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Monthly Newsletter of San Mateo Presbyterian Church, San Mateo, FL

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## *A Letter from Pastor Larry*



### *Greetings:*

The much awaited newsletter is finally here!!!! It is hard to think that one year ago, you welcomed

Leah and I into the San Mateo family. We have been truly blessed. All of you made us feel at home immediately. We have made new friends and forged relationships that will last the rest of our lives.

I am so impressed with our kids. It is obvious that they are being brought up in Godly homes. When I first talked with them in church, they were pretty much teaching me!! Our youth Sunday on the 30th was totally awesome. Involving our children to participate regularly in worship is very important to me as I can see it is to you. I'm looking forward to how the Lord will lead us to expanding this part of our Worship.

As we move forward growing in Spirit and faith together, let us remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ from Matthew 5: "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Let us continue to be a beacon of light to the community, bringing the love of Christ to all that we meet.

I am looking forward to the many years in the future as the Lord works in us, around us and through us.

*Shalom*

*Pastor Larry*

# Aug 26 - Choir Practice Resumed

Look for the choir to return to leading us during worship beginning Sept. 6.

## Aug 30 - Youth Sunday

5<sup>th</sup> Sundays have been designated Youth Sundays. The Youth and youth leaders will select the songs and will give the readings, take up offering, perform the music and give a message for the "time mostly for the children". This month, we had an amazing group of children and youth participate along with Mrs. Andi Wells and Mr. Dominic Piscitello. Kyndal Sweat ran the screens for us in the back. Since we have had them, the services would not be the same without the screens displaying the song words and prayers.



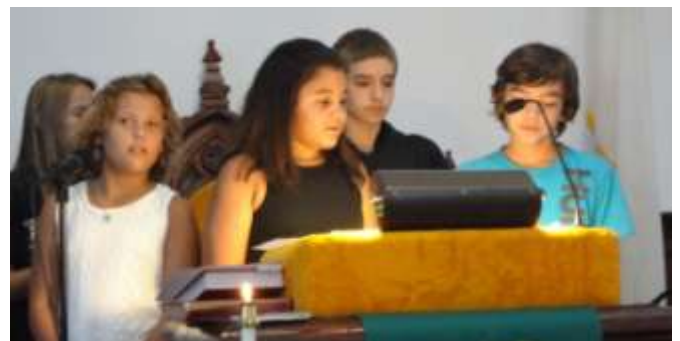
Mrs. And & Mr. Dom played the keyboard & Bass Guitar for our songs.



Hunter Poupore led us in some readings, with Pastor Larry looks on. Colby Poupore played drums and Joey Michael sits nearby.



A Beautiful ensemble of young ladies led us in the songs. Pictured are (L-R): Bailey Brown, Jennifer Tellez-Rodriguez, Landry Futch, Caelyn Wells, Zoe Brown & Jaiden Michael.



Zoe, Jaiden & Colby stand by while Landry & Hunter lead us in the call to worship.



Pastor Larry joined in the musical fun by playing the drums for one song.



Bailey & Zoe sing a song while Mrs. Andi played the keyboard and Colby played the drums.



Jennifer collects the offering while Mrs. Joan Bessey and Mr. Bill Carle share encouraging smiles.



Bailey shared a great message that reminded the children that Jesus is always there, if they are just willing to call on Him.



Colby, Jennifer, Tucker Eubanks & Luke Griffis (our youngest participant in the Youth Sunday leadership) Collect the offering.

Children  
are our FUTURE

The Future is NOW





Tanner Smith & Jaiden lead us in a group prayer.



Tanner & Hunter finish out the service by carrying the 'light' out to guide us during the week.

To all of our children & youth that participate in the Youth Service, you are all such a blessing to our church and community. Look forward to another Youth Sun in Nov!

# September Happenings

Kids' Care leaders for each Sunday are listed by that Sunday's Worship Service below.

Tues, Sep 1	10:30a – Presbyterian Woman	10:30a – Worship Service (Weezie/Sandi)	
Wed, Sep 2	6:00p – Choir Practice	12:00p – Session Meeting	
Sun, Sep 6	9:15a – Sunday Bible Study	12:00p – Fellowship Luncheon	
Tues, Sep 8	10:30a – Worship Service (Leah/Amy)	Tues, Sep 22	4:30p – Bible Study, Anna Hadrava's Home
Wed, Sep 9	6:30p – Christian Ed Meeting	6:30p – Youth Dinner @ church	
Sun, Sep 13	6:00p – Choir Practice	Wed, Sep 23	6:00p – Choir Practice
Wed, Sep 16	9:15a – Sunday Bible Study	Sun, Sep 27	9:15a – Sunday Bible Study
Thurs, Sep 17	10:30a – Worship Service (Lulu Gail/Jody)	10:30a – Worship Service (Janie/Casey)	
Sat, Sep 19	6:00p – Choir Practice	12:00p – Begin Set up for Youth Yard Sale	
Sun, Sep 20	4p-7p – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday Fellowship Dinner (Fish)	12:00p – Worship Committee Meeting	
	10:30a – Bread of Life	Wed, Sep 30	6:00p – Choir Practice
	9:15a – Sunday Bible Study	Thurs, Oct 1	9:00a – Yard Sale
		Fri, Oct 2	9:00a – Yard Sale

## Sept Birthdays

- 5 Kathy Gstohl & Arlie Garrett
- 6 Lorraine Hewes
- 7 Dominic Piscitello
- 8 Payton Stoudt
- 10 Chase Futch
- 15 Mikah Lord
- 16 Ron Gilmer, Bill Tilton & Jane Gamba
- 17 Leigh Ann Stoudt & Lulu Gail Griffis
- 19 Candy Tilton
- 21 Andrea Wells
- 22 Katie Smith
- 23 Joyce Hendricks
- 24 Beret Herzig
- 25 Agnes McElroy
- 27 Helen Coe
- 29 Jan Herrington

## Happy Anniversary

- 20 Jim & Estela Dupont  
Lorraine & Ken Hewes
- 26 Amy & Mike Woznick

# Committee Reports

## Presbyterian Women

- Next meeting, Tues, Sep 1 @ 10:30 am.



The Fellowship Luncheons will resume Sun, **Sep 20**, after worship service.

## Building & Grounds

- The 1.8 Acres next door to the Potter's House is available.

## Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship

- If you have not been photographed for the directory please see Sabrina ASAP so that your photo can be included.

## Christian Ed

- Youth Leaders Needed. Looking for a dynamic person or couple to lead our Youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders) during Sunday School as well as to plan special events and outings.
- Sep 13 Sun School classes to resume for all ages. There is currently 1 Adult Bible Study happening, discussing Revelation. The children's groups are split as follows: pre-k /K, 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, and Youth (6<sup>th</sup>+).
- Youth Fundraiser **Yard Sale has been RESCHEDULED** for Thurs & Fri, **Oct 1 & 2**, due to schedule conflicts. If you



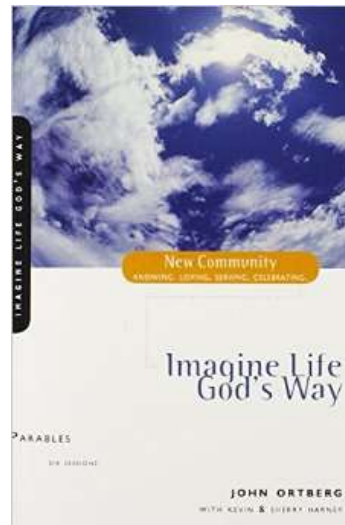
have donations, please go ahead and bring them in. We will find a place to store them.

Youth Dinner @ Church is Tues, Sep 22, @ 6:30pm. See Mrs. Weezie or Mrs. Suzie for more details!

Next CE Meeting is Tues, Sep 8 @ 6:30 pm.

## Worship Committee

## Small group bible study



will begin this month on Sep 22 @ 4:30p at Anna Hadrava's House (239 E. Buffalo Bluff Rd #158, Satsuma) Dinner will be served after the lesson. RSVP to her @ 386-559-7244

- There will be a Night of Bluegrass Music in Sept or Oct.

## Additional Notes from the August Session Meeting

- Committee Budgets due at next Session Meeting, Sun, Sep 20

This story was shared at the last Session meeting as a devotional. It was worth passing along. Thank you, Frank Crosby, for sharing.



The man to whom I'm going to introduce you was not a scrooge, he was a kind decent, mostly good man; Generous to his family, upright in his dealings with other men.

But he just didn't believe all that incarnation stuff which the churches proclaim at Christmas Time. It just didn't make sense and he was too honest to pretend otherwise. He just couldn't swallow the Jesus Story, about God coming to Earth as a man.

"I'm truly sorry to distress you," he told his wife, "but I'm not going with you to church this Christmas Eve." He said he'd feel like a hypocrite. That he'd much rather just stay at home, but that he would wait up for them. And so he stayed and they went to the midnight service.

Shortly after the family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window to watch the flurries getting heavier and heavier and then went back to his fireside chair and began to read his newspaper.

Minutes later he was startled by a thudding sound...Then another, and then another. Sort of a thump or a thud...At first he thought someone must be throwing snowballs against his living room window. But when he went to the front door to investigate he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the snow. They'd been caught in the storm and, in a desperate search for shelter, had tried to fly through his large landscape window.

Well, he couldn't let the poor creatures lie there and freeze, so he remembered the barn where his children stabled their pony. That would provide a warm shelter, if he could direct the birds to it. Quickly he put on a coat, galoshes, tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the doors wide and turned on a light, but the birds did not come in. He figured food would entice them in.

So he hurried back to the house, fetched bread crumbs, sprinkled them on the snow, making a trail to the yellow-lighted wide open doorway of the stable. But to his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs, and continued to flap around helplessly in the snow. He tried catching them...He tried shooing them into the barn by walking around them waving his arms...Instead, they scattered in every direction, except into the warm, lighted barn.

And then, he realized that they were afraid of him. To them, he reasoned, I am a strange and terrifying creature. If only I could think of some way to let them know that they can trust me...That I am not trying to hurt them, but to help them. But how? Because any move he made tended to frighten them, confuse them. They just would not follow. They would not be led or shooed because they feared him.

"If only I could be a bird," he thought to himself, "and mingle with them and speak their language. Then I could tell them not to be afraid. Then I could show them the way to safe, warm...to the safe warm barn. But I would have to be one of them so they could see, and hear and understand."

At that moment the church bells began to ring. The sound reached his ears above the sounds of the wind. And he stood there listening to the bells listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas. And he sank to his knees in the snow.

- Paul Harvey

# Who's Who of SMPC

Have you ever wondered whom to contact for what? Below is a list of the folks that help keep SMPC running smoothly week in and week out.

## **Larry Hadrava**

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## **Leah Hadrava**

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## **Helen Preston**

- for any flowers that you would like placed  
in the sanctuary.



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## Newsletter Info



Please send in your updates, photos, etc., to Leah Hadrava or Amy Poupore.

## Who named our newsletter?

Many people participated in the 'Name our Newsletter' contest and all had great suggestions. The Winner who submitted 'the Potter's Press' is MARGE VOORHIS! Congratulations, Marge! See Pastor Larry to claim your prize



## Say HELLO to Hazel Fodor!

Paisley (Crosby) & Andrew Fodor celebrate the birth of the first child, a daughter, Hazel Fodor, on Saturday, August 29. She was born at 11:52p in California weighing 7lbs and was 21" long.