



Dear Harvest Family-

How wonderful that God is answering many of our prayers. Each Monday evening from 6:00 –6:30 p.m., several people gather to pray for the leaders in the church, and to pray for the needs in the church and community.

Margaret Kuglin and Karen Edwards are the core pray-ers in the group. We would love for you to join us as we lift up our hearts and needs to our Lord, and to see how He will answer.

## From the Pastor

Among the answers to prayer recently are:

- Bettye Welsh is home from her third stay in the hospital in the last few months.
- Our praise team is growing with the additions of Mike Royer and Kohl James, who are really good on guitar. And Brady keeps us in rhythm with the cajon.
- Financially, our income continues to exceed our expenses.
- We rejoice that Iglesia Cristiana Emmanuel has been with us now for a year. They have been a great blessing as they pray for us, and they have helped us on work days, and participated in VBS with us.
- We are seeing people come to our worship service to check out what the Lord is doing in our midst, and some are staying.
- We have been praying for Devon James, and he is improving.
- We have been praying through people's life transitions and troubles, and shared in their joys when God comes through.
- Our team of Sunday School teachers is doing a terrific job each Sunday. And we are preparing for a very exciting VBS in July.

Our sermon series on Jesus and Prayer will end on June 12th with a sermon on spiritual warfare and the armor of God from Ephesians 6.



Once again, we will spend the Summer in the Psalms. A reading list will be out shortly. This summer, we will read 15 Psalms a week (rather than 10) so that we will be through the Psalms by Labor Day, and ready for the fall schedule.

The Psalms are the prayer book of the Bible, and have been read by faithful Jews and Christians for thousands of years. It has been said that in the rest of the Bible, God speaks to us, but in the Psalms, we speak to God.

I once read of a sermon series on the Psalms called, “All Life is Here”, and indeed it is. Joy. Sorrow. Anger. Hope. Despair. Victory. Defeat. Loneliness. Fellowship. Sickness. Health.

I am looking forward to walking through the Psalms with you. If you’d like to suggest a Psalm to be preached on, let me know, please, and I will see how I can fit it in.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6)

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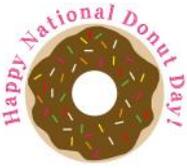
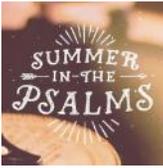


### **Assorted Things**

- 1) Last month, I finished reading, *Soul Keeping: Caring For the Most Important Part of You*—John Ortberg. It is a fantastic little book. There is a DVD study to go along with the book, six sessions of about 30 minutes each for the video, then discussion. I’d love to form a group to go through this together. Let me know if you are interested.
- 2) Beth and Rachel and I will be on vacation from June 28 to July 15. We travel first to Minnesota to visit Jim’s family, then to Nebraska for Beth’s family reunion called the Flickfest. Rachel will then drive to Denver with her brother, Mark, while Beth and I will drive to Red Feather Lakes, Colorado. RFL is at 9,000 feet elevation, so it takes us a while to acclimate to the altitude. We will spend a week there as the guest pastor of Chapel in the Pines, and see our friends from Southern California, Frank and Til Tranzow, who happen to live on a golf course! We will be home just in time for the final preparations for VBS.
- 3) I have invited several people to preach on July 3 and July 10, but haven’t heard back from anyone yet. Will let you know in plenty of time.
- 4) We would appreciate your prayers for us as we travel. Safety in travel. Rest and refreshment. And a continued sense of God’s presence with us, even when things don’t go according to plan.
- 5) July 1st marks the end of my fourth year at Harvest and the beginning of my 5th year. I am grateful to God for calling me here, and grateful for your love and patience and active participation in the work of the gospel.
- 6) Rachel will be going to graduate school at San Jose State in early August. She has been a blessing to have in the office this past year. If she has blessed you in some way, please let her know that. We hope to have a replacement on board before the end of June. Please continue to pray for that.

# JUNE 2016



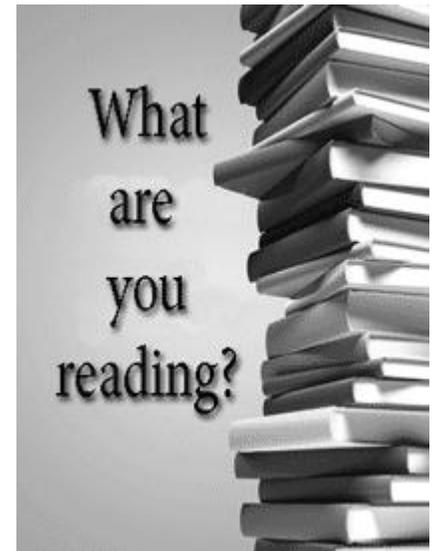
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|   |  |   | 1  | 2<br>9:30 a.m.—<br>Alpha Circle<br><br>6:30 p.m.—<br>Choir<br><br>7:30 p.m.—<br>Praise Practice | 3<br>10:00 a.m.—<br>Bible Study at<br>Kuglin's<br><br>                                  | 4<br> |
| 5<br>10:30 a.m.—<br>Worship<br><br>    | 6<br><br>6:00 p.m.—<br>Church Prayer<br>Meeting  | 7   | 8<br><br> | 9<br><br>6:30 p.m.—<br>Choir<br><br>7:30 p.m.—<br>Praise Practice                               | 10<br>10:00 a.m.—<br>Bible Study at<br>Kuglin's<br><br>12:00 p.m.—<br>Deacon's<br>Meeting  | 11   |
| 12<br>10:30 a.m.—<br>Worship<br><br> | 13<br><br>6:00 p.m.—<br>Church Prayer<br>Meeting   | 14<br><br> | 15<br><br>1:30 p.m.—<br>Session, Youth<br>Room   | 16<br><br>6:30 p.m.—<br>Choir<br><br>7:30 p.m.—<br>Praise Practice                              | 17<br>10:00 a.m.—<br>Bible Study at<br>Kuglin's<br><br>6:00 p.m.—<br>Mariners<br><br> | 18   |
| 19<br>10:30 a.m.—<br>Worship<br><br> | 20<br><br><br><br>6:00 p.m.—<br>Church Prayer<br>Meeting  | 21  | 22   | 23<br><br>7:30 p.m.—<br>Praise Practice   | 24<br>10:00 a.m.—<br>Bible Study at<br>Kuglin's  | 25   |
| 26<br>10:30 a.m.—<br>Worship<br><br>11:45 a.m.—<br>Potluck  | 27<br><br><br><br><br><br>6:00 p.m.—<br>Church Prayer<br>Meeting | 28  | 29   | 30<br><br>7:30 p.m.—<br>Praise Practice   |  |  |

# 2016 READING CHALLENGE



Have you read any good books lately? What are they? Reading, like exercise, is a joy and a discipline. I was challenged by my friend, Russell Smith, pastor of Covenant First Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati to read a book a week in 2016. Here are the books I have read this year in the **#52booksin2016 Challenge**

- 1) The Last Battle – C. S. Lewis (Children)
- 2) In the Garden of Beasts – Erik Larson (History)
- 3) Bandersnatch – Diana Glycer (Literature)
- 4) Dictator – Robert Harris (Historical Fiction)
- 5) I Am a Church Member – Thom Rainer (Church Growth)
- 6) Preaching- Tim Keller (Preaching)
- 7) The Black Echo- Michael Connelly (Crime Novel)
- 8) Creativity, Inc.- Ed Catmull (Leadership)
- 9) And Then There Were None- Agatha Christie (Mystery)
- 10) Huckleberry Finn- Mark Twain (Fiction)
- 11) Murder on the Orient Express – Agatha Christie (Mystery)
- 12) In the Name of Jesus - Henri Nouwen (Spiritual Leadership)
- 13) Church History in Plain Language: Fourth Edition - Bruce Shelley (History)
- 14) Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage" - Alfred Lansing. (Biography)
- 15) Soul Keeping: Caring For the Most Important Part of You—John Ortberg (Spirituality)
- 16) Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone— J. K. Rowling (Youth Fiction)
- 17) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets — J. K. Rowling (Youth Fiction)
- 18) Enemies of the Heart: Breaking Free from the Four Emotions That Control You—Andy Stanley (Personal Growth)
- 19) Canoeing the Mountains—Tod Bolsinger (Leadership)



What are you reading?

"Management cares for what is. Leadership is focused on what can be or what must be. Management is about keeping promises to a constituency; leadership is about an organization fulfilling its mission and realizing its reason for being."

Tod Bolsinger, Canoeing the Mountains

## Harvest Mariners Meet June 17th

Our last Mariners meeting before the summer will be on June 17th. Come and enjoy a meal and fellowship with one another. 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.



## Needed: Part-time Secretary starting in June 2016



Our current secretary, Rachel Stochl, will be leaving us at the end of June to start Graduate School in San Jose. We need to fill this position as soon as possible so that Rachel can train them! Must be a Christian, have good computer skills, able to answer/make phone calls politely, and willing to learn some accounting. Call the church office if you are interested or if you know anyone that could be interested in the position! Must be able to work through the Summer and in the Fall.

## The Book of Psalms

by Roy Demarest

Do you have a favorite part of the Bible? Many people do. Many surveys have been done where this question has been asked of church-going Christians, and the answers are generally the same. In the New Testament, the four Gospels are consistently listed as the most popular. In the Old Testament, the book of Psalms is the clear winner.

In fact, if there is only one chapter in the Bible that most people have actually memorized, it would most likely be a Psalm, and it would probably be the 23rd Psalm.

Actually, there are 150 psalms in the book of Psalms, and all of them contain valuable information about life's most important questions. How much do you know about the other 149 psalms? What subjects do they deal with, what instructions do they give, and how can they help a person in the 21st century?

It can be helpful to have some background information about the entire book. Even if we have been reading the Psalms for many years, would we be able to answer questions such as:

Who wrote the Psalms?

What does the word psalm mean?

How were the Psalms used by God's people in the Old Testament?

Authors and sections

The Psalms are a collection of the writings of several different authors. However, there is general consensus in conservative circles that King David of Israel was the major source and collector of the Psalms.

The Psalms are divided into five major sections:

Psalms 1-41 (Book 1)

Psalms 42-72 (Book 2)

Psalms 73-89 (Book 3)

Psalms 90-106 (Book 4)

Psalms 107-150 (Book 5)

David is listed in the superscription of 73 psalms. This does not necessarily mean that David wrote all of them, as the designation may mean simply that the psalm is about David. Moses is listed as the author of Psalm 90, and Solomon is listed as the author of Psalms 72 and 127.

Other authors listed in the psalm titles include Asaph (12 psalms), descendants of Korah (11 psalms), Heman the Ezrahite (Psalm 88) and Ethan the Ezrahite (Psalm 89).

### **Hymns and Hebrew poetry**

There are some very interesting things to note about the construction and style of the Psalms. The root meaning of the title of the book in both Hebrew and Greek is to play instrumental music and to sing to musical accompaniment. Services at God's temple involved the singing of these hymns with the accompaniment of stringed and wind instruments. In one sense, the book of Psalms was like a hymnal for God's temple services.

There is another feature of the construction of the book of Psalms that makes it stand out from the rest of the Bible. The book of Psalms is actually what we might call Hebrew poetry. However, it is unlike the English poetry many of us are familiar with, in that there is no rhyme and almost no meter or cadence in the writing.

The outstanding feature of Hebrew poetry is the use of parallelism, meaning there is a balance within one or more sentences of similar phrases or clauses that have the same grammatical construction.

Here are a few examples that illustrate this point:

- Psalm 15:1: "LORD, 'Who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?'" In this verse, the thought is repeated using different words.
- Psalm 1:6: "For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish." Here the thought is contrasted.
- Psalm 1:1: "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful." In this verse the thought is built up and restated several times.

This construction is important to remember so we can understand what the words are saying. A word or phrase on one line may be clarified and explained by what is said on the next line. The key to fully understanding the message of a particular psalm is to make sure we read the entire section or psalm. The Psalms tend to place thoughts, concepts and ideas concerning doctrine together.

<http://lifehopeandtruth.com/bible/holy-bible/old-testament/the-writings/the-book-of-psalms/>

More on the Psalms next month.



JUNE  
BIRTHDAYS

- 4—Dorothy Nelson
- 15—Warren Cawley
- 16—Bill Sperry
- 26—Jane McElrath

8—Leon & Karen  
Edwards

9—Art & Donna McRae

15—Patti & Ralph  
Arbizu

17—Devon & Michele  
James

20—Larry & Cheryl Lew



JUNE  
ANNIVERSARIES

*If your birthday or anniversary has not been listed, please call the office and let us know.*

## Regular Prayer List

### *Assisted Living:*

Mabel Cronan—*The Stratford Place*

Donna McRae— *Golden Age Home Care, (memory care)*

Dorothy Nelson—*Turlock Residential*

Mildred Vine— *Paramount Court*

Bill Sperry—*Country Manor*

### *Health Issues:*

Florence Bloemendaal

Warren Cawley (pain)

Margaret Kuglin (eye)

Roger Morrow (hip)

Ruth Strange (back)



## **Stockton Presbytery Prayer List for June 2016**

June 5—Harvest Presbyterian Church;  
Pastor: James Stochl, AND: Archie  
Marston, HR

June 12—Committee on Preparation For  
Ministry, Stockton Presbytery; AND: Carrie  
Lane

June 19— Community Presbyterian  
Church, Gustine; Pastor: Mark  
Hollingsworth, AND: Mike McLellan, HR

June 26— Grace Presbyterian Church,  
Lodi; Interim Pastor: Bill McGuinness,  
AND: Jeff Hawley, AND: Nancy Clegg,  
Clerk



## **Ceres School's Prayer List for June 2016**

June 5—Cesar Chavez Junior High;  
Principal: Janette Springer

June 12—Don Pedro Elementary School;  
Principal: Tami Garcia

June 19—Hidahl Elementary School;  
Principal: Vaughn Williams

June 26—La Rosa Elementary School;  
Principal: Lori Mariani



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Mission Statement ~ With God in control, the mission of the Harvest Presbyterian Church is to proclaim and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and nurture the faith of our church family.

## Harvest Leadership 2016

### Deacons

Virginia Bathe (Moderator)  
John Baughman  
Pat Cousins  
Art Johnston  
Nora McKinsey  
Martha McNamara  
Linda Sherman  
Myrna Wilhite

### Elders

Patti Arbizu (Clerk/Worship)  
Susan Bennett (Communications)  
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