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Sunday Schedule

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship 11:30 a.m.





Lent begins in the wilderness. The Spirit guides Jesus into the wilderness where he comes face to face with temptation and struggle. Yet, in his forty days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus is shaped and formed for ministry. Similarly, through the wilderness of Lent, we are invited to surrender to the wild leadings of the Spirit. We rarely enter the wilderness willingly, but hopefully through our wandering we remember who we are and whose we are. The wilderness can become sacred even if it remains dangerous. There is no wilderness space too harsh or threatening for God's love. This Lent, we welcome you to the journey.

Begin Lent together Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, February 26

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.

Committees for the Life of the Congregation

In the Presbyterian church, it is the ruling elders elected by the congregation to three-year-terms and the teaching elder (pastor), called by the congregation for an indefinite period, who together oversee the life of the congregation as a Session. This summer, and all the time, questions, comments, or concerns, can be taken to any current Session member (listed below) and she or he will take the message to the appropriate persons.

In our congregation, Session is split into four committees* that cover various aspects of the life of the congregation: Building and Grounds, Nurture, Stewardship, and Worship. Additionally, the personnel committee and the nominating committee are chaired by Session members who serve concurrently on regular committees. Ideas or questions concerning particular areas can be taken to members of the specific committee. Phone numbers and email addresses can be found in our church directory.

These are the descriptions of the committees as posted on the FPCSB website:

Building and Grounds Committee: Addresses the many issues of being good stewards of our property and campus.

Nurture Committee: Oversees all aspects of discipleship and spiritual development of our congregation, specifically overseeing the Christian nurture of our children, youth, and adults.

Financial Stewardship Committee: Oversees all aspects of the financial health of our congregation and oversees the fall Stewardship campaign.

Worship Committee: Oversees all aspects of our corporate worship, including Sunday morning worship and special services throughout the year, such as our Advent and Lenten quiet nights, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve services.

Current Session information can always be found at www.fpcsb.net/about/session.

*Each committee is made up of both session members and congregation members. If anyone is interested in a particular aspect of congregational life, attend a meeting and check out the committee or speak to the committee chair about joining the committee.

One of the duties of Session Members is to serve as part of one of the committees that oversee the life of the congregation, doing the work of keeping the minstries going. Congregation members, staff members, and pastors also serve on the committees. If there is an area of interest to you, consider serving as a congreation member.

Financial Stewardship: Brooke Dvorak (Chair), Margaret Doane, Kyle Smith, Sandy Tice (Pastor), Mimi Lange (staff) Brent Nord (congregation member)

Building & Grounds: Neal Williams (Chair), Ed Congdon, Mark Freeman, David Grindahl, Sandy Tice (Pastor), Mimi Lange (staff), Dale Showman (congregation member)

Nurture: Nancy Horstmann (Chair), Lynda Savage, Stephanie Fletcher, Wendy Lamb (Pastor), Robin Edwards (Mariners), Sally Earp (Childcare Center), Mary Bolaños (congregation member)

Worship: Lynette DuClos Adelson, Carol Cooper, Amy Smith (Congregation Member, acting chair), Sandy Tice (Pastor), Wendy Lamb (Pastor), Curtiss Allen (Music Director), Mimi Lange (staff), Mary Bolaños, Robin Edwards, Melodee Kistner (congregation members)

2020 Session:

Sandy Tice, Moderator; Amy Smith, Clerk of Session; Wendy Lamb, CLP
 Class of 2020: David Grindahl, Nancy Horstmann, Kyle Smith, Neal Williams
 Class of 2021: Lynette DuClos Adelson, Brooke Dvorak, Mark Freeman, Lynda Savage
 Class of 2022: Ed Congdon, Carol Cooper, Margaret Doane, Stephanie Fletcher

Holy Currencies at Presbytery Leadership Training Event

2 Cor 9: 8 "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

What are the blessings of First Presbyterian Church? Is it that the church is blessed with good leadership, with financial resources, with property? Or is it that the church is a blessing as we provide members with opportunities for worship, social ties, and service, child care center families with safety and education, and hungry neighbors with groceries? Are the blessings of the church what we receive? What we have? What we give? Yes. All. And the magic is in the *flow*.

Just like water or air, what we have gets stagnant or stale, when it does not flow. According to Eric Law of the Kaleidoscope Institute, the key to sustainable and missional ministry is keeping six different types of currencies flowing.

First Presbyterian Church has worked with Eric to incorporate the concepts of Holy Currencies into our congregational work, most directly in our ever-



growing and widening relationship with San Bernardino High School "LifeSkillz" students. More broadly, the principles of Holy Currencies influence the way we use any of our resources.

You have an opportunity to learn more about Holy Currencies from Eric Law with others from area Presbyterian churches at the 2020 LEaD event at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside on February 22. This is annual leadership training provided by the Presbytery of Riverside. LEaD includes workshops, a keynote speaker, and this year, an extra afternoon session on Holy Currencies. Anyone can attend. Flyers are at reception.

You do need to RSVP online at https://bit.ly/33RQLYy by February 12. Eric Law will be the keynote speaker in the morning and lead the afternoon session. You pay at the door. \$5 for the morning (includes continental breakfast). \$20 for the afternoon (includes lunch).

Schedule:

LEaD Event

8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Workshops

11:00 a.m. Keynote w/ Rev. Dr. Eric Law, author of "Holy Currencies"

12:00 noon Event Concludes

LEaD + Intensive

12:00 noon Intensive and Lunch w/ Rev. Dr. Eric Law

3:30 p.m. LEaD+ Concludes

2020 Deacons:

Steve Smith, *Pastoral Support*; Judy Steppins, *Moderator*

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 Class of 2022: Mark Adelson, Carmen Avila, Janet McKinster, Carol Valentine, Sue Zeitler

Tools for Gracious Invitations

We work to support each person in our First Pres community as they find their way to "Be in Christ, Be Loved, and Be of Use". How are you going to share what God is doing and invite others into the activities you enjoy? How can we best engage everyone who may be interested?

"Gracious invitations" according to Eric Law include, go beyond, the who, what, where, when, and why. They address newcomer questions (What do I bring?) and especially fears (Will I be appropriately dressed?). They also define what you won't do that might scare people off. (Volunteering this one time won't put you on a committee!) And finally, they relate the purpose of your event to an image or idea of God. (More at http://bit.ly/37Chgmr.)

Since only some of us read this newsletter, read the bulletin, get email, and/or use social media, if you are an organizer of an activity, consider using several communication tools to invite, thank, and celebrate:

Calendar – anything happening as part of congregational life gets calendared with **Mimi** – if by email, use churchoffice@fpcsb.net. Versions of the calendar are kept on the web page, in the newsletter, in the bulletin, and in the office behind the copier. Mimi maintains ultimate master.

If an event is canceled, even just a simple meeting, please let Mimi know so it can be removed from the calendar, the office can answer questions, and James doesn't set up for people who aren't coming.

Newsletter – submissions are due the **20**th **of every month**—to **Wendy** at **newsletter@fpcsb.net**. Articles range from a few lines to a maximum of 700 words. From simple save-the-date announcements to event follow-ups with thank yous and images, it's important for each group to inform the rest of the congregation of what is happening, how to participate, and reasons to celebrate. Attach any images for an article to your email to facilitate editing. (The editor has to separate images and articles for the needs of the layout page.) It is ideal to have 1 or 2 photos per article to illustrate the article and provide visual enhancement. The newsletter is a place to offer the **why** of what we do, and not just the where and when. Articles should be longer than their bulletin announcement counterparts. (Items sent to bulletin **and** newsletter will probably go into one or the other, depending on length and purpose.)

Bulletin - submissions are due each **Wednesday by noon** to churchoffice@fpcsb.net— Brief announcements covering who, what, where, when, why. Sentence fragments ok. 1 line -100 words max. Unless you make specific arrangements with Mimi, the bulletin is the basis for the e-mail blast on Friday. If your First Pres group has an upcoming event, or you need feedback, consider a half-sheet insert.

Worship – Regarding the order of worship, anything that needs to be put within the worship time, including Moments for Mission and music information, should be received at the very latest by Wednesday at noon. If it comes in later than that, it may not make it into the printed order. The majority of the work on the Order of Worship happens on Tuesday, so sooner than Wednesday is even better. Ideally, anything that needs to happen during a worship service will be sent to **Wendy, Sandy, Mimi**, and anyone else who might be involved.

Facebook/Twitter/Instagram/Google – email to **Marilyn Kraft** at webadmin@fpcsb.net – Brief celebrations and announcements of immediate news, upcoming events, thank yous, and recognition of community partners, linking to other online content. Include an image or a link to a page with an image if possible. Whatever media you use, like and engage with the First Presbyterian page.

Web Page – content is updated by request to **Marilyn** at webadmin@fpcsb.net. The web page is a resource for information about the congregation and its ministries, including sermon audio, documents (applications, announcements, resources), and images, all available to the public.

Personal Invitation & Small Groups – Don't forget the personal touch. Talk directly to individuals and small group leaders. Get the word out through the Presbyterian Women's Groups, Choir, men's group, youth group, adult studies, Session and Deacon Committees, and Fellowship hour.

Flyers -- If you have a flyer, get it to **Mimi** in the office (churchoffice@fpcsb.net) so it can be distributed through reception as appropriate.

A note from the Childcare Center

By Sally Earp, Childcare Center Director

FPCCC would like to thank everyone who came out to Panera on Jan. 9th for our fundraiser, we made \$215.18! It was a fun evening of friends, alumni, family and food!





Grocery Bags!

Those plastic grocery bags you have been saving are now needed! There is room again to store them in the food closet, so we will gladly receive those (\$.10 for the heavy ones) Thank you!

Kidspace

KidSpace meets 2-3 times most months during worship after the Time with the Children. This is a chance for children to receive Christian Education at their developmental level during the time of sermon and prayers. The Nurture Committee has carefully chosen curriculum based on the needs of our young people. Currently, we are using curriculum from a Presbyterian Pastor that offers thoughtful lessons and activities on biblical stories. We use some of the same materials when we don't have KidSpace during Advent and Summer.

The Nurture Committee has carefully thought through the implications of a 1-room school house model. We ask that parents help us out by taking younger children to the nursery so the Pre-K (4-years-old) through 6th grade children can concentrate on the lesson, and the teachers and shepherd can work with children who are ready for more complex learning. If your 6th grader is ready for youth group, you might consider sending them to our Youth Group meetings and letting them stay with you in worship. If any student is struggling to participate helpfully in KidSpace, we will bring them back to participate in worship with their families. (The nurture committee continues to observe and try. If you have different ideas, you might come to a meeting and speak with us. We normally meet on the second Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m.)

Through the remainder of the spring, we will be continuing An Illustrated Earth with lessons on Water, Plants and Food, and animals.

We will meet February 9, 16, 23, March 8, 15, 22, 29, and May 10, 17, and 24. We still need teachers for a few of these weeks if anyone would like to serve in this ministry.

Fall 2019 Internship Team Big Bear Cabin Trip

By Rick Rodriguez

The Fall 2019 Internship team was unique in several ways. They had set up a "chat" where just the 6 interns on the team could talk to each other. While talking together they decided to ask if they could go on a trip together after their internship was over. This was not the first time I had heard this question. What was unique about this team was that even after I told them "No, this is not something the church can do", they decided to continue looking into this possibility and did some investigating on their own. The following week they sent me a text with information about a cabin they found in Big Bear. Because of their tenacity I told them they could bring the idea to Sandy and that I was aware of it. We were able to get funding through a grant from the Partners in Ministry Committee at the Presbytery to pay for the cabin and we took the interns up to Big Bear for 4 day retreat. We left on Tuesday, January 7th and came home on Friday, January 10th.

This was the first time several of the interns ever saw snow fall, it was the first time any of them had been snow tubing and it was the first time some of them had been in a snow ball fight. While we were there the kids did almost all of the cooking, they did a large amount of the cleaning and still spend a lot of time laughing. Seeing the joy on their faces while we were there was the best part of the trip for me.

Pastor Sandy Tice took the students on a Forest Walk as part of her certification for Forest Therapy training, a part of her upcoming sabbatical plan.

There were several members of the congregation who spent time at the cabin as chaperones. We would like to thank Brooke Dvorak, Pat and Sally Morris, Mark Adelson, and Bobbi Cummings for helping make this trip such a success and to give our interns a few days of fun, a few days to leave the stress of home and school behind them, some time to connect with nature and to become even closer as a group.







Our Fall 2019 Interns Return to Finish a Project

By Rick Rodriguez

The Fall 2019 Internship Team's term ended on December 21, 2019. Because of weather conditions we were unable to complete our biggest project, which was to remove all of the existing paint on the rain gutter on the south side of the Fellowship Hall and then put new primer and paint on it. The team was able to remove all the old paint, but it rained on the last two days of the internship term we would have been able to paint.

During our intern potluck on the last day of the team's term, they were told that the next internship team can do the priming and painting. They were all completely against this. They said, "We started this project, we will finish, it even if it is on our own time." Because they were so adamant about this we set up for them to come in on Monday, January 20th, a school holiday, to come in to finish the project. They spent more than 6 hours of their own time here at First Pres to get this job done. This is an amazing group of San Bernardino High School students. Below are a few pictures of the kids working on their school holiday.





Each week, we have congregation members who greet all worshippers as they come in to the sanctuary. Robin Edwards coordinates the greeters. Where you see just one name, we could use someone else to greet as well.

February

- 2 Jean-Luc Nicks
- 9 Janet McKinster & Marianna Fowles
- 16 Judy Steppins & Carol Valentine
- 23 Laura Munz

March 1- Jim Siegmund

- 8 Carol Valentine & Judy Steppins
- 15 Pat & Sally Morris
- 22 Carmen Avila
- 29 Martha Pinckney & Linda Kaufman

April 5 - (Palm) Kathy and Dale Showman

- 12 (Easter) Sue Zeitler
- 19 -
- 26 Brad Smith & Neal Williams

Prebyterian Women in the Congregation

By Margaret Doane, PW Vice Moderator

The PW Co-ordinating team has met twice since the last edition of First Pres. Our primary agenda item at our December meeting was to plan and assign tasks for the Alternative Christmas market. This was a very successful event, bringing in \$4455. Our local projects, First Presbyterian Child Care Center and Life Skilz, received the bulk of the money. At our January meeting, our primary item of new business was to plan the Super Bowl Bake Sale, set for February 2. We also began planning our Spring Gathering, a High Tea set for May 9.



The Women of the Circle of Faith

Jeanne Clark has been attending this Church since 1958. She has been an Elder, Church School teacher, and was Church School Superintendent when that position existed.

Jeanne taught elementary school for 33 years and retired in 2006, but has continued as a substitute teacher.

She has one adult daughter and four grandchildren. The oldest, Katrina, lives with her. Jeanne enjoys reading, crocheting, and crafts.

Carol Cooper was our organist for many years, first in the 1970s and part of the 1980s; she returned in 2000 and retired in 2012.

She worked for 32 years as Intake Coordinator at Inland Regional Center. Her son Chris lives in Portland, and she enjoys music and reading.

Robin Edwards has attended this Church for 28 years. She has been an Elder, and a Deacon several times. She has been Moderator of the Circle of Faith as well as Moderator of PW. Like

Jeanne, she was Superintendent of the Church School and was also a teacher. She serves on the Mariners Board.

Robin was an elementary school teacher in San Bernardino for 33 years. She is now retired but occasionally subs.

She has an adult daughter, Jessica, who teaches in South Korea. Her mom is 94 and lives in Del Mar, and her other close relatives include her brother and his wife and their two adult children. Robin enjoys singing, crafts, movies, reading, and shopping.

Mimi Lange has been attending this Church since she began working here as Office Administrator in December 2006, and she and husband Bill became members in 2014.

Mimi has been a member of the choir for three years and a member of the Circle of Faith for seven years. She has been involved with the Worship Committee, the Stewardship Committee, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee as part of her job, so she notes she "doesn't get volunteer credit for them."

Mimi's husband Bill died in October of 2015, so her family now consists of son Sam; two cats Greebo and Church; two dogs Allie and Speedy; and tenant/friend Skye.

Mimi notes that she reads a lot, with "murder mysteries and Terry Pratchett being favorites"; is "very fond of murder TV shows" and romantic comedy movies, as well as off-beat comedies. In the past she has been interested in embroidery, photography, and cooking, but seems "to be more interested in passive pursuits at this time." She occasionally writes poetry, prayers, or prose.

Susan Skogland has been a member of the Church almost twenty years. She has been an Elder and is past Treasurer.

Susan worked for the Internal Revenue Service as a Senior Manager. Her family includes one daughter and one son, two granddaughters one great granddaughter, and one great grandson.

Her hobbies include reading, shopping, and watching sports.

Additional members of the Circle of Faith include Lynette Duclos Adelson, Merry Beth Grindahl, and Laurie Stafford, who are all members of the PW Co-ordinating Team and whose bios were featured in the September 2019 *First Pres*; and Melodee Kistner, the Circle Moderator, whose bio was in the October issue.

Presbyterian Women is sponsoring our annual Super Bowl Bake Sale on February 2. Homemade munchies will be sold after Church in the Fellowship Hall.





February Celebrations

	Brain & Amy Gano
Feb 6	Kiera Everly French
Feb 7	Stephanie Fletcher
	Clara Gresham
	Frank Thomas

Feb 2 Sally Earp

Feb 8 Dorothy Morrison
Hannah Huffstutler Bodner
Roy Nix
Jean Randall

Feb 9 Anne Pleiss

Feb 11 Carol Cooper Tim Garcia

Feb 12 Sue Alexander

Feb 13 Nita Zwolinski

Feb 14 Eva Diane Olsen

Feb 15 Randy Mantei Joanna Nord

Feb 16 Kendra Elizabeth Lamb Doris Schiavone

Feb 17 Katie Earp

Feb 19 Kevin Law Amy Smith

Feb 22 Ron & Rosemarie Evans
Janet McKinster

Feb 23 Mark Bakker Lynne Beard Martha Pinckney

Feb 26 Christa Wallis

Feb 28 Jo Ann Von Wald

LEONARD SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for Leonard Scholarships for Fall 2020-2021 are available in the church office and on the church website.

All applications must be in the church office no later than Feb 29, 2020. Any questions can be emailed to Lynda Savage, LKSavage3@gmail.com

Financial Notes

Financial Report as of December 31, 2019

	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
Pledges	\$413,750.59	390,000.00	23,750.59
Other Income	\$ 52,902.66	56,176.00	(3,273.34)
Expense	\$481,234.23	535,442.76	(54,208.23)
Net Income	\$ (14,580.98)	(89,266.76)	74,685.78

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 March issue of the First Press: Thursday, February 20

Keep Military Members in Your Prayers

LCpl Jacob Allen

Cherry Point, North Carolina

PFC Ronaldo Fregoso

US Marine Corps, 29 Palms

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

8:45 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship Service

Church Office & Child Care Center CLOSED.

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Deadline for First Press

21 9:30 AM Kerygma

22 8:00 AM Symphonie

10:00 AM Straight Up

Distribution 10:00 AM Straight Up

9:00 AM Deacon Food

9:00 AM Friendship

8:45 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship Service

7:00 PM Circle of Kindness

5:30 PM Yoga Class 7:00 PM Sanctuary

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Ripples/Voyagers

8:00 AM Straight Up AA 8:00 AM Symphonie

8:45 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Mariners' Valentine Brunch 12:00 PM Fellowship of the Carpenter

10:00 AM Circle of Grace

8:45 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Vorship Service 11:30 AM PW Fair Trade Coffee Sales 11:30 AM PW Super Bowl Bake Sale

5:00 PM PW

Coordinating Team

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Please go to www.fpcsb.net/news/calendar for the most up-to-date calendar information.

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM SESSION

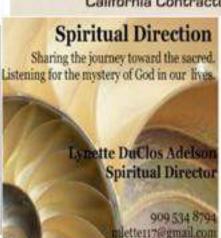
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