

Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Child Care Provided)
 Sacred Grounds: 9:30 a.m. (Adult Christian Education)
 Choir Practice: 10:00 a.m. (All Voices Welcome!)

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“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

—1 Thessalonians
5:11

A lot of people are tired of hearing about the Camp Fire. It's been in the headlines for over two months now, and it doesn't seem like there's any end in sight. I know I'm tired of it being referred to as the “Camp Fire.” I've been involved in Outdoor Ministry leadership for close to 30 years now, and it bothers me that this disaster has the same title as the highlight of the day at most church camps and retreats. Couldn't it be called the “Camp Creek Fire” since that's where it originated? As much as we'd like a break from the barrage of news, we can't completely escape it. We can, however, take some strategic self-care breaks.

There is a group of clergy who have been meeting every Thursday at First Baptist Church to discuss long-term pastoral and mental health care for fire survivors. Several sources from North Valley Community Services and other agencies have told us that no matter how much spiritual and mental health care we can round up between the various groups in town providing care, it will only put a dent in the overwhelming need. A phenomenon that has been cropping up during this crisis is, “At least I'm better off than (fill in the blank with the name of a person or family who has suffered loss)” syndrome. That's when you ask a fire survivor who is clearly showing signs of fatigue and burnout, “How are you doing?” or “Do you need a break?” they'll say, “No, I'm fine. At least I'm better off than the people who lost more than I did.” They will put off taking self-care time because they feel that others deserve it more than they do. The problem is, the stress will eventually catch up with them and they will be in crisis. As important as it is to watch others for signs of burnout, it's also important for us to be aware of our need to take a break. The best thing you can do, still, is listen. As Chaplain Mary often says, “God gave us two ears and one mouth, so we need to listen twice as much as we talk.” Make sure you look for signs of burnout in your own circumstances as well. When you deny your need for rest and push on to the point of

burnout, you aren't going to be much help to someone in need who could benefit from your help.

Here are some fire-related updates –

- The Bethany room is available for church use again. The guests who we were temporarily sheltered have found more stable housing. Sacred Grounds, Elders, and other groups who typically use the Bethany Room are now able to meet there again.
- The Chico Area Interfaith Council is hosting a Community Interfaith Memorial Service at the Paradise Performing Arts Center on February 8 from 4:00 – 5:30. This will be the first event Paradise Performing Arts Center will be hosting. They are grateful that their building survived the fire and that they are able to provide a venue for public events.
- As I mentioned earlier, there are several groups meeting in both Chico and Paradise to address long-term care and aid for fire survivors. Paradise and the areas affected by the fire are slowly coming back to life and people are facing tough decisions about whether or not to re-build or re-settle.
- Our exterminator, Jeff Evans, was one of the few people whose house survived in Concow. His story can be found at this link to the Los Angeles Times: <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-concow-california-camp-fire-survivor-20181118-htmlstory.html> or just simply search “Jeff Evans, Concow, CA, Fire” on Google.

See you in Church!

June Keam

January All Church Work Day

Monthly workday resulted in a cleaner and more organized kitchen. Cabinet doors and drawers were thoroughly washed. Utensils were sorted and their drawers are now more functional. Refrigerators were overflowing with out of date and unlabeled food, so it was thrown out. Health standards require that everything left in refrigerators needs to be dated and labeled with the name of the group who intends to use it. The back kitchen door was repaired—again. Other outside work included cleaning gutters—not easy ladder work to be sure! Many thanks to the volunteers who gifted our church with their time and talents: Barbara Poetker, Peggy Davidson, Judy Brillhart, Barbara Mann, Kay Brown, and Fred Stolp.

Office Angels

Office Angels will be helping to get the Caller ready for mailing each month. Also, they will provide improved communication of prayer requests and other information sent out via email to members who do not receive email. Volunteers currently are Willie Middlewick, Norma Dietz, Marilyn Gebhardt, Bobbie Robinson, and Jane Bisset. Anyone else who is interested in helping our church as an Office Angel please contact Barbara Mann (514-2166).

Directories

Directories are available in the Sanctuary, and Chapel. Electronic PDF copies are available by request via email, and paper directories can be mailed upon request.

Beth Kissinger and John Miller have moved to: 1603 Tyler Street, Port

Townsend, WA 98368



Board Meeting Time

We have decided as a group to move the Board Meetings from a 6:30 p.m. start time to **5:30 p.m.** Still the first Tuesday of each month, but a new time.

Faith and Films

This month's Faith and Films movie will be *Won't You Be My Neighbor*, a documentary about an unassuming Presbyterian Minister whose singular vision of kindness and love changed the face of children's educational television. The film will be shown on Monday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. with discussion on Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. Place to be determined.



News from the Elders

The elders met on January 15 for the first time in 2019. They elected Barbara Poetker as their chair. Nancy Morgans-Fergusson will remain the representative to the Board. They will be studying Gregory Knox Jones' book *Play the Ball Where the Monkey Drops It: Why We Suffer and How We Can Hope* throughout the year. They will also be focusing on better care for church members and are asking that if you or someone you know would like to receive communion occasionally or may just want a visit, to please let either Barbara Poetker or Pastor Jesse know.

Thank you!

We would like to thank everyone for their continued financial support of First Christian Church, Chico during 2018! Through the generosity of so many of you, especially during December, we ended in a positive financial position for 2018. Due to your gifts and monetary donations, we have been able to continue our outreach and support of so many in need, as well as keep our facilities safe, clean and available for our members and many others in the community. We look forward to a financially healthy 2019! Thank you!

Congregational Life Ministry Cont'd

February Birthdays

02/01	Nancy Morgans-Ferguson
02/04	Ginger Hambleton
02/04	Jay Nelson
02/05	Joel Thomas
02/13	Georgeanne Bennett
02/13	Diana Mills
02/15	Gary Cantwell
02/15	Becky McCarthy
02/19	Ren Wakefield
02/21	Casey Crowson
02/21	David Lee
02/22	Pam Brydon
02/22	Brandon Nelson
02/22	Dan Rawlins
02/25	Barbara Mann



Meeting Dates

Wednesday, February 5th

5:30 p.m.—Church Board Meeting, Finance Office

Tuesday, February 19th

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Meeting, Bethany

Sunday from the Lectionary

February 3rd

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

***1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Luke 4:21-30

Scout Sunday

"It's All About Context"

February 10th

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 138

***1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Luke 5:1-11

"New From the Inside Out"

February 17th

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

***Luke 6:17-26**

Week of Compassion Special Offering

"Getting Our Goodies"

February 24th

Genesis 45:3-22

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

***Luke 6:27-38**

Week of Compassion Special Offering

"Is Karma Really a Thing?"

All texts and sermons subject to change as the Spirit leads.

Fun Timers

Here we are; finally a new year and a new beginning.

February 24th, Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. service, the Fun Timers will host a belated **Valentines** fellowship. We will celebrate our love for all and the hope of a new year.

March 17th, Sunday, after the 11:00 a.m. service we will have a St. Patrick's Day Potluck. Bring your favorite green dish or just best dish. Let's celebrate the wearing of the green in style.

April 9th, Tuesday, Richvale Lunch and Music. Meet in the parking lot of the Church or strike out on your own. Enjoy the great lunch at the Richvale Café, and continue on to the musical entertainment at the Richvale Church. The children will do a few songs and there will be music by an exceptional organist, and special guests.

FUN TIMER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

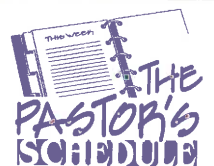
Nina Jones—Director

Diane Terrell, Kay Brown, Marion Brown, Barbara Meade, Richard Meade, Ron Robinson, Bobbi Robinson, Glenn Graves, and Lowell Terrell, Bus Tour Coordinator

Pastor Jesse's Schedule

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Sermons available
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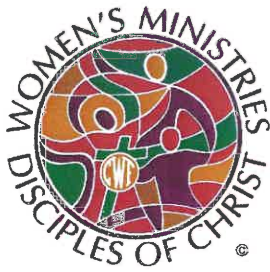
YouTube [FCCChico](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcchico)

And by email by request
(contact the church office,
chicodisciples@gmail.com)



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**Disciples Women's Ministry (DWM)
Christmas Cookie Project**

The WICS circle (Women in Christian Service) met on December 18th for a Christmas luncheon and cookie party. The women enjoyed a soup luncheon and then got busy making cookie trays for church members that are home bound. We want to thank all of the WICS ladies that were able to make and bring cookies. We are always amazed at the variety of cookies. Twelve beautiful trays of cookies were constructed and several Christmas cards were sent. Thank you cookie makers! We also want to thank the WICS ladies that were able to deliver cookies. A special thanks to the Elders as they were also able to assist with cookie delivery – Thank you Elders!

—Judy Brillhart

Community Interfaith Memorial Service

Join us for a celebration in memory of the 86 lives lost in the Camp Fire. This event is sponsored by the Chico Area Interfaith Council. Out of tragedy comes hope and resilience. Love Unites.

Community Interfaith Memorial Service
Paradise Performing Arts Center
777 Nunneley Road
February 8th, 2019, 4:00—5:30 p.m.



February 2018 Worship/Serving				
	3	10	17	24
Elders W=Words P=Prayer	Barbara Stevens, W Glenn Story, P	Ken Chandler, W Margaret Maxwell, P	Barbara Stevens, W Nancy Morgans- Ferguson, P	Barbara Poetker, W Jacky Smith, P
Stewards	Debi Campos Peggy Davidson Terry Ridenour Lowell Terrell	Gary Cantwell Boyd Joslyn Edy Roberts	Debi Campos Connor Kearns Jacky Smith	Ken Chandler Cris Overacker Glenn Story
Diaconate of the Month	CC Cantwell	CC Cantwell	CC Cantwell	CC Cantwell
Communion Preparation/ Clean up	Barbara Meade Barbara Poetker	LaMoyne Harris Nancy Thompson	Boyd Joslyn Babara Poetker	Marie Henry
AV Sound Booth	Jacky Smith	Erwin Maxwell	Blaine Roberts	Connor Kearns
1st Service Pianist	Mary Louise Hunter	Mary Louise Hunter		
2nd Service Keyboardist	Greg Coates	Nancy Thompson	Greg Coates	Nancy Thompson



The Board of First Christian Church met on Wednesday, January 3 at 6:30 p.m. Jesse was unable to attend the meeting, but he furnished a written report which was read by Board members. In his report, he expressed a concern about the growth of the workload on the front office. There was a lengthy discussion about this concern, and it was agreed that department chairs should be assuming more of the responsibility of these duties. Ren Wakefield reviewed a draft of the balance sheet. End of the year figures need to be finalized. He was especially impressed with the congregation's faithfulness in fulfilling their monetary commitments to the church in the past year. The solar panels are up and running. The ice maker has been replaced. The cost was covered by general donations and two monetary gifts from individuals.

In new business, Beth Kissinger has moved out of the area, which leaves a vacancy on the Personnel Committee. A motion was made to appoint Brian English as a member of the Personnel commit for a three-year term. Motion was passed. Another motion was made to accept the resignation of Barbara Meade as elder, and recommended the appointment of Georgeanne Bennet to serve. Motion was passed. **Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 5 at 5:30 p.m.**

Outreach Life Ministry

A Note From the Jesus Center

We enjoy having you here, and serving our guests. Thank you and God Bless.
—Cindy, Jesus Center

Thank you!

First Christian Church,
Thank you so very much for the gift card. We really appreciate your kindness and generosity!

Love,
The Wilders, Stephen, Robin and Laura

Special Offering Totals

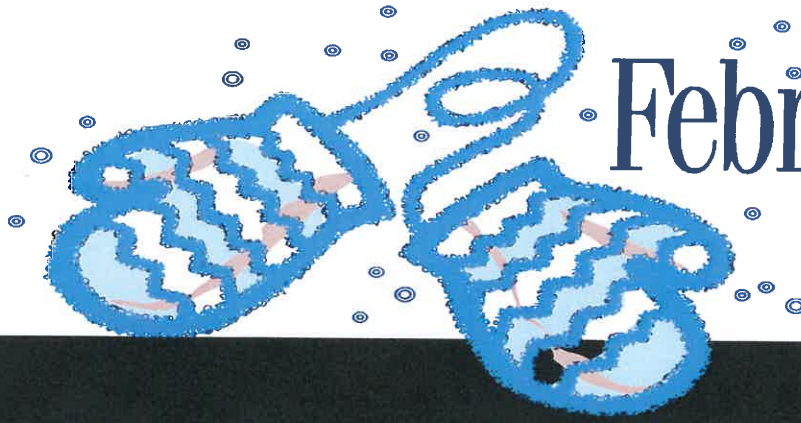
- **Week of Compassion** (to support disaster relief and long-term development) \$1,169.00
- **Easter Special Offering** (to support the majority of General Ministries) \$1,606.94
- **Pentecost Special Offering** (to support New Church ministries, 50% to the region where given) \$595.00
- **Reconciliation Special Offering** (to support Reconciliation Ministries): \$271.00
- **Thanksgiving Special Offering** (supports Higher Education and Theological Education ministries): \$385.00
- **Christmas Special Offering** (supports Regional ministries): \$773.00

Opportunities for Mission

- **Chico Food Locker:** Sunday, February 3rd, be sure to place your canned and non-perishable goods in the box in the narthex. **Chico Food Locker is very low on foodstuffs! Any canned and nonperishable foods you can donate would be greatly appreciated!**
- **Sandwiches for the Shalom Free Clinic:** February 10th, kitchen. Help make sandwiches for the clients of the Shalom Free Clinic.
- **Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting:** Sunday, February 10th, 2:00 p.m. chapel or room 6.
- **Torres Shelter Meals:** Tuesday, February 26th, beginning around 4:15-5:15 p.m., Kitchen (actual beginning time varies with trail boss and meal being made!) followed by serving at the shelter. Sign-ups for helping are on the bulletin board in the entrance of Koinonia Hall. We have partnered with the B'hai Faith of Chico in our ongoing ministry to the Torres Shelter.



- ♦ **Prayer Chain:** Be sure to have permission to share names and any specifics with the prayer chain.
- ♦ **Sermons:** Have last Sunday's sermon and YouTube emailed to you.
- ♦ **The Caller:** Monthly newsletter, available in sanctuary and narthex and by email and/or mail by request
- ♦ **The Callerito:** Weekly (mostly) email. Can be mailed by request.




February


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.


Psalm 1 NRSV

<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>3:30pm-Private Counseling, SCC 6:30pm-Agua Viva, 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>5:30pm-Agua Viva, 7 6:00pm-Chico community Ballet Event (setup 2pm)</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">3 Safe Space</p> <p>8:30am-Worship, Chapel 9:30am-Sacred Grounds, Bethany 10am-Choir rehearsal, Chapel 11am-Worship, Sanctuary 11am-FCC Paradise Worship, FS 12:20pm-Fellowship, 1pm-Agua Viva, Sanctuary, 7 1pm-Shalom Free Clinic,, 10, Bethany, SCC 3:30pm-Tai Chi, Chapel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4 Safe Space</p> <p>6pm-Agua Viva, 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 Safe Space</p> <p>1pm-Counseling, Spiritual Care Center (SCC) 6pm-Depression Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA), 6 6:30pm-Church Board meeting, Finance Office</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6 Safe Space</p> <p>3pm-Private Counseling, SCC 4pm-Gentle Yoga, Chapel 5:30pm-Private Counseling, SCC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7 Safe Space</p> <p>3pm-Private Counseling, SCC 6:30pm-Widsom Literature Bible Study, 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8 Safe Space</p> <p>1:00pm-Healing Circle, Bethany 3:30pm-Private Counseling, SCC 6:30pm-Agua Viva, 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9 Safe Space</p> <p>9am-All Church Work Day</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
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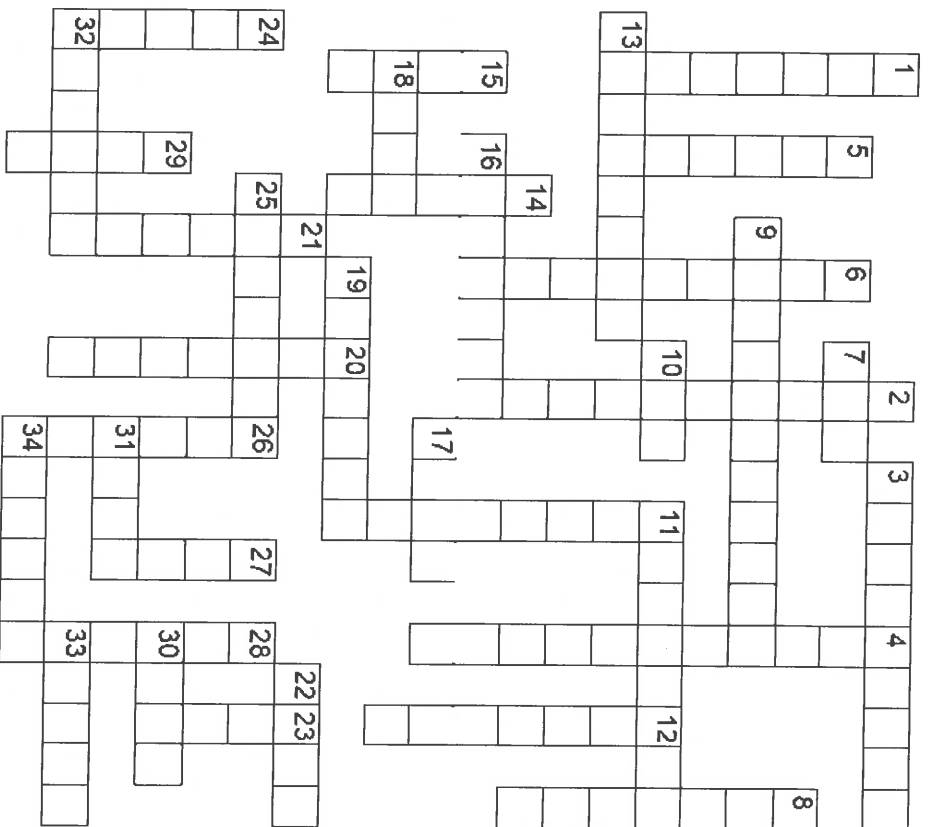
Luke, Chapter 06, Puzzle 1

Across

3. a fake
7. present moment
9. where wheat grows
10. to take into the body
11. compassionate
13. made new
16. pronounce judgment
17. shed tears
18. listen
19. pleasurable ease
22. make well
25. day of worship
30. summon
31. transferred possession of
32. grain enclosed in a husk
33. hostile power or force
34. recompense

Down

1. reject
2. solid base
4. set apart to the Lord
5. verbal offense
6. shrunken, wrinkled
8. unwise
11. abuse
12. full of anger
14. express grief or sorrow
15. beloved disciple
20. amount
21. permitted
23. wicked
24. piece of lumber
26. lack of food
27. intense dislike
28. evil
29. what Jesus healed



WORD LIST

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| comfort | excluse | hand | insu: | Sabbath |
| condem | housi | fare | John | sh-ield |
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