



THE SPIRE

November 2013



MIXON MUSES

The seasons change. The weather changes. And we cycle around once more to a time to focus on gratitude. November brings trees changing color, cold nights, Thanksgiving and the stewardship campaign. In the time I have been your pastor, we have never made a big deal of promoting stewardship. We have not needed to. For whatever reasons, ours seems to be a congregation that understands the need to undergird our life together with financial resources.

When asked about our church, I tell people we are located in the most expensive neighborhood in a very affluent city. Our neighbors are the Page and Jobs families. However, I am quick to offer the disclaimer that those kind of wealthy people do not make up our congregation. We are not particularly affluent. We are ordinary folk. But we are generous with what we have. We recognize that our life as a congregation depends on that generosity.

A while back we took a vote of confidence in the future of our congregation and decided to work toward renewal. There are many good and exciting things happening in our space and a significant number of those things are generating income to keep us functioning. It has been particularly exciting to watch the growth of iSing – Silicon Valley Girls Choir under our sponsorship. Other groups continue to enjoy and value our hospitality. They frequently comment on the “good vibe” that comes from sharing our space.

Our long awaited patio project is underway. The sound system upgrade is on the drawing board. We have a dedicated group of leaders and committed, creative staff, including our interns. We have hard-working task teams, one of which is our Renewal Task Team that is focusing on our future. It is a difficult time anywhere to function as a church in ways with which we are familiar. We are challenged to find ways to be a church that responds positively to God’s call to faithful creativity. Renewal may well cost us something moving forward, at

least during the time it takes to live into a new reality. We may be called on to invest in our future.

Gratitude, stewardship, support, sustenance, compassion – these are all characteristics and qualities that call on us to step up our generosity to the degree that we can. We know that some of us are simply not able to give more than we already do. For that level of commitment, we are grateful. That level of commitment enhances deeply the quality of our life together. At the same time, there may be some of us who can give more to sustain our community. As I said last month, it simply takes all of us to be us. Our present and our future depend on us all pulling together to make this the congregation God – and we – want it to be.

You'll see other places in this Spire that our stewardship theme for this year is "Found Faithful – in Little, with Much, with All." The text is 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 in which Paul urges the church at Corinth to keep the faith in the face of many complicated challenges: "Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." The "us" of Paul's encouragement is all of us – you and me included. We are called to be and we have committed ourselves to living as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. As I mentioned a few Sunday's ago, we have a story to tell, a witness to bear, compassion to practice, wisdom to share. It is essential that we continue to be faithful to the enterprise, even if we're not entirely sure of where we're headed.

To be faithful in little, if that is what we have to offer. Remember trees grow from small seeds. To be faithful with much. Whatever our limitations, we are still blessed far beyond most folk on this planet. To be faithful with all. Trustworthy stewards make the most of everything with which they have to work. So we thank God for what we have been given, we pledge ourselves to share as generously as we possibly can and we trust that God will take our gifts and multiply them for the work of God's realm in the ways that only God can. As God's people we are blessed to be part of the system of support for God's church. Let us bless as we have been blessed.

Pastor Rick

Educational and Family Ministry

Friends of God,

I've been thinking about what it means to be called together.

"When we are drowned in the overwhelming seas of the love of God, we find ourselves in a new and particular relation to a few of our fellows. The relation is so surprising and so rich that we despair of finding a word glorious enough and weighty enough to name it. The word *Fellowship* is discovered, but the word is pale and thin in comparison with the rich volume and luminous bulk and warmth of the experience it would designate." ~ Thomas R. Kelly, *A Testament of Devotion*

What does it mean to be in fellowship with one another? What does it mean to be members together of the One Body which is Christ Jesus? Woah. Big questions, but Kelly offers me some new (at least to me) language to begin to wrap my mind and my experience of the holy in community.

The word "fellowship" is a familiar word to most of us. We have a fellowship hall. We may even sing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" and shout the words, "What a fellowship! What a joy divine!" but how do we experience it here together at First Baptist Church in Palo Alto, CA?

Kelly helps me out here. First, there's really no word that begins to describe what it is to know God in one another. There's simply not. No language is adequate. The "glory" of it, the "weight" of it is too much, but we use this word "fellowship" in the hopes that it will at least point us in the right direction. Does it do that work for you?

I'd love to know what you think. Send me an e-mail (tripp@anglobaptist.org), Facebook me, or you can call me, too. I think I still remember how to use a telephone. And I love a letter.

What word do you use to describe the *kind* of community we intend to have here at First Baptist? Are these more than friends? Family? Fellowship? The Holy City? The Body?

As we move forward as a congregation, being able to share what it means to be fellowship, the Body, with one another will increasingly important. I think I may be right when I say that we have been called together, called into one another's lives in this place and this time. But the only way I can be sure I'm right is to hear from you. Reach out. Let me know what you think.

Peace and All Good Things,
Pastor Tripp Hudgins

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - BOOK REVIEW

Paatrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of A Sinner and Saint



Let me simply say this: get the book. It is pure testimony. It is a mind-blowing lead at the open 12-step meeting we so blithely call "church." Wow, but she's articulating the present spirit of the age so clearly. Nadia wrote my heart.

I met Nadia Bolz-Weber many years ago at an event in Evanston, IL. Seabury-Western (my seminary alma mater) was hosting a conference on the Emergent Movement. Phyllis Tickle was the principle teacher, but Nadia was also scheduled to speak about her new project, a church start called House for All Sinners and Saints. I recall Nadia was kind and generous. Since then I've made a point to say hello when I've attended events where she was speaking. Again, always kind and generous. So, maybe I'm biased.

Some things you need to know. If you are like me, you will have heard some of these stories. You will know the one-liners. This book is a collection of stories, homilies, tidbits of spiritual nerd-ery, and confessions of someone in recovery. But even if you know the stories like I do, it's absolutely worth your time to read it. I shed tears. I laughed. I was reminded of things that I had apparently set aside. Good things. Holy things.

Paatrix is a testimony, a personal reflection of the moments God has shown up and worked a miracle in spite of one's best efforts to keep God quiet.



I quoted Nadia in my most recent sermon. Of course. There are too many quotations I could highlight. According to my electronic copy of the book, the one I used in my sermon and that Pastor Rick also shared, is quite popular with readers. I don't care if you have seen

To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God. To open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God." — William Temple (1881-1944)

it already. Just pay attention.

"God's grace is not defined as God being forgiving to us even though we sin. Grace is when God is a source of wholeness, which makes up for my failings. My failings hurt me and others and even the planet, and God's grace to me is that my brokenness is not the final word. My selfishness is not the end-all... instead, it's that God makes beautiful things out of even my own shit. Grace isn't about God creating humans as flawed beings and then acting all hurt when we inevitably fail and then stepping in like the hero to grant us peace—like saying, 'Oh, it's OK, I'll be a good guy and forgive you.' It's God saying, 'I love the world too much to let your sin define you and be the final word. I am a God who makes all things new.'" (Pastrix, p. 50)

House for All Sinners and Saints, where Nadia serves as pastor, isn't just for tattooed hipsters in Denver. Like the rooms of AA, people from every walk of life have made HFASS their spiritual home. Rigorously honest, intelligent, funny, and creative, this book gives us a glimpse into what I think many people are looking for in a spiritual home. Nadia is able to articulate the spirit of the age for many of us. Christian triumphalism is taking a back seat to simple honesty.

Get the book. I am jealous that I didn't write it, but I am glad someone is sharing about the kind of spiritual life so many people are actually seeking. And I am especially glad that someone is Nadia.



DEAR READER: THESE LAST TWO PAGES ARE A RE-PRINT FROM LAST MONTH'S ISSUE. WE ARE RUNNING THE ARTICLE AGAIN AS PART OF THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM THIS MONTH.

WORSHIP IN THE WORKS – THANKS FOR THE FANTASTIC ADVENT BRAINSTORMING!

Many thanks to all who came to the Advent-Epiphany Brainstorming Party on Sunday, October 27th, after worship. It was a deeply productive session resulting in many great ideas for planning worship this Advent and Christmas season. With twenty-one such creative and thoughtful folks in the room, it couldn't have been otherwise!

We began the workshop by exploring how planning worship together is also a way of reflecting on, and lovingly holding, the Christian community we already are and that we hope to become. Picking up the Advent scripture theme of "Building the House of God" from Isaiah, we talked about how bringing our ideas and gifts to designing worship together is one of many ways we can build our House of God this year. Indeed, already your ideas, creativity, time, energy, and commitment are the bricks and mortar for a potentially very exciting Advent worship season.

An unexpected computer virus interrupted my hope of introducing Marcia McFee's "Worship Design Studio" online platform as a possible tool for helping to organize a worship team. However, if anyone has questions about it, or would like to learn more, please feel free to let your pastoral team know. Some churches find it helpful because it allows worship teams to do creative work without having to attend yet another meeting, but each church finds what works best for them and their particular needs.

We broke into four small groups to brainstorm ideas for each of the Sundays in Advent, and then came together at the end to share our thoughts. Some of the ideas that got us most excited included finding ways of integrating the youth more fully into worship, and incorporating multi-sensory activities to enrich our Advent and Christmas Eve services. Folks came up with many specific ideas on how to do this that we will incorporate. More details to follow! In the meantime, if any of you have poems, readings, music, visual art, or other ideas you'd like to contribute to our worship planning for Advent/Christmas, please pass them along to Rick, Tripp, Doug or I and we'll add them to the creative

pot we're stirring. Thanks again for all your support and input! It sure was fun, and we look forward to doing it again.

In peace and passion,
Intern

We remembered the world in which we live through Douglas Ha sharing his experience and memorable conversion of their family in the refuge camp in Vietnam where missionaries learned their language and lived as they did... Many thanks to Naomi as she enthusiastically led us through brainstorming of how to enrich the worship service to be more meaningful through various media as we enter Advent and Christmas.

Jin and Jane



WORSHIP THEMES FOR NOVEMBER 2013

November 3	Little Man, Big Gifts	Luke 19:1-10
November 10	Found Faithful	1 Corinthians 4:1-2
November 17	New Day Coming	Isaiah 65:17-25
November 24	Made Strong	Colossians 1:11-20

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to:

Joan Moses	November 5
Ron Fredlund	November 15
Steven Shepard	November 16
Jane Chin	November 20
Charlie Clark	November 21
Corinne Fung	November 24
Susan Low	November 24

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH



BIBLE STUDY, Tuesdays at 10:30 AM at the Terraces of Los Altos at Janet Maxwell's apartment. The address is 373 Pine Lane, #2106, Los Altos. Let Pastor Rick know if you need transportation.

MEN'S BREAKFAST, Every first and third Wednesday at 8:00 AM, at Hobe's Restaurant, 4224 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. All the men from our Church family are welcome.

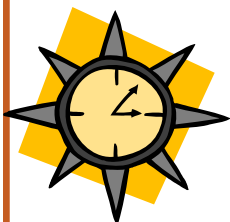


WOMEN'S BRUNCH meets each **fourth Thursday of the month at 10 AM** at Hobe's Restaurant, 4224 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. All women of our church community are invited. Please join us.

CHOIR PRACTICE on **Thursdays at 7:30 PM** in the Parlor. You're welcome to join us as we lift our voices in song.



OTHER EVENTS THIS MONTH



DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK NOVEMBER 3

UCCM CELEBRATES 50TH JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY, Sunday, November 3, 7:00 PM, Stanford Memorial Church - "A Conversation about Christian Views of Modern Marriage" with Bishop Gene Robinson, Gabe Lyons and Geoff Browning.

OPEN HOUSE, Sunday, November 10 at 3:00 PM. Soo Kim, Doug and Hegene Lee invite the congregation to join them in a celebration of their new home at 2320 Byron Street in Palo Alto. Please drop by to join in the festivity and warm their home.

BAPTISTS LUNCHING TOGETHER, Wednesday, November 20, Noon – "How Regions Can Help Churches be at their Best" with Executive Ministers Marcia Patton, Evergreen Association, Steve Bils, ABC of Central Pacific Coast

(Northern California and Oregon), and Tim Brown, Growing Healthy Churches. Grand Lake Gardens in Oakland. Lunch is \$8.00. For reservations contact Joan Thatcher, (510) 350-7008. If you would like a ride let Pastor Rick know.

GRATITUDE POTLUCK, Friday November 22 at 6:00 PM for folk of all ages in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for an intergenerational potluck dinner and celebration of all for which we have to be grateful. Bring a dish to share. You may also bring turkeys and canned food for Ecumenical Hunger Program that evening. Invite a friend, family member, colleague, neighbor or stranger to join us in this time of celebration!



"FOUND FAITHFUL, IN LITTLE, WITH MUCH, WITH ALL" - STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, November 24, 10:00 AM. We will bring our 2013 pledges as well as our food offerings for EHP as part of a service of thanksgiving.



INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE, Tuesday, November 26, 7:30 PM in our sanctuary. This year's theme is "Pathways to a Grateful Heart: Inspiring Each Other to Expressions of Gratitude."

HANGING OF THE GREENS, Saturday, November 30, 10:00 AM. We will decorate the church for the Advent to Epiphany season. There will be activities for all ages. Coffee, juice, fruit, doughnuts for extra enticement. Help make our Advent to Epiphany Worship Brainstorming a technicolor reality.

NOVEMBER CHURCH MEETINGS:

 **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TASK TEAM** meeting, Friday, November 8, 2PM in the Parlor.

 **CHURCH COUNCIL** meeting, Thursday, November 21, 5 PM in the Parlor.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DECEMBER SPIRE DEADLINE
is NOW NOVEMBER 15!

(Greetings SPIRE contributors, I will be going in for surgery on the 22 and must have the SPIRE finished by the 19th, so *anything* not submitted on time this month will be held over for inclusion in the January issue. Oleta)

**Found Faithful
In Little
With Much
With All**

This is our 2013 theme for our stewardship month this November. We are aiming to grow joyful stewards in our congregation.

A stewardship program must first start out with all participants following the scripture of Matthew 6:33- Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given you as well.

We must remember that our monetary pledge is to God. It is not a vote of confidence about anything or person in the church or the world. It is an anonymous gift that God will see fulfilled. We all work hard to earn and save our money especially in these times but it has been said that what has been done for Christ will last and all else will pass. We need to be reminded to be thankful and enjoy what God has given us. Can you consider giving 10% of your monetary income on Pledge Sunday?

Stewardship also means helping other who are struggling or have fallen on hard times and need our assistance. Can you lend a helping hand using your time and talents in Christ's name? God never forgets our service to him. We do not need to be recognized by the public. We need to be good stewards for the glory of God and the good of our neighbors.

Every Christian has been placed into the body of Christ, therefore we are an integral part of the community of faith. We all work better together for Christ using our spiritual gifts and skills to do the Lord's work. Again, we must be grateful for what God has given us to serve others on his behalf. 1Corinthians 10:13 Therefore ... whatever you do, do all in the glory of God.

There are many examples of giving and tithing in the Bible, such as the widow giving of her last coins, the feeding of the five thousand and the giving of 10% of their worldly goods. Please consider how you may imitate their actions while you consider what you will pledge for the operation of our Church. Please remember that God loves a cheerful giver.

Bring your pledge to our worship service on Stewardship Sunday, November 24.

Laura Garcia
Stewardship Chairman



SENIOR CHAT

*At Covenant Presbyterian Church
670 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto*



Senior Chat is a gift to us in many ways. We hear ideas that are new, we get information that improves our mental, physical and spiritual health, and we make new friends. Being a group that is totally inclusive, we meet folks from many different walks of life. No RSVP is necessary and we meet on the second Friday of each month at 10:00 in the Fireside room of Covenant Presbyterian Church. For more information, call Rev. Dona Smith-Powers at 650-494-3093.

Topic for November 2013

November 8, 10:00 AM: "A Healthy Tip" Most religions, theologians, and mystics have affirmed the idea that the act of thanksgiving is healthy in many ways. This time our chat will focus on that subject. Please think of someone for whom we are thankful and be ready to share the qualities of that person. Rev. Dona will bring some information on being thankful - from different spiritual perspectives.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes, October 17, 2013

Moderator Carolyn Shepard opened the meeting at 5:06 PM. Pastor Rick read a reflection on the parable of the Pharisee and the publican, noting that God has compassion for all.

Present: Jane and Jin Chin, Dan Cudworth, Pastor Rick Mixon, Eleanor and Hugh Satterlee, and Moderator Carolyn Shepard.

Jin briefed the Treasurer's report. Pledges are about 3% under projections. Withdrawals from investments, at \$25,000, is 50% below the prorated amount at month end, but \$16,000 was withdrawn after October 1st. Tenant contributions totaling \$83,100 are 12% above projections.

Income for iSing is processed by the Treasurer as in and out. Receipts are banked and checks written as needed to the two adult principals managing this new program.

Jane reviewed projections for the 2014 budget year. Continuation of the current church program will cost about \$269,000, about \$15,000 over income now projected. Adjustments will be made after pledge Sunday, November 24th.

The Mission task Team has identified two projects to fund from the 10% tithe of proceeds of sale of the Annex. The plan is to expend a third of the tithe on a project led by our missionary Sarah Chetti in Lebanon to minister to foreign domestic help who have encountered troubles, another third going to water and sanitation projects in Haiti, and another third now undesignated. This effort will be discussed in the Quarterly meeting next Sunday.

Task Teams: The Sound Committee will meet with the contractor on Wednesday, October 23rd to define the needed work within the scope of the all-inclusive list provided earlier.

Patio: A proposal costing \$60,000 was received Monday. Two changes are required and the contract signed. It is expected that work on approved segments might begin on Monday, October 21st and proceed for about two months. During this period, the two entrances from the patio will be closed and others designated. Those participating in planning meetings include Lynn Hunwick, Steve Lewis, Oleta and Rick.

Congregational Life: A Friday intergenerational evening of Pumpkin Carving Fun together with a potluck supper will occur on October 25th. A task team planning meeting will be held on November 8th at 2 PM

Concerns were expressed about the health conditions of Patrice Heath and Bob Towner.

Mission: October is World Mission Month. Presentations from the pulpit on mission activity in other countries have been presented this month. Ethnic foods have been featured at the coffee hour. The Lees and the Has will provide background for Korea and Viet Nam for the last two Sundays of the month. Mission emphasis for November will focus on the Ecumenical Hunger Program.

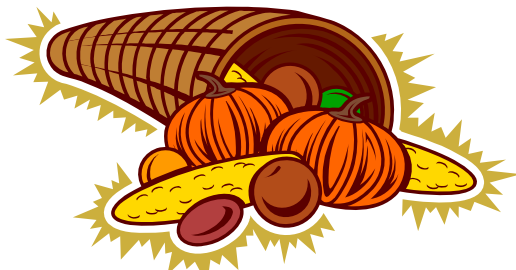
Renewal: This task team continues to meet.

The next Council meeting will occur on Thursday, November 14th, at 5:00 PM.

Carolyn closed the meeting at 7:02 PM with a short prayer asking especially for comfort and care for our very ill members.

Submitted:

Hugh Satterlee, Clerk



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes, October 20, 2013

Moderator Carolyn Shepard opened the meeting at 11:35 AM with a short prayer and a short reading noting that God's gift to us is the opportunity to further God's creation. Seventeen voting members were present.

Carolyn recalled that the church had, by vote, affirmed devoting a 10% tithe of the sale proceeds of the Annex to worthy mission projects and had tasked the Mission Task Team to designate appropriate projects. She asked for a straw vote on whether the gift should be limited to 10% (\$29,417, just short of \$30,000) or to round up the gift to an even \$30,000. A hand vote of eight to five agreed that \$30,000 would be more useful.

Carolyn then described two projects of \$10,000 each. These were chosen from projects from many on the website of the American Baptist Churches USA-International Ministries. The two projects, subject of the following motions, were each approved on voice votes.

Motion: The Congregation approves the "Clean Water for Haiti" Project of International Ministries as a mission project to support with the designated tithe from Annex Sale monies.

Motion: The Congregation approves the “Centre for Migrant Domestic Workers in Lebanon” Project of International Ministries as a mission project to support with the designated tithe from Annex Sale monies.

The third project has not yet been determined. The Council wishes that church members develop other worthy ideas and recommend them to the Council.

Pastor Rick expressed thanks for the continuing generosity of our church. He invited attention to the good work that the Congregational Life Task Team has been doing on Congregational care. He noted the precarious health of Patrice Heath and Bob Towner and asked our prayers for Bob and Lucille Towner, and Patrice and Richard Heath.

Construction on the long anticipated patio project will begin on Monday, October 21st. During construction entrances to the church from the patio will be closed off. Entrance will be through the Narthex and the door from the driveway. The work is expected to continue for two months.

The Sound Task Team will meet on Wednesday, the 23rd to finalize the project to overhaul and improve the church’s sound system. Jane Chin asked for financial flexibility for this work such that if the needed price is a little too large that the work proceed and money found to complete the work. Otherwise a Special Meeting might be required to approve the expenditure, delaying the work. Ron moved that such flexibility be provided and the resulting voice vote agreed to provide the needed flexibility.

Ron Tuttle asked that the requests for checks he will be asked to produce be adequately described in minutes of meetings or explicit directives from the Council.

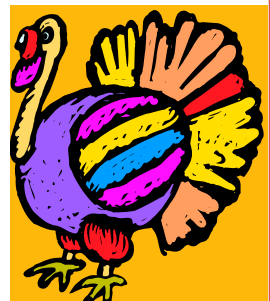
Ron also noted that the quarterly report for Special Funds is available for distribution.

Eleanor Satterlee asked all church members to share their skills by taking on some of the tasks now performed by long-time incumbents.

Carolyn closed the meeting with a short prayer at about 12:25 PM.

Submitted:

Hugh Satterlee, Clerk



THANK YOU TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FROM THE SOUTH
BAY SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

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October 22, 2013

Rick Nixon, Pastor
Alta Procter, Administrator

Dear Rick and Alta,

South Bay Sanctuary Covenant is
profoundly thankful for your partnership
in providing use of First Baptist Church's
Fellowship Hall on Sunday evening.

Your hall is perfect venue for our
group that was 75 Sunday. Additionally,
Chip Clark was an amazing support
during the event: arranging good sound
connections and charging the lighting as
the program progressed. He even mugged
up a spell of the Salvadoran punch!
Enclosed is the "check-out" sheet for our
event.

Thank you very much!

Dale Bracey

Congratulations, Mary!

Mary,

Ten of us from church were happy to celebrate with you and your friends from United Nations as you received the 70th Anniversary Chapter Legacy Award in recognition of your outstanding services to the entire community and throughout the state of California. You have worked hard for many years as president of the UNA Mid Peninsula Chapter and have used your educational background to engage youth through education. We as your church family are very proud of your accomplishments in this im-

portant area to the wider community as well as your long years of dedication to our church congregation.

Jin and Jane
(on behalf of your very proud and grateful church family)





**CONGRATULATIONS,
MARY GRANHOLM
ON YOUR
UNITED NATIONS
ASSOCIATION
LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD!**

AMERICAN BAPTIST NEWS

FROM RAMESH KUMAR

The Present Flood Condition in Odisha, India

Scores of villages has been devoured by swirling current of rivers like Subarnarekha, Brahmani, Baitarani, Mahanadi, Jalaka, Budhabalanga, Daya, Rusikula, Hadagoda etc. Road and rail links between flood affected districts have been badly affected due to overflowing of water in railway tracks and national Highways interlinking these districts.



As reported, the calamity is much larger than expected; this is why the required materials are not reaching their destination due to communication hindrances in the affected area. Further, the recent floods have brought untold miseries to the rural people residing in the flood affected districts. More than one lakh domestic cattle have been

washed away and adding further aggravating in unhygienic conditions to these areas due to stink and filth cause by death corps laying scattered all over, posing a serious threat to the lives of human being in these areas. Cholera and dysentery are spreading in these areas. If not checked on time, it will create a serious problem.

Most of the District i.e. Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Ganjamm, Berhampur, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur District are all coastal districts in the state of Odisha. The river passes through this district causes flood. This year Phalin and heavy rain fall washed away health and wealth of Odisha. Houses, utensils, grains and other things washed out in flood water. People are taking shelter at high embankment to save their lives and they are facing problems of shelter, safe drinking water, medical care, food, and hygienic. The villages of 100 families of our institution (staffs and students) are severely affected and cut off from the outside world. These are the condition when relief becomes the immediate need in the area. People are hungry without water, animals are dying due to lack of fodder and health conditions worsen creating more problems.

November & Thanksgiving's Mission Offering: **The Ecumenical Hunger Program-Our Goal: \$600.00**

Our November Special Offering goes to the Ecumenical Hunger Program located in East Palo Alto. The EHP, a private, non-profit, community-based organization, has been in existence since 1975. It provides emergency food, clothing, case management, and household essentials to families in need in East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto. Staff and volunteers work in partnership with families to provide immediate and long-term assistance essential for survival and success, providing referrals to resources available to low-income families and individuals in our community. Their programs include women's support groups, nutrition and health classes, holiday programs, youth programs and a computer access program. All programs and services are available free of charge and open to those in need. EHP is supported entirely by contributions from the community. Our church has been involved with this very worthwhile program for many years by contributing food, clothing and other household items. Church members volunteer their time, and we give monetary support through this annual offering. This year's offering goal is \$600.00.

To read more, please visit the Ecumenical Hunger Program's website www.ehpcares.org, or pick up a flyer in the narthex or church entry with this year's Holiday Wish Lists.

"It's hard to believe that November is here already. November at FBCPA means the gathering of food, money, and turkeys. Lots of turkeys and chickens also. Thanksgiving for the people of East Palo Alto is hard for families to cope with, putting a turkey dinner on the table.

Ecumenical Hunger Program gathers and distributes the food we donate, and delivers them to needy families to help with their turkey feast. We can collect money and canned goods all month. A basket will be in the Narthex, or put EHP on the memo line of your checks placed in the collection plate. The turkeys, chickens and perishables can be brought to church on the day of our FBCPA Gratitude Dinner, Friday, November 22, or the last chance will be on Sunday, November 24th. Everything will be taken to the EHP on Monday, November 25th."

Thelma Tuttle

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MINISTRY & FACILITY-BASED EVENTS

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