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February 2019

Presbyterian Church of Novato, 710 Wilson Ave., P.O. Box 631, Novato, CA 94948

Ariel Mink

February 10 is going to be an important day in the life of PCN. We will have one service at 10 a.m. that day, with a congregational meeting immediately following to vote on the motion to approve the candidate that the Pastor Nominating Committee has elected to call as our Head of Staff. The Pastor Nominating Committee was elected by the members of the congregation in October 2018 as the representative group to engage in the hard work of discerning who God was calling to be our next pastor. If you were present at the congregational meeting on January 20, you heard a little bit about the process in which the PNC engaged.

Here is what you can expect at the congregational meeting on February 10: the PNC will be invited to make their full report. After the PNC report, the final candidate can answer questions you may have. The pastor-elect will be excused, and the PNC will make the motion to approve the call. You can ask the PNC questions once the motion has been made. A paper ballot will be handed out for voting. **ONLY MEMBERS** can vote, though everyone is invited to be at the congregational meeting. If you are unsure if you are entitled to vote, please contact me in advance. The votes will be tallied, and a decision will be announced at the meeting, so don't wander off!

You will be getting a lot more information from the PNC regarding details of the final candidate as well as being invited to "meet and greet" the pastor-elect informally throughout that weekend.

I will be resuming my full-time status at Gallup beginning April 1. However, my plan is to continue working as your part-time ministry associate, just as I have been doing since February 2016. Thank you all for your overwhelming support, love, and prayers for the last three years, and particularly for the last several months while serving you as your interim pastor!



Please Join Us in Welcoming the Nominee for Pastor

Saturday, February 9th from 2-3:30 p.m.

and

Sunday, February 10th at 10 a.m.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is excited to announce that a candidate for pastor has been selected to present before the congregation. Your first chance to meet and engage with the candidate will be Saturday, February 9th from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Trevitt Hall. While the nominee will get to interact and learn more about us, we will have the opportunity to learn more about the pastor during this informal meet-and-greet.

Your second chance to get to know the pastor will be on Sunday morning, February 10th at 10 a.m. The nominee will lead our congregation during one blended worship service. Immediately following, a congregational meeting will be held so that members will have the opportunity to vote to affirm this call. A reception will follow.

Although we continue to preserve confidence out of respect for the candidate's back-home situation, we look forward to sharing more details the weekend of February 3rd. Thanks again for your prayers and support during this process and we ask for God's continued blessings on our church.



MANY THANKS FROM MISSION TO ALL OF OUR PCN FAMILY....

Much has been asked and you have responded! Your mission committee thanks you for your generous response to local and PC(USA) charities during the month of December 2018.

The following figures are totals from two weeks of Alternative Christmas Faire (figures may not include a few after-the-fact donations):

Homeward Bound \$1178
Heifer Project \$1387
Faith in Practice \$810
Ceres Project \$942
Extra Food \$1024
North Marin Community Services \$440

In addition, \$3,892 was collected for PC(USA)'s Christmas Joy Offering, a wonderful response to our denomination's support for retired church staffing and for church-related schools focusing on ethnic minorities.

In addition, North Marin Community Services (formerly Novato Youth Center and Human Needs Center) and Marin Food Bank thank you all for your food donations, gift cards and children's books which you brought in to the Sharing Tree.



Pecan Trees at the Bethel Orphanage in Ciudad Juarez – the Long-Term Benefits of Your Mission Dollars

Jeff Pinar, of Matthew 25 Ministries International (M25MI), an organization supported by PCN, reports that on January 17, 2019 he delivered four cases of fruit, 70 pounds of carrots, and three coolers of bakery items for the little ones at Bethel Orphanage. Jeff also taught pruning and harvesting of the pecans that he helped plant at the orphanage in 2010.

Jeff estimates that 400-500 pecans will be harvested at the orphanage during 2019 with increasing harvests every year in the future. This year's pecan crop results from Jeff's getting the 'Johnny Appleseed bug' or inspiration back in 2010. As Jeff has a long-term commitment to the orphans and poor of Juarez, he wanted to do something that would provide nutrition and keep on giving. That desire to help led Jeff to discover pecans.

A 100-gram serving of pecans provide 691 calories and more than 100% of the Daily Value total fat requirements. Pecans are a rich source of dietary fiber, manganese, magnesium, phosphorus, zinc and thiamin. They are also a good source of protein, iron, and B vitamins.

Although not common in Juarez, pecans are native to northern Mexico and the southern United States. The tree is cultivated for its seed in the southern United States, primarily in Georgia and in Mexico, which produces nearly half of the world's total.

Once established, a mature pecan tree does not require regular irrigation in Juarez. Jeff's challenge was to help the trees survive long enough to grow their roots deep to the underground water table.

During 2010, Jeff and the kids planted seven young trees, of which three have survived and are thriving in the orphanage. They used PCV pipes to support the young trees and provide water access to the roots in the desert climate of Juarez.

From 2010 to 2011, M25MI planted more than 300 pecan trees in Juarez. To improve the survival rate of the plantings and to enhance the soil around the tree, Jeff imported pecan tree compost from a pecan farm in Alamogordo, New Mexico, top soil from Ruidoso, New Mexico, and coffee grounds from Starbucks in El Paso. Using suitcases, he transported these materials to Juarez in his pick-up truck.

Below are some photos of Jeff and the people of Bethel Orphanage, as well as pictures of the pecan trees. Our mission dollars are benefiting the residents of the Bethel Orphanage and will for years to come. Thank you, PCN, for your faithfulness.



Jeff using his 25-lb. spear to break the rock-like soil common to Juarez back in 2010



One of the 300 holes dug, prepared and watered to get a deep-water start for planting a young tree



Unloading the materials to enrich the Juarez soil



Pecan planted with PVC pipe to support the young pecan tree and to enable deep watering as it grows



Take advantage of some free babysitting and enjoy an evening out while the youth watch your children. Make some plans for Saturday, February 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. Whether it's dinner and a movie or an early Valentine's date, go have some fun knowing your children will be having fun, too!

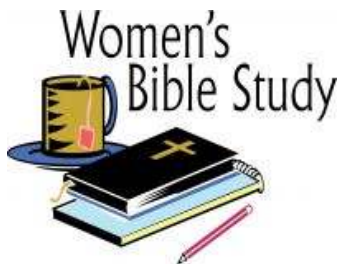


Mission Committee Local Volunteer Opportunities

Snack Sacks: Help prepare the food bags between services every Sunday and deliver the sacks to the Marin Mobile Showers in Hamilton on Monday mornings. Contact Regina Rus at (415) 897-7384 or email reginabrus@gmail.com.

Lynwood Reading Program: Spend one hour weekly listening to students read at Lynwood Elementary School. Contact Art Plumstead at (415) 892-4063.

ExtraFood.org: Spend one hour weekly picking up extra food from a restaurant or grocery store and delivering to a non-profit serving food to those in need. There will be an orientation, date TBD, and a driver's license check is required. Contact Jane Sime at (415) 892-5259.



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Women's Bible Study is led by Carol Dacquisto, Elaine Harris and Melodie Baird. We meet every Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Christensen Room. In February, we will continue to read and reflect on Chapters 17-18 of the Gospel of Luke. These chapters emphasize what we must do to prepare for the coming kingdom. The profound truths that Jesus teaches the Pharisees and his disciples go to the heart of what is required for each of us when we enter the next world. Won't you join us in what could be a life-altering experience? We'd love to include you in our studies and discussions. All women are welcome.

If you have questions, or need more information, please feel free to contact us:

Carol Dacquisto: phone 415-892-2070, email dacgmom@aol.com

Elaine Harris: phone 415-382-0854, email e.harris@comcast.net

Melodie Baird phone: 415-897-7512, email melodie.l.baird@gmail.com



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

“GOD’S LOVE GIFT OF A CHILD”

In the Sunday morning adult Bible study, we will be starting a new unit of study. This quarter’s study begins with God’s demand for our complete and undivided love as shown in passages from Deuteronomy and Psalms, including the Shema and Joshua’s statement of love and reverence for a liberating God.

Unit 1 concludes with our response to God’s love in the birth of Christ. In Luke 2:29-35 we find Simeon’s response to seeing Jesus. It is first of all a worship hymn as he blesses God for keeping His promise and sending the Messiah. He joyfully praises God that he has been privileged to see the Lord’s Christ.

Unit 2 looks at selections from the New Testament letters on the nature and extent of our responses to God’s love in Christ. James encourages total submission to God in love, while Paul promotes selfless devotion as shown in Christ’s total submission to God in love.

Unit 3 has passages from Psalms 48, 66, and 91, expressing glory to God and praising Him for His steadfast love, mighty works of goodness, and assurance of protection for those who love Him.

We will look forward to seeing you and hope you will join us as we begin this new quarter of God’s love for His people. Join us at 9 a.m. in the library.

~Carol Dacquisto, Larry Dacquisto, and Rosie Nicholas

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP



PCN Women in Prayer

Are you looking for a quiet, supportive place to deepen your relationship with God through sharing in prayer? Women in Prayer is a small group that meets on the first Thursday of the month to share fellowship, pray and read scripture as we are led by the Holy Spirit. Our next meeting will meet be on **Thursday, February 6 from 6 to 8 p.m.** at the home of Janis West, 122 Captain Nurse Circle in Novato.

We will socialize and enjoy some light refreshments before we begin our prayers. We ask that you bring your Bible. For driving directions or more information, please contact:

Janis West, 415-250-2122, janisw99@gmail.com

Melodie Baird, 415-897-7512, melodie.l.baird@gmail.com



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study group meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. We are studying ACTS. Join us for this one-hour mid-week boost and share great fellowship with brothers. And no homework!



If you are interested in being part of the Prayer Quilt ministry, mark your calendars for the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. You don't have to know how to quilt to participate and help!



If you would like to listen to a copy of the Sunday sermon, you don't need to request a CD. They are now being posted on a PODCAST at <http://www.buzzsprout.com/218646>. They are usually available by the Tuesday following the service. Thank you to Jim Rolka for making these available!

OUR DAILY BREAD

Helping you connect with God every day. Pick up your copy on the hall table in the office.



PCN Mission Committee Budget

Line Item **Mission Activities & Organizations Supported**

2018

2019

(A) General Mission:

6611	General	General Assembly & PCUSA Missionaries
6612	General	Presbytery & Synod
	Sum (A)	Subtotal of (A) General Mission

\$ 49,627	29.5%	
22,038	13.1%	
\$ 71,665		42.6%

\$ 49,627	31.1%	
20,958	13.1%	
\$ 70,585		44.2%

(B) Specific Mission:

6623	Church	Westminster Woods
6628	Church	Youth Mission Trip
6628.2	Church	& Scholarships
6626	Church	Youth Mission: Stop Hunger Now / Rise Against Hunger
6630	Church	Wee Kirk Conference
6627	Church	PCN Bible Distribution Ministry - General
6661	International	Church World Service
6625	International	Hands-On-Mission Trip in Juarez, MX: Mtls Costs
6625.2	International	& Scholarships: Max of 4 @ \$300 each
6625.3	International	& Funding Medical Clinic Supplies
6662	International	Faith In Practice
6660	International	Matthew 25 Ministries International
6663	International	Agape International Missions (AIM)
6621	Local	North Marin Community Services (NMCS)
6622	Local	Lynwood Family Literacy Program
6629	Local	Gilead House
6631	Local	All Dressed Up Ministry for Prisoners
6634	Local	Marin Mobile Care / Downtown Street Team
6633	Local	Saturday Lunch Program / Snack Sacks
6637	Local	LITA - Love Is The Answer
6638	Local	PC(USA) Youth Mission: Sierra Mink
6639	Local	Extrafood
6624	Local	Ceres Community Project
6650	Regional	Domestic Relief Mission Trip in USA: Materials Costs
6650.2	Regional	& Scholarships: Max of 4 @ \$300 each
6640	Regional	Homeward Bound
6641	Regional	Habitat For Humanity
6642	Regional	Marin Food Bank (SF & Marin)
6643	Regional	CA Re-Entry Institute
6644	Regional	Center for Domestic Peace
6670	Other	Discretionary Funds
	Sum (B)	Subtotal of (B) Specific Mission

2,000	1.2%	
9,825	5.8%	
2,500	1.5%	
3,500	2.1%	
1,500	0.9%	
500	0.3%	11.8%
1,500	0.9%	
11,575	6.9%	
1,200	0.7%	
750	0.4%	
1,500	0.9%	
3,600	2.1%	
2,000	1.2%	13.2%
9,000	5.4%	
1,500	0.9%	
1,500	0.9%	
2,000	1.2%	
2,000	1.2%	
1,000	0.6%	
-	0.0%	
-	0.0%	
-	0.0%	
1,000	0.6%	10.7%
10,500	6.2%	
1,200	0.7%	
5,000	3.0%	
1,000	0.6%	
5,000	3.0%	
2,000	1.2%	
1,000	0.6%	15.3%
10,738	6.4%	6.4%
\$ 96,388		57.4%

1,902	1.2%	
11,667	7.3%	
-	0.0%	
3,328	2.1%	
-	0.0%	
475	0.3%	10.9%
1,426	0.9%	
11,667	7.3%	
-	0.0%	
-	0.0%	
1,426	0.9%	
3,424	2.1%	
2,000	1.3%	12.5%
8,559	5.4%	
1,426	0.9%	
1,426	0.9%	
3,196	2.0%	
1,902	1.2%	
1,200	0.8%	
479	0.3%	
1,598	1.0%	
479	0.3%	
951	0.6%	13.3%
11,667	7.3%	
-	0.0%	
4,755	3.0%	
951	0.6%	
4,755	3.0%	
1,902	1.2%	
951	0.6%	15.6%
5,718	3.6%	3.6%
\$ 89,233		55.8%

	(A)+(B)	Total General and Specific Mission
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\$ 168,053		100.0%
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\$ 159,817		100.0%
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	(C)	Less: Transfer Applied from 2017 to 2018
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	(A)+(B)-(C)	Total Annual Budget
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\$ 163,038

\$ 159,817

Memo To: Line 6611: Total General Assembly & PCUSA Missionaries:

Detail of Supported General Assembly & PCUSA Missionaries:

		General Assembly's Administration
		Missionary - Mark & Jenny Hare
		Missionary - Bob & Kristi Rice
		Missionary - Rev. Choon Lim & Yen Hee Lim
		Missionary - Re. Sarah Henken
		Missionary - Rev. Gary Van Brockfen
		Missionary - Rev. Ryan & Alethia White
		Missionary - Burkhard Paetzold
		Missionary - Revs. Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather
		Missionary - Rev. Cathy Chang & Jaun Lopez
6611	General	Total General Assembly & PCUSA Missionaries

\$ 9,923	5.9%
6,868	4.1%
6,868	4.1%
3,820	2.3%
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3,820	2.3%
3,627	2.2%
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3,627	2.2%
3,627	2.2%
\$ 49,627	29.5%

9,923	6.2%
6,868	4.3%
6,868	4.3%
3,820	2.4%
3,820	2.4%
3,820	2.4%
3,627	2.3%
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3,627	2.3%
\$ 49,627	31.1%



FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Contemporary 10:30 Traditional 12:00 M&O 4:30 Youth Group	4 9:00 Morning Prayer 5:30 SEEkers 5:45 Inquirer's Class	5 8:00 Stephen Leaders 2:00 PW Coordinating Team	6 7:30am Men's Group 10:30 Marian Stitchers 1:00 Balance class 4:00 Bell Choir 5:30 Mission Cmte. 6:00 PNC 6:30 Worship Cmte. 7:00 CE Committee	7 9:30 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Singles Coffee Creekside 6:00 Winter class 6:15 Youth Director Search Committee 7:00 Choir rehearsal	8	9 2:00 Pastoral Candidate meet-and-greet 6:00 Parents Night Out
10 9:00 Adult Bible Study 10:00 One service; Pastoral Candidate preaching 11:00 Congregational meeting/vote 5:00 Youth Group scavenger hunt	11 9:00 Morning Prayer 5:30 SEEkers	12 7:00 Personnel Cmte.	13 7:30am Men's Group 10:30 Prayer Quilters 1:00 Balance class 4:00 Bell Choir 6:00 PNC 6:30 Deacons	14  9:30 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Singles Coffee Creekside 6:00 Winter class 6:15 Youth Director Search Committee 7:00 Choir rehearsal	15 5:00 Mingling Singles Pizza Night 	16 1:00 Jerry Mason memorial
17 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Contemporary/SEEker Sunday 10:30 Traditional 1:30 Creekwood 4:30 Youth Group	18 <i>Presidents Day – office closed</i> 	19 7:00 Stephen Ministry Supervision	20 7:30am Men's Group 1:00 Balance class 4:00 Bell Choir 6:00 PNC 6:00 Session dinner 6:30 Session meeting	21 9:30 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Singles Coffee Creekside 6:00 Winter class 6:15 Youth Director Search Committee 7:00 Choir rehearsal	22	23 6:00 LOG overnight
24 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Contemporary 10:30 Traditional 4:30 Youth Group	25 9:00 Morning Prayer 5:30 SEEkers	26 2:00 Ruth Circle	27 7:30am Men's Group 1:00 Balance class 4:00 Bell Choir 6:00 PNC	28 9:30 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Singles Coffee Creekside 5:30 Rachel Circle 6:00 Winter class 6:15 Youth Director Search Committee 7:00 Choir rehearsal		

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