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You may remember him as the farmer in bib overalls, a robot, the castaway with a mop on his head, the safari guy who couldn't remember much, or the smooth blues guy that brought the house down with his hilarious lyrics. He's Mike Moschak: husband, dad, business owner, and the color guy for First Pres' VBS.

"We typically start with an outline of the sketch for the morning and then just improv. Our goal is to wake the kids up and get them laughing so they are ready to be engaged for the rest of the day," said Mike Moschak, star of the VBS stage for the last five years.

VBS skits are notoriously wacky, and Mike and his costars know that their job is to bring the fun. Each day of VBS, the children begin in the sanctuary. Here, they find their group leaders and then settle in for the opening skit and praise and worship.

The goal of Mike and his crew is to get every day off to a good start. Each day brings opportunities to hear the salvation message and the hope we have in Jesus. This important message is reinforced through innovative crafts, recreational activities and worship.

"VBS is something I look forward to every summer. Each year, we welcome close to 200 kids and 75 volunteers. We always hear such sweet stories of kids encountering God," said Danielle Jones, Director of Kids Ministry. This year's VBS will be held in the mornings from June 27- 30, with a volunteer training/decorating day set for June 23rd.

"Make Waves" is the theme of this year's VBS. It is designed to help kids discover that when they put their faith in Jesus, God gives them the Holy Spirit and this prepares them to "make waves" in their own lives that will influence the people around them for Jesus. The memory verse for the week is "Whoever believes in me...rivers of living water will flow from within them." John 7:38.

You can bet Mike Moschak will be there. He loves making church fun for kids. "Volunteering with the kids ministry is just a blast... I think of VBS is an extension of the volunteering we do on Wednesday nights. We let the kids know that church is a place where they can have fun and learn about God. The two don't have to be separate."

Mike also says using humor and having fun are some of the ways that adults can connect with kids at church, "Some people might not

volunteer with kids or youth because they feel like they don't know enough or that the church environment can be too formal. We just have fun together and laugh a lot. Laughter helps open the door for people to walk through so they can hear about Jesus."

"It is really powerful when kids have adults in their life who care about them outside of their family...God



really uses those relationships to build self esteem and confidence and mentor kids in their faith," says Danielle Jones, "We have lots of opportunities for those kinds of life changing friendships in kids ministry."

The only question remains.... what crazy things will Mike do this year to get into character? Will he go blonde to achieve the perfect surfer dude look? All you have to do is sign up to volunteer to find out.



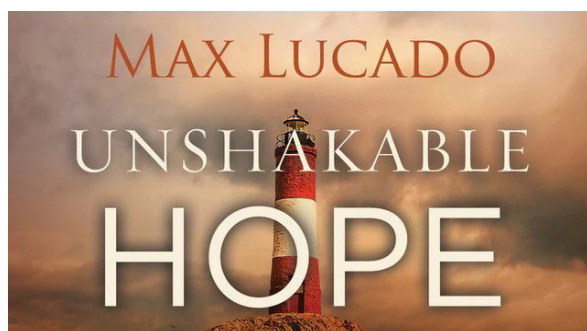
100 DAYS OF PSALMS

Draw near to the Lord through the Psalms with our churchwide study of '100 days of Psalms.' This is an opportunity to dive into Scripture and find out about what it has to say about real, raw faith. Pick up a prayer card today, or use the QR code. It features a daily reading plan and questions to ask of the text.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We can't wait for Vacation Bible School coming up June 27th-30th. Our VBS is for 4 year olds-4th grade, our 5th graders and older are encouraged to volunteer. Register your child for VBS and sign up to volunteer on our events page.



WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY

Join us for our summer Bible Study, we will be reading "Unshakable Hope" by Max Lucado. We will meet Wednesdays from 9:15-11:00 in room 2115. There is no registration required, please come when you can and bring friends! Meeting the following dates: June 8, 15, 22, July 6, 13, 20.



COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS STUDY

Join us for a new study called "Created for Community." We will meet Sundays at 10:00am in Room 1205 (Fellowship Hall). Also, our Thursday night community group will begin again at the Hardy's house on June 9th. Contact Brett for more information.



Want something new to listen to this summer? Continuing the spirit of '100 days of Psalms,' we have created new weekly summer playlists on Spotify. Each week, we will have a new playlist from one of our staff members. Check it out on our app every Monday throughout the summer.

SUMMER CLASSES

To see the new summer schedule, please check out our website for an updated list of summer classes, small groups, and events.



THE FILLING STATION

The Filling Station will stay open through the summer. Plan to meet friends or even schedule a Bible study to meet in the morning!



CAMP GENERATE

Get ready for an unforgettable time at Camp Generate in Estes Park, Colorado, July 10th-July 15th. Available for ages 7th-12th grades. More information is available on our events page!

FIRST, BY THE NUMBERS

- Revenues

Total revenues for April were \$186,230. This is \$10,241 less than budgeted revenues of \$196,471 or 94.8% of budget.

- Expenses

Total net expenses for April were \$244,020, which was \$5,469 more than budgeted net expenses of \$238,551 or 102.3% of budget.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Healing Hands

Pray, create, connect. The Healing Hands ministry at First Pres is a group of women who come together to serve others and share their craft of knitting or crocheting. They create hats, baby blankets, prayer shawls, and other innovative items.

"We like to offer our items to the ministries that our church already partners with and then expand our reach from there," said Lynn Walker, one of the leaders. This year, for example, they gave 90+ winter hats to César Chávez Elementary. They are already beginning to stockpile hats for next year. Countless items have been donated over the last three years to the Urban Mission, Infant Crisis Center, nursing homes, and individuals.

They also partner with local hospitals. "We found out that there is a demand for what we call "Twiddle muffs". Twiddle muffs are small hand muffs that Alzheimer's patients hold and use to fidget with various tactile items that are sewn onto them. They produce a

calming effect on the patients and give them something to keep their hands busy to relieve anxiety.

During Covid, members of the Healing Hands ministry made face mask extenders for health care providers to protect their ears from the friction that constant mask wearing caused. There was a great demand for those small but helpful items.



The group meets downstairs in the church every Monday from 1:00pm-3:00pm in room 2123, except on holidays. Each week, they have eight or more members attending, with about 15 total in the group. They always welcome newcomers and having skill is not necessary. That is part of the beauty of the group.

"We are happy to help women learn from scratch or even help them get unstuck if they are stuck in a partic-

ular project. There is a real sense of humility in the group. Even those of us who know what we're doing, do not always know what we're doing," said Amy Schulke.

"I love our group because it gives me the opportunity to help others and it is a great way to meet new people," said Claudia Moguin.

Healing Hands attaches a tag to each finished item to let the recipient know that item was prayed over and handmade with love. Members love to give items to those who are going through a hard time, either with cancer treatments, grieving the loss of a loved one or anyone who just needs a pick me up.

"We would like to get the word out about our ministry so we can reach more people," said Lynn Walker. If you know of someone that you would like to bless with a prayer shawl or baby blanket, please let contact us. Healing Hands keeps a few samples up at the welcome desk that you are welcome to stop by and take to give to another person in need.