

# Presbyterian Voice

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## God's Major Objective in Our Lives

Pastor Jason Ku

It's been a great pleasure and yet challenge for me to serve the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Hill as a new minister. As I face this new journey with church families, I would like to share on of my desires to develop our interest in "spiritual formation" in this newsletter.

Like a Psalmist says; "as a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God..." (Psalm 42:1-2a), the enormous interest in spiritual formation today is a symptom of humankind's deep hunger for God. This yearning for God is a source that can keep us moving toward Christian wholeness through disciplined spiritual formation in our pilgrimage. Hence one of the vitally important subjects in our Christian journey is "spiritual formation" and I hope that our congregation can develop interest in "spiritual formation" together as the Body of Christ.

Remember that grand declaration of biblical assurance etched in the rocklike truth of Romans 8? I'm referring to verses 28-29, which read: And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be conformed to the image of His Son*, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.

Maybe you've never before stopped to consider that God is committed to one major objective in the lives of all His people: to conform us to "the image of His Son." Christian spiritual formation is the process of being conformed to the image of Christ for the sake of others. The goal of being conformed, the goal of the work that God seeks to accomplish in our lives, is that we find our cleansing, healing, restoration, renewal, and transformation in an increasing likeness of our being and doing to that of Christ's being and doing. This is our life-time long process.

The transformation power of God is available to every Christian. But the transformed life does not come by accident or by chance. To be formed in Christ and to have Christ formed within us are clearly gifts of God. Yet there are requirements made of us if we are to receive the gift of transformation. Clearly one of the most important resources for spiritual formation is the Bible. The scripture stands close to the center of this whole process of being conformed to the image of Christ. As we spend more time in the scripture we shall see that the scripture is one of the focal means whereby God awakens us to the dynamics and possibilities of a new way of being.

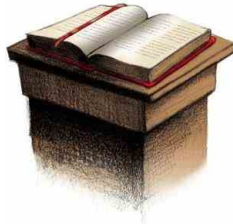
I hope that we can gather together more often to learn, pray and meditate the word of God so that we can continue to grow in our journey of being conformed to the image of Christ. For that matter, I would like to conclude this essay by quoting one of Apostle Peter's exhortations for all of us; "Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tested that the Lord is good" (1 Peter 2:2-3).

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**Pastor Ku is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.**

# Lectionary For June

## Prepare for Sunday Worship



**Study the Bible readings  
prescribed for each  
week of the year**

**Study on your own**

**Relates the Bible &  
Sunday Sermon  
to your life**

Date	Scripture
6/7	1 Sam. 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15); Ps. 138; 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
6/14	1 Sam. 15:34-16:13; Ps. 20; 2 Cor. 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
6/21	1 Sam. 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and Ps. 9:9-20; or 1 Sam. 17:57-18:5, 10-16 and Ps. 133; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
6/28	2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27; Ps. 130; 2 Cor. 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

*This Month!*

**Happy  
Birthday!**

Marsha Burris 06/02  
Grant Boney 06/04  
Alyssa Beerends 06/14  
Farrell Sexson 06/19  
Stanley Judd 06/20  
Bob Kimbrell 06/20  
Yvonne Curry 06/23  
Alexander Curry 06/29  
Ashley Curry 06/29



### CHURCH OPENERS:

June - Cris Brockman

### CHURCH GREETERS:

June - Phyllis Hook



*Happy  
Anniversary!*

06/07 Terry & Patty Sudhoff  
06/24 B.J. & Alison Snyder



# JUNE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 8:00 AA Meeting	<b>2</b> 9-12 C. Closet	<b>3</b> 11:30 Al-Anon Mtg	<b>4</b> 6-7:30 C. Closet 8:00 AA Meeting 8-9 Al-Anon Mtg.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> 10:00 Sun. School 11:15 Worship Svc Relationship Team Meeting following worship	<b>8</b> 8:00 AA Meeting	<b>9</b> 9-12 C. Closet	<b>10</b> 11:30 Al-Anon Mtg	<b>11</b> 10:00 Wilber Pest 6-7:30 C. Closet 8:00 AA Meeting 8-9 Al-Anon Mtg.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10:00 Sun. School 11:15 Worship Svc Congregational Meeting after Worship 1:00 Session Mtg	<b>15</b> 8:00 AA Meeting	<b>16</b> 9-12 C. Closet	<b>17</b> 11:30 Al-Anon Mtg	<b>18</b> 6-7:30 C. Closet 8:00 AA Meeting 8-9 Al-Anon Mtg.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 10:00 Sun. School 11:15 Worship Svc 12:15 Fellowship Dinner	<b>22</b> 8:00 AA Meeting	<b>23</b> 9-12 C. Closet	<b>24</b> 11:30 Al-Anon Mtg	<b>25</b> 6-7:30 C. Closet 8:00 AA Meeting 8-9 Al-Anon Mtg.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:00 Sun. School 11:15 Worship Svc	<b>29</b> <b>9-2 VBS Fun Day at First Christian Church</b> 8:00 AA Meeting	<b>30</b> 9-12 C. Closet				

## RELATIONSHIP TEAM

Team Members: Carrie Brockman  
Cher Carpenter  
Ruth Talkington  
Jennifer Swilley

Bill Kahl- Lay Clergy Representative

Relationship Team- ministers to the congregation and the community by caring for church members, building up the church in fellowship, and reaching out to others in mission and service.

We take care of the following:

- 1.) Fellowship Activities:  
Fellowship dinners
- 2.) Shepherd's list  
Reaching out to members who have been absent  
Caring for members in crisis (death, illness, etc.)
- 3.) Worship Needs

**MEET YOUR SHEPHERDS!** Your Shepherd will be contacting you in the near future. The purpose of the Shepherding Ministry is to improve the level of care of our congregation.

Do let your Shepherd know if you have a concern.

We want to know!

Group 1 - Jennifer Swilley  
Group 2 - Carrie Brockman  
Group 3 - Ruth Talkington  
Group 4 - Cher Carpenter

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A big thank you goes to all the people that help with the Fellowship Dinners. We really appreciate all of you!!

The Relationship Team



### PRAYER REQUESTS

Ken Meyer  
Sharon Kahl, shingles

### HOME BOUND

Edith Harrer

### ON-GOING CONCERNS

George & Audrey Goodman  
Bob Sudhoff  
Bob Kimbrell  
Bob Hook  
John Armstrong  
Judy Hickman

## Lay Clergy Devotions

Starting in July, Phyllis and Ruth will be visiting the nursing homes during the monthly devotional time with Pastor Ku. Please come and join them if you would like.

The Presbyterian Church's schedule

July 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 am – Bristol Manor  
July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 am – PH Health Center

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – Bristol Manor  
September 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am – PH Health Center

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – PH Health Center  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am – PH Health Center

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### Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday School – 10:00 am  
Worship Service – 11:15 am

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### Holy Communion

COMMUNION SUNDAY  
*June 7th*

### Fellowship Dinner



May Fellowship Dinner will be  
June 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:15 pm

### Vacation Bible School

June 29th, 9 am - 2 pm

We will be joining the First Christian Church at their church for a one day Vacation Bible School. Volunteers are needed along with donations of poly fiber fill. Please see Ruth Talkington, if you have any questions.

*In Honor of*

### Commemorative Ceremony

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, before the worship service, there will be a ceremony in the sanctuary honoring Mary Jane Hill and the Clothes Closet. The Hill Family will be attending, and everyone is invited.

We invite you to join in the worship of God each Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m. We also invite you to participate in the prayers, fellowship, work and activities of this church. For more information about these opportunities to be involved in the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Hill, please speak with Pastor Ku, any member of Session or call the church office at 540-6179, email us at [pleasanthillpresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:pleasanthillpresbyterian@gmail.com).

### **Office Hours**

Monday– Thursday 9:00 - 12:00 pm

Friday Closed

### **Clothes Closet**

Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

### **First Presbyterian Staff**

Rev. Jason Ku, Pastor

Becky Burris, Clerk of Session

Kathy Bergman, Church Secretary

Jennifer Swilley, Church Treasurer

Finley-Evans Sue, Organist

