, 101 Influential People

June 13, The Girl Who Played With Fire



Thank you for all your prayers, kind words, and cards in the passing of our daughter, Kim, who has gone to be with our Lord.

Roy and Claire Wilson

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FCC

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Fellowship time 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

BOOK CLUB

Second Wednesday of the month, 1:15 p.m. See article on page 23.

CHURCH WORK DAY

Second Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Second Tuesday of the month,12:00 noon exceptions June, July, and August

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Second Saturday of the month, 8:00 a.m., at Salida Kountry Kitchen

PRAYER GROUP

Every Wednesday morning, 9:00 a.m.

SALVATION ARMY COMMODITIES

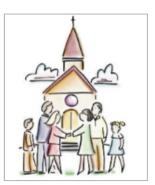
Second Monday of the month, 7:30 a.m. Help assemble grocery bags for community distribution

SUPPER CLUB

Fourth Saturday of the month, 6:00 p.m. exceptions June, July, and August

YOUTH GROUP

Every Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Exception July



SUBMISSION	COVERING	DISTRIBUTION
DEADLINE	MONTHS	DATE
2018 Pending	January - March 2018	To Be Announced

UPCOMING 1ST 2018 ISSUE

- The Grapevine will not be printed until late March due to the Annual Meeting in February and the preparation of Annual Reports.
- Continue to submit your articles...

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



Articles will be printed as submitted. The only item(s) changed will be spelling as "spell check" is used.



Enjoy The Grapevine in full color?

Consider donating an ink cartridge for the printing of The Grapevine...

This issue is color on selected articles due to the limited quantity of ink available.

Our printer uses **HP 951** colored ink car-



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So, let your relatives and friends know they can catch all the lastest happenings going on at Salida First Congregational Church online.



PRAYER CHAIN

Pastor James Frost 626-320-2361 Dianne Gillette 529-3488

Church Office 545-1156

The Prayer Chain may be started by calling Pastor James, Dianne Gillette, or the Church Office. They will contact each other, and then the first team member to start the prayer requested.



If you would like to start the Phone Tree please contact Pastor James or one of the First Contact Leaders listed below.

Pastor James Frost 626-320-2361

First Contact Leaders

Dianne Gillette Elaine Tindle Secretary, 529-3488 545-0461 Elizabeth or 613-5775 545-1156

The First Contact Leaders will notify each other and Team Captains in the event of an emergency.

IN THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

Lifting up in prayer those who cannot be with us for Sunday service.

Priscilla Bowman

Lt. John & Denise Beynon



If you need assistance from the Church Office please contact Elizabeth our Church Secretary at:

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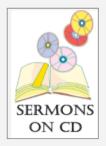
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CD's are available for each Sunday service. Please contact the Church Office to request a copy.

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