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Currently, the church office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you need to contact the office at other times, you may leave a message (it is checked regularly) or Call Mimi Lange at home during regular office hours (9-5 on weekdays).



## Quiet Night Worship: A Corona Service

Throughout the year, we occasionally offer special worship services. This week, we will meet via Zoom for a special Corona service. This will be a contemplative service. We will read poetry, listen for a word from God for us, pray for one another. Join us as we gather at 7:00 and begin the service at 7:15 on Thursday, June 4th. An email announcement with the Zoom invitation will be sent to the regular congregational list on Wednesday, June 3.

This service was created and written by Bethany Besteman and posted on the Reformed Worship website. This is what Bethany says: While these days we readily associate the word Corona with the COVID-19 virus, in English literature it has another meaning entirely, A Sonnet Corona or a Crown of Sonnets is a linked sonnet sequence in which the last line of each sonnet is the first line of the next. The final line of the final sonnet is the same as the first line of the first sonnet. Thus, the sequence forms a crown as it circles back to the beginning. Another devotional example of this is by John Donne. It seemed appropriate to reclaim the word "corona" and use it to glorify God, the King of Kings, who remains crowned and sovereign despite the coronavirus.

I invite you to set a sacred space with your Zoom technology. If you would like to have a candle ready, we will take a moment to light our candles together. We will listen to a musical piece from Mary Bolaños and other members of her threshold choir, and we will read the Sonnet Corona. Come, gather.

We continue to record worship and to include Bridges Presbyterian Fellowship. Each week you can find our service on the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino Youtube channel. Meanwhile, our Session continues to meet every two weeks, and we are looking at many sources as we figure out together how to move forward in a way that cares for all of our people.

We will be beginning a new adult ed video series and Zoom discussion time on June 7. If you would like to participate, please send Wendy Lamb an email at [wlamb@fpcsb.net](mailto:wlamb@fpcsb.net).

*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.*

## The People Who Come to Food Distribution

by Rick Rodriguez

On the third Saturday of every month, and on Tuesday & Thursday mornings, our food ministry helps a variety of neighbors. Some recipients we never see. They are unable to get food on their own due to a medical disability or lack of transportation, so they authorize friends, neighbors, care givers, or family members to pick up their food for them. We especially appreciate these helpers now when it is more dangerous for any person, especially those in a Covid-19 high risk group, to be walking on the street or taking the bus.

Then we have our regulars who come to Food Distribution every month. Some people we served in May have been getting food from this church for more than 10 years! We have our quick catch-up conversations with them and we get a little worried when we don't see them for a month or two.

Every month we also serve community members coming to us for the first time. They hear about us from neighbors, are referred by 2-1-1 or another community partner, or see us on a list of food providers.

Whether they are caregivers, regular recipients, newly in need, or only seek us in particularly tough times, every food recipient is a neighbor shown God's love. They are of varying backgrounds & circumstances - veterans, grandparents raising children, single moms and dads, families, housed & homeless.

Thank you for making food ministry possible through your general offering, Deacon gifts, volunteer time, food & supply donations, and service in leadership. This church is open and serving God's beloved.

## Help Food Ministry w/ Heavy Plastic Bags

If you have been saving heavy reusable plastic grocery bags, the food ministry can use them for the June 20<sup>th</sup> distribution. Most months we use at least 160 of these bags, sometimes twice that. They help us distribute cold foods & produce, are used in rainy weather, and some who are walking or taking the bus.

If you have a stash, you can bring it on Tuesday or Thursday morning from 9am-11am and the volunteer working the weekday distribution can take them from you without you needing to enter the building. Or have someone put them on the dryer by the food closet, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am – 3 pm.

Thank you!



## Blankets needed

Blankets needed for the Deacons' Community Outreach Fall BLANKET DRIVE in October for Central City Lutheran Mission. More information on the collection date will follow. Please save a blanket or some blankets while you're Spring cleaning. Thank you.

### 2020 Deacon Board by Committee:

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

**Congregational Care:** Carol Valentine (chair), Robin Edwards, Martha Pinckney, Judy Steppins, Sue Zeitler

**Community Ministry:** Brad Smith (Chair), Carmen Avila, Mario Bolaños, Stephani Congdon

**Food Ministry:** Dan Direen (Chair), Mark Adelson, Marianna Fowles, Janet McKinster, Charlotte Pringle, Jim Siegmund

### 2020 Session by Committee:

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

**Building and Grounds:** Neal Williams (Chair), Ed Congdon, Mark Freeman, David Grindahl

**Financial Stewardship:** Brooke Dvorak (Chair), Margaret Doane, Alex Smith

**Nurture:** Nancy Horstmann (Chair), Stephanie Fletcher, Lynda Savage

**Worship:** Lynette DuClos Adelson, Carol Cooper, (Acting Chair, Amy Smith)

# Celebrating our Graduates!



(left) **Abby Willis**, daughter of Katie Willis and granddaughter of Sally and Pat Morris, graduates from Cajon High School. Her plan is to head to Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. Abby has been active in our youth group and a leader in Youth Worship leadership. She can be found preaching for our April 26 Youth Sunday service on YouTube.

(right) **Brett Valentine**, grandson of Carol Valentine, graduates from Pacific High School. He plans to study Diesel Mechanics at Valley College in the fall and eventually join the Navy. Brett helps in our hospitality ministry on Sunday mornings, helping set up for Fellowship Hour, and has served as a security usher. Brett spoke at a ceremony for graduating Wal-Mart employees.



(left) **Sydney Gernux**, granddaughter of Wanda Gernux, graduates from Pinnacle High School in Phoenix, Arizona.

(right) **Kaitlyn Lehman**, Granddaughter of Joyce Lyons, graduates from Cajon High School. She plans to attend community college.

(not pictured) **Gigi Hanna** graduated in December with a Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino.

**Congratulations!**





# Remembering Those Who Have Remembered Us

By Brooke Dvorak, Stewardship Committee Chair

**Edith M. Leonard** was a schoolteacher, and then a teacher of teachers. She lived simply, and saved money. When she died, her family took a bequest and created the **Leonard Family Scholarship**, which has helped many **First Presbyterian members complete their college educations**.

**It's Not About How Much – Any Amount Will Make a Difference!**

## Leonard Scholarship Scholars-2020-2021

### **Returning scholars**

**Alexia Aguilar**- University of California- Riverside

Alexia's academic goals are to get a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing, then a Masters of Fine Arts. She is interested in being a librarian in San Bernardino. Alexia works with the infants in the childcare room on Sunday.

**Lilian Bolanos**- Azusa Pacific University.

Lily has a Screen Writing Major and Honors Humanities double major. Enjoys being with people and has a focus on philosophy, leadership and theology. Attends our church and is part of a bible study group on campus.

**Matt Garcia**- University of Puget Sound

Matt's plan is to double major in math and chemistry, being part of an Honors Program. Matt has many interests and hopes to enroll in a culinary school in Paris. He wants to be an intern with a professional glass blower. He enjoys learning a variety of religions and beliefs.

**Christian Usher**- Saint Georges University, Grenada

Christian works to finish medical school and start a good clinical rotation close to San Bernardino. Hopes to become a practicing physician. He is part of two religious organizations.

### **New scholars:**

**Dawn Morris**- California State University-San Bernardino.

Dawn hopes to earn a Masters of Science in Counseling and Guidance, and apply for a California Pupil Personal Services Credential. Dawn attends our weekly church activities. She has been involved in the youth programs with her kids.

**Shannon Nolan**- Platt College of Ontario

Shannon is the president of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America. She hopes to be a registered Veterinary Technician.

### **Leonard Scholarship Committee:**

**Lynda Savage, Brent Nord, Margaret Doane, Cindi Pringle, Bobbie Terrell, Christa Wallis, Pastor Sandy Tice**

## Former Intern Celebration!

We are so excited to announce that **Lalli Gonzalez** and **Ernie Ocegueda**, members of our very first Life Skillz class of 2016 and our first ever interns are now the first Life Skillz students to graduate from college. On May 17th, Lalli and Ernie graduated from California State University, Monterey Bay. Lalli received her B.S. in Marine Science with a minor in Biology and Ernie received a B.A. in Global Studies. Lalli says the highlights of the past four years are becoming a UROC researcher and getting paid to conduct research in her field. Ernie planned and led amazing trips around the region as part of the Outdoor Leadership Program and attended the International Strategic Crisis Negotiation. They are planning on returning to Monterey to work before attending graduate school.



## Celebrating our Life Skillz Class of 2020

by Bobbi Cummings

This year we had seven seniors in our Life Skillz class, several who had been with us all four years. Like Life Skillz seniors before them, they are extraordinary young people, smart, talented, hard working and so much fun. All of these students have balanced academic achievement with extracurricular activities and community service. We have missed all our students since the world shut down in March, but we are particularly sad not to have been able to celebrate this special time with these students. Fortunately, once a Life Skillz Circle member, always a Life Skillz, so we know we will be following them during this next chapter of their lives. Here's a little bit about our class of 2020.



**Gabriela Lopez** – Gaby joined Life Skillz her sophomore year, and never fails to bring her insights and her infectious smile to our discussions. She was involved in the Sobobans, Asian Club, tennis and soccer and she loves Korean Pop music. She worked 3 sessions as an intern at the church and her Life Skillz highlight was the interns' Big Bear retreat this January. She will be attending the University of California, Riverside in the Fall studying neuroscience and psychology.

**Daniel Macias** - Daniel joined Life Skillz at the end of his junior year but quickly became an active member of the group. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Investment Club, Tennis and Soccer teams and participated in the Mr. Cardinal competition his junior year. He also volunteered with Abigail Medina's State Senate campaign. Daniel worked as an intern this year and participated in the Big Bear retreat this January with the other interns. He will be attending California State University San Bernardino in the Fall studying business with the goal of being a real estate developer.



**Norma Nava** – Norma has been in Life Skillz since her Freshman year and still remembers the "secret Valentine" exchange they did that year. Norma encouraged her sister to join Life Skillz as well. She played volleyball, participated in the Miss Cardinal competition where she was selected as Ambassador, and was in both the National and Spanish Honor Society and the Gear Up Club. She also participated in the Community Foundation's Youth Grant Makers program. She will be attending University of California, San Diego in the Fall majoring in Business Psychology, minoring in entrepreneurship.

**Gerardo Nunez** – Gerardo started Life Skillz this year but he jumped in with both feet. He served as an intern during the COVID-shortened winter/spring term this year, helping out with food distribution masked and gloved! During his time at SBHS, he participated in the San Bernardino Police Explorers Academy and was a coach at a local boxing club. He will be attending San Francisco State University in the Fall studying sociology with a goal of becoming a law enforcement officer.



**Remijia Plascencia** - Remijia has been in Life Skillz since her Freshman year and says that being part of this group has taught her to feel gratitude every day, writing down 3 things each day she is grateful for. Remijia was in Sobobans, Power to Change Club, Spanish Honor Society, and Varsity swimming and was Vice President of the Senior Class. She was SBHS 2020 Class Valedictorian. In the Fall, Remijia will attend the University of Redlands majoring in Pre-Health and Pre-Med with a goal of being a dermatologist.

**Jaelynn Tate** - Jaelynn joined Life Skillz her freshman year and has been a constant presence ever since. She is lively, thoughtful and refreshingly honest. Jaelynn played volleyball for SBHS, participated in the Miss Cardinal competition and Students in Action. Her passion was the theater and she was a leader both on stage and behind the curtain. She served three terms as an intern and was a regular presence at Food Distribution. She will be attending University of California, Riverside and has not decided on a major but is leaning toward psychology.



**Estefania Vejar** - Estefania joined Life Skillz her Freshman year and easily shared her insights with the group. She has been involved in numerous clubs at SBHS including Sobobans and Gear Up, is a member of the National Honor Society, was runner up in the Miss Cardinal contest last fall and played varsity tennis. She worked two terms as an intern, once as an intern leader. She has also participated in the SBCUSD Police Explorer program and also volunteered with Abigail Medina's State Senate campaign. Estefania will be attending California State University San Bernardino in the Fall studying criminal justice with the goal of going into law enforcement.

## 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 18** Zach Kern  
**Jun 19** David & Merry Beth Grindahl  
**Jun 20** Tom Garza  
 Katrina Johnston  
**Jun 21** Nick Davies  
 Sara Hibbs DeLeon  
**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, 2020

	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
Pledges	\$ 144,148.25	136,290.64	7,857.61
Other Income	\$ 26,104.59	16,605.36	9,499.23
Expense	\$ 158,987.08	194,320.84	(35,333.76)
Net Income	\$ 11,265.76	(41,424.84)	52,690.60

### Division Consolidation

	April	Year to date
General Fund Net Income (Expense)	22,607.56	11,265.76
Child Care Center Net Income (Expense)	(17,579.82)	(33,170.98)
Deacons Net Income (Expense)	1,696.86	2,779.76
NET OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)	6,724.60	(19,125.46)

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**Deadline for the July issue of the**

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**Saturday, June 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**

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