

## SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FPCSM

### SCHEDULE

9:30am	Worship
9:45am	Children's Sunday School C-260 & C-220 Middle School Sunday School, Youth Room
10:30am	Refreshment and Fellowship Time

**REFRESHMENTS:** Join us for refreshments and fellowship on the Geneva patio after the worship service.

**CHILDCARE:** Childcare for infants through 3-year-olds is available in our nursery during the worship service. The nursery is located on the first floor of our children's wing; ask an usher for directions.

**COMMUNION:** We celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month at our 9:30am worship service.

**FPCSM MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission of FPCSM is to honor God by helping people become fully-devoted followers of Jesus.

- VALUES:**
- Jesus Christ as Lord
  - Loving God wholeheartedly
  - God's Word as foundational
  - Equipping all for ministry
  - Telling God's good news
  - Generosity
  - Compassion and social justice
  - Prayer and healing
  - Children, youth, and families
  - Community

You are invited to the men's bible class

## Walt Moore Memorial Breakfast

Saturday, October 8, 2011  
8:00 am

Geneva Hall, First Presbyterian Church San Mateo  
RSVP by **October 1**  
Bill Quiring (650) 573-0702 • Fred Vergara (650) 578-8197  
Breakfast is FREE - Donations Welcome!

## Let us know you're here



We're glad you're here! Please take a few minutes to tell us a little more about yourself by filling in the information on both sides of the card. (Please print.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:  First Time Guest  2nd or 3rd Time Guest  
 Regular Attendee  Member

If you're a guest, how did you hear about us?

Please complete if you are visiting or if there has been a change in your contact information.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

New E-mail?  New phone?  New address?

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

**CHURCH OFFICE:** (650) 345-1633

**PASTOR:** Shannon Pappas—shannonp@fpcsm.org

**ELDER ON CALL:** Jeff deLamare—(650) 637-1248. *The Elder on call assists Pastor Pappas and the deacons in pastoral care as needed during the week.*

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** Gladys Gardner—gladysg@fpcsm.org

**DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES:** Lois Darbonne—loisd@fpcsm.org

**FINANCE/FACILITIES:** Melissa Brumbaugh—melissab@fpcsm.org

**MUSIC AND WORSHIP MINISTRIES:** Steve Jones—stevej@fpcsm.org

**VISITATION COORDINATOR:** JoAnn Evans—evans242@sbcglobal.net

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Brad Brown—bradb@fpcsm.org

### Local Missions

This week, we pray for Young Life.



For more than 60 years, the organization Young Life has existed in the U.S. in order "to bring the good news of Jesus Christ into the lives of adolescents with an approach that is respectful of who kids are, and hopeful about who they can be." Just a few years ago, Young Life began a "mid-peninsula" chapter and began reaching out to middle and high school students in San Carlos and San Mateo; last year, our Local Missions Team determined that this would be one of the six ministries we, as a church, would support, as it fits well with the mission of FPCSM.

Please pray this week for the following:

- Young Life "Clubs" that are starting up at Hillsdale and Aragon High Schools at the beginning of October, and at Middle Schools in mid-October
- Area Director Cara Meredith
- new staff members Chris & Sarah Chirico who have just moved to the area
- housing for the Chirico's (a "granny unit" or low-cost housing opportunity)
- provision of an area vehicle (van or Suburban)
- additional regular monthly donors for the ministry
- preparations for mission trip to the Dominican Republic during summer 2012

### STEWARDSHIP Update

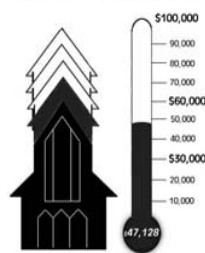
	Month	YTD
Income thru September 18*	\$ 51,000	\$554,500
Expenses thru September 18	53,000	599,500
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (2,000)	\$ (45,000)

\*Includes Giving Income and activity fees from Kingdom Club, VBC, Youth Events, etc.

For your convenience, we offer a variety of ways to give your tithes and offerings to the Lord. Boxes of weekly or monthly **giving envelopes** are available or you may use the envelopes provided in the pew. We also offer **online giving** through our website, [www.fpcsm.org](http://www.fpcsm.org) and **stock donations** through our Charles Schwab account. To request a box of envelopes or for information, contact Melissa Brumbaugh, 345-1633 x224 or [melissab@fpcsm.org](mailto:melissab@fpcsm.org).

*Glory to God for the faithfulness and generosity of His people!*

### Raise for the Roof!



We have received \$47,128 toward our goal. To make a donation, please use one of the pew envelopes and put an "x" in the box next to Building Fund or go to our website, [www.fpcsm.org](http://www.fpcsm.org), and click on the "Worship" tab and then the "Giving" tab. This will take you to the Online Giving page. Designate the gift to "Facilities." **All funds received are designated exclusively for the roof and Facility Capital Outlay Reserve.**

For more information contact, Melissa Brumbaugh at 345-1633 or Jim Bell at 341-2878.

# First Presbyterian Church San Mateo



It is the suffering of God in Christ, rejected and killed in the absence of God, which qualifies Christian faith as faith, and as something different from the projection of man's desire. The modern criticism of religion can attack the whole world of religious Christianity, but not this unreligious cross.

Jürgen Moltmann, *The Crucified God*

September 25, 2011

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## Order of Worship

Praise be to the LORD,  
for he has heard my cry for mercy.  
The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.  
My heart leaps for joy  
and I will give thanks to him in song.  
- Psalm 28:6-7

**Prelude** Steve Jones and Brian Howell

**Welcome** Mike Aicardi

**Song of Praise** Congregation  
*A Mighty Fortress*  
(#118 in the hymnal)

**Greeting One Another**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship** Congregation  
Psalm 86 NIV (selected)

**Prayer of Praise**

**Songs of Worship** Congregation  
*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*  
*Good to Me*  
*Healer with Spirit of the Living God*

**Time With Children** Gladys Gardner

**Call for Offering** Lois Darbonne  
If you know God and if you are seeking to follow Jesus, we invite you to participate with us as we offer our worship to God by joyfully and gratefully giving back to Him out of the abundance with which He has blessed us.

If you are a guest with us this morning or if you still have questions about God or Jesus, please feel no pressure or obligation to participate in this part of the worship service. Simply listen, rest, and seek God. He loves you.

**Offertory** Choir  
*God Loves You*  
Words and music by Wayne Kirkpatrick and Mark Heimermann,  
arranged by David T. Clydesdale  
Brie Jones, soloist

**Scripture** Luke 13:1-9  
(page 738 in the pew Bible)

**Sermon** Shannon Pappas  
Why So Much Suffering?

**Prayers of the Congregation and for the World**

This week, we pray for Stephen Lungu with African Enterprise,  
and locally, Young Life.

**Moving Out in Worship** Congregation  
*You Are My All in All*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Prayer:** We believe God is all-powerful and that God heals, and we believe God responds with love to the prayers of His people. Prayer teams are available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the worship service.

*Please switch your cell phone to the "silent" or "mute" mode during the worship service.*

## FAMILYNews

**Welcome Reception**—*after worship, Chapel.* If you're "new" around FPCSM, or just want to know more about us, join Pastor Shannon and a few members of our welcome team for 15 minutes, in the Chapel.

**The Reason for God**—*Sundays, through October 16, 11:00am-noon, Geneva Hall.* Why does God allow suffering? Why is there so much evil in the world? Perhaps these are questions that you have, or perhaps you have had someone ask you these (or similar) questions and you have been unsure about how to answer. Our *Reason for God* all-church study will help you to think through these complex issues. Adults and teens alike are encouraged to come to listen and to talk about them today in Geneva Hall at 11:00! Childcare is provided.

**Sanctuary Flowers**—The flowers this week are given by Steve and JoAnn Evans in memory of their daughter Beth.

## COMING EVENTS

**Sowers and Reapers Quilting Ministry**—*Saturday, October 1, 9:00am-noon, Small Dining Room.* Are you looking for fellowship, a meaningful ministry, and a time to explore your creative talent? Come check us out! For more information, contact Jan Klein, 655-6623 or janiceklein@comcast.net.

**FPCSM Block Party**—*Sunday, October 2, 3:00-5:00pm.* Next Sunday is our 2nd annual Neighborhood Block Party! The purpose of this party is "to demonstrate to the people of our community the extravagant grace of Jesus in a very practical, understandable way," and we hope that everyone who is a part of the FPCSM family will be a part of hosting this event! There will be games for kids, live music, free food and a place for neighbors to gather, and for us to get to know them. *Sign up today* to work a shift at one of the booths! Contact John Tastor, 415-298-4611 for more information.

**Seniors' Lunch with Pastor Shannon**—*Date change, Thursday, October 6, 11:45am, Lighthouse.* Come join this casual and fun lunch together for fellowship, laughter, addressing issues and needs specific to seniors, discussing FPCSM's bright future, and even doing a little strategic problem-solving. Please bring your own lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided.

**Walt Moore Memorial Breakfast**—*October 8, 8:00am, Geneva Hall.* It's coming, "The Walt Moore Memorial Breakfast," sponsored by the Men's Bible Class. This will be our 7th year to sponsor this event and because of the dedication and passion Walt had to create it, we are renaming it. All men, join us in Geneva Hall, October 8th at 8:00am. It's free! Bring a friend and enjoy a great breakfast and scriptural message taught by Stu Millar. For more information call Bill Quriring, 650-573-0702 or Fred Vergara, 650-578-8197.

**Cancer Support**—*Date change, Sunday, October 9, 1:00pm, Lighthouse.* If you know someone who is fighting cancer, you are encouraged to join, the Cancer Support Group. This group focuses on prayer for cancer patients—both survivors and those currently in treatment. Requests are treated sensitively and with confidentiality. Meetings are about 1.5 hours and include a short devotional, survey of the needs of the group, an update on those for whom we have been praying, and a time of prayer. The power of prayer is awesome!

**Corvettes**—*Friday, October 21, 5:30 pm, Lighthouse.* Join us for a potluck dinner. Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Storm will be our guest speaker. His topic is: The History of the United States with Iraq. This subject should be of interest to all. An important Corvette business meeting will follow the program.

## OTHER

**Help Us Stay Informed About Your Well-Being**—If you or someone that you know in the congregation experiences a significant illness, injury, personal crisis or any sort of life emergency, whether it involves hospitalization or not, please get word to us right away. Call the church office, your deacon, the elder on call, or Pastor Shannon and let us know. We are here to care for you, serve you and pray for you.

## ADULTMinistry

**Women's Monday Evening Bible Study**—*2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 7:30-9:00 pm, B100.* For more information, contact Cathy Chang at 525-9695 or Gnahc3@aol.com, or Amy Rundle at 401-8624 or acrundle@comcast.net.

**Community Bible Study**—*Wednesdays, 9:15-11:15am, Geneva Hall.* CBS is a weekly women's study, featuring small groups, lectures, and fellowship. This year's study of the Gospel of John will continue through May. For information and/or to sign up, contact Cassie Sharp, 348-1736 or cassandrasharp@yahoo.com.

**Women's Fall Daytime Bible Study**—*Thursdays, 10:00-11:00am, Lighthouse.* Women of all ages are invited to be a part of a study this fall of the book of Hebrews. For more information, go to [www.fpcsm.org/DiscipleshipBibleStudies.html](http://www.fpcsm.org/DiscipleshipBibleStudies.html) or contact Lois at 345-1633 x223. Childcare is provided.

**Men's Bible Study**—*Saturdays, 8:00am, Lighthouse.* Men of all ages are invited to join a great fellowship of sharing and discussing God's grace, and His Word.

## YOUTHThisGeneration

**Sunday School**—*Sundays, 9:45-10:30am, Youth Room.* Middle school youth are dismissed after the children's message to meet in the youth room.

**Youth Groups**—*Thursdays, Middle School, 5:30-7:30pm, High School, 7:00pm-9:00pm.* Spend time with God and your friends every Thursday night. Middle school starts with dinner in Geneva Hall. High school starts in the Lighthouse.

**See You At The Pole**—*Wednesday, September 28, 7:00am, school campuses.* Gather with other students around your school flagpole to pray together. Go to [www.syatp.com](http://www.syatp.com) for more information and resources.

**Fall/Winter Retreats**—*Middle School Fall Frenzy, November 4-6; High School Winter Weekend, December 2-4, \$179.* We have reserved two cabins for each weekend. Contact Brad to sign up for an amazing time with God and friends at Mount Hermon.

## CHILDRENSMinistry

**Power Station**—*Sundays, 9:45-10:45am.* Children will be dismissed from the worship service for Power Station—where Jesus gives us the power to live for God! Check the sign in the lobby of the children's wing for your child's classroom and be sure to pick up a lesson schedule and meet your child's teachers after the worship service.

**2nd Hour**—*Sundays, 10:45am-12:00pm.* Childcare is available for infants through kindergarten aged children for parents attending *The Reason for God* conversation or Bible study. Children 1st through 5th grades are invited to Room C-260 for a special series.

**Kingdom Club**—*Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm.* Children entering Kindergarten through 5th Grade will enjoy this great mid-week program offering kid-friendly dinners with friends, games, fun Bible lessons, crafts and music! For more information, call the Children's Ministry office.

**Little Sprouts**—*Fridays, 9:30-11:00am.* Our popular playgroup for preschool age children and their families. For more information, call the Children's Ministry office.


**FPCSM'S eNEWS**

A brief inspirational phone message that comes to you weekly.

For more information  
domnan@fpcsm.org or 650-345-1633 x227

Keep up-to-date with all the happenings at FPCSM with our weekly eNews.

Pastor Shannon Calling



**Fall Women's Bible Study**

**Thursdays,  
10:00-11:00am,  
Lighthouse**

A study of the book of Hebrews

Childcare is provided.  
[www.fpcsm.org/DiscipleshipBibleStudies.html](http://www.fpcsm.org/DiscipleshipBibleStudies.html)

## and tell us more...

**I'd like to learn more about:**

- Receiving Jesus Christ into my life
- The basics of Christianity
- Church membership classes
- Counseling (premarital, marital, grief, etc.)
- How to get connected at FPCSM
- Would like to receive Pastor Shannon Calling
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

- Baptism
- The Bible
- Small groups
- Sunday morning classes
- Would like to receive eNews

**Prayer requests and Praise reports:**

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**I'm interested in serving in the following ministries:**

- Children
- Missions
- Administration/Clerical
- Youth
- Music/Media
- Evangelism
- College
- Prayer
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**I am:**  Single  Married  Widowed

**My age:**  0-18  19-29  30s-40s  50s-60s  70s-80+

**(For students) I am in the following grade:**  1-5  6-8  9-12  College

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