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Sunday Schedule

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship 11:30 a.m.



Pentecost

Wear red, orange, or yellow to church as the spirit moves you on June 9!

We celebrate Pentecost on June 9! This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. We celebrate with flames and doves. We ask ourselves, where is the Spirit at work in our lives, in our community today?

On Pentecost, we receive the denominational Pentecost offering. This offering is used 100% for Youth!

Your gift to the Pentecost offering unites young people in Christ and inspires them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% stays here in San Bernardino and is disbursed as we designate. The rest is split country-wide among Children at Risk, Presbyterian Youth Triennium, and Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) who

give a year of their life to service in the church.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PENTECOST

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.

Pastor's Perspective...

Hope in Easter

In Easter, we remember that the resurrection gives us hope, even when we are in the midst of grief, hope for today, for this moment, not just hope for some time in the future. On Sunday, June 2, we will remember this hope as we consider the promises of Jesus and the hope that his love brings. We offer this blessing of hope, written by Jan Richardson after her husband of only a couple years died.

~Sandy



Blessing of Hope

So may we know
the hope
that is not just
for someday
but for this day—
here, now,
in this moment
that opens to us:

hope not made of wishes but of substance,

hope made of sinew and muscle and bone,

hope that has breath and a beating heart,

hope that will not keep quiet and be polite, hope that knows how to holler when it is called for,

hope that knows how to sing when there seems little cause,

hope that raises us from the dead—

not someday but this day, every day, again and again and again.

--Jan Richardson
A Cure for Sorrow



LifeSkillz Students in our House

On May 26, we celebrated our partnership with San Bernardino High School (SBHS) through the LifeSkillz program. Most Monday mornings during the school year, 15-35 SBHS students show up early to John Hinkleman's classroom to share breakfast (provided largely by Presbyterian Women) and their thoughts on different questions. Students and adults practice the Kaleidoscope Institute methods of respectful communication, mutual invitation, and other ways to listen and respond to the issues in their lives. Those leaving the on-campus LifeSkillz program join the Breakfast Club, where volunteers promise an additional 5 years of breakfasts and support "on demand" as the students take on the challenges of transitioning out of high school into college, jobs, and other adult adventures. We had 10 seniors in this year's LifeSkillz program, and LifeSkillz coordinator Bobbi Cummings shared a bit about all 10 of these young adults and their aspirations. Four were able to attend the service with other students and John Hinkleman showing up in support. We heard from graduating senior Lucia Vejar how LifeSkillz could set the stage for a better week, and from former LifeSkillz student, now member (and nursery attendant) Alexia Aguilar how Lifeskillz continues to support her transition to college.



Lifeskillz coordinator Bobbi Cummings looks on as Lucia Vejar tells the congregation what the breakfast meetings meant to her.

Partnering with San Bernardino High School Students: Hygiene Kits



Under the leadership of LifeSkillz student/former intern Elvira Aceves, San Bernardino High School gathered hygiene supplies that were initially assembled into ~100 kits by the SBHS 10th & 11th grade AP/Honors English classes. As with any hygiene kit drive, they had extra of some items and fewer of others, so several of our former interns came into the office and completed the kits with our supplies. Those kits are already out in the community providing health and comfort to our homeless and food insecure neighbors. Just one example of how this partnership with San Bernardino High School is influencing students and benefiting our community.



Alexia said this in her comments:

My transition to college has been a exciting experience in my life. I look back on the major change it involves and would consider the day I moved into my dorm the biggest one. I still recall the day I first moved, and how so many people were there to congratulate me, including text messages flooding my phone to check up on me. It made me thankful to see the excitement of others over my journey into college life. In my first year in college, UC Riverside has already taught me so many valuable things, that I consider of great importance, the unique experiences only available when you live on campus, such as being a part of the campus events and dealing with new people. Though it has been a struggle being in charge of my own life choices, it has given me the chance to take one more step toward being a more responsible adult. The transition for me though has been easier on me, because I know I have caring adults looking out for me...

...I know that LifeSkillz played a large part in my college life because they have been the biggest support system that I could have ever asked for. LifeSkillz has always taught me the way of being respectful and responsible in life. With all the knowledge they have given me, I am able to meet new experiences head on. Additionally, when in need of any sort of assistance the adults in life skills would always give me advice or help.

Education Opportunity

June 9, 23, and 30 at 9:30 in the Fireside Lounge

St. Augustine described the sacraments as "an outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible grace." In videos and in her book Searching for Sunday, Rachel Held Evans will be invited to do the same as we watch her videos together and talk about how are faith lives intersect with our sacred practices. If you would like to be reading the book, it complements the series and would deepen the discussion, but is not necessary for the class. The book can be purchased on Amazon.

MEITOMSK AL May 2019

Charles D. Obershaw August 7, 1926-May 23, 2019

Jane Smith July 19, 1946-May 27, 2019

"In life and in death we belong to God"

Sign-up for Fellowship Hour!

Exploring Our Faith Journey Through the Sacraments Throughout the summer we ask people to sign up to host our fellowship (coffee) hour (prepare, help serve as needed, clean up). Find a friend and sign-up for a week. (See Carol Valentine). Brett Valentine has been well-taught by his Grandfather, and he will help you as you prepare.

uses the sacraments to talk about her own faith journey. We The Mariners and the Nurture Committee are talking about how the congregation can help with the fellowship hour not just for summer, but all year long.

Save the Date: Church Camp September 27-29 at Arrowhead Ranch

Hvmns and Ice Cream!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 30th for the annual Hymn Sing and Ice Cream celebration. The worship service will be full of favorite hymns to sing. Then after the service, you are invited to Fellowship Hall to enjoy an ice cream treat.



With Gratitude...

Dear Church family,

Recently when I was sick and many times during my stay at the hospital I felt fear, despair and felt dark moments somehow closing in. There came a time when I remembered the scripture, "eloi eloi Lama Sabacthani." God, God why have you abandoned me." When you face a breaking point in you, where your faith and spirit tend to become lean, it must be natural to reach that desolate place where everything seems so dismal. And where an illness, a health issue, a problem or a catastrophy reveals your vulnerability physically and emotionally. There were times when I was moving into that direction and it was precisely at that time that the Lord sent an army of our church family closer, bringing blessings of encouragement, prayers, support and strength. I felt the companionship, delight and joy from this blessing. I experienced a new connection of discipleship due to that expression of love that my church community presented me with. I felt our Lord's presence and saying "Do not be afraid, I am here helping you heal and strengthening your faith journey."

Because of this Christ-like love from members of FPCSB I felt like I had been immersed again in baptism and having been renewed in love in God's Goodness. I experienced a different side of the congregation that I had not considered needing before and to which I am forever grateful. Thank you all for your commitment to the Creator, for being grounded in the gospel and for professing Jesus through action and love. I felt loved.

On behalf of Mary, Lily and myself I would like to thank Sandy, Wendy and the congregation for the support and love given to me and family during the stay in the hospital and on this continuing recovery path. Thank you everyone. I am grateful for your encouraging words, the cards, the soups, the visits and your kindness. I will continue on this healing process and am hopeful for a speedy recovery. But I know that I am not alone in this journey, for with me is my faith, a caring community and the faithfulness of a Loving God.

Thank you again.

Very Grateful, Mario Bolaños

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

By Claudia Oakes and Carol Valentine, PW Co-Moderators



JOIN US!

It's our Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering And 2019 BIRTHDAY OFFERING CELEBRATION

"God Is Faithful"

MONDAY, JUNE 3, at 6:30 P.M.

In the Fellowship Hall

All are invited!

Our Speaker this year is our very own **Susan Skoglund**We'll elect and install our 2019-2020PW Leadership Team
We'll sing and enjoy Birthday Cake!

As PW women we'll come together as one to share this time with our congregation and friends to celebrate the Birthday Offering and the Mission work it supports from PWs Worldwide.

See you there!

What's Happening...

We are looking forward to the **PWS Summer Conference at Chapman University: July 19-21, 2019**—Registration began in April. See your Circle Moderators for informational fliers. Or contact Claudia Oakes at reunionlady@gmail.com to have info sent to you. 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 continue. Know your PWCT is working to keep you up to date on what's happening, and what is out into the future.

Circle Members, Please Be Sure You Have Your 2019-2020 Study Guide.
The Theme, "The Ten Commandments," begins in September.

Robin Edwards presents PW Scholarships at San Bernardino High School

On May 30th I was the proud presenter of the PW Scholarships to three graduating seniors at San Bernardino High School. Claudia and I went through twenty different portfolios and narrowed it down to three. It was very difficult to choose as so many were deserving. I have had the honor of presenting these awards for four years now. I met with our three recipients after the ceremony to give them our gifts. They had "Thank You" notes for me as well. PW has chosen to help with books each year because we know how expensive they can be. PW gave gift cards from their college book store. Our three students for this year are: Bryan Rosales, going to Valley College, and Lucia Vejar and Omar Santana, both going to Cal State San Bernardino. They were all very grateful and thanked me over and over. What a way to start my morning.



A Robin with three Cardinals: from left Omar, Robin, Lucia, Bryan

Loads and Loads of Service

They are our neighbors. We know many of them by face or name but there are always new people too.

- This woman's husband was in the hospital.
- * The elderly man comes every month and is always so cheerful.
- * The young woman is visiting the office for the second time, the first time immediately upon release from prison and now she has an address.
- The middle age man brings his older brother, whose family size just went from 7 to 1 because his wife has died.
- The young mom always brings her energetic little boy.
- This man and his wife are homeless and ill and he asks us to pray for them both by name.

Each person walks away with a bag of food and an encounter with a person who cares. And MANY of you standing behind that person.

Our food ministry feeds about 350 families per month with about 500 bags of food. We now track over 100 different people (members, visitors, and SBHS students) who have worked in food ministry in the last year. Come any 3rd Saturday or the Friday before and you will see 20-25 volunteers each day, taking their direction for bagging and distribution from Sally Morris and Bill McIntosh, who prepare tables, buy bread, and watch our inventories. Deacons and former Deacons prepare the bags given out of the office by volunteer receptionists. The office staff and James support the food program throughout the week, and Mark Freeman on Saturdays.

So how do we get all this food? Sally & Bill buy a little of it retail and some is donated by members and friends of the church. Much of our food comes from Feeding America (donated by retailers and distributed to non-profits for \$.19/lb). One of the Saturday bags consists of USDA Commodities. These are provided free from Community Action Partnership (CAP), but we still have to get the food to the church. On bagging Friday our USDA food is picked up from CAP by a team of four from among volunteers Helen Babcock, George Biddlecombe, Mary Bolaños, Joanna Nord, Jim Siegmund, and Gil & Janie Snyder. Most weeks we also send drivers in pairs to Feeding America in Riverside to pick up food for both the office and the Saturday program. Our current Feeding America shoppers are Sue Alexander, Joanne Ballard, Bobbi Cummings, Margaret Doane, Don Dudley, Marianna Fowles. David Grindahl, Larry

Kistner, Frank Law, Janet McKinster, Elizabeth Morales, Sally Morris, Dwight Murray, Cindi Pringle, Lynda Savage, Chris Thomas, Jim Siegmund, Brad Smith, and Steve Smith. Thank you to all of these drivers and unloaders, who offer up their vehicles, their time, and their physical efforts for the well being of our neighbors.

If you are willing to periodically help fetch food (Trucks & SUVs are nice but sedans work too!), **Sally Morris** coordinates our drivers.

If other aspects of food ministry interest you, talk to **Dan Direen**, the current Deacon food chair.

Thank you God for everyone who finds comfort, hope, and purpose through our food ministry.

-Marilyn



Leonard Scholars 2019-2020

Many years ago, the William Leonard family established the Leonard Scholarship. Each year, the committee awards scholarships to church members who are proven scholars (have successfully completed at least one year of post-high school education).

Lilian Bolaños

Attending Azusa Pacific University as a sophomore. Would like to get a teaching credential. Enjoys writing, screen plays, and helping others.

Matt Garcia

Attending University of Puget Sound as a sophomore. Is pursuing a double major in Mathematics, and Politics and Government. Enjoys food (may attend culinary school), and glass blowing.

John Garten-Shuman

Attending California Baptist University. Working on his doctorate in Public Administration. He enjoys reading and his two dogs, Ryder and Razi.

Alexia Aguilar

Attending University of California Riverside as a sophomore. Pursuing creative writing and hopes to be a school librarian. Enjoys planning activities at her dorm.

Amy Rueda

Attending University of California Riverside. She is pursuing the Crime Scene Investigation Certificate. Criminal Justice is her goal. Enjoys reading, knitting, walking, running.

Christian Usher

Attending St. George's University School of Medicine. Hopes to do clinical rotation close to San Bernardino. Likes exploring the countryside and is presently in an improv comedy club.

Maggie Willis

Attending Humboldt State University while working as the assistant athletic trainer. Is applying to be admitted to the Kinesiology MS program. Enjoys reading, family and friends.

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

2019 Session by Committee:

Sandy Tice, Moderator; Amy Smith, Clerk of Session; Wendy Lamb, CLP

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

June Celebrations

Jun 1	Jon & Nancy Horstmann
Jun 2	Terri Carlos
	Amy Elizabeth Rueda
	Katie Smith
Jun 3	Tommie Ann Freeman
Jun 4	Erynne Arellano
Jun 5	Raymond Direen
Jun 7	Deb Burgan Price
	Bob & Maria Saenz
Jun 8	David Grindahl
Jun 12	Rowan Fletcher
Jun 13	David Coyne
June 16	Joy Burgan-Price
	Elizabeth & Joseph Morales
Jun 17	Betty Smith
Jun 18	Zach Kern
Jun 19	David & Merry Beth Grindahl
Jun 20	Tom Garza
	Katrina Johnston
Jun 21	Nick Davies
	Sara Hibbs DeLeon
Jun 22	Mark Edwards
Jun 23	Jorge Carlos
	Danny & Doris Schiavone
Jun 24	Pat & Sally Morris
Jun 25	Jim Huffstutler
	Randy & Kristine French
Jun 26	Wayne & Linda McCarl
Jun 28	Ava June Bodner
	Nancy Horstmann
	Shirley Raabe
	Robert Short
	Brad & Amy Smith
Jun 29	Rosemary Krause
Jun 30	Rhyland Emery French
	Sandy Garza

Financial Notes

Financial Report as of April 30, 2019

	<u>Actual</u>	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
Pledges	\$124,519.32	130,000.00	(5,480.68)
Other Income	\$ 22,313.49	20,292.00	2,021.49
Expense	\$160,617.68	184,761.25	(24,143.57)
Net Income	\$ (13,784.87)	(34,469.25)	20,648.38

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Deadline for the combined July/August issue of the First Press:

Thursdsay, June 20

Keep Military Members in Your Prayers

LCpl Jacob Allen

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PFC Ronaldo Fregoso

US Marine Corps, 29 Palms

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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

JUNE 2019

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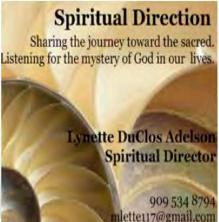
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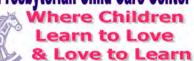
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