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As of July 6, the church
office will be open
Monday-Thursday from
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Food distribution will
continue on Tuesday and
Thursday mornings.

Summer Worship Series

"There are many heroes of the faith, people we admire and wish to be. However, there are even more ordinary people of faith—those doing what they can with what they have to make a difference. This summer, we'll dig deep into the bold and untold stories of those often overlooked in our biblical narratives, hoping these characters remind us that we all play a role in shaping God's story of redemption and grace."



FACES
OF OUR
FAITH
BOLD & UNTOLD STORIES

This summer we continue to offer online worship. There is a task force that is looking at when and how we might gather in person, but for now, safety is our priority and we are grateful that the church is not the building; it is the people of God who gather together in whatever way we can.

This summer in the beginning of this long stretch of Ordinary Time as we move from Pentecost and await Advent, we are worshiping with lesser known characters from the scriptures. Each Sunday on the website, we offer our worship service, an order of worship, art and an artist's statement, reflection questions, and an opportunity to give our offerings online. <https://www.fpcsb.net/Recent%20Sermons>. Our schedule for July as Pastor Sandy is on vacation the first two weeks and the final week:

July 5: **Deborah**, Judges 4-5, *Sermon by Wendy Lamb*

July 12: **Queen Vashti**, Esther 1, *Sermon by Wendy Lamb*

July 19: **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego**, Daniel 3, *Sermon by Sandy Tice*

July 26: **Jonah**, Jonah 4, *Sermon by Steve Smith*

As we continue to explore Faces of Our Faith and how the stories of these characters are speaking to us today, we will continue to ask:

Who are your unfamiliar faces of faith?

Who has shaped your faith by changing it?

Who has shaped it by disrupting what you thought you knew?

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 Note...

Look Up

I had a moment of such joy this week- I came to church to use the WiFi (Tom and I both had meetings and our home WiFi can't support two Zoom meetings at once). And what to my wondering eyes should appear, but PEOPLE ON THE ROOF!!

Yep, there it was, happening right in front of me! Half a dozen teenage interns & Rick; a handful of *old guys* Neal Williams, David Grindahl, Mark Adelson, Dan Direen- and then a couple of young folk: Alex Smith and Sam Lange!! If you look you can see two kids in masks waving at me on the left! It felt as homegrown and joyful as a barn-raising to me: these kids who love us enough

to show up, these guys who are

craftsmen and will lend their prodigious skill, and then these young men who are neither kids nor OG- but who are willing to give of their time and energy to make sure the roof doesn't leak, that our Household is secure from the elements. It was impressive work, but somehow it was the heart of it that blew me away: the good cheer and the sweat and the faithfulness. I had forgotten it was that day, and so when I happened on it, it felt like a miracle. We're still here! Masked up and distanced, for sure, but members, neighbors, extended family- making sure this place doesn't fall down around our ears. The image of it has lifted my spirits for days! Evidence that faith and community is a hands-on affair, that we do not gather just to think holy thoughts or have warm feelings, but we DO what needs to be done. I love this congregation so much.

~Sandy



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.

In Memoriam

June 2020

Faye Callaway

October 29, 1933-June 7, 2020

Mary Drage

March 15, 1923-June 10, 2020

Alicia Falconi

September 12, 1936-June 15, 2020

"In life and in death we belong to God"

As Noé Moves to San Diego...

Following the death of his beloved Alicia, Pastor Noé Falconi has moved to San Diego to live with his daughter. Noé served in this Presbytery as pastor of El Buen Pastor and in our congregation as a pastor of visitation. It was a privilege to serve with him, to see his faithfulness to his family, his calling, his church. Last October, Noé and I celebrated communion side by side on World Communion Sunday. As he spoke the familiar words in his Spanish language, I was moved by his power in the Spirit's presence. It was truly a privilege, and I will miss him deeply, as will we all.

Enjoy San Diego, Noé, but know that we love and miss you every time. (And if you want to come back for World Communion Sunday, we will welcome you at the Table.)

La paz de Cristo sea contigo.

Wendy

Session Synopsis: May

By Elder Lynette DuClos Adelson

Session is meeting by Zoom these days and it is working well. We have decided to meet twice each month. So much happens and while we are sheltering-at-home we don't have the luxury of Sunday morning or in the church hallway or parking lot face-to-face discussions. Plus, we miss each other!

Neal Williams and David Grindahl have found a miracle product to seal the flat roofs on the education wing. They will work with James and Alex Smith to put together a work crew to coat the roofs, saving over \$20,000 in contractor costs and an untold amount of leak repairs. The virus has not slowed these men down!

As we thought about the Apostle John's encouragement not to let our hearts be troubled, we spoke of some of the surprise blessings of our current situation...time to really see the trees, hear the birds, watch the season change, socially distancing parties and meals, reclaiming cooking, pets, crafts, puzzles, trampolines, appreciation for all that is available through virtual experiences including our wonderful adult ed and worship, Venus and the moon, and on and on.

While this is, indeed, a time of uncertainty, change and some fear, it filled our souls to listen to each other live into John's words.

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)

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



Congratulations Class of 2020

LifeSkillz and all the San Bernardino High School seniors celebrate their graduation with the help of San Bernardino High School teachers and LifeSkillz leaders.

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery

By Debbie Law, Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery Riverside

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12 (NRSV)



In early March, when COVID-19 began to change the way the world gathered, Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) began making the difficult decisions to postpone, cancel, and re-organize our gatherings and meetings. While our commitment to gather in one physical body had changed, our faithfulness to gather in one spirit had not. For the last four months Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Riverside's commitment to mission engagement, justice and peace, and inclusion have continued to be at the forefront of who we are. Pacific Presbytery's virtual music festival and digital fundraiser created space for inter-presbytery collaboration and for Presbyterian Women to continue mission engagement during these unprecedented times.

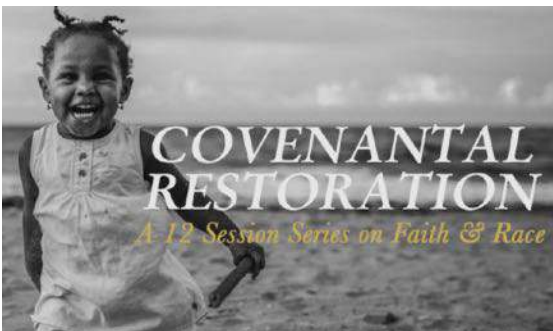


PWP Riverside joined Presbyterian Women in Pacific Presbytery in making and sewing face coverings for our most vulnerable communities. LA County neighbors and communities will receive face coverings that will be distributed through churches who serve food daily to those who are displaced and in vulnerable situations. PWP Riverside contributed to the 1,269 face coverings that were collected. PWP Riverside is grateful for



Melodee Kistner, Joanne Ballard, and Kelsey Law of PWC FPCSB who made face coverings and for their continued commitment to PW's Purpose and mission engagement.

Weekly Reflection and Inquiry Opportunity



From the Work of the People website: *Racism and oppression have a long and painful past and present, it is an open, aching human wound that reflects a fracture in our relationship with God. Understanding how it was promoted and is still alive and acting out in the construct of our beliefs and systems and structures is the beginning of caring for this wound.*

In this series on faith and race we pray God would bring you hope, renew your mind, enliven your spirit, and gift you with the virtues of the Divine's own heart. May God strengthen your stand, inspire your movement towards God's dream for humanity, and increase Kingdom square footage with each step you make in Love.

Each week we are offering a video from the Covenantal Restoration series paired with a liturgical piece. We invite you to view the videos on your own time, hearing words from people who have been doing this work for a long time, looking at questions of race and faith. You might listen reflectively, noticing strong lines, (love it, hate it, confused by it, don't know what to do with it...) and questions. If you would like a place to discuss what you are hearing, you are invited to meet on Zoom on Sunday mornings to reflect and inquire together. We meet at 9:45 to chat and catch-up and get everyone logged on, and discuss from 10:00 to about 10:30. You should receive an email each week from the church office with a video link and Zoom invitation. If you aren't receiving these emails, please notify the church office or reach out to Wendy at wlamb@fpcsb.net. If you would like to view any of the videos we've already discussed, we can send you links.

Session Titles and Films:

June 7: A Beloved Community with Rene August
 June 14: Restoration of Relationship with Reggie Williams
 June 21: The Idol of Whiteness with Jim Wallis
 July 5: Stone Catches with Bryan Stevenson
 July 12: Holy Mischief with Simone Campbell
 July 19: Politics of Radical Difference with Dr. Robyn Henderson-Espinoza

July 26: Refusing to be Enemies with Amal Nassar
 August 2: Covenantal Restoration with Terry LeBlanc
 August 9: Created for Abundant Life with Llewellyn MacMaster
 August 16: A Fuller Picture of God with Michael A. Mata
 August 23: Pulling All Things Together in Love with James Forbes
 August 30: Bring Your Fullness with Rashad Robinson

July Celebrations

Jul 1 Nancy Sellas
 Jul 3 Mario Bolaños
 Brett Valentine
 Phil & Lynda Savage
 Jul 4 Michael & Rose Gareau
 Jul 6 Judy Etherton
 Dennis Stafford
 Jul 7 Merry Beth Grindahl
 Jim & Dawn Morris
 Jul 8 Josie Babcock
 Ken & Amanda Mancha
 Jul 10 Jim Carter
 Doris Nord
 Donna Feit
 Kevin & Wendy Lamb
 Gill Snyder
 Jul 11 Judy Brewer
 Caden Eckert
 Jul 12 Emily Kistner
 Trevor Cummings
 Sherman & Joanne Ballard
 Jul 13 Matt & Erica Thomas
 Jul 14 Margaret Doane
 Jill Morin
 Jul 17 Sandy Tice
 Jul 19 Linda Tiger
 Jul 20 Ernie Garcia
 Ryan Nord
 Jul 21 Donna Garza
 Ezra Joseph Morales
 Jul 22 Helen Babcock
 Dennis & Laurie Stafford
 Jul 23 Cheryl Direen
 Kevin Lamb
 Jul 24 Larry Marona
 Elizabeth Franklin-Morales
 Gary Saenz
 Jul 25 Nick Eckert
 Jul 28 Wanda Gernux &
 Bill McIntosh

Financial Notes

Financial Report as of May 31, 2020

	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
Pledges	170,839.69	170,363.31	476.38
Other Income	31,780.40	20,606.69	11,173.71
Expense	193,400.20	240,723.12	(47,322.92)
Net Income	9220.70	(49,753.12)	58,973.82

Division Consolidation

General Fund Net Income/(Expense)	9220.70
Child Care Center Net Income/(Expense)	(47,898.20)
Deacons Net Income/(Expense)	3,689.10
Net Operating Income/(Expense)	(34,988.10)

Though we often skip the August newsletter, due to CoVid-19 and the changing nature of things this year, we will offer an August issue. Please let us know what is happening in your ministries.

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.

**The Absolute Deadline for the August issue of the
First Press: Monday, July 27**

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

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US Navy, San Diego

Private Javier Rocha

US Army, Fort Benning, Georgia

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