



March 8, 2020

Maintaining a Healthy Congregation

With sensitivity to personal health concerns and to minimize exposure and/or the spread of germs related to colds, flu, and the coronavirus, we are exercising and recommending the following precautions as a church family related to our gathering together for the next several weeks:

- ◆ We encourage you to wash your hands with soap and water upon entering and exiting the church building or make use of hand sanitizers.
- ◆ Refrain from handshakes and hugs.
- ◆ If you have to sneeze or cough, please use your elbow or a tissue to do so.
- ◆ Please wash your hands with soap and water after each sneeze.
- ◆ Do not touch the water in the bowl of the baptismal font (located at the sanctuary entrance during Lent) which serves as a reminder of our baptism, God's forgiveness, and our identification with Christ. If your practice is to genuflect, please do so as you walk by without applying the water.
- ◆ We are suspending the serving of communion at this time and will resume it once we think it safe to do so.
- ◆ If you are not feeling well, we encourage you to stay home to prevent the possibility of infecting others, but keep us informed of your health status. Sermons, bulletins, and newsletters are available at <http://fpcsantarosa.org>

We considered implementing other measures, but believe these to be the most necessary, effective and sensible at this time.

Decade Mexico Mission Trip Update

Today at 10:30 AM worship we commission the Decade Mexico Mission team who will spend their Spring Break (3/14 through 3/21) building two homes for families who currently live without one. Thanks to your generosity last week's dinner and auction raised nearly \$7,500. Combined with the Missions Committee allocation of \$4,000 and other related income, the team has the \$6,000 needed for each home. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 29 at 6:00 PM to attend the Dessert and hear their mission experience report.

Caritas Village Update

Tuesday, the Santa Rosa City Council voted unanimously to approve the construction of Caritas Village, which combines a comprehensive family and homeless support services facility (*Caritas Center*) to be operated by Catholic Charities and an affordable housing development (*Caritas Homes*) to be operated by Burbank Housing. We celebrate this milestone and what it represents for our community with the staff of our service partner Catholic Charities.

TODAY @ THE CONNECT CENTER

We have hand sanitizer as well as tissues available!

Sign up for:

- ◆ Helping 5th Sunday Talent Show
- ◆ Living Psalms Workshop
- ◆ Nomadic Shelter (April)

Pick up:

- ◆ Lent devotional

Click to read:

- ◆ Newsletter & Worship Bulletin

WE SUPPORT

Giving Options

Forget your check? Don't carry cash? Want to simplify your donation to church? Want to give to church more regularly (weekly, monthly, etc.) but have a hard time sticking with the routine? Here are some easy solutions! Contact your bank directly with a phone call or online and set up an automatic donation to FPCSR. Your bank will then automatically send the church a paper check. You can give weekly, monthly or any interval that works for you. Donations may also be made via our website: <http://fpcsantarosa.org>, using a credit card. Some may wish to donate stock, which is convenient for a lump sum gift and can have personal income tax advantages. Questions about any of these giving options?

Contact Ann Hall at 890-8014 or ann@fpcsantarosa.org.

WE SERVE

Nomadic Shelter

First Pres hosts the homeless—through Redwood Gospel Mission's Nomadic Shelter—the first Tuesday evening of the month (through April). Get more details and sign up at the Connect Center to serve on April 7th.

WE CARE

The rose on the organ celebrates the birth of **Axell Ryder Cooper**, born Feb. 28. His parents are Elizabeth Frankenberg and Reily Cooper and great grandmother is Carole Keiner.

Our church family sends love and support to:

- ◆ **George and Lois Schwind**, who are moving to be near family in the Napa area
- ◆ **Jay and Anne Cobb**, who are moving to the Monterey area.

Their new forwarding addresses will be available through our church data base (CCB).

WE GROW

Adult Ed: Three Short Books

Sundays at 10:30 AM in Room 113

Beginning March 29 and continuing through May, Tim Stafford will lead this class through three short Old Testament books, each one with poignant relevance to today's world. *Ruth* focuses on hope in the face of bitter discouragement. *Jonah* centers on anger—unquenchable fury at evil people and at God. *Esther* considers the role of a religious minority in a country hostile to its faith. See any connection to our times?

★ ★ ★ FPC's Got Talent! ★ ★ ★

Sign up now for March 29th

★ Help Setup or Cleanup ★

The 5th Sunday Talent Show and Luncheon are scheduled for March 29th at 11:30 AM.

Sign up at the Connect Center or contact Shawna at 890.8017 to assist with setup or cleanup for the luncheon.

Connecting Through Nature: Star Party | Telescope Night

Friday, April 17 Details coming soon!