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## Sunday Schedule

Worship  
10:30 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 a.m.

## Prayers for Healing and Wholeness



**God heals the brokenhearted  
and bandages their wounds.**

Psalm 147:3

## ***Healing Services***

Several times a year we come together to offer prayers of healing and wholeness, for the world, for our neighbors, for ourselves. These are worship services that offer us a chance to slow down, to sing and pray, to experience the sacred together and bring peace and healing to our souls.

On the weekend of September 21-22 we will remember the International Day of Peace by offering prayers for healing and wholeness and peace on our campus on Saturday and at the end of worship on Sunday.

We continue the theme of Global prayer on World Communion Sunday, October 6.

Thursday, November 14 we plan to incorporate yoga practice into a healing service, as we connect mind, body, and soul.

Thursday, December 12, our Longest Night Service of Healing and Wholeness. Especially for those who want to take a moment in the midst of the busy-ness of the holidays, or those who are experiencing grief that makes the holidays difficult, this is a beautiful service.

*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...

### Clergy Renewal Leave

*I announced in May that we applied for a Clergy Renewal Grant for 2020, whereby both the congregation and the pastor will enter a sabbath season of renewal and refreshment. (see May First Pres- <https://www.fpcsb.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/05-May-2019-First-Pres-2.pdf>) I am delighted to report that we were recently notified that we have been selected and will receive the grant! Here is an excerpt from the application submitted last April-*

#### 4) A statement that describes the intended benefits, both for pastor and congregation, of the program:

From an early age I appreciated trees and knew their names (my dad was a biology teacher). I had special tree refuges: a live oak, and a eucalyptus. In high school my experience of choosing discipleship took place in the forests near Yosemite. In college, I discovered the redwoods and the way being among the trees restores my soul. I have returned every year. Since our daughter left home, we've taken family vacations in national parks. These have been powerful times of forging new adult-to-adult relationships- in nature. Natural beauty has always fed my spirit, and is often a place where I hear God's voice. Recently I've been struck by the contrast between a peaceful forest and the under-resourced urban context in which I minister. Our city does not have many peaceful outdoor spaces. I increasingly know that I need spaces like that, and I believe my congregation and my city do, too.

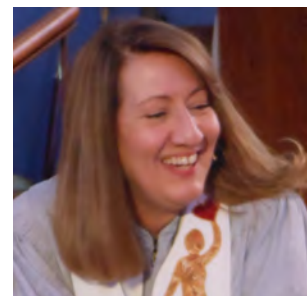
How might I bring some of this knowledge to the congregation I love and the city we serve? The Association of Nature and Forest Therapy seeks to re-connect humans with the more-than-human world. Reading their materials inspired this proposal. There is a growing body of research demonstrating the power of quiet time in nature to lower blood pressure, reduce stress hormones, regulate heart rate, and instill well-being. In Japan this is called Shin-rin yoku or Forest Bathing. In a culture that has a vocabulary word for "death from overwork", nature therapy is taken seriously as an antidote. As it happens, I was a teenage exchange student to Japan one summer- and have always wanted to return.

I want to be trained as a guide by the ANFTG. This will rejoice my spirit while giving me skills for taking groups from the congregation, from the high school, and from the neighborhood to places of natural beauty not far from where we dwell. There are rich resources in the desert, mountains, and ocean within driving distance. To be more intentional about visiting these places to be refreshed by the Spirit has the potential to multiply our strength for service and deepen our resilience. It also gives us a new set of gifts to bless neighbors. I will never have the tools to dismantle poverty and the suffering it causes, but it will be glorious to tap into a source of consolation and comfort that is powerful, vast, and readily available.

This training will be extremely useful, but (just like pastoral training) only if I have EXPERIENCED what I am hoping to SHARE. I want to walk slowly, to bow often, to listen to the wisdom that flows from the trees. This is the great gift I sense God is inviting me to receive, a chance to be the person I long to be, who has discernment and does not hurry so much. A season of being settled and stilled will make me a better pastor and a more joyful person. Exploring practices of going outside will give me unique and usable resources, and will surprise us all with joy.

*You can read the entire application, with more details than you could possibly want (!) on the church website at [fpcsb.net](https://www.fpcsb.net).*

~Sandy



### Why do we send our clergy on renewal programs? This is from the Lilly Endowment website:

Through its religion grantmaking, Lilly Endowment, an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation, seeks to deepen and enrich the lives of American Christians. It does this largely through initiatives to enhance and sustain the quality of ministry in American congregations and parishes.

To this end, National and Indiana Clergy Renewal Programs provide an opportunity for pastors to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and to engage in a period of renewal and reflection. Renewal periods are not vacations but times for intentional exploration and reflection, for drinking again from God's life-giving waters, for regaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry.

# Fall Invites you to Do Something New

By MARILYN KRAFT

***“Behold I make all things new.” – Revelation 21:5.***

Something about fall invites us to newness even as the natural world winds down. What would happen if we didn't so much return to our comfortable routines as choose the elements of our schedules that bring us and our world love, joy, and hope? What might you do that is new? You'll see throughout the newsletter programs, dates, and groups – which of these might be a growth opportunity for you?



- **Bring a new attitude**, role, or behavior to an existing activity. Lead where you have been a follower. Listen if you are a talker. Speak if you always hold back.
- **Sit on the “other side”** or with “other” people during worship. Move up a few rows.
- **Ask for the help you need** (and give the help you see needed). Trouble hearing, seeing, or walking? – use hearing assist devices, ask for a large print bulletin, let someone help you walk, sit, or rise. Overwhelmed? Ask a friend or small group to help. Find new ways to ask for prayer and offer prayers.
- **Start a new spiritual practice.** Schedule time to read, pray, or meditate. Join the Tuesday and/or Thursday Yoga class. Try an adult class, Bible study, or Kerygma held in a different room! Join one of (or change?) Presbyterian Women circles and begin the new Horizon study and look for something new in the 10 Commandments. Try out the Men as Leaders and Elders (M.A.L.E.s) monthly Monday evening group.
- **Invite a friend** to join you in worship, small group, service activity, or a personal hobby.
- **Accept a request to serve** – as an usher, in food ministry, as a member of Session or Deacons, on a committee or on a project.
- **Share** from your abundance (time, goods, money, friendship, skills) in a new way. Join or initiate a way to help resources flow from where there is plenty to where there is lack.
- **Make beautiful music** with others through sanctuary choir or bell choir.
- **Lunch with Ripples/Voyagers** on the fourth Saturday and contribute to mission.
- **Do good while shopping by purchasing** Fair Trade Coffee, using Stater Bros Scrip, or signing up with AmazonSmile.
- **Attend Church Camp** on its new weekend (Sept 27-29) and let yourself get to know someone new or in a new way.

We need a learning mind and the courage, positivity, and humility to be the newcomer. We might make mistakes, or be uncomfortable, but we will grow, individually and as a community, when we stretch into new experiences.

In October, Sandy is going to learn some new skills to be a forest nature study guide. As a leader who experiences God in the trees, this solidly connects with her core identity **and** it is new, requiring vulnerability, time, and courage, but offering new gifts for Sandy and our community. What could you do that is true to you and grows you and us into even more joy and purpose?

## New Member Class

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino as a member? Or maybe you've seen someone around who may be interested? We encourage those potentially interested in membership to come to the new member class on September 8 and September 15 right after worship. A light lunch will be served. Class should be done by 2 p.m. each day. Participants will hear a bit about our community, tradition, and values and will have the opportunity to explore their own journey of faith. Those who decide to join the congregation will be received as members in worship on Sunday, September 22nd. Those interested in attending the class need to let Laurie Stafford in the office know by Wednesday, September 4th.

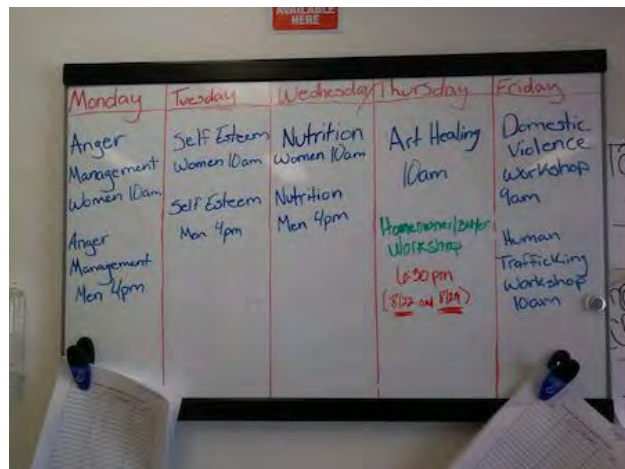


## Celebrate the New Community

By MARILYN KRAFT

Family Assistance Program (familyassist.org), is a local non-profit doing hard work well in San Bernardino County. They provide shelter, case management, and supportive services to victims of domestic violence, human trafficking survivors, and youth. We have hosted their training for human trafficking advocates and supported them in other ways and referred folks in need to their services.

We as a Presbytery have a property at 839 N Mt Vernon, SB on which the small congregation El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd) Presbyterian Church and the Home of Neighborly Services (HNS) operate. Family Assistance Program entered into partnership with the Home of Neighborly Services and our Presbytery to operate a Community Resource Center from the second floor of the HNS building. The Grand opening was at the end of June.



The Community Resource Center offers a place for people to be weekdays, from 8:30 am – 5 pm, with specific youth activities and recreation (including free wi-fi). They have daily classes including Art Healing, Anger Management, Domestic Violence Workshops, Human Trafficking Workshops, Self-Esteem, Nutrition, and Homeowner Workshops. The Community Resource Center provides case management, resource referrals, and meets immediate physical needs with hygiene kits, snacks, & clothing. At reception you can pick up a flyer of services and their wish list, which includes recreational games, hygiene supplies, school/office/art supplies, clothes, and yard and office tools, and snack foods.

**Starting up again on September 5, after a summer break,**

**"San Bernardino Folk Singers"**

**gathers at the**

**Garcia Center for the Arts**

**at the corner of "E" Street and 11th**

**(536 West 11th St.)**

**every Thursday at 1:00 PM**

**For information call Joyce Seeger at 909-882-1372**

**If you like folk songs, come join us as we enjoy singing together!**



We're giving blood on Sunday,  
September 8, in the Fellowship Hall  
from 8:30 a.m.-1p.m. Have your  
appointment?

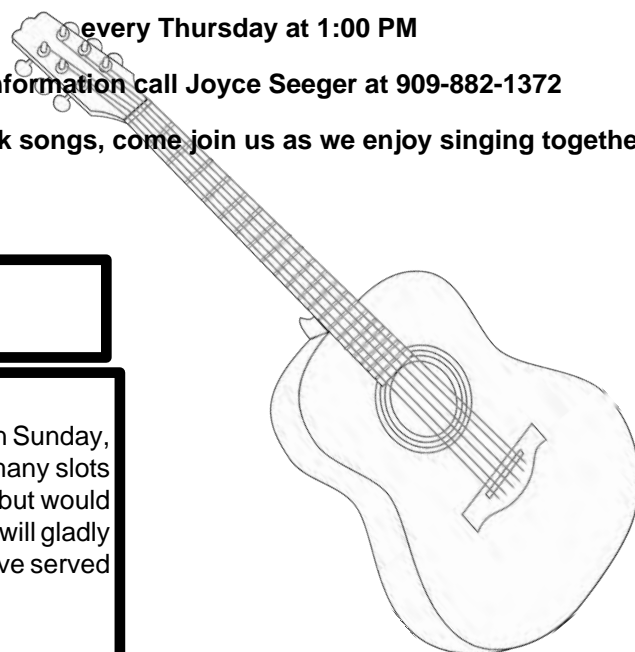
Remember, you can hear the service in  
the Fellowship Hall.

*With Gratitude...*

### **Greeters!**

I would like to say thank you to several people who sought me out on Sunday, to sign up to be greeters for next month. I appreciate it. There are many slots available through the end of the year, so if you have never greeted but would like to or have not greeted in a long time, please find me or call and I will gladly find a place for you. **Thank you** to all of our church greeters who have served this year.

Robin Edwards



## Potluck and Active Shooter Training a Success

By DAVE THOMAS

On Sunday July 14, following the all church potluck hosted by Deacons, it was standing room only in listening to our guest speaker Lt. Jennifer Kohrell from San Bernardino Police Department educating us about safety in active shooter situations. Lt. Kohrell is a 17 year veteran of SBPD and her newly appointed position encompasses the geographic location of our church. Jennifer is very proactive in working and involving the community. The response was so positive to her presentation, we plan to have her back in about 6 months to give us a presentation on general safety along with a question and answer forum. Thank you everyone who attended to make this event a huge success!



## Blessed Are the Peacemakers

By MARY BOLANOS

All are invited to join the Fireside Adult Ed class on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 for a discussion with and some insights from John Filson. John is a Lecturer of Peace Studies at Chapman University and calls himself "an educator and peacebuilder working to change the causes of social conflict." The focus of this single class will be to start to learn how to really hear and listen to those whose views are radically opposed to our own (whatever those views may be) and maybe to help them really hear and listen to us.

***Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God—Matthew 5:9.***



## Hot Dog Lunch!

Fundraiser for All Church Camp

Sunday, September 15, after Worship

Come enjoy hot dogs and chips, friendship, and a taste of church camp.

## Fall Bible Class for Adults

By DALE SHOWMAN

This fall the Adult Bible Class will be studying Exodus, starting with the oppression of the Hebrews living in Egypt following the famine years when Joseph was Viceroy or second in command to the Pharaoh. The new Pharaoh was a Hyksos (a people from northern Canaan and what is now Syria.) He feared that the Hebrews had become so numerous that they might join the Pharaoh's enemies and overthrow the Pharaoh. At the order of the Pharaoh the Hebrews were terribly oppressed.

So in September, we will study the **Call for Deliverance** with the birth and commissioning of Moses.

In October, we will study the **Preparation for Deliverance** that starts with Moses's confrontations with Pharaoh, then the plagues, and finally the Passover.

In November we will read how **Deliverance is Accomplished** as the Hebrews travel out of Egypt, the Egyptian Army pursues the former slaves, their crossing of the Red Sea, and then finally God's deliverance of the Hebrews from Pharaoh's Army.

Come join us as we study how God heard his people's pain and how He rescued them. It will be an adventure. Come meet new friends in room 10 at 9:30 am every Sunday Morning.

## Solar Panels Question Asked and Answered

By MIMI LANGE, Office Administrator

As we move back into the Sanctuary again this month and enjoy our new Sanctuary roof, I am reminded that a member of the congregation recently asked a question that many people may have wondered about.

The member pointed out that the solar panels added to the cost of repairing the roof, because they have to be removed to replace it, and then re-installed after the work is done, adding to the expense of the roof repair. And they were right about that!

Because the question was asked, I did a little research, which I can do because Phil Savage kindly tracks the costs of the electricity and the solar panels each year and provides me with a spreadsheet detailing all the costs and savings.

I looked up the bids for the new Sanctuary roof, and was able to determine the amount of the extra cost that removing and reinstalling the solar panels added to the price of the new roof. That part is not very exact, because not every roofer broke that cost down in their bid. However, the one that did priced the solar panel removal and reinstallation at \$25,000 out of his \$83,000 bid. We ended up using a different roofer, whose total bid was \$10,000 less, but they did not break down the solar panel cost. But we could leave it at \$25,000 as an estimate.

We would have paid \$45,000 to \$50,000 for the new roof if there were no solar panels up there (as roofs unfortunately need replacing every 20 years or so), so the solar panels did, in fact, add a lot to the cost of replacing the roof.

However, the savings on what we pay for electricity over the last eight years has been \$75,323, even as we include in our current costs the amount we put aside each month to replace the solar panels when they need replacing (which they do every 20 years or so, just like the roof--Thankfully not in the same year). In fact, we saved enough in electricity costs to pay for the entire roof replacement!

So if you are wondering whether the solar panels really make a difference—boy, do they ever!

And if you are wondering about things, please ask the question. I really like answering and if I don't know the answers, doing the research to find out.

### 2019 Session:

**Sandy Tice, Moderator; Amy Smith, Clerk of Session**

**Class of 2019:** Mary Bolaños, John Garten-Shuman, Brent Nord, Dale Showman

**Class of 2020:** David Grindahl, Nancy Horstmann, Kyle Smith, Neal Williams

**Class of 2021:** Lynette DuClos Adelson, Brooke Dvorak, Mark Freeman, Lynda Savage

### 2019 Deacons:

Steve Smith, **Pastoral Support**

**Class of 2019:** Sue Alexander, Marissa Congdon, Linda Kaufman, Pat Morris, Amy Rueda

**Class of 2020:** Mario Bolaños, Stephani Congdon, Charlotte Pringle, Brad Smith, Judy Steppins

**Class of 2021:** Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Marianna Fowles, Martha Pinckney, Jim Siegmund



# Prebyterian Women in the Congregation

By Margaret Doane, PW Vice Moderator



The Presbyterian Women Co-ordinating Team (officers plus Circle moderators, minus a few people vacationing in exotic lands) met August 5 to plan the year's activities. We decided on the following:

November 4	Fall Gathering (Thank offering)	Sandy Tice will speak
December 8 and 15	Alternative Christmas	
February 2	Super Bowl Bake Sale	
May 9 (tentative)	High Tea	
June 1	Spring Gathering (Birthday offering)	

Circle assignments for sending cards and providing Life Skillz snacks will be given out before September meetings.

In addition, in an attempt to allow people to get to know each other better, there will be interviews with PW members in *First Pres* each month. This month features the PW officers; next month's will be the Circle moderators; and after that will be several Circle members each month. Read on to get to know the PW officers.

## Get to Know our PW Officers

**Back row left to right:**  
**Margaret Doane, Carol Valentine,**  
**Laurie Stafford. Lynette Adelson**  
**front row left to right:**  
**Judy Brewer, Merry Beth Grindahl**



The 2019-2020 officers were installed at the Birthday Gathering. They include:

Incoming PW Moderator **Laurie Stafford** is the welcoming face of the Church, sending notes to new attendees; setting up new member classes; making arrangements for receptions and funerals. She is one of three vital lay members on the Pastoral Care team, and makes calls to members and friends in need, as well as lending a sympathetic ear to people who call the Church with news of illnesses and problems. Laurie has been working in the Church office since 2008, following in the footsteps of her mother, Doris Reese, long-time First Pres secretary.

Laurie has attended this church since she was five years old, with the exception of a few years when she lived in Orange County. She says that one of the highlights of her high school years was participating in the revues Jim Huffstutler wrote.

Laurie is a member of the Circle of Faith and the Circle of Grace. She has been Moderator of the Circle of Faith, has been PW Treasurer, and was PW Moderator for 2009-2011. She has been both a Deacon and on Session.

Her family includes husband Dennis, someone she says "really does exist"; and two sons and a daughter. Laurie is a devoted mother and grandmother, spending many weekends journeying to Texas and Northern California to visit her children and "five adorable grandchildren." Laurie enjoys cooking, reading, and gardening in her spare time.

Vice Moderator **Margaret Doane** retired in June after teaching English at the University level for 49 years, the last 43 of them at Cal State San Bernardino. Although Margaret has lived in San Bernardino for most of her adult life, she journeyed to her childhood Methodist church in Orange County for as long as her parents were alive and became a member of First Pres only 4 1/2 years ago.

Margaret has recently returned to the Circle of Friendship -- school responsibilities kept her from attending meetings for some time. She served a term on Deacons and was last year's Deacon Moderator. She is active in the Food Ministry, and prepares bags for the homeless and restocks the pantry twice a week after Deacons bag food, as well as working at Saturday distribution. She is an usher, both for regular services and funerals.

In addition to working in Food, Margaret works at a cat sanctuary and plays the flute in Curtiss's Fourth of July Band.

Her family includes sister Janet, of India; and brother Jim and his family, of Portland; and Margaret is an especially doting aunt

## ***PW Officers continued***

to her Southern California family: nephew Mike and Helen; grandniece Ashley and William; grandniece Mechelle and Frank, and great grandnieces and nephews Dustin, London, and Phoenix.

Secretary **Lynette Adelson** writes of herself:

I am a member of the Circle of Faith and have been since my mom and Rosemary Krause helped the 'young' women begin our own Circle over 40 years ago! We have been through great times and hard times together and are grateful for loving companions on this journey. One of the strengths of PW is leadership training. Because of the trust, opportunities and encouragement mentor women from PW and Kerygma provided I have had the courage to serve as both Deacon and Elder for several terms. I have gone to and presented at conferences, workshops and adult education classes. I worked as the Director of First Presbyterian ChildCare Center for 25 years. And, with the vision and support of Sandy and these women, I became a Certified Spiritual Director. Oh, the power of Presbyterian Women!

Treasurer **Nancy Horstmann** is in the Circle of Grace and has been since its beginning in 2008. She has served as Circle Moderator, PWC Moderator, and PWC Treasurer.

Nancy and husband Jon joined FPCSB in 2000. Nancy has served as a Deacon, Moderator of Deacons, Elder, Chair of Mission Committee; and is currently on Session and the Nurture Committee.

Nancy began her working career as an elementary teacher for the Albany Public School District in New York. She went to graduate school in St. Louis, Mo. and worked as a Clinical Audiologist at two hospitals in the St. Louis area. She received an R.N. In 1995 and worked for six years at Redlands Community Hospital in the Wound Care Dept.

Nancy and Jon recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have two adult daughters: Amy is a lawyer who works in a law firm dedicated to serving the homeless, and Melanie is a social worker in Los Angeles serving mentally ill young adults. The Horstmanns have three grandchildren they adore and one more "on the way." Nancy's extended family is all in the New York City and Long Island area.

Jon and Nancy have a sailboat and enjoy sailing out of San Pedro. She enjoys cooking, reading, swimming, opera, the Dodgers, travel and spending summers with her grandchildren from Berkeley and one day a week caring for her two-year old granddaughter in Los Angeles.

Member-at-Large for Mission, Justice, and Peace **Merry Beth Grindahl** is in the Circle of Faith. She has been Circle Moderator several times and has served as "the Mission person" and Historian for the PW Board. She has served two terms as Deacon and has been extremely active in various aspects of Food: filling and distributing bags, working with registration of clients, and doing parking lot "control."

Merry Beth and husband David have been members since about 1985. Prior to that, they were members of Trinity Presbyterian Church, where Merry Beth was church secretary. She taught elementary school for 23 years and held many jobs before being employed by the school district. Merry Beth grew up in upstate New York, and she and Dave have extended family living all over the country. Merry Beth learned to sew when she was thirteen, and her current interests are sewing quilts and fancy doll clothes, and she is considering sewing for herself again after many years. She and Dave love to travel and work on their house together.

**Carol Valentine** is continuing in her position as Historian.

She is a member of the Circle of Hope, and has served as PW Moderator and Treasurer as well as PWS Historian and PWS Secretary. She has been a Deacon and is known for the beautiful handmade cards she makes to send homebound members.

She has received the award for being the most outstanding member of Presbyterian Women.

She and husband John joined the church about twenty years ago, and both are known for giving so much of their time to hospitality at the Church, particularly to Coffee Hour: buying doughnuts, setting up cups, drinks, and tables, and doing cleanup. Carol is known for her work as reception person extraordinaire for the huge number of hours she puts in to decorating tables and serving food on many, many occasions.

Carol worked for the San Bernardino School District as a teacher's aide for 32 years. Beloved husband John recently passed away after a wonderful marriage of over fifty years. They have a daughter and son, and their grandson Brett has helped extensively at FPCSB.

In addition to making homebound cards, Carol enjoys other arts and crafts. She makes Easter and Christmas ornaments, and knits, crochets, and does cross stitch.

Additional officers are **Mary Bolaños**, Moderator of the Search Committee; and **Judy Brewer**, Assistant Treasurer.



## LifeSkillz Volunteers

By RICK RODRIGUEZ

On Saturday, August 17, 2019 we had food distribution at First Presbyterian Church. We are currently between our summer and fall internship programs. Several of our LifeSkillz kids from San Bernardino High School were aware we would not have any interns helping with food distribution, so they got up early on a Saturday morning, came over to First Pres and helped with food distribution and then set up the chairs in the Fellowship Hall for Sunday's service. They all did this on a volunteer basis. Many thanks to Alexia Aguilar, Cassandra Contreras, Jesus Estrada, Laila Hernandez and Gaby Lopez.

## Summer Internship Program

By RICK RODRIGUEZ

The summer internship program started on Friday, June 14, 2019 and ended on Saturday, August 3, 2019. This program was different from any of our others in the past. Several of our interns had programs at other organizations to attend during the summer which would cause them to miss some days of work at First Pres. These programs were beneficial to their growth as students and as people, so we could not deny them the ability to work in the internship program. The decision was made to hire 7 interns instead of 6, which is the number we normally have on an intern team.

The interns were on summer break from school so we were able to schedule some work during the week for them that our other teams have not been able to experience. All of the interns on the summer team learned how to work at the reception desk in the church's front office. This gave them the chance to work with the community giving out food bags and hygiene kits, they answered the phone and they learned how to do other office tasks. We also had a couple of our interns update our resource lists. These types of office responsibilities are skills that they can put on applications or resumes in the future.

All of our summer interns also were able to work on the day before food distribution in June and July. They worked on food bagging and unloading the trucks of food and everything that is necessary to prepare for food distribution. This showed our interns another part of everything that goes into the complex operation that is food distribution.

On our last day we had a potluck with all of our interns, Mark Adelson, Marilyn Kraft, Sandy and me. Everyone had a good time and the food was great. This was a great team of interns.



## September Celebrations

**Sep 3 Dan Schiavone**  
**Sep 4 Ed Congdon**  
**Sep 6 Norm & Christa Wallis**  
**Tom & Donna Garza**  
**Sep 7 Sally Inglis**  
**Sep 8 Deon Garcia**  
**Sep 9 Harry Babcock**  
**Jeanne Clark**  
**Larry & Melodee Kistner**  
**Rosalind & Ken Mantei**  
**Shelby Obershaw**  
**Ramon & Penny Ramirez**  
**Sep 10 Judy Steppins**  
**Christian Usher**  
**Sep 11 Jane Snyder**  
**Sep 12 Laurie Stafford**  
**Kelsey Smith**  
**Alicia Falconi**  
**Sep 13 Jeannie Marona**  
**Sep 15 Jennifer Shenton**  
**Sep 16 Robert Godby**  
**Sep 17 Bonnie Ainsworth**  
**Sep 18 Mindy Rueda**  
**Sep 19 Kimberly Ballard**  
**Sep 22 Al Rueda**  
**Sep 23 Michael Cummings**  
**Sep 24 Kyle Smith**  
**Sep 26 Jim Siegmund**  
**Kelli Vasquez**  
**Sep 30 Carmen Paredes**

### Financial Notes

Financial Report as of July 31, 2018

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
Pledges	\$238,458.58	227,500.00	10,958.58
Other Income	\$ 34,032.37	33,811.00	221.37
Expense	\$282,898.11	316,258.33	(33,360.22)
Net Income	\$ (10,407.16)	(54,947.33)	44,540.17

### 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.

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### Deadline for the October issue of the

*First Press:*

**Friday, September 20**

### Keep Military Members in Your Prayers

**LCpl Jacob Allen**  
Cherry Point, North Carolina

**PFC Ronaldo Fregoso**  
US Marine Corps, 29 Palms

**Colonel David Le Roy**  
US Air Force, Retired

**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

### Save the Date--Thanksgiving

First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino is pleased to host the San Bernardino Clergy Association's Annual **Interfaith Thanksgiving service on Thursday, Nov 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** We hope to have a good attendance from our congregation, Curtiss will be leading an interfaith choir (all singers welcome!), and we will also need members to help with hospitality and security. Please save this date, one week before Thanksgiving, for this community expression of gratitude. More information to come.

Please go to [www.fpcsb.net/news/calendar](http://www.fpcsb.net/news/calendar) for the most up-to-date calendar information.



# Sherman's

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