

January 2011

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Youth Christmas Plays Enhance the Spirit of the Season

During worship on Sunday, December 19th, the youth of First PC-Tolono presented two plays which both taught and delighted the congregation. The elementary age youth presented a traditional telling of the Christmas account, while the Jr. High youth brought us characters from legends and fairy tales to bring home the point that Christmas is and always

shall be first and foremost about Christ. Even Santa got into the act!

Thanks were given to all the adults who helped with the planning and staging of the plays.

The church was packed- all of the 80+ bulletins were taken from the narthex! Here are a couple of photos submitted by Linda Smith...



Pastor's Page

Well, *that* was a short decade...

It seems nearly impossible that we are barreling on into 2011. I must confess that I still often think like a person grounded firmly in the 1900s. Even as momentous as this decade has been in our country's history- and in my life personally, I sometimes still think of myself fresh out of college with my whole adulthood stretching out before me. But, of course, it is not so. I'm in my 50's now and we are all about to enter the second decade of this century. Amazing...

It is my prayer for all you reading this newsletter

that you will know and feel God's presence deeply in your lives. I will be praying that our church will find new and exciting missions and ministries to engage in. I will continue in my prayers for discernment regarding my future with First PC-Tolono. It definitely seems that God is calling me to stay with you all throughout 2011, but after that is not so clear. I have told the session that I will give them a decision sometime before the summer is over. This will give you all a chance to begin the search process

for next installed pastor, should God call me elsewhere.

Also, my youngest son Josh will be graduating from Nashville High School this May! That will be a milestone for him and our family. Who knows what other exciting events will take place as this year unfolds? Well, God does- but it's up to us to live each day and each moment discovering where God is leading us. Another year of faith journey! What a blessing and what an adventure! Happy New Year, y'all!
-Kerry

Lay Leader for
January worships:
2nd: Jeff Fisher
9th: Susie Fisher
16th: Jeannette Hulick
23rd: Linda Smith
30th: Tracy Wilson

Calendar Events and Such...

January Birthdays...

- 1/1 Nancy Reifsteck
 - 1/3 Stacy Fisher
 - 1/6 Corinne Fisher
 - 1/7 Anna Thompson Owens
 - 1/8 Nathan Reifsteck
 - 1/12 Mala Bedient
 - 1/14 Brian Kelley
 - 1/14 Gavin Steele
 - 1/15 Johnnie Robeck
 - 1/17 Brian Seiler
 - 1/19 Rowena Hesler
 - 1/22 Hank Huizenga
 - 1/22 Lorrie Steele
 - 1/24 Jackson Schweighart
 - 1/31 Josh Woolard
- ### January Anniversaries...
- 1/17 Bill and Margaret Maxwell
 - 1/25 Robert and Rowena Hesler

Other Happenings and Events to Mark on Your Calendar...

Adult Sunday School: Sundays 9:15am

Worship: Sundays 10:30pm- nursery care provided

Prayer Group for Church Growth: Monday 1/10 and Monday 1/24 at 7:00pm – Manse

Session: Tuesday 1/11 at 7:00pm

Installation/Ordination of New Church Officers: Sunday 1/9 during worship

Church Officer Training: Sunday 1/9 4:00pm at the Manse

Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday 1/30 after worship (Reports due by Sunday 1/16)

Learn how to do stuff around the Church: Sunday 1/16 right after worship!

*Week of Prayer
for Christian
Unity:
January 16-21:
First Baptist – 1/16
First Presbyterian- 1/17
Tolono UMC – 1/18
Fountain of Life – 1/20
St. Patricks RC – 1/21
All worships begin
at 7:00pm.*

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