

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 2018

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Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Activity
July 1st	10:00 a.m.	Joint Parish-Wide Worship Service - Communion followed by Picnic at Miami Presbyterian Church Ron and Sandy's last Sunday with us.
July 2nd	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
July 5th	7:00 p.m.	Session (rescheduled from the 4th)
July 8th	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
July 15th	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
July 22nd	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
July 25th	6:30 p.m.	No Women's Group this month.
July 29th	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service

Secretary Snippets

Please have your **August 2018** newsletter information turned in information in by **July 24, 2018.**

Blessings,

Linda Prothe, Administrative Assistant





Hello Sisters and Brothers,

As my wife Hazel, my daughter Elizabeth and I are finishing packing up our condo in Lompoc and getting ready for the move to Kansas, we do so with great excitement. If all goes according to plan, Elizabeth and I will be moving into our rental in Kansas on July 8 while Hazel stays behind to finish teaching Summer School and to also get our condo spruced up to rent. She'll then make her way to Kansas at the end of July.

These are truly exciting times for all of the New Hope Parish family. I look forward not only to the move and to getting started serving God and the New Hope Parish family, I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you. In the brief time my family and I have spent in Kansas, the warm welcome we have received has really touched our hearts.

Realizing that there are many seeking a call in ministry, I am grateful that God has brought us together. As this is my first "official" call, I know that I still have a great deal to learn and that there may be times when I stumble. I know too, that God is always there to help all of us to get through anything. You all have been so blessed to have Pastor Ron as your interim pastor and he has left some pretty big shoes to fill. Although I bring my own gifts, I will do my best, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to help continue moving New Hope Parish forward on God's path as did Pastor Ron.

In closing, I am reminded of Paul's words to the church in Rome, "I so want to be there to deliver God's gift in person and watch you grow stronger right before my eyes! But don't think I'm not expecting to get something out of this, too! You have as much to give me as I do to you." (Romans 1:11-12 MSG) I look forward to being your pastor, to our journey together on God's path and to seeing what God has in store for New Hope Parish. I look forward to us growing closer to God and each other. I look forward to each of us sharing our God given gifts in a way that helps each of us to grow in God and God in us.

See you all soon. You all continue to be in my prayers. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Paul





July 1	New Hope Parish service at Miami Church 10:00 a.m.	Ron Galvin's last service
8	Ordinary Time	Grady Atwater
15	Ordinary Time	Paul Davidson's 1st service
22	Ordinary Time	Paul Davidson
29	Ordinary Time	Paul Davidson
Aug 5	Ordinary Time	Paul Davidson
12	Ordinary Time	Paul Davidson
19	Ordinary Time	Paul Davidson
26	Ordinary Time	Paul Davidson



SHALOM is a Hebrew word meaning peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquility and can be used idiomatically to mean both hello and goodbye.

We say shalom to Ron, one of his favorite Hebrew words. We love Ron for what he has done for our family. He and Sandy will be deeply missed.

And to Paul we say **shalom and welcome** and also to Hazel and Elizabeth! We are very excited to have you become a part of our family. We look forward to growing together as we work to fulfill God's agenda and purpose for our church.



Paul, Hazel & Elizabeth!

How To Care For Your New Pastor

In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians he was trying to give guidance to a sticky situation. Paul was trying to remind the congregation about the importance of pastoral leadership and spiritual leadership and authority, but he also reminds the leaders to be patient in their responsibilities and the exercise of their authority in relationships.

Here are some points on how to care for your new pastor:

- × **Let your new pastor dream his/her own dreams.**
- × **Let your pastor be himself.**
- × **Commit to stand with him through hard times.**
- × **Let your new pastor lead.**
- × **Support your new pastor even when they can't publicly explain why certain decisions or actions have been made.**
- × **Release him/her from being your best buddy.** Let the pastor love you. They will of course, but don't try to spend large amounts of time, because if a person is stretched too thin, then they will be ineffective. When new pastors come, folks have all kinds of expectations, just give those over to God and if you are able to spend time, fine. If not, let that be okay too.
- × **Look for opportunities to encourage and affirm your new pastor.**
- × **Stay focused on the big picture.** When we get focused on issues, and there are many issues to get focused on, they can lead to divisiveness and dilute the power of the gospel. Ask this question, will the issue that I am concerned about be important a year from now? Will it matter 5 or 10 years from now? Better yet, will it matter in eternity? Because the big picture is loving one another and that will go on for all eternity. Because love never ends, never fails.
- × **Trust Christ and work together.**

Antonakos, George. Excerpts from "Sermon: 'How to Care For Your New Pastor.'" July 21, 2002.
http://www.centralpc.org/knowning_god/sermons/2002/s020721.htm

A Blessing
 A Priestly Benediction

The Lord *Bless* you, and *Keep* you;
 The Lord make his face shine upon you,
 And *Be Gracious* unto you.
 The Lord lift up *His Countenance*
 upon you and give you *Peace*.

John Calvin's

Commentary

on Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless thee. Blessing is an act of His genuine liberality, because the abundance of all good things is derived to us from His favor as their only source. It is next added, that He should “**keep**” the people, by which clause lie intimates that He is the sole defender of the Church, and protects it under His guardianship; but since the main advantage of God’s grace consists in our sense of it, the words, “**and make His face shine on you,**” are added; for nothing is more desirable for the consummation of our happiness, than that. we should behold the serene countenance of God;

Thus then I interpret this clause, that the people may perceive and taste the sweetness of God’s goodness, which may cheer them like the brightness of the sun when it illumines the world in serene weather. But immediately afterwards the people are recalled to the First deed; namely God’s gratuitous mercy, which alone reconciles Him to us, when we should be otherwise by our own deserts hated and detested by Him. What follows, “**The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,**” is a common phrase of Scripture, meaning, May God remember His people; not that forgetfulness can occur in Him, but because we suppose that He has cast away His care of us, unless He actually gives proof of His anxiety for our welfare. Finally, it is added, may He “establish peace upon his people,” which others translate a little less literally, “**put thee into peace:**” and since this word signifies not only rest and a tranquil state, but also all prosperity and success, I willingly embrace this latter sense.



Wishing you a **blessed,**
safe & delicious 4th!



A time to remember our
freedoms
and **thank God** for them.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Parish-Wide Worship Service Communion - Picnic to follow service Ron and Sandy's last day with us.	2 Florence Johns <i>Hunter & Tiffany Taylor</i> 6:30 p.m. Finance	3	4 Jason Elmquist	5 Session Meeting	6	7 Barbara Zuel
8 Jana Brown 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Grady Atwater will be preaching)	9	10	11 <i>Kevin & Susan Hendrickson</i> No Youth Ministry/ Christian Ed	12	13	14 Harleigh Kichen
15 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Paul's first Worship Service)	16	17	18	19	20 Stacy Macom Stacy Schrader	21 Lynda Cole Maddie Cutburth
22 Lori French 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	23 William Cutburth	24	25 Eddie Clearwater Bethany Elmquist 6:30 p.m. No Women's Group this month.	26	27	28 Jay Bogart <i>Arlen & Suzy Wilcox</i>
29 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	30	31				