



The Window

First Presbyterian Church of Stockton's Monthly Newsletter

July 2026



Summer Twilight
By Bonnie Thurston

*"Make every effort to live in eternity's light, not in time."
—May Sarton*

This is more easily done
in summer's long gloaming
when I read on the porch
until the light goes
as it does earlier
in this little valley than
on its encircling ridges.
I listen to the soundtrack
of wrens warbling arias
apparently for the joy of it,
watch militant pugilism
of kamikaze hummingbirds
at a feeder so close
the whirr of tiny wings
ruffles the herbs below it.
Frequently does bring their
fawns and friends to feast
at the green profusion
on the hill I refuse to tame
because it opens a door
to timeless aliveness,
invites me to love what is
for its own sake, and
because in every moment,
eternity's light dawns.

AUGUST WINDOW

The deadline for submission of articles for the August 2026 Window is **July 22.**

Hospitality after Worship Setup/Cleanup

July 5: Sylvia
July 12: Carol/Gretchen
July 19: Jane
July 26: Jane/Gretchen

Worship Assistants

July 5 – Janet Sepiol
July 12 – Eleanor Lawrence
July 19 – Bill Alessio
July 26 –

Sunday School Volunteers

July 5 – Tola Eley
July 12 – Autumn Alessio
July 19 – Cynthia Allison
July 26 – Sylvia Cavanaugh

If you are interested in serving with Hospitality, as a Worship Assistant, or as a Sunday School Volunteer, please contact the Office.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Gretchen Louden	July 1
Joy Panzer	July 13
Mara Duffy	July 22
Cecelia Muller	July 29
Gail Herron	July 30

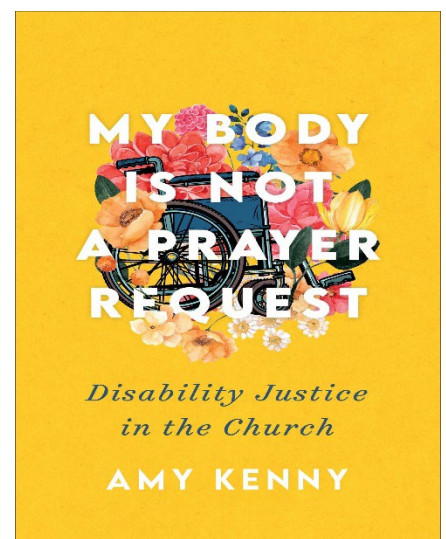


Heartfelt thanks to Helen Mar for a beautiful donation of children's books for our Little Free Library and Food Pantry. May they bring joy and enrichment to our community's kids and families.

Church Book Study

Our church family is embarking on a new book study this summer, and we'd love to have you join in! We will be reading *My Body is Not A Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church* by the Amy Kenny. Beginning Monday July 6, our Monday Evening Refresh at 7 pm on Zoom is going to host our weekly discussion gathering. Feel free to invite friends or family who might be interested in conversations around disability theology and justice in the church. Books can be purchased independently at your favorite place to buy books, or we will have copies available for purchase for \$10 at church on Sunday or from the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ashley or Kimberlee Roider. Here is the Zoom link for our book study:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85257167786>



Scholarships Announced By Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that 5 scholarships have been awarded this year.

Matt Boga, who is a member of Reality Church, is attending Phoenix Seminary in pursuit of a Doctor of Ministry.

Chase Hanker, Tola Eloy's grandson, is attending the University of Nevada – Reno and majoring in Criminal Justice.

Ryan Hanker, Tola Eloy's grandson, is Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and majoring in Recreation and Tourism.

William Buckley, Helen Mar's grandson and Bill and Tamara Buckley's son, is attending Stanislaus State and majoring in Business Administration.

Jayden Roider, Earl and Kim Roider's grandson, is attending CSU Long Beach and majoring in Cinematic Arts.

We congratulate them all and wish them much success.

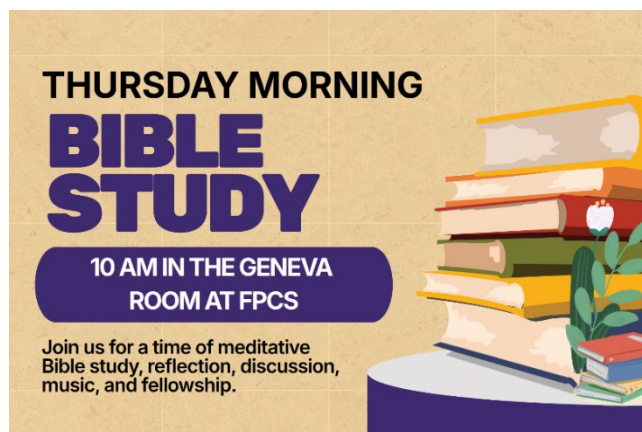


First Presbyterian Church

Kids Summer Splash!

Sunday, July 26th at 1 pm
First Presbyterian Church
31 E Vine Street, Stockton

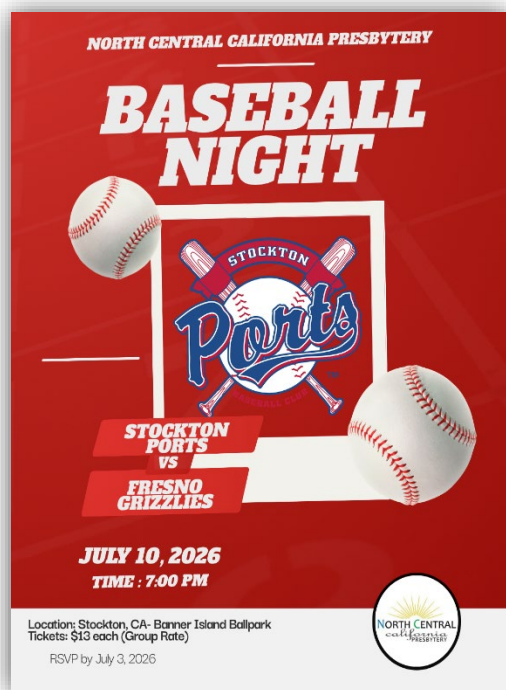
This fun event for kids and families will include snacks and all kinds of water activities and games. Each child must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. Invite friends and get ready to SPLASH!



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10 AM IN THE GENEVA ROOM AT FPCS

Join us for a time of meditative Bible study, reflection, discussion, music, and fellowship.



NORTH CENTRAL CALIFORNIA PRESBYTERY

BASEBALL NIGHT

STOCKTON PORTS VS FRESNO GRIZZLIES

JULY 10, 2026
TIME: 7:00 PM

Location: Stockton, CA- Banner Island Ballpark
Tickets: \$13 each (Group Rate)

RSVP by July 3, 2026

Meetings This Month:

- July 8 Food Pantry Distribution at 2 pm
- July 12 Spiritual Growth Committee 4 pm on Zoom
- July 14 Support and Endowment at 10:15am
- July 15 Finance, Building, and Grounds at 9:30 am
- July 18 Family Promise Family Fun Festival 11 am to 2 pm at CUMC
- July 21 Hospitality Committee at 10 am
- July 22 Food Pantry Distribution at 2 pm
- July 26 Kids Water Event 1 pm
- July 27 Session Meeting 10:30 am

Weekly:

- Book Study at 7 pm on Zoom
- Bible Study at 10 am Thursdays

ACCESS FPC WORSHIP VIDEOS

To access our worship services online, go to our website: fpcstockton.org, click on Ministries, then Worship, and click on the YouTube logo. You'll automatically be directed to FPC's YouTube channel. You can also search for First Presbyterian Church of Stockton on YouTube.



We have been invited again this year by the wonderful folks at Carmichael Presbyterian to join in their annual women's retreat at Zephyr Point on the shore of beautiful Lake Tahoe! Registrations forms will be available in the blue room starting mid June. The cost for the retreat is \$225 and scholarships are available. As we get closer, we will arrange carpools to drive up together.

Reality Church has officially moved into their new building and will no longer be using our campus for worship or offices. They left beautiful flowers and a heartfelt note expressing their gratitude for our hospitality over the past 5 years. The note is available for reading in the church office



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