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> Sunday Schedule Worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11:30 a.m.





Clockwise from the top: Katrina, Breanna, Ryan, and Kendra attend Winter Camp.



worship as lectors.

A group attends Companions on the Inner Way.



Led by Curtiss Allen and accompanied by William Zeitler, the Sanctuary Choir makes beautiful music through Lent.



Ryan. Our youth help us focus on Christ and the cross as they serve as crucifer.



Noah. Our young adults help the safety team at the interfaith event..



We say goodbye to Howard and Nancy as they leave for Ohio and family.

It is the Mission of First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship and celebration, and teaching and learning, so that lives are transformed and members are encouraged to use their special gifts to care for and value, as God's Beloved, each other and the community in which we live.



Preparing for Easter

By WENDY LAMB

Return to God with all your heart, The source of grace and mercy; Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.



We are an Easter people. We are always an Easter people. Even as we fast in Lent and remember the journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, as we remember the agony of the Passion, we wait to feast because we are who we are as Christians because we are an Easter people. We believe that death was conquered, that Christ rose on the third day, and that makes all the difference. Because we are an Easter people, we spend time preparing for Easter. We prepare ourselves through prayer and fasting during Lent, through worship services throughout Lent and during Holy Week. We not only prepare ourselves, but we also prepare our space, readying the sanctuary for the great festival of Easter. Here are some ways we prepare, and some ways everyone can join in and prepare together.

Lenten Quiet Night and Worship: We continue to walk through Lent for our final quiet nights on Thursday, April 4



Youth Sunday

and 11 at 6:00.

Palm Saturday: Help us begin Holy Week as we prepare for Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. On **Saturday, April 14,** we would love your help making palm crosses for our Palm Sunday service. We'll gather in Fireside Lounge at 9 a.m. for a morning of fellowship and creation. Everyone of all ages is invited and experience is not required, but please bring your own scissors! We look forward to experiencing God's wonder of creation with you!

Palm Sunday: April 14, We will gather outside and process in together singing "Hosanna." Later, we will



experience the Passion story together. We also will be collecting our "Fat Fish" and One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Palm Sunday.

Also Palm Sunday at noon, join us for our annual Easter Festival with crafts, story, and Egg Hunt for children.

Maundy Thursday pays solemn remembrance to the last hours of our Lord Jesus Christ, especially as our Savior celebrates a last supper with his disciples. Please join us Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary for this deeply moving and profoundly spiritual

service. Maundy Thursday brings us closer to God through a deeper understanding of and participation in the last hours of our Lord. It also reminds us that we cannot arrive at Easter without first traveling through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Saturday Morning, April 20, you're invited to assist the Worship Committee with decorating our sanctuary for Easter morning. Bring your garden's beautiful flowers, blooming most branches, and greenery. If you bring them in buckets of water, they will stay fresh until arranged! You're also invited to bring pruning shears and garden gloves if you would like to help make arrangements. We will gather at 9 a.m. and welcome everyone's participation in this multi-generation tradition of beauty, creativity, and joyous preparation for Easter!

Easter Worship! Sunday, April 21, our sanctuary will be filled with friends and with color. We will gather in the dim light recalling Easter dawn. We will sing with the joy that only hope reborn can bring, and we will raise up our voices with "the A-word" from which we have been fasting for so many weeks. Choir and organ will help us lift our hearts, and we will once again proclaim the ancient Easter greeting: Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!



April 28, the first Sunday after Easter, our youth will lead us in a joyful worship service. We will sing Alleluia with gusto. We will hear Katrina Johnston speak to us as she prepares to graduate high school. We will hear students make music and lead prayers. The youth have been working hard on this service, reading scripture, finding a theme, choosing music, and writing all of the liturgy (so there might be unicorns). We will continue to meet, prepare, and rehearse on April 7 and 14 as we worshipfully prepare to lead with joy.

Interns Spotted in March...

woodworking with David Grindahl, weeding with Larry Marona, making hygiene and comfort kits with Marilyn Kraft, distributing food with Food Ministry volunteers, setting up Fellowship Hall with Mark Freeman, reflecting on the experience with intern supervisors, Rick Rodriguez and Mark Adelson, and attending worship to meet the congregation.



Graduates!

If you are a graduate or have a family member graduating from high school or college this spring, please send her/his name, relationship to congregation members, school and degree (if appropriate), and graduation date to Newsletter@fpcsb.net by Thursday, April 25th for recognition in the May newsletter.

Deacon's Corner

By PAT MORRIS, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Remembering JOHN

"He has left footprints in Fellowship Hall that are indelible", said a Deacon last week as we reflected on how to follow and fill-in behind the devoted work of fellow Deacon, John Valentine. Who will order, pick up and prepare the donuts for Sunday mornings? Who will set up and serve at the coffee table? Who will always stay for cleanup? Who will prepare all the double bags and be a

devoted worker at every food distribution Saturday? Who will organize and MC the annual Mariner's Luncheon? Who will unfailingly support Carol in her remarkable service to our church community? He was a one-man-gang and Fellowship Hall was his neighborhood. Hard shoes to fill. Indelible footprints left behind testifying to the tireless work of a man called Valentine.

Leave the GREEN EGGS at home but bring the HAM

We are preparing our Annual Easter Baskets for hungry families and we need volunteers to bring a "HAM-FOR-A-FAMILY-OF -FOUR" to the church office before Palm Sunday. With our generosity let's make DR. SEUSS and "SAM I AM" proud!

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Doris "Gil" Adams June 15, 1927-February 23, 2019 John Valentine July 11, 1945-March 8, 2019

Charles "Chuck" DuClos January 29, 1927-March 13, 2019

"In life and in death we belong to God"

Needed: Grocery Bags

The food ministry could use your plastic bags. If you have that stack of grocery bags (you know, the ones you have to pay a dime for at the store because you forgot to bring your re-usable bags), bring them down to the church. See Sally Morris if you have questions.



2019 Deacon Board by Committee:

Pat Morris, Moderator; Steve Smith, Pastoral Support

Congregational Care: Robin Edwards, Linda Kaufman, Martha Pinckney, Judy Steppins

Community Ministry: Marissa Congdon, Stephani Congdon, Amy Rueda, Brad Smith

Food Ministry: Dan Direen (Chair), Sue Alexander, Mario Bolaños, Marianna Fowles, Charlotte Pringle, Jim Siegmund

New Educational Partnership

By MIMI LANGE

The University of Redlands and San Francisco Theological Seminary announced in February that they will enter into "a transformative partnership", creating a new Graduate School of Theology within the University of Redlands. The new partnership will allow both schools to expand their reach, establish new programs, and meet the challenges of a changing world.

First Pres has many alumni and friends of both institutions, so we look forward to hearing more about this partnership in the months ahead. If you would like more information, you can go to the University's website: https://www.redlands.edu/bulldogblog/2019/february-2019/faq-on-the-redlands-sftspartnership/ or the Seminary's website: www.sfts.edu/ pathways to find out more.



Members and Staff Attend Active Shooter Training

By DAVE THOMAS, Safety and Security Coordinator

In December and March safety and security members and staff (including Pastor Sandy) attended a active shooter training given by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. This training consisted of three and a half hours of a multitude of topics including awareness of suspicious activity, reviewing past terrorism events, how to respond to an active shooter event and several hands on drills to train us on basic first aid training. This training is offered every three months by the

Sheriff's Department. It's not geared specifically to churches but rather to include a shooter in any type of situation. Although we have never had a threat to our church and nor do we expect one, it's comforting to know we have so many individuals that are being proactive in keeping our congregation safe and secure. The challenges that face our safety and security ushers have changed tremendously over the last year, and we are constantly adjusting our training to include new issues. I will

include additional topics in the future to keep you informed. If anyone wishes to attend the next active shooter training, or wishes to become a member of our safety team, please let me know.

A thank you to everyone who attended...David Grindal, Shannon Nolin, Dan Direen, Mark Adelson, James Welte, Sandy Tice, Judy Steppins, Brett Valentine, Aaron Wegman (Brett's friend), Al Rueda, Judy Brewer, John Garten- Shuman and Margaret Doane.



In Our Own Backyard

By LYNETTE DUCLOS ADELSON

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Luke 18:15-16

I wonder if you all know how faithful you have been to these words? From the infant to pre-kindergarten program at our childcare center to the support of local elementary schools to the Lifeskilz and internship programs to the proven scholars that the Leonard Scholarship encourages our congregation has valued and cared for God's children.

I visited our First Presbyterian Childcare Center recently and was awed and moved to tears by the changes in the demographic served and the adaptability and dedication of the staff serving them. Almost thirty years ago our Session approved opening a childcare center in our beautiful classrooms that sat empty during the week. For five years FPCCC struggled financially. Because they listened to Jesus' order, at that point, Session voted to make FPCCC a mission of our church that financial support could SO strengthen FPCCC and it began to thrive and grow. In the late 1990's a Toddler Option license and School age license were added. The Center was filled. And it was filled with middle to upper class white children who mainly had mothers who did not work outside the home and were looking for educational enrichment and peer socialization for their children. Times have changed. Needs have changed. FPCCC has adapted and creatively changed. As I toured the classrooms I saw children of every color, socioeconomic background and ability. I saw babies from our congregation and neighborhood children (many of whose

Change of Date May 19 All Church Camp Meeting: If you would like to help organize All Church Camp for the last weekend on September, please meet after worship in the library on May 19.

This meeting is for people who want to form a team to do the work so that the event can happen.

See Mary Bolaños if you have questions or a date conflict, but you still want to help.

tuition is paid though state or county programs or through the scholarship program folks in our congregation contribute to monthly or with periodic gifts) learning and playing together. I also saw staff who have been with FPCCC for ten to twenty five years! Even with the economic downturn in San Bernardino causing the need to work only part-time hours they continue to give their best to the children in their care. They are our missionaries in this endeavor. FPCCC has evolved from a place where children from the same backgrounds could attend part-day and share activities and graham crackers and milk to a place where a rainbow of children learn to love and love to learn and eat what is sometimes the only full meal of their day. You have supported this evolution.

Thank you for being the hands of Jesus and touching the lives of children.

Session Highlights--Wednesday, March 27, 2019

By JOHN GARTEN-SHUMAN

Pastor Tice opened the meeting with considered. An Easter egg hunt is prayer and commented there is joy in face-to-face at Session meeting meetings. Commissioned Local Pastor Wendy Lamb read a portion of Luke 15 relating the Prodigal Son story. This reminded us that God is always waiting for us. God never gives up on us. A good reminder of how we might respond to our brothers and sisters, both in the church and in the community.

The consent agenda was approved. Nurture committee reported \$2,000 was raised in support of First Presbyterian vouth to attend the Triennium, adult education has finished the Ridiculous Journey series, and arrangements for the All-Church Camp are being

planned for Palm Sunday and is sponsored by Mariners.

Building and Grounds shared sanctuary roof repairs are slated for April, as well as the need for some refurbishing of the chapel. Discussion ensued about the possibility of purchasing advertising space on bus stop benches. This led to a larger discussion about engaging in a full marketing plan for First Presbyterian.

Deacons continue their exceptional work in providing support for both the church community and the larger community. In February, more than 350 bags of food were distributed. Easter food baskets will be offered again this year. If you are

interested in sponsoring a food basket for someone in need, you may register at the receptionist desk. There is also an opportunity to support this effort by providing a ham.

The meeting closed with prayer and extinguishing of the Christ candle.

As we spend this Lenten season in reflection and fasting, let us move surely and hopefully toward the miracle of Christ's resurrection.

If you would like more information on any of these items, please contact a current Ruling Elder.

With much love and blessings, John Garten-Shuman, Elder

2019 Session by Committee:

Sandy Tice, Moderator; Amy Smith, Clerk of Session Building and Grounds: Dale Showman (Chair), Mark Freeman, David Grindahl, Neal Williams Financial Stewardship: Brent Nord (Chair), Brooke Dvorak Nurture: Mary Bolaños (Chair), Nancy Horstmann, Lynda Savage Worship: John Garten-Shuman (Chair), Lynette DuClos Adelson, Kyle Smith

Easter Egg Hunt

By ROBIN EDWARDS, Mariners and Nurture Committee

Our church Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, which is different than usual so mark your calendars. It will be on April 14th, which is Palm Sunday and it will be after worship in Fellowship Hall, starting at 12 noon with fun crafts by Carol, then storytelling. This will be followed up with the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a sign-up sheet for bringing colored/decorated hard boiled eggs, bags of individually wrapped candies and plastic colored eggs (size of real eggs not big ones, for the candies). You can help out by putting the candies into the plastic eggs before bringing them to the church. If you can, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who already found Robin at the side table in Fellowship Hall last Sunday, and signed up to bring something. Please make sure your items are at the church by Friday, April 12th or before. Also, label your items for

the Easter Egg Hunt so there is no We are again inviting the confusion. children in our community. Thank you for supporting this mission and fun event for our congregation and the neighborhood. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you and your children hunting for eggs. Also, If you have hidden eggs in the

past or would like to Sunday morning before worship, see Robin Edwards.



Egg Hunt: Palm Sunday

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, this year after worship on Palm Sunday, April 14.



Prebyterian Women in the Congregation

By CLAUDIA OAKES and CAROL VALENTINE, PW Co-Moderators

It's already March and the days and weeks are flying by. We want to thank you again for your always kind and generous support to our Mission fundraisers throughout the year. PW Coordinating Team has our 2019 budget in place. We have a Nominating Committee, headed by Dotti Garcia, working to fill the vacant positions for the 2019-2020 year ahead. We also are reviewing our PW Bylaws to be sure they are up to date and in line with how are annual routine moves along.



SAVE THE DATES SAVE THE DATES SAVE THE DATES MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall All are Welcome to join us! Our Annual PW Birthday Offering Evening Dessert, With Guest Speaker!

More details next month!

AND

We are looking forward to the **PWS Summer Conference at Chapman University: July 19-21, 2019**—Registration begins in April. PWCT, and your Circle Moderators will have informational fliers to hand out. If you're going for the three-day experience it's wonderful beyond words, but if you can only attend one day, the Saturday is filled with speakers, workshops, and lots of singing and fun. This is a great time to expand your knowledge of Presbyterian Women and learn what other PW's are doing across our Synod.

The first Sunday of the month Free Trade Coffee Sales continues. We've been delighted to see your response to the K-Cups we ordered. Hopefully the Decaf will be here any day. Thanks for your support, and asking for the K-cups, they have been a hit!

Know your PWCT is working to keep you up to date on what's happening, and what is out into the future. **NEXT PWCT MEETING IS MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019, AT 5 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY**. (I love to say that, and print that; it always reminds me of the countless games of Clue I've played. CCO)

Interfaith Event

ByJOHN GARTEN-SHUMAN

It was a privilege to co-host the Religious Founders Day interfaith event with our friends from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community on the Importance of Prayer in Time of Need. We were able to hear different perspectives, including our own Margaret Doane, from Cal State SB, and Sandy Tice. Our former City Mayors Pat Morris and Carey Davis were recognized for their service to this community in times of need, and we had dinner provided by the Ahmadiyya Community with our brothers and sisters of different faith traditions. Our Chief of Police, Jarrod Burguan, recovering from knee surgery, could not make it, so 2 of our own girl scouts did a lovely job at leading the pledge of allegiance. Many thanks to Dave Thomas for leading a hospitality and security team including 2 San Bernardino Police officers, former and current interns, young adult members, and experienced ushers. We heard from our co-hosts and others how welcoming, friendly, and organized we were. Thanks to each and all who made it so.





April Celebrations

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Apr 1	Wayne McCarl
	Ray & Becky Nelligan
	Irene Sandoval-Suverkrup
Apr 2	Kyle Knabe
Apr 3	John-Paul Fletcher
Apr 4	Howard Le Roy
	Rose Gareau
Apr 5	Laura Olsen Dunn
	Jacob Curtiss Allen
	Kelsey Law
Apr 7	Patricia Parks
Apr 8	Mary Bolaños
	Don & Earleen Dudley
	Adrienne Timmer
Apr 10	Debbie Law
Apr 12	Frederick Star
Apr 13	JoAnna Wierenga
	Cassidy Wright
Apr 15	Kelsey Adelson
	Jennifer Mantei
Apr 16	Marilyn Karnig
	Beverly Snell
Apr 18	Michelle Lea Babcock
	Don Dudley
	Oliver Andrew Lamb
Apr 20	Cliff Cummings
	Joseph Kreuter
	Joseph Ramirez
-	Sally Morris
-	Harlan Leonard Wright
Apr 27	Carly Earp
	Tino & Sandy Garza
	Jonah Roy Morales
Apr 28	Jim Cimino
	Jim Coyne
	Mark Freeman
•	Jim & Helen Babcock
Apr 30	Lori & Mark Edwards
	Noé & Alicia Falconi
	Tom Rennard

Financial Notes Financial Report as of February 28, 2019

Pledges Other Income Expense	Actual \$56,719.81 \$13,589.66 \$80,368.64	Budgeted 65,000.00 11,146.00 93,952.53	Over/(Under) (8,280.19) 2,443.66 (13,583.89)
Expense		,	(13,583.89)
Net Income	\$(10,059.17)	(17,806.53)	7,747.36

Website Photos

Photographs are often taken at church events. These photos may be used in the newsletter and/or posted on the church's public website and social media platforms. If you object to having a photograph that may contain your image (or your child's image) posted on the church website, please notify the office in writing.

The *First Press*, the newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino, is edited by Wendy Lamb. Please submit content to Wendy at newsletter@fpcsb.net.

> Deadline for the May issue of the *First Press:* Saturday, April 20

Keep Military Members in Your Prayers

PFC Jacob Allen Naval School of Music, Virginia

PFC Ronaldo Fregoso US Marine Corps, 29 Palms

Colonel David Le Roy McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey

> Petty Officer Jacob Le Roy US Navy, Guam

> > Colonel Jeff Le Roy US Army Reserve

> > Seaman Mark Munz US Navy, San Diego

Private Javier Rocha US Army, Fort Benning, Georgia

Seaman Robert Sandoval US Navy, Japan

Petty Officer Noah L. Wierenga U.S. Coast Guard Sector Upper Mississippi River

CW3 James Bentley Wilson US Army, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA

APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:45 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship Service	1 5:00 PM PW Coordinating Team	2 3:00 PM Circle of Faith	3 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Worship Committee	4 5:30 PM Yoga Class 6:00 PM Lenten Quiet Night 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir	5 9:30 AM Kerygma	6 8:00 AM Symphonie Jeunesse 10:00 AM Straight Up AA
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21 EASTER SUNDAY Easter Sunday 8:45 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship Service	22	23 1:00 PM Circle Of Hope	24 7:00 PM SESSION	25 5:30 PM Yoga Class	26 9:30 AM Kerygma	27 8:00 AM Symphonie Jeunesse 10:00 AM Straight Up AA 12:30 PM Ripples/Voyagers
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