



THE LIGHTHOUSE

October 2011

PEACEMAKING OFFERING – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

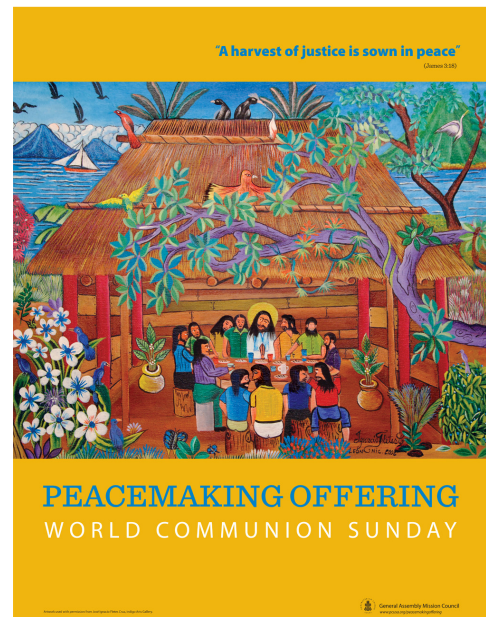
We will receive the annual Peacemaking Offering on October 2, Worldwide Communion Sunday. This is one of four Presbyterian special offerings during the year. Donations to the offering go to support a variety of programs whose purpose is to promote peace at home and throughout the world. For example funds go to support the Presbyterian program that works to stop countries from recruiting children as soldiers. Another program supported by the offering is the implementation of the General Assembly Resolution to cut down on the number of guns available in high crime areas.

25% of the offering collected at St. Andrew's will go to a project selected by your Mission Committee. Again this year the Committee has determined to support Neve Shalom (in Hebrew), or Wahat al-Salam (in Arabic), or Oasis of Peace (in English). The name is taken from Isaiah 32: 18 "My people shall dwell in an oasis of peace." Neve Shalom is a community located between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv in which Jews and Arab Christians and Muslims live together and jointly govern their village. Neve Shalom also provides an extensive education program for residents and non-residents, including a school for children residing in the community and in various nearby villages and a program of seminars and workshops for educating people residing throughout Israel.

These education programs focus on teaching Jews and Palestinians to live in peace with each other. Neve Shalom also provides humanitarian aid, mainly by giving medical assistance for Palestinian villagers.

Please consider making a generous gift to this special offering. Your check should be made out to St. Andrew's with an indication it is for Peacemaking. You may place your offering in a special envelope you will find in the pew racks or in the Peacemaking envelope that comes with your pledge envelopes.

YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE



Session News

At its September meeting, your Session:

- Discussed various aspects of the new PC(USA) Form of Government, including the new requirement for councils (including sessions) to develop a *manual of administrative operations* that will specify the form and guide the work of mission of the session. [Anyone interested in assisting to develop a draft manual of administrative operations for St. Andrew's may contact Sandy Thoits, Clerk of Session at sthoits@verizon.net.]
- Note: To view resources and FAQ about the new Form of Government, click on this link to the PC(USA) website:
<http://oga.pcusa.org/formofgovernment/>
- Heard a report about a Webinar on stewardship attended by members of the Stewardship Committee.
- Approved the acceptance of premiums for liability and workers compensation insurance policies for the next year.
- Approved registering a team from St. Andrew's to participate in the Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday, November 5 at 9:00 a.m., with a fundraising goal of \$250 for the team.
- Heard a status report from the Subcommittee on Wills and Bequests.
- Heard about plans for a Session retreat on Saturday, October 8th.



ADULT ED. CLASSES

- Dr. Harold Englund continues his series on "Our Ancient Faith in Modern Language," through October 23 (skipping October 9th for the Art Show).
- USCB Religious studies Professor, Dr. Kathy Moore leads a three-session series on Islam in America starting Sunday, October 30.
- Dr. Brett Becker will lead a three-session series on Vocation: "Discovering your Gifts and Talents," January 22, 29 and February 5, 2012.

FOCUS ON THE WORLD, by Harold Englund

It's Thursday evening, September 22, as I write these lines. This afternoon we arrived back home after spending two days and a bit more up in Cambria, completing our wedding anniversary. I suppose we have visited this lovely spot fifteen times in as many years.

There seems to be a kind of relief and delight we feel when we get away once in awhile. The pressure of routine tasks is lifted. Memories of earlier visits bring smiles. The ocean's gentle motion, walks along the little wooden sidewalk looking out at sea for dolphins or for surfboarders playing with the breakers, watching the wild deer behind our hotel cottage, or a covey of quail with father perched atop our picket fence keeping watch, an English tea room in town reminding us of other tea times in Scotland and England, an amazing nursery where many local gardens are born, and then Ragged Point, north of Hearst Castle, where we stood speechless pondering the meeting of very steep mountains and the restless sea far below.

When we served churches back in Carmel, and again in Pebble Beach, we made our pilgrimages to Point Lobos, just south of town, or down to Big Sur with its hairpin highway tracing the ocean's shore, Julius Pfeiffer State Park with its gurgling stream flowing among giant redwoods, and, of course, lunch at the Nepenthe Restaurant unaccountably perched high above the roiling surf far below. Big Sur was really not far away. But such a glorious change!

Jesus had his little get-aways too. We read how the crowds pressed around him, nearly pushing him into Lake Galilee. They were so needy, and he had so much to give. Sometimes he took his disciples with him out to the silent hills. Away from the ordinary, even away from his family, he needed to rebuild his reserves and to talk things over with the One he called "dear Father." Have you noticed that he never visited the larger cities up in Galilee? Just the countryside. Times have changed! Now so many people flock to the cities.

The Irish poet, W.B. Yeates, writes about his "Lake Isle of Innisfree." This isle of his dreams was in the middle of a lake. He dreamed of having a cabin there with a hive of honey-bees, and finding peace which "comes dropping slow, dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings." Even when he can't go there, "always, night and day, I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;" even "standing in the roadway, or on the pavements grey, I hear it in the deep heart's core."

Have you found your little "lake isle of Innisfree?" A place dear to you where you can meet yourself, and where you can meet your divine Friend, in order to be renewed? Tonight, for Enid and me, Cambria has done its work. The water is lapping gently by the shore. Enid is already asleep. The crickets are singing. Life resumes.

OUTDOOR LIVING NATIVITY

The Hospitality and Outreach Team is seeking a director for the Outdoor Living Nativity Team. This event requires a great deal of advance planning and a team of workers to execute.

Due to the large amount of work and planning necessary, **IF NO DIRECTOR IS FOUND BY OCTOBER 15TH, THIS EVENT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE.**

Contact Rachel Tobler if you are interested in directing the Outdoor Living Nativity.



10TH ANNUAL ART SHOW

Sunday, October 9th



It is time to showcase your specific talent. If you have something you created recently, or long ago, but have not shown it at our annual exhibit, please let me know so that we may

We are looking for: paintings, drawings, ceramics and pottery, photography, quilting, embroidery, glassware, jewelry, etc. This is open to our youth as well.

The art show will be set up on Saturday, October 8, starting at 1p.m. If you are unable to come yourself, make arrangements for someone else to bring it for you, or arrangements can be made for accepting them at an earlier date, if you call Bev Walters (964-1926).

IMPORTANT: All items must be removed and taken home on Sunday after everyone has finished viewing the show. Morgan Hall needs to be cleared for the PYF meeting in the evening.

Novel Book Club



Novel Book Group is reading The Mapping of Love and Death, by Jacqueline Winspear for our meeting in October. We will be meeting in the Vos room at 10:00 a.m. on October 8, 2011. This is a book in the Maisie Dobbs series. Please come and join us in the discussion.

A Prayer for October

Never let a day pass by without shedding on someone a ray of sunshine of goodwill and kindly cheerfulness.

Sister Emily Offord, Me. Lebanon, NY

October Mariners

Windjammers

Hosts: Dayle & Bob Rinker

Date and time to be announced



Outriggers:

Host needed.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United World Community Day, Friday, October, 7th, 10:30a.m.

Program: "Hats Off to Women"

St. Mark Methodist Church on La Colina Road.

Please wear a hat and bring a sack lunch, a friend, and an item for the Foodbank.

Beverages will be provided.

For more information contact Nancy McKenzie

ALZHEIMER'S WALK

Saturday, November 5, 9a.m. to 12noon (about 3miles), at the Santa Barbara Zoo. Join "Team St. Andrew's" by signing up and/or donating after worship on Sunday morning. This is an all church community service event. Rick Lee is our official captain. Wear your "Firm in Our Faith, Full Sail into the Future" t-shirt.



**LEAD
THE WAY.**



LIGHTHOUSE

The 2012 Santa Barbara Mission Conference

First Presbyterian
Church

“Living the Word in
Today’s World”

Friday, January 20th 5:30-7p.m.
Registration and Reception

7:00-8:00p.m Conference

Saturday, January 21st 8:15 –
8:25a.m. Registration & Coffee

8:45a.m. – 4p.m. Conference

Register online at:

www.sbmissionconference.org

Pre-registration fee: \$25
\$40 at the door

Konrad Kono in Concert

Saturday, October 15, 8p.m.
Concert at the Lobero Theatre.
Tickets: \$15 general admission;
\$10 senior/children – all unreserved
seating.
Call Edie Wells for tickets @ 967-8122.

*Church Work Day Saturday,
October 15, 9a-12n*



OCTOBER MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, October 28
6p.m. Dinner, 7p.m. Movie

WALLACE & GROMIT MOVIEFEST



Dinner: Squash soup and grilled cheese
sandwiches with Halloween cupcakes for
dessert.

Dinner \$5 per person; Movie is free

Sign up during coffee fellowship time on
Sunday or call the church office.

2011 Presbytery Meetings

- November 1-
First Presbyterian,
Santa Barbara

2012

February 11 - September 22
May 5 - October 30



Stewardship Snapshot

Dedication Sunday is October 30



A couple of months ago we attended Sunday Worship Service at Arcadia Presbyterian Church, our former church home. While there I discovered that one of our good friends in that church is also Stewardship Chair for this year. In their "Arcadia Press" I saw an article written by her, which resonated right away since we also have a koi pond. She gave me permission to use it (modified), so here it goes:

"In our backyard we have a pond and 15 gorgeous koi that have grown to different sizes and colors. Koi do not eat in the cold winter months, so by spring and early summer they are quite hungry. It is fun to watch as they swim around, do figure eights and swoop and dip toward their food. Sometimes they just gently swim toward their food and then swim right on by! Do they not see the food around them? I have come to the conclusion that they see it; they just miss the mark!

As I look down and see the koi through the pond water, I think of God looking down on all of us. He sees us as we walk by the blessings that could have been ours and to share with others, but we have missed the mark.

Often from the pulpit we hear that our guests do not have to give an offering. This also implies that we should be giving. Think about the blessings you may be missing by not entering in on this responsibility. These gifts allow St. Andrew's to further the cause of Christ in our church programs, the outreach to our community and our mission work around the world."

In Hebrews 13:16 it says: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

In Christ, Ann Zylstra, Stewardship Chair 2011

PRESCHOOL NEWS

School has started splendidly this fall. We have 17 returning children with 21 new students. Christi and I continue to be amazed by these children and their joy for discovery and learning about this wondrous world our Father has created for us.

October is the month we will enjoy the change in seasons and all the colors, smells, and tastes it will bring. We have started our Tuesday Pre-K class, and are excited about the possibilities. The opportunity to have a different routine with only 16 children is a blessing. The small group lends to incredible possibilities.

October is also the month we have an important parent meeting. We educate the parents on their responsibilities and how to interact with the children in the morning activities. We also give directions and ideas on how to run the small group/snack time. The evening is full of information, and an opportunity for the staff parents to feel more confident and to build their teaching skills.

I am delighted to be a part of a preschool that values the family and I will continue to make time to support and care for the development of the parent-child relationship in our special St. Andrew's community.

Happy fall, Cindy



PYF...

in focus



PYF is in full swing for the fall

Check out what's happening



PYF Fall Kick Off on September 11th. Twenty youth and 21 parents enjoyed a “focus” game, fellowship, dinner, activities, discussion and a fantastic end of the evening singing performance of *Blind Man* by the youth. Thanks to Dr. B (and Anita) for teaching and leading our youth!

United Way Day of Caring on September 17th. We pulled down and hauled palm fronds from the historic garden area at the Stow House in Goleta, working with a team from Wells Fargo Bank. Thanks to Megan Zink, Shannon Thoits, Katie Lefley, Josh Acuna, Steven Henderson, Brandon Gonzalez, Marie Henderson, Laura Lee Henderson, Paul Zink and Sandy Thoits for making a difference oin our community. It was lots of work for a good cause and fun too!



Dinner & Games at the Church on September 18th. All time favorites Red Rover, Sardines and “Never Have I Ever.” Tacos with all the works. Thanks to the Zinks and Spencers for dinner.

Bowling at Zodos on September 25th. Lanes of bowling and laughter.

Coming Up this Month – Sunday 10/2: Family Night at the Church, 6 – 8PM. All youth and parents are invited to our monthly family night. This month's program: **Games Galore** – like family game night at home but amped up to another level! Dinner provided.

Sunday 10/9: First Birthday Party for a Pastor, with Dr. B. Meet at the church at 3:15PM and ride together in the big 1st Pres. van to Erik Wiebe's ordination and celebrate after with pizza (gratis) with Dr. B at Rusty's. Return to the church at 7PM

Sunday 10/16: Broomball on the Ice with the First Pres. Youth Group. Meet at the church at 3:30PM and carpool together to Channel Islands Ice Center in Oxnard, dinner after. \$15.

Sunday 10/23: Clean the Closets for Charity (with Dinner), 6 – 8PM at the Church. Bring in coats, clothes, shoes, etc. to and donate to those in need in our community. Help keep people and families warm this winter.

Sunday 10/30: Halloween Costume Party & Pumpkin Carving, 6-8PM at the Church.

October 2011

						<p>1</p> <p>1p Watercolor Painting</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>
<p>2 World Communion</p> <p>9:30a Worship/ Communion</p> <p>10:30a Coffee</p> <p>11a Adult Ed. Class</p> <p>6p PYF</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30a Adult Ed. Committee</p> <p>6:30p Centering Prayer</p> <p>7p AA Grateful Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6p Youth Ministry</p> <p>6:30p Men's Bible Study-Mulligan's</p> <p>7p Worship</p> <p>7p Children's Ministry</p> <p>7p HOT</p>	<p>5 6:45a Men's Bible Study-Cody's</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p> <p>7p Choir</p> <p>7p AA</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:30a Church Women United-St. Mark's Methodist Church</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9a Session Retreat</p> <p>10a Novel Book Club</p> <p>1p Watercolor Painting</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>
<p>9 9:30a Worship</p> <p>9:45a Church School</p> <p>10:30a Coffee</p> <p>10:30a Art Show</p> <p>3:15p PYF</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1p Writing Group</p> <p>6:30p Centering Prayer</p> <p>7p AA Grateful Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:15a Naomi Circle</p> <p>7p Mission Committee</p>	<p>12 6:45a Men's Bible Study-Cody's</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p> <p>7p Choir</p> <p>7p AA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7p Finance Committee</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 8:30a Building & Grounds</p> <p>9a Work Day</p> <p>9a New Member Class</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>
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<p>23 9:30a Worship</p> <p>9:45a Church School</p> <p>10:30a Coffee</p> <p>11a Adult Ed. Class</p> <p>6p PYF</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30p Centering Prayer</p> <p>7p AA Grateful Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30p Men's Bible Study-Mulligan's</p> <p>7p Deacons</p>	<p>26 6:45a Men's Bible Study-Cody's</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p> <p>7p Choir</p> <p>7p AA</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30a Lydia Circle</p> <p>7p Eve Circle</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6p Dinner & Movie</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1p Watercolor Painting</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>
<p>30 Dedication Sunday</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p> <p>9:45a Church School</p> <p>10:30a Coffee</p> <p>11a Adult Ed. Class</p> <p>6p PYF</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9a PWPCT</p> <p>6:30p Centering Prayer</p> <p>7p AA Grateful Group</p>					

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BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED IN OCTOBER

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| 01 - Genevieve McGreevy | 11 - Peggy Sue Lemkuil |
| 02 - Eileen Vopelak | 20 - Kevin Acuna,
Amanda Kirk,
Kara Pearson |
| 04 - Dayle Rinker | 21 - Anita Becker |
| 05 - Mona Wise | 24 - Robert Rice |
| 06 - Tracy Wilson,
Linda Wisner | 26 - Alice Aspinwall |
| 07 - Marion Jeffries | 28 - Ann Padden-Rubin |
| 09 - David Bohn,
Bud Lemkuil | 29 - Roger Wells |
| | 30 - Annie Lefley |



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