

# the SPIRE

First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills

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July 2021





# From the Pastor's Desk

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## Jazz is Back!

July is always a big month for First Pres. Jazz in July is back! The weather looks to be perfect, the food trucks are lined up, and the bands are hot! Wayne Bergeron, one of my trumpet heroes, will be leading us off with his septet on July 10, followed by Pete Jacobs Band on the 17. Pete is a Jazz in July favorite, having joined us almost every year. On July 24 Chris Palmer (Jayme's uncle) rounds out our summer series with his group, JAC'D. We missed a year due to COVID, so it will be great to be back. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to join you for a relaxing and fun summer Saturday evening. Food trucks open at 6:00 pm and the Jazz begins at 7:00 pm.

Our Green Leaf summer camp has been a huge success with over 120 kids in classes learning everything from robotics to science to art and music. Next up is Vacation Bible School. Carol and the Children's Ministry Team have planned something new this year. VBS will be in the evenings and will be intergenerational! The theme is YOUniquely Made! Check out the back pages of the Spire for all the fun class options.

Reopening the sanctuary for worship has been going well, with more of us returning to worship every Sunday. It has been great to be together! I want to encourage those of you who have gotten used to worshipping on your couch on Sunday mornings to get up a bit earlier and join us in the sanctuary. A big of part worship is community, being together.

I am grateful for our ability to stream; it is a great way to stay connected if you are homebound or on vacation. However, worship via streaming is not the same as worshipping in person if you are able. The in-person, fellowship experience of the church community is a big part of the Gospel! I encourage you, as you are comfortable, to reclaim your pew. We've been saving it for you!

Your Friend,  
Jim



# Sermons

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**July 4**

"Honor the Emperor"- Pastor Jim Sillerud

**July 11**

"Miracle of Miracles"- Marilyn Rios

**July 18**

"The Day of the Lord"- Pastor Jim Sillerud

**July 25**

"Never Beyond Hope"- Pastor Jim Sillerud

# E-News

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Sign up for our weekly e-news for church updates, events, and more!

Go to [fpcgh.org/enews](http://fpcgh.org/enews)



# Prayer Requests

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## Hospital/Recovering:

Sallie Matthews– recovering from surgery  
Alley Treptow– recovering from fall  
Bill Cornwell- recent cancer diagnosis  
Sheila Canales– dislocated elbow  
Rose Lyons– fractured elbow

## Ongoing Concerns:

Roberta Clermont, Michele Morse,  
Marian Morrow, Norma Cooper,  
Jackie Lundgren, Jim Yoder, LaVelle Sharp,  
Gerda Maxey, Martha Sturgeon, Barbara Hall (Larry's mother),  
Jill Ralke, Maureen Boyer

## Hospice:

Dean Daily, Bonnie Rardin

## Our Love and Sympathy:

To Rick Spence and family on the passing of his mother.

To the family and friends of Joe Vasquez (former property manager) who passed on May 29, 2021.

To Carol Moffett on the loss of her son, Scott Moffett, who passed on June 23, 2021.

## Congratulations:

Melissa Leo on her graduation from Fuller Seminary.

Megan Leo and Jake Whitehouse on their recent engagement.

“Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

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Philippians 4:5-7





Free Live Music! July 10, July 17, and July 24 at 7:00 pm on our front lawn.  
Bring a lawn chair and a friend!

July 10- The Wayne Bergeron Sextet  
July 17- Pete Jacobs Big Band  
July 24- JAC'D directed by Chris Palmer

Food Trucks start at 6:00 pm.

July 10- Uncle Al's BBQ, July 17- Burt to a Crisp BBQ, July 24-The Tropic Truck

Silent Auction benefiting MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will also be happening.  
One way you can help is to donate gift cards for the raffle. The Scrip table is open on Sundays!

# Beach Clean Up

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We are having Beach Clean Up on July 10 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at Will Rogers State Beach! Open to all ages! We are partnering with 'It Is Overdue' for an intergenerational way to serve the community. Bring gloves and water (grabbers are optional, or Overdue sells them for \$20 at the location). For more info message Stephanie at [communications@fpcgh.org](mailto:communications@fpcgh.org)!



## Body & Brain

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Saturday morning in person Body & Brain exercise class is back! Class meets every Saturday from 9:00 to 10:15 am. For now, we're holding class outside on the front lawn. The temperature has been perfect and the birds seem to enjoy having us there.

We'll meet in front of Lee Hall and walk together to the class location. Bring your mats.

I will have a few extra mats, if needed.

There is plenty of room to physically distance in the shade. Masks are optional.

For more info and to receive a weekly email reminder contact Donna at [littlevoice2@verizon.net](mailto:littlevoice2@verizon.net) or by cell: 818.317.7389.

Body & Brain class is an opportunity to set aside some time each week for your own self-care. The class offers a chance to learn and practice some fun, effective, healing exercises to reduce stress, relax and recharge your energy with a Christ-Following spin. Body & Brain is not a single approach to mindful exercise but incorporates a broad cross-section of healing exercise traditions both ancient and current. Class exercises focus on bringing attention to the condition of our bodies and minds by creating healthy energy circulation in the body through joint opening exercise, gentle stretching, core strengthening, breathing meditation and relaxation, detox exercise, plate exercise, whole body tapping and more. Each class begins with an opening prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to be present with us through Jesus Christ, and ends in gratitude for the healing that comes to us through the Holy Spirit. Come, refresh your body and mind with this Christ-centered practice. Donna Landon has been sharing healing exercise at FPCGH since 2012.



# Community Concerns

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Become a part of Community Concerns by helping out with their monthly dinner meals at SFVRM (San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission) and LAFH (Los Angeles Family Housing). Offer to volunteer for one of the monthly meal events, 1st Wednesday at SFVRM and 3rd Wednesday at LAFH. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older, will need to have proof of Covid Vaccination and sign volunteer releases to participate. Be a part of a wonderful opportunity to serve those who struggle with homelessness and be a beacon of light for Christ. For more information, reach out to Elder Michele Morse at [cardeno60@gmail.com](mailto:cardeno60@gmail.com).



## Healing the Heart:

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Finding God's Love in Loss and Lament

You're invited to participate in an interactive exploration into healing from loss through love and lament. Whether to find healing for yourself or to become a source of healing for others, or both, come and join Marilyn as she leads this unique and individualized exploration through art, music, poetry, and, of course, Scripture. "Healing the Heart" will begin in August; look for details in next month's Spire.

# Youth Group

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## **WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP**

Every other Wednesday Youth group will meet off campus for an activity (hiking, bowling, swimming) for the summer. Contact Scott Landon and Tara Landon at [youthministry@fpcgh.org](mailto:youthministry@fpcgh.org) for more information.

## **BEACH DAYS**

Beach days at various locations are every other Monday. Contact Tara and Scott Landon at [youthministry@fpcgh.org](mailto:youthministry@fpcgh.org) for more information.

# Men's Ministry

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## **Baconday**

July 17. Breakfast begins at 8:00 am with the followed by the fourth installment of Evangelism. Recommended donation of \$5.00.

## **Join Our Newsletter**

Want the latest news on what's happening with Men's Ministry at FPCGH? Get the GMen Newsletter delivered to your email inbox or phone. Please send an email to [granadamen1@gmail.com](mailto:granadamen1@gmail.com) asking to be added to the list of 130 men who are already receiving it. You may unsubscribe at any time. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek the Lord's direction to further His Kingdom purposes.

## **Small Groups**

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Meets Thursday mornings at 7:00 am in Hampton Lounge facilitated by Pastor Jim. For more information contact the church office at 818.360.1831.

### **Monday Night Bible Study**

Rick Spence is hosting a Bible Study on Mondays at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in Hampton Lounge. They are studying *Listening to God*. Contact Rick at [rjspence1@msn.com](mailto:rjspence1@msn.com).

### **Thursday Night Bible Study**

Every third Thursday from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm.



# Senior Singles

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We have a very busy schedule for the month of July.  
We will be meeting at 10:00 am on the church patio on July 7 for coffee. We will be celebrating Independence Day by wearing red, white and blue and taking an Independence Day quiz.  
There will be prizes, of course!

On Sunday, July 18 at 4:30 pm we will be dining at The Junkyard Cafe. Reservations will be necessary.

We will be having a Birthday/Unbirthday Party on July 28 at 4:30 pm.  
We will be doing a \$5.00 birthday present exchange.

And of course, we will be attending "Jazz in July" on July 10, 17, and 24.  
We would be happy to have you join us.

Call Linda Beaumaster 818.363.0474 for more information.



*Senior Singles visiting Marilyn Rios' ranch on June 13, 2021.*

# Small Groups

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Wednesday Night Co-Ed Bible Study led by Carol Morain every Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

There are small groups for adults to grow in faith and get connected. For information, contact Sue O'Connor at [taffie1@verizon.net](mailto:taffie1@verizon.net).

## Women's Small Groups

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Thursday morning Bible Study is on break.

Sunday Afternoon Bible Study led by Cindi Treloar leads the group on Sundays from 11:30 to 12:15 pm via Zoom to discuss the sermon and how it relates today. Contact Cindi at [cindi6906@gmail.com](mailto:cindi6906@gmail.com).

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is off for the summer. Meets 9:30 am to 11:00 am facilitated by Judy Spence, contact Judy at [spencejudy@hotmail.com](mailto:spencejudy@hotmail.com).

## Women's Retreat

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Save October 29-31 for our Women's Retreat at the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center with guest speaker, Rev. Barb LeFevre Lyons. Single day (Saturday) tickets will also be available. Registration begins soon!

## Flower Dedications

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The flowers that adorn our Sanctuary on Sundays are donated by members. If you are interested you may sign up for a Sunday of your choice in the Narthex. A Deacon will contact you two weeks before your Sunday for details.



# Global Training Network

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## “You Are Welcome!”

In Africa, this is not a response to “thank you”, as it is here. It is the expression of “welcome”! On my first few trips, it would always catch me. I would think, “but I didn’t say thank you”. Finally, now when I hear it, I can put it in the context of a greeting which says “we’re glad you’re here”!

Well, “You Are Welcome” to join a new offering of Timothy Leadership Training (TLT), course one, “Caring for God’s People” which I will lead as a Zoom teleconference course, Monday through Friday, July 19 - 23, from 8 am to 11 am each day. The course is designed for pastors and church leaders from countries all around the world. In June we had eight countries represented in the training, which was my ninth online course since the pandemic hit last year.

When traveling, the pastors and leaders are all gathered in one place from the area surrounding the training venue, such as in Nebbi, Uganda, near the border of DR Congo (see the pictures below). Generally I use a translator so that the training is in the local dialect. With international teleconferences I lead in English which is the common language for all who attend. For many it is their second language - or third, or fourth, or fifth. The manuals are available in English and many other languages.

So, the upcoming course is open to pastors and church leaders from any country in the world! And yes, that includes the USA, so **everyone at FPCGH is also invited** to participate and interact with Christian leaders from other nations in real time. I think you will find the course material both interesting and helpful for your own area of ministry. Also, I believe you will thoroughly enjoy the delightful fellowship.

Please send an email to [tomshedd@globaltrainingnetwork.org](mailto:tomshedd@globaltrainingnetwork.org), and I will send you “Instructions for Participants” and a Registration Form. When I receive your completed form, I will send you a manual and Zoom link for the training. As they say, “You Are Welcome!”

And know that “We Are Welcome!” for your prayers and support of our ministry!

-Tom and Mary Lou Shedd

PS - You are also welcome to visit [www.revtomshedd.com](http://www.revtomshedd.com) anytime!

PSS - Please pray for Pastor John and the people of Uganda as they are facing a severe Covid wave right now and the country is in a 42 day lockdown. All schools and churches are closed again. He texted recently that many in his village and town are dying from Covid.



Tom with Pastor and School Headmaster Obeyo John Kennedy, Nebbi, Uganda, May 2021.



John receives his TLT Basic Trainer Certificate with City Director Pius Manano and GTN colleague, Dr. Doug Posey from Newbury Park, CA, May 2021



# Prayer Shawls

Join us as we meet on Tuesday, July 8 at 6:30 pm to make prayer shawls. If you would like to learn to knit, we can help. For more information, contact Michelle Brekke at [brekkefamily@me.com](mailto:brekkefamily@me.com).

## MOPS

A tribe of moms with kids ages 0-6, sharing life together. It's a place for friendship, community, support, and growth.

This year we will reconnect, have fun, be more free, find joy, and do it all for love!

Join us for brunch, messages of hope, small groups, and creative activities!

Coming this fall!

Contact [granadahillsmops@gmail.com](mailto:granadahillsmops@gmail.com) for more information.

## Children's Ministry



# VBS

July 19-23 at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Check the next page for classes and prices!

Registration class is based on the grade they have completed.

Some classes are open to adults; check the class descriptions.

### **Parent's Class**

Gary Ventimiglia will be leading a class for parents of children of all ages. He will be exploring how God has made each child unique and what it means to "raise up a child in the way they should go." Why this is so important for the fundamental health and growth of an individual and what can develop if this fact is neglected are areas to be explored. Gary has been a Marriage and Family therapist for over 30 years and will be using concepts from his book called, "Free to Run the Race."

### **Preschool**

Join the fun in your own class! Story time, play time and of course, crafts that will remind them of the story! These kids will have fun in their own program led by loving and caring teachers. Each day they will learn that God loves them and they are YOUNIQUELY Made, chosen by a great God who cherishes them!

Must be potty trained to attend class.

### **Fine Art      3rd and up      Stephanie Deach-Foyle**

Your child will explore the world of fine art this week! This class will cover a little bit of everything, drawing, perspective, color theory, acrylics and pen and pencils. We will even talk a little bit about art history.

Class Fee: \$25+\$10 (class fee for supplies) \$35

### **Beginner Cake Decorating      3-5      Sheila Koster**

This week your child will get a basic understanding of cake decorating. They will learn how to fill and use decorating bags, learn how to pipe simple designs on cookies and cakes, and learn a simple recipe for frosting they can use at home. They will get the basic idea on how to print with frosting, make simple flowers, daises, roses, and leaves.

*Note: This class is not gluten free, has eggs, sugar, etc. If your child is allergic to a food item, please talk to us before registering your child!*

Class Fee: \$25+\$10 (class fee for supplies) \$35

### **Sewing      3rd and up      Michelle Brekke**

Now is a great time to learn to sew and will be a skill that will stay with your child for life! This week your child will first learn basic sewing skills while learning to make a pillowcase and then move on to sewing a drawstring backpack.

Class Fee: \$25+\$10 (class fee for supplies) \$35

### **Soccer      K-5      Scott and Tara Landon**

Your child will learn basic soccer skills and techniques this week. This is a safe environment for your child to try something new if they have never tried soccer or brush up on skills if they have played before! Kids will take home their own ball.

Class Fee: \$25+\$5 (class fee for supplies) \$30

### **Arts and Crafts      K-2      Donnal Poppe**

We hope your child is ready for a fantastic week as they engage in arts and crafts sessions! We want to help your child's imagination soar and arts and crafts allows for so much self-expression. At the end of the week, they will take their art home in booklet form.

Class Fee: \$25+\$5 (class fee for supplies) \$30

### **Woodworking      K-5      Mark Wilson**

Your child will learn building skills. They will learn how to use nails, sandpaper, handle a hammer and the importance of measuring, of course! Your child will take home a couple of projects by the end of the week.

Class Fee: \$25+\$5 (class fee for supplies) \$30

### **Cooking      3-5      Lee Nelson**

You child will be learning to cook a few different dishes from around the world. Have a taste of food from Italy or France! They will be taking their food home at the end of each evening. At the end of the week your child will be given all of the recipes they made in class so you can try these yummy dishes at home!

*Note: This class is not gluten free, has eggs, sugar, etc. If your child is allergic to a food item, please talk to us before registering your child!*

Class Fee: \$25+\$10 (class fee for supplies) \$35

### **Light Sabers      K and up      David Nelson**

Your child will learn the basics of lightsaber training, as well as safe and fun lightsaber fitness moves. They will be able to showcase their best moves on the final day. They will take home their light saber!

Class Fee: \$25+\$10 (class fee for supplies) \$35

### **Ukulele      3rd and up**

#### **Jay Bolton/Chris Sillerud/Sue Mudd**

Ukulele lessons during Vacation Bible School for players of all ages! We'd love for this to be an intergenerational class. We will learn some basic chords that fit with many songs, some Hawaiian history/facts, eat some snacks, learn a little hula all in our air conditioned Hawaiian oasis. We hope to see many of you there!

Class Fee: \$15 + (depending on purchase of ukulele)

# Facebook Group

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If you are not already following First Pres on Facebook, find us at [www.facebook.com/fpcgh](http://www.facebook.com/fpcgh)  
We have a Facebook Group for members of First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills to share in  
community, fellowship, and to share classifieds.

Go to [facebook.com/groups/fpcgh](http://facebook.com/groups/fpcgh) to request to be a part of the group.

## Spire Articles

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Articles for the August Spire are due by Sunday, July 25  
to Stephanie at [communications@fpcgh.org](mailto:communications@fpcgh.org)

## Finance

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### SUMMER GIVING

Don't let your Tangible Giving take a vacation this summer! It's a great time to set up an e-giving account, to ensure your generosity continues as summer travels take you away. It's so simple, you may want to join the many members that now give electronically year round.

### 2021 Per Capita

Every year our budget includes money to cover our congregation's share of the administrative costs of being a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). An individual congregation's share is calculated on its total membership. This is called "Per Capita." This year the per capita is \$37.18 per member or \$74.36 per couple. There is a blue Per Capita offering envelope located in your box of offering envelopes. The Per Capita assessment covers overhead cost of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. You can also make your Per Capita payment thru our web page utilizing the Online Giving feature at [www.fpcgh.org/donate](http://www.fpcgh.org/donate) or use the QR code.

### QR Code

We have made online giving, per capita payments, and special event payments even easier! Just scan the QR code with your smart phone. Once scanned, your browser will be directed to our online giving page.





# July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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