

# THE GRAPEVINE- 2024



## FLOWER CALENDAR

JAN. 7

IT'S A SURPRISE

JAN. 14

GREG & BONNY MCCREARY

JAN. 21

COLLEEN COLENZO

JAN. 28

BOB & EVELYN AGDOMA



## DEACONS BARREL ITEM:

*Feminine Hygiene Products*

## SAVE THE DATE:

**ZEPHYR POINT FAMILY CAMP 2024**

JUNE 16 – 21, 2024

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Church Office Closed – New Year's Day!**  
Monday, January 1

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
January 6

**Communion Sunday/ Deacon's Offering**  
Sunday, January 7

**Annual Reports Due**  
Friday, January 12

**Men's Circle of Faith (Lea Lounge)**  
Saturday, January 13 @ 830am

**Officer Training (Grant Hall)**  
Saturday, January 13 @ 10am

**Officer Installation**  
Sunday, January 14 during worship

**Office Closed – MLK Jr. Birthday**  
Monday, January 15

**S. Hall in Use**  
Saturday, January 20 (Time TBD)

**Men's Breakfast**  
Saturday, January 20 @ 8am  
(Four Corner's Restaurant)

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
Sunday, January 21 after worship



- 2- Kathleen Buffleben
- 5- Jean Shipman
- 10- Matt Clarke
- 11- Joseph Weisenberger
- 13- Cristian Lamas
- 16- Joshua Clarke
- 16- Rich Clinton
- 18- Isabel Vaishampayan
- 20- Allen Brown
- 23- Gladys Smith



30 – *Bob & Evelyn Agdoma*

*Congratulations on 60 years of  
marriage, we wish you many  
more years of Love and  
Happiness!!!*



## SESSION UPDATES...

Incoming Elders were invited to the December meeting of Session. All of the newly elected members of Session have previously served, but this gave them the opportunity to see what issues with which Session is currently dealing. Over the course of the year five Session members have resigned or completed their term: Kathleen Buffleben, David Flanigan, Reiko Flanigan, Lynda Mendoza, and Roy Patterson. To each of these members Session extends thanks for their service.

At its meeting Session also recognized two Deacons for achieving significant milestones: Marietta McLellan has been ordained as a Deacon for 25 years and Belle Twitchell for 50 years.

The proposed general fund budget for 2024 was reviewed, and the impact to the financial situation by the re-appraisal of the value, and the loss of the welfare exemption, of the new site property, was discussed. Being required to pay property taxes in the order of \$40,000 each year is a drain on the proceeds of the sale of the children's center.

**PASTOR'S PAGE:**

Dear FPC Family,

We are now in the Season of Epiphany. This is the time when we become more aware of the One who is the Light of the World! In Jesus we see that as the prophet of old foretold that those who live in darkness will now see the True Light! The One born in Bethlehem who is the One that God sent to us to show us God's love!

In a time of uncertainty and darkness the Light of Jesus will always shine through the darkness of evil. Someone has said that evil separates, but goodness and love UNITE! We need to remember God's love always unites, heals, renews, strengthens, and lifts us up! Whatever wants to separate, harm, or destroy is not of the light of the world. This light is the fullness of God incarnate in Jesus. When we are walking in the "way" of God's light, darkness will ultimately fail. Darkness and evil tried to put the light of God out by crucifying our Lord and Savior, but God's will is never going to be stopped! Ultimately in our personal lives, families, our church family, our communities, our country, and the entire world will eventually live in the light of Jesus' Love!! We are called to be vessels of that light and love in a world of darkness, hate, and death! Be encouraged Jesus has risen!! God's will and light will be the eternal future for ALL of God's people! Be prepared!

In the name of the child born to be our Lord and Savior, and the light of God in the darkness! See you all in church!

*-Pastor David*

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**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

| DESCRIPTION                             | MONTHLY                | YEAR TO DATE         |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| <b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>              |                        |                      |
| DEPOSITED WITH THE BANK OF STOCKTON     |                        |                      |
| BALANCE FORWARD                         |                        | \$ 23,443.69         |
| INCOME                                  | 11,687.00              | 178,240.48           |
| EXPENSES                                | 30,092.70              | 184,103.97           |
| <b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>             | <b>\$ (118,405.70)</b> | <b>\$ 17,580.20</b>  |
| <b><u>DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE</u></b>   |                        |                      |
| DEPOSITED WITH THE BANK OF STOCKTON     |                        |                      |
| SPECIAL FUNDS                           |                        | \$ 11,189.87         |
| IN-AND-OUT FUNDS                        |                        | 11,821.27            |
| DEPOSITED WITH THE SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC |                        | 830,844.23           |
| <b>DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE</b>          |                        | <b>\$ 853,855.37</b> |

