

END OF THE WEEK MESSAGE FROM FBCPA – FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2013

WORK OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ **SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 10:00 AM**, Worship: “Stay Alert” and Sunday School for Children and Youth. Our second **QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING is today after worship**. We will consider matters pertaining to our mission giving, investments and improvements in our sound system and patio. A light lunch will be served. Everyone is encouraged for this important time of considering the work of our congregation.

Missions Proposal Consideration at the Quarterly Business Meeting, August 11, 2013

When we considered the future of our congregation in 2010-2011, one major concern was that we not spend all of our significant resources on ourselves. There was some strong feeling that we ought to be sharing our resources more broadly as a mark of good stewardship. At that time, the majority of the congregation voted to focus on renewing our congregation rather than disbursing our assets.

Recently we were able to liquidate one of our assets by selling our 25% share of the “Annex” to PACC. We received a payment of nearly \$300,000 for that share of the property. This money will go a long way to sustain us financially into the foreseeable future. At the same time, recognizing those who advocated for increased stewardship and honoring our commitment to renewal (“doing God’s new thing,”) here is a proposal for how we might proceed.

1. We give 10% of the net income from the sale of the property to missions.
2. We invest 10% of that income in microfinance.

If we agree on the first proposal, the Missions Task Team, with input from any member of the congregation, would devise a plan for distributing the funds. They would bring this plan to the congregation for final approval.

If we agree to the second proposal, the money would go to our Special Funds account to be invested and managed by our Special Funds Treasurer in institutions that specialize in microfinancing.

By adopting these proposals, we could make a significant contribution to one or more mission projects in fulfillment of our goal to be a congregation that “serves those in need.” We could also begin to engage in a focused program of socially responsible investing that would enable the recipients of the microloans our money provides to bring themselves and others out of dire poverty through the development of small businesses. This way we could serve those in need and still receive a return on our investment.

- ❖ **BIBLE STUDY** will resume this **Tuesday, August 13, 10:30 AM** at the Terraces of Los Altos at Janet Maxwell’s apartment. The address is **373 Pine Lane, #2106, Los Altos**. Anyone interested in studying the lectionary texts for the following Sunday is invited to attend. Let Pastor Rick know if you need transportation.
- ❖ Eleanor Satterlee is looking for **volunteers** to host Patio Hour on September 1. Please call let her know if you can help - 650.326.5289, Email: ejgs@sbcglobal.
- ❖ **HABITAT WORK DAY, Saturday, August 17, 8:30 AM to 4:15 PM**. Save this date for our annual work day with Habitat for Humanity. This year we are scheduled for a full day’s work on a remodel in East Palo Alto. There are 10 work slots. If we have more volunteers, there may also be the opportunity to help out in the “ReStore.” If you’re interested sign up on Sunday or let Pastor Rick know. If you’re not available to work, you may volunteer to help the Missions Task Team with the lunch preparation. More information to follow.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING EVENTS

- ❖ **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DOROTHY AKER** will be **Sunday, August 18 at 2:00 PM** in the sanctuary.
- ❖ **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, 5:00 PM in the Parlor.**
- ❖ **SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 10:00 AM: *Make New Friends, Keep the Old*, Hymn Sing and picnic “on the grounds”.**
- ❖ **WOMEN'S BRUNCH** meets on the **Thursday, August 29 at 10 AM**. All women of our church community are invited. Please join us at at Hobeé’s Restaurant, 4224 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, in the “Wine Room.” All women of the congregation welcome.



Our **August Special Mission Offering** is for **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER SAN FRANCISCO**. The mission of the Greater San Francisco Habitat for Humanity is to make the dream of home ownership a reality for low-income families - a virtually unattainable dream for the majority of residents in San Francisco, Marin and the Peninsula. We urge you to give generously to this offering. Thank you so much on behalf of the Habitat families. To date we have received **\$150** toward our goal: **\$600**.

THIS WEEK at FBCPA

Sunday, August 11 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

- 10:00 a.m. Worship: *Stay Alert* & Sunday School for Children and Youth
- 11:30 a.m. Quarterly Business Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, August 13

- 10:30 a.m. Bible study, Janet Maxwell's, 373 Pine Lane, #2106, Los Altos

Saturday, August 17

- 8:15 a.m. Habitat for Humanity Work Day, meet in the church parking lot

Sunday, August 18 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 10:00 a.m. Worship: *Fire Next Time* & Sunday School for Children and Youth
- 11:15 a.m. Patio Hour
- 2:00 p.m. Memorial service for Dorothy Aker, Sanctuary