



THE NEWS

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NEWS

NEW YEAR BRINGS CHANGES TO SCHEDULE, FORMAT FOR PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

At its November, 2011 meeting, the Presbytery Council voted to make a number of changes to the schedule and format for meetings of Presbytery. The number of stated meetings will increase from four to five in 2012, and all will be held on Tuesdays beginning at 5:30 pm. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, February 28 at Kirk o' the Valley
Tuesday, April 24 at St. James
Tuesday, June 26 (**host church needed**)
Tuesday, September 25 at Panorama
Tuesday, November 27 (**host church needed**)

Note that host churches have still not been found for the June and November meetings. If your church is interested, please contact the Presbytery Office at 818 891-4781.

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There will be a number of changes to the format of the gatherings in the hope that they can be made shorter and more efficient. One important change is that committee reports that do not require action will not be presented during the meeting, but instead will be posted online in digital video. Committee chairs who wish to make a presentation should contact Interim Executive Presbyter, Rev. Ken Baker, to schedule a time when the report can be recorded. Ken's e-mail address is:

kbaker@sfpresby.org

BAKER'S DOZEN

***Some Thoughts from
Interim Executive Presbyter
Rev. Ken Baker***



WE'RE ON TWITTER!

So I set up a Twitter account for the Presbytery and they tell me we're limited to 140 characters in any messages that we post to our new Twi

Oops! Too long. Clearly Twitter was not designed by preachers. I'll have to learn how to tighten this up. (110 characters)

OK, how about *Happy New Year!* (30)

That worked. I'll get the hang of this! (40)

There are lots of great people serving Christ in our Presbytery, and we want to use Twitter as one more way to help others learn about them. (140 exactly!)

Thanks to all who checked out Roberto's video about the new food bank in Highland Park. His has the most views of any of our videos. (133)

We hope you can help with some of the resources they need. If you haven't seen it, watch it here: <http://bit.ly/tnvPTe> (119 . . . I'm getting better!).

I wonder what the Bible would have read like if each thought had a 140-character limit? (87)

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The Sermon on the Mount might have been pretty adaptable. John 17, not so much. (81)

So plan to follow us on Twitter, as we keep you updated on some of the great things that are happening in the Presbytery of San Fernando. (137)

We've got our first tweet up there now. Check us out at <https://twitter.com/#!/search-home>. Search for *PresSanFernando*. (121)

WATCH THE PRESBYTERY ON YOUTUBE...

In order to disseminate information in a faster, more user-friendly way, the Presbytery has begun posting videos on the net. To check out the content available so far, go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/PresbyofSanFernando> or

<http://www.sfpresby.org> and click on the YouTube link.

...OR FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Now you can connect with people and churches in the presbytery by visiting our Facebook page. Just follow the link below:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/6344519265/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDING A BETTER WORLD, ONE HOUSE AT A TIME

The **Fuller Center** for Housing is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing worldwide. Currently they are looking to fill two vacancies on their Board of Directors with members from the San Fernando Valley. In the long-term, they hope to find an individual who can lead their mission in this area. If you would like to be involved, please contact Jim Adams at:

sawtooth7@sbcglobal.net



Bread for the World to Train Young Ministers

Bread for the World will bring 75 young ministers to Washington, DC, June 9-12, 2012, for four exciting days of anti-hunger advocacy training. Ministers and other influential religious leaders under age 35 will meet for worship, workshops, and meetings with their members of Congress.

Proverbs 31:8-9 instructs us to "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak up, judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy." With this passage as the foundation, the event will feature training in biblical and theological grounding for anti-hunger advocacy, the realities of U.S. and global hunger, and strategies for engaging churches in legislative advocacy. For more information, contact Jon Gromek at jgromek@bread.org or 937 227-9447.

A flyer about the event can be viewed at:

<http://xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/2477239/65936642/name/2012%20HJL%20flyer%20revised2.pdf>

HANDYMAN NEEDED

The Presbytery Office is looking for a volunteer who could perform some basic building maintenance tasks. We're looking for someone who has the time to take care of simple jobs like replacing outdoor lights, replacing ceiling tiles, minor repairs, painting, etc. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact Pat Johanson:

pjohanson@sfpresby.org
818 891-4781

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 5, 2012

What is the Souper Bowl of Caring?

It is a national movement of congregations, schools, community organizations and compassionate individuals caring for others on Super Bowl weekend. Souper Bowl of Caring equips and mobilizes youth to positively impact their communities by collecting money and/or food on or near Super Bowl weekend. 100% of the collections are donated directly to the soup kitchen, food bank or other helping charity of each group's choice.

Join other churches in the San Fernando and Antelope Valleys making an impact on hunger this coming Super Bowl weekend.

For more details, ideas, and resources visit the website at:

www.souperbowl.org



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