

# *The Newsletter of the Santa Barbara Presbytery*

## Summer 2019

We, the PC (USA) churches and ministries of Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties, join together to foster vibrant worshipping communities who proclaim and live out the love of Jesus Christ for one another and our neighbors.  
*Joining Together. Worshipping God. Loving People.*

### *First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara Celebrating 150 years of Worshipping and Serving*

Saturday **15 June**, 10:00am to 3:00pm join us for a tour of all the previous locations our church has met. Then a light lunch and afternoon tours of our campus

Friday **21 June**, 5:30pm to 8:00pm a Celebratory Church Family Dinner, and Worship following.

Sunday **23 June**, 10:00am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary followed by a Luncheon Banquet.

### **IMPACT 2019**

IMPACT's mission is to form, train and send teams, prepared to serve Christ and his Church through cross-cultural mission journeys that nurture the ministries of global partners and train participants to be missionaries at home. Visit [impact-theglobe.org](http://impact-theglobe.org)

Three teams are going on short term mission trips this summer for IMPACT.

The team from Moorpark Presbyterian are going to Romania: they are, Tamien Bashkiroff, Holden Ghaffary, Mark Figueroa, Jenna Laurentowski, Zack Madsen, Connor May, Dean May, Mish Petersen, Nicole Soerensen, and Ollie Webb.

The team going to Honduras are: Jonathan LaBarge, Canoga Park; Joey Lusche, Stonebridge; Shayna Kasbee, Canoga Park; Hope Stephen, Monte Vista; Ainsley Thompson, Stonebridge.

The team going to the Ukraine are: Priscilla Andersen, Orchard Community, Susan Bye, Community Presbyterian Cambria; Colin Campbell, Monte Vista; Phil Haik, Emmanuel Church; Anna Lynn, Orchard Community; and Valerie Walker, Trinity Presbyterian.

Our prayers for safe travel and spiritual growth go with you all. *Kristy LaBarge, Director IMPACT*

### *Safe Harbor, Cambria*

Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church of Cambria is grateful to the Santa Barbara Presbytery for its support. The prayers and love of sister and brother Presbyterians have given us strength and encouragement as we continue our journey to be the PC (USA) presence in Cambria and on the North Coast. It was a joyful time when the Presbytery accepted our congregation into membership in the Presbytery as a New Church Development, at the Presbytery meeting on 18 May, at Pismo Beach. It also added spiritual vitality to our work to strengthen the church.

Those in attendance were: Tom Cochrun, Monty Rice, Julia Rice, Michelle Costa, and Jeff Rodriguez. They are all members of our Leadership Team. Patti Ropp and Lana Cochrun, other members of the team were unable to attend as they were doing medical care for others. Donovan Ropp, also a team member is recovering from surgery.

### *General Assembly 2020 Baltimore*

The 224th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will be held from 20 June - 27 June, 2020 at Baltimore Maryland.

The Presbytery of Santa Barbara will elect our 2020 Teaching and Ruling Elder Commissioners at the Saturday 21 September 2019 Presbytery Meeting.

At the same meeting we will elect our 2020 Young Adult Advisory Delegate.

Nomination forms for these opportunities are available from Sandy Thoits, Stated Clerk of Presbytery. You can reach Sandy at: [stated-clerk@sbpres.org](mailto:stated-clerk@sbpres.org).

*From your Stated Clerk, Sandy Thoits*

## *Your Presbytery Leadership for 2019-2020*

### **Officers of the Presbytery**

Rev. Tom Stephen, Moderator  
Elder Sandy Thoits, Stated Clerk  
CRE Bonnie Boe, Treasurer

### **Presbytery Council**

Elder Tamara Skov, Chair & Personnel  
Rev. Tom Stephen, Moderator & Nominations  
CLP Chuck Curtis, Missions  
CRE Diane Kirkpatrick, Presbyterian Women  
CRE Bonnie Boe, Treasurer  
Rev. Jeff Holland, Ministry  
Rev. David Anderson, Preparation for Ministry  
Rev. Craig Williams, Church Development  
Elder Scott Eschbach, Property & Finance  
Rev. Janet Loughry, Clergy Support

The Presbytery Council is made up of the chairs for the various committees of the Presbytery and the moderator, the council currently has an opening for Moderator Elect (2020-2021) and three at large openings. Interested in serving?

### **Designated Special Committees**

Planning Team: CRE Bonnie Bo, RE Ashley Chelonis, CRE Mickey Fenn, Rev. Andy Rock, CRE Tim Smith, Rev. Tom Stephen, Rev. Dan Stevens (chair), RE Sandy Thoits.

Front Porch Task Force: RE Tamara Skov (chair), Rev. Craig Williams, Rev. Bruce Lethbridge, CRE Mickey Fenn, RE Mary Bythe.

Disaster Response Task Force: Rev. Susan Malloy (chair), Rev. Ted Brandt, CLP Chuck Curtis, Rev. Dennis Falasco, Rev. Jarrett Johnson, Rev. Kate Wiebe.

## *Willing to Serve?*

There are ten committees in the Presbytery and there are 20 openings on these teams. All positions are open to ordained ruling or teaching elders. Lay members may serve on the personnel committee.

Working on a Presbytery Committee gives you a much broader awareness of our Presbytery and its many efforts on behalf of our member churches.

### *Next Presbytery Meeting*

Saturday 21 September at Summerland Pres.

### *Contribute?*

Have an item for the newsletter? Send it to the editor, Lee Kirkpatrick at lkksbca@gmail.com



All the churches in the Presbytery that are engaged in a pastor search.

Goleta; Moorpark; Nipomo; Santa Barbara First; St. Andrew's; and Stonebridge.

Rev. Steve Jacobson is now interim pastor at St. Andrews Presbyterian. The Rev. Dr. Charles Svendsen is beginning as interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara on 1 July 2019. Rev. Michael Harbert is interim at Moorpark Presbyterian Church. Rev. Neal Nybo is interim pastor at Simi Valley Stonebridge Community Church.

## *Coastal Community Church*

One of our traditions here at Coastal Community is called "Change for a Dollar." Every other week we pass around a bucket during worship, inviting the folks to drop in spare change and bills (over their normal tithes and offerings). Then someone volunteers to take the bucket and bless someone in need here in the Five Cities. And they come back the next week to share the experience. This is one of those stories.



Trinity Coghill's family was one of those invited. On Good Friday, the last day before spring break, Trinity's grandmother Lonnie was talking to the school crossing guard. She said, "Isn't it great to have a break next week!?" The crossing guard said, "Actually, no. If I don't work, I don't get paid, and I need the money to fix the brakes on my car." She needed her car to drive to Los Osos several times a week to care for her daughter, who was recovering from a brain injury.

Trinity's grandmother shared this need with her family. They decided the Lord was leading them to give whatever was collected in worship on Easter Sunday to the crossing guard to make her car safe. \$280 was in the bucket, just enough to repair the front brakes. That week, Trinity and her family visited the crossing guard gave her the money, explaining where it was from.

The crossing guard was deeply grateful and brought her car to the repair shop. When they lifted her car up on the rack and inspected her brake pads.... he said "You must have been stopped by prayer- because it sure wasn't your brakes!"

*Submitted by Rev. Paul Dugan*