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THE  
PASTOR



Summer. Vacation. Swimming. Hot Dogs. Baseball. Sun screen. Hot days. Biking.

For churches, summer means a more relaxed schedule. The choir takes the summer off. Many of the fellowship groups take the summer off.

For many churches, summer also means gearing up for Vacation Bible School. This is a wonderful way to engage children and families with the gospel of Jesus Christ. This year, our wonderful team is partnering with Iglesia Cristiana Emmanuel for VBS from July 25 through July 29. Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you can volunteer a day, or an hour, we could use your help! Please see Cyndy Cawley or Brandy Meyer or Beth Stochl to volunteer.



I mentioned this article last summer, and it is a good reminder of why we do VBS. I never went to VBS as a child, and I regret not ever hearing of Jesus Christ (except swearing) until I was in college at Davis.

According to Kathy George...it was just such a week that kindled her lifelong relationship with Christ. George was just four years old when she attended a Vacation Bible School, and although she didn't accept the Lord as her savior until many years later, that one experience was enough to show George that she was never alone. "My life became very difficult shortly after that experience," said George. "I can honestly say that had I not been to Vacation Bible School and learned about a God who loved me, I wouldn't be alive."

Her experience is reminiscent of the story in Luke, when Jesus cautioned his disciples to not hinder a group of children who had been brought to him for a blessing. He told them, "Let the children come to me! Don't try to stop them. People who are like these children belong to God's kingdom." Luke 18:15 (CEV). George said from that one week experience, all those years ago, she realized that once she was in God's family, she was always in God's family. "I just knew that no matter what, God loved me and would make sure everything turned out all right."

Whether children attend church regularly or have never been to a Sunday service, VBS is the perfect opportunity to introduce them to Christ through a meaningful personal experience.



## Summer Worship Time 9:30 a.m. (for July and August)

Can you imagine what someone may write 30 years from now, looking back on a VBS at Harvest Presbyterian Church in 2015 that changed their lives forever? What a wonderful thing that would be! Beyond praying for numbers, join with me in praying for spiritual impact.

For the past few years, summer is also a time when we look into the Psalms. This year is slightly different, in that we are reading 12 Psalms a week, and we are finishing on Labor Day weekend. A reading schedule is available in the entryway of the Worship Center.

Summer means backpacks for needy children at the Modesto Gospel Mission. Start looking for sales. We will be collecting backpacks on July 24th.



Rachel Stochl will begin her Master's degree at San Jose State when we return from vacation. We will miss her, as she has been a great help to us.

Beth and Rachel and I will be on vacation to Minnesota (Jim's family), Nebraska (Beth's family), and Colorado. The last few summers, I have done pulpit supply at Chapel in the Pines in Red Feather Lakes, Colorado. We will return on July 15th, just in time for the last week of VBS preparations.

Rev. Don Strongman will be preaching on July 3rd, and Rev. Lee Heim will be preaching on July 10th.

The Session has also moved communion to July 17th.

It's going to be a great summer!

### Welcome our New Secretary



Our new church secretary is Kohl James. He is a student at MJC, and has been playing with the Praise Team for the last month or so. The office hours have changed, so make a note of them. Welcome, Kohl!

### New Office Hours!

Tuesdays 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 1:30-5:00  
p.m.

Fridays 8:00 a.m.-12:00  
noon

## Summer in the Psalms

Here is the reading schedule for July.



6-27-16	Monday	Psalms 25, 26
6-28-16	Tuesday	Psalms 27, 28
6-29-16	Wednesday	Psalms 29, 30
6-30-16	Thursday	Psalms 31, 32
7-01-16	Friday	Psalms 33, 34
7-02-16	Saturday	Psalms 35, 36
7-03-16	Sunday	<b>Psalm 27 (Individual Lament)</b>
7-04-16	Monday	Psalms 37, 38
7-05-16	Tuesday	Psalms 39, 40
7-06-16	Wednesday	Psalms 41, 42
7-07-16	Thursday	Psalms 43, 44
7-08-16	Friday	Psalms 45, 46
7-09-16	Saturday	Psalms 47, 48
7-10-16	Sunday	<b>Psalm 46 (Songs of Zion)</b>
7-11-16	Monday	Psalms 49, 50
7-12-16	Tuesday	Psalms 51, 52
7-13-16	Wednesday	Psalms 53, 54
7-14-16	Thursday	Psalms 55, 56
7-15-16	Friday	Psalms 57, 58
7-16-16	Saturday	Psalms 59, 60
7-17-16	Sunday	<b>Psalm 53 (Wisdom)</b>
7-18-16	Monday	Psalms 61, 62
7-19-16	Tuesday	Psalms 63, 64
7-20-16	Wednesday	Psalms 65, 66
7-21-16	Thursday	Psalms 67, 68
7-22-16	Friday	Psalms 69, 70
7-23-16	Saturday	Psalms 71, 72
7-24-16	Sunday	<b>Psalm 66 (Doxology)</b>
7-25-16	Monday	Psalms 73, 74
7-26-16	Tuesday	Psalms 75, 76
7-27-16	Wednesday	Psalms 77, 78
7-28-16	Thursday	Psalms 79, 80
7-29-16	Friday	Psalms 81, 82
7-30-16	Saturday	Psalms 83, 84
7-31-16	Sunday	<b>Psalm 81 (Covenant Songs)</b>

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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)  
Cyndy Cawley (CE/Mission)  
Michael Cousins (Treasurer)  
Staci Edwards (CE)  
Brandy Meyer (CE/Youth)

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# JULY 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Kuglin's 	2
3 9:30 a.m.— Worship	 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	5	6	7	8 10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Kuglin's	9
10 9:30 a.m.— Worship	11 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	12 	13 6:00 p.m.— VBS Planning	14 	15 10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Kuglin's	16
17 9:30 a.m.— Communion 	18 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	19	20 1:15-3:15 p.m.— Session (Youth Room) 6:00 p.m.— VBS Planning	21	22 10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Kuglin's	23
24 9:30 a.m.— Worship	25 9:00 a.m.—VBS 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	26 9:00 a.m.—VBS	27 9:00 a.m.—VBS 	28 9:00 a.m.—VBS	29 9:00 a.m.—VBS 10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Kuglin's	30 
31 9:30 a.m.— Worship						

## July Sunday School Schedule\*

**July 3**—Nursery: Kendall Meyer & Staci Edwards; K-3rd: Brandy Meyer & Judy Salyer

**July 10**—Nursery: Kendall & Nawatha Reed; K-3rd: Brandy & Anette Arias

**July 17**—Nursery: Kendall & Judy; K-3rd: Cyndy Cawley & Patti Arbizu

**July 24**—Nursery: Kendall & Martha McNamara; K-3rd: Nawatha & Staci

**July 31**—Nursery: Kendall & Brandy; K-3rd: Cyndy & Anette

\* This schedule may change! Check with Brandy Meyer if you have any conflicts or questions.



## Regular Prayer List

### *Assisted Living:*

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

Mabel Cronan—*The Stratford Place*

Bill Sperry—Country Manor

### *Health Issues:*

Virginia Irons

Roger Morrow

Dorothy Nelson

Bill Sperry

Margaret Kuglin (eye)

Patti Arbizu (knee)

Alice Visser (English Oaks)

Grace Olds (Patti Arbizu's mom)



- ◆ New Secretary means new Office Hours! Tuesdays 1:30-5:00 p.m., Wednesdays 1:30-5:00 p.m., Fridays 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
- ◆ Youth Group Games Night: Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. we will be playing different games—volleyball, soccer, board games—to help bring youth to the church and to get them involved in the community. If you would like to help, contact Brandy Meyer or the church office. This event will go until July 28th and will end with a movie night on August 4th!
- ◆ No Mariner's Meetings during the Summer!
- ◆ Pastor Jim and family will be gone from June 28th to July 15th. They will be visiting family and friends in Minnesota, Nebraska, and Colorado.
- ◆ Communion Sunday will be July 17th when Pastor Jim has returned from vacation.

*Friendly Reminders*

## **July Birthdays**

1—Myrna Wilhite

7—Clark Pearson

9—Donna McRae; Mark Stochl

22—Leon Edwards

30—Dorothy Watson