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Youth Sunday

Pentecost

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When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:1-4)

One of the things the youth noticed and emphasized as we discussed the Pentecost scripture was that the disciples didn't keep the Spirit to themselves. The Spirit flowed through everyone gathered.

If you worshiped with us on Pentecost (May 23), where did you see the flames of the spirit? Where did you hear the winds howl? What left you amazed or astonished or mystified?

If you have not had a chance to view this service, you might wish to do so. From 6th grader Oliver to 12th grader Jeremy, our students offer themselves in music and words, in fun and tenderness, with love for God and their congregation. Watch to see what they do that is new and how they have adapted some Pentecost customs for the unique challenges of this year.

Pastor's Page

I spotted the cover of the new New Yorker magazine this week and it stopped me in my tracks:

Most of the image is black, and at the center is an enormous door, only its outline discernible in the dark. It stretches all the way to the top of the page. And the door is cracked open- maybe 20%- and outside, there is light. There is a blue sky with puffy clouds, and lemon yellow light streams inward from a bright sliver of city. And just inside the door, with bright shadows cast behind them from the light, is a small group of people, standing still, holding hands.



I teared up at how the images expresses something in my own interior: how big this darkness has felt, how hopeful this sliver of opening looks, how small and tentative I feel. And how important it is to hold hands.

In some groups I have been in recently, we have named things we have lost in the pandemic, things we mourn. I was in another group where we listed ways we are stronger, or more resilient; things we have learned. I had a conversation with peers about what has saved us and kept us sane. There have been relatively few conversations about what we have liked about this strange and scary year (I am not suggesting anyone should like the death and suffering- but perhaps byproducts like permission for solitude or less traffic or time to bake?).

As the world gradually becomes safer and more things become available to us, I wonder if you are noticing how you have been changed? As a pastor, I wonder what God is saying to us as disciples and as a community about all we have experienced apart and together.

My hope, as we meet indoors for the first time on June 6, and as we eventually move into our sanctuary, that we will not 'waste' this crisis, but that we will allow it to shape us. There is no experience in life, however painful, that God cannot eventually use for good if we are willing. I am not saying God sends sorrow or puts us through pain. I am saying that there is no way that sorrow touches us that cannot be used to deepen our compassion or tenderness; or strengthen our resolve; or help us identify with others if we offer it to God. Sometimes experiences of loss teach us what matters most to us, what the Spirit is inviting us to give more time and attention to. Sometimes they remind us that each day is a gift to be savored.

Weeping may endure for a night, the psalm says, but joy comes in the morning. And in another spot: those who go out weeping, bearing their seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy carrying their sheaves.

Let's harvest what has grown in us in these impossible days, and let us look toward the light as the door of togetherness begins to open.

~Sandy

June Celebrations

Jun 1	Jon & Nancy Horstmann	Elizabeth & Joseph	Jun 24	Pat & Sally Morris	
Jun 2	Terri Carlos	Morales	Jun 25	Jim Huffstutler	
	Amy Rueda	Jun 18	Zach Kern	Randy & Kristine French	
	Katie Smith	Jun 19	David & Merry Beth	Jun 26	Wayne & Linda McCarl
Jun 3	Tommie Ann Freeman	Grindahl	Jun 28	Ava June Bodner	
Jun 4	Erynne Arellano	Jun 20	Tom Garza	Nancy Horstmann	
Jun 5	Raymond Direen	Katrina Johnston		Shirley Raabe	
Jun 7	Deb Burgan Price	Jun 21	Nick Davies	Robert Short	
	Bob & Maria Saenz	Sara Hibbs DeLeon		Brad & Amy Smith	
Jun 8	David Grindahl	Jun 23	Jorge Carlos	Jun 30	Rhyland Emery French
Jun 12	Rowan Fletcher	Danny & Doris		Sandy Garza	
Jun 13	David Coyne	Schiavone		Randy & Jenny Mantei	
June 16	Joy Burgan-Price1960				



Notes

There will be a PW Gathering
Monday, June 7 at 6:00 p.m. via zoom.

A service celebrating the Birthday Offering
and Installation of Officers is planned.

All are welcome.

Contact Laurie Stafford if you have any questions.



Food Distribution Volunteers

We distribute bagged groceries from 9 am – 11 am on the third Saturday of each month and on each Tuesday and Thursday. During the last year we have welcomed new volunteers and we have increased the use of interns, especially for the bagging & distribution related to the third Saturday.

We currently need more help to adequately cover Tuesdays & Thursdays. Because food is distributed outside, we use 2 volunteers. One volunteer registers & provides food to participants while another resupplies the person dealing with participants from food & other supplies kept inside.

Other safety precautions: Health screening, wearing of masks, and sanitizing of surfaces are routine. Communication between the 2 volunteers is primarily by radio to minimize contact. The other current Tuesday/Thursday volunteers and the church staff are fully vaccinated.

We've shifted practices in response to the challenges of the last year and we anticipate further changes as we preserve safety while transitioning to more onsite in-person activities. But we hope to keep the current schedule and involve more people in helping out on a Tuesday or Thursday.

If you are interested, please call me or text me (number in church directory) or email me at rrodriguez31260@gmail.com.

--Rick Rodriguez

Keep Military Members in Your Prayers

LCpl Jacob Allen, Cherry Point, North Carolina

PFC Ronaldo Fregoso, US Marine Corps, 29 Palms

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, Virginia

Petty Officer Noah L. Wierenga, U.S. Coast Guard
Sector, San Diego

CW3 James Bentley Wilson, US Army, Joint Base
Lewis-McChord, WA

Financial Notes

Financial Report as of 30 April 2021

General Fund

	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
Pledges	\$ 137,090.53	126,666.64	10,423.89
Other Income	\$ 36,157.03	20,927.80	15,229.23
Expense	\$ 185,514.51	174,909.71	10,604.80
Net Income	\$ (12,266.95)	(27,315.27)	15,048.32

Division Consolidation

	April	Year to date
General Fund Net Income (Expense)	(4,764.74)	(12,266.95)
Child Care Center Net Income (Expense)	(714.81)	(1,695.53)
Deacons Net Income (Expense)	1,180.86	7,416.23
NET OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)	(4,300.69)	(6,546.25)

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 July issue of the *First Press*: Tuesday, June 15

Pomp and Circumstance

On June 6 2021 we will gather together indoors for the first time since March of 2020.

There will be much to celebrate on that day!

+For the first time our **choir** (all of whom are fully vaxxed!) will sing together in worship

+We will celebrate our 2020 and 2021 high school graduates: Abby Willis (Gustavus Adolphus College in MN), Brett Valentine (attending Valley and working at WalMart), and Jeremy Allen (who begins his training in the Marine Corps in June).

+We will celebrate Leonard Scholar Alexia Aguilar, who entered lifeskillz as a freshman 7 years ago. She was employed as an intern and then as a caregiver in our infant/toddler room. She joined First Pres in November 2018, and has just completed her Bachelor's Degree at UCRiverside in 3 years. She is the first in her family to graduate from college (and she finished in 3 years due to credits from AP classes she took in high school!)

+We will celebrate LifeSkillz classes of 2020 and 2021. Seven students graduated last year, and we participated in their drive-through ceremonies but were never able to congratulate them in worship. This year 12 Life Skillz students intend to graduate, many of whom are receiving scholarships from Presbyterian Women or from the church (in partnership with Toyota of San Bernardino). Many of them have served as interns and we rejoice in their completion of this milestone in their lives.

+Finally, we will acknowledge a different kind of 'graduate': **our dear Carol Valentine**. After many years of facilitating table fellowship, food, and all manner of fun in our congregation, she will be moving this summer to live with her sister-in-law and nephew in Helena, Ohio. Since her retirement from classroom teaching she's been everywhere at First Pres: making Easter crafts for the annual Easter Saturday party, making personalized ornaments for the Christmas Tree for generations of church school kids, answering the phone in the office, and organizing events with her beloved John (who died in 2019, never forgotten). She has participated in Presbyterian Women, Mariners, and a thousand other creative and colorful things. As she 'graduates' from this work and moves on, we pray God's blessing on her next chapter, knowing that though she is leaving this zip code, the Spirit of God will never leave her nor forsake her.

So come join us to rejoice and celebrate and give thanks- it is going to be a wonderful day!

A Team Always Willing to Help

by Rick Rodriguez, Intern Supervisor

The Winter/Spring 2021 term for our interns ended on Saturday, May 8th. On that day part of the team bagged the Feeding America bags for our upcoming monthly Food Distribution. When I asked if they would be willing



to come in the following Saturday to help with Food Distribution, even though their internship program term was over, all of them said yes to me, except one who had a family engagement that day, as if I was almost insulting them by asking.

Their answers were, "Of course, I'll be there", "You know I'm coming", "You know I'm going to be there even if you didn't ask".

We had our last LifeSkillz meeting of the school year after Food Distribution, but the members of this team could have just shown up at 12:00 PM when the meeting started, after Food Distribution was over. As with all of our intern teams they found a lot of joy in helping out their community and always being willing to help out. They see there is much need all around them in the community and being able to help those in need gives them an appreciation for assisting in their communities that they can take with them long after they leave the LifeSkillz and Internship Programs.



April Session Reflection

by Amy Smith, Clerk of Session

We began the meeting discussing an interesting article entitled the Playground Parable. Here is the link if you'd like to read it - <https://www.maryannmckibbendana.net/mamdblog/2021/4/6/a-playground-parable-for-the-church-and-other-institutions>. As we move into this post-pandemic season, we need to be reminded that we have opportunities to do things differently and not be wedded to how we've always done things in the past. Let's allow our creativity and curiosity to guide us forward. Jennifer Carter, Director of Oak Tree Learning Center in San Bernardino joined us to present her ideas about possibilities for the classrooms used by FPCCC. We were encouraged by her optimism for a childcare center in our neighborhood. We are also exploring a partnership with San Bernardino USD so you will hear more in the coming months. Session gave permission for one of the pastors associated with the Emmaus Church to use our chapel on a trial basis for a small gathering of worshippers who attended while they were on our campus. Sandy coordinated flowers and gift cards for the FPCCC staff and she and Wendy delivered them along with notes from the entire office staff. Reflections included the memories of children at the CCC along with our sadness, but with renewed hopes for the future.

Session 2021

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

Class of 2021: Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak, Mark Freeman, Lynda Savage

Class of 2022: Carol Cooper, Margaret Doane, Stephanie Fletcher, Melodee Kistner

Class of 2023: Jeanne Clarke, Susan Skoglund, Alex Smith, Tim Usher

Child Care Center Update-

You may know from our last newsletter that we have been studying and pondering what might be possible for our classrooms which now stand empty. For more than a generation, these rooms (and the playground) have housed our Child Care Center, but 14 months ago we had to close due to Covid. We secured a paycheck protection loan to cover staff salaries for 9 months, but when the funds were exhausted we had a decision to make. The Session cares deeply for this mission (4 of them had children who received their earliest education there). In January we determined we could no longer continue our long-loved model, because it was financially unsustainable. Enrollment has declined for many years, and although we were licensed to serve 72 children, we only had about 20 enrolled. In spite of congregational commitment to the Center (expressed in substantial subsidies), the financial losses became too great to bear.

We are different in 3 ways than when we first dreamed up the Center: 1) **we are older**- very few of us can bring our own toddlers or persuade their friends to bring theirs; 2) **we are smaller**: there are fewer of us who pledge, and who take turns as leaders and officers; and 3) we are **financially less robust**. We are not 'in trouble', but we need to live within our budgets.

We are different- and yet the need and the vision persist: we want these buildings to be used for good, we want the benefits of early education and development for children in our city.

Our current hope is to build a new partnership with the School District to provide high-quality early childhood education in our neighborhood using our facilities. This is in early stages of discussion- it will take some time until we know if it is possible. The district will welcome new Superintendent Ervin July 1 and are in the middle of planning graduations and resuming in-person classes in August. There is a lot happening at once. You are invited to pray and to offer your thoughts. Meanwhile, we are beginning the process of cleaning and caring for the rooms which have stood empty for over a year. It is clear, when you enter them, that they miss the teachers and children who gave the space meaning and purpose.

Board of Deacons 2021

Martha Pinckney, Moderator; Steve Smith, Pastoral Support

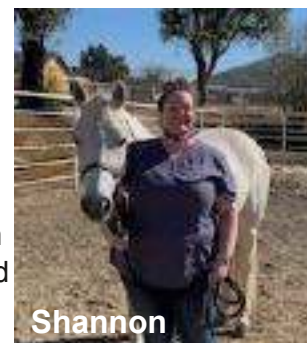
Class of 2021: Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Marianna Fowles, Martha Pinckney, Jim Siegmund

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

Class of 2023: Rebecca Allen, Sharon Landeros, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Chris Thomas

Celebrating our Graduates

Congregation member **Shannon Nolin** graduated this April 2021 from Platt College with an Associate of Science in Veterinary Technology Degree. She is now a "Vet Tech" & working at the Humane Society in San Bernardino. Her proud parents are Steve & Rena Nolin, along with her sister, Reyna Jones & family.



Shannon

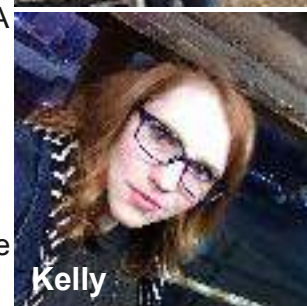
Congregation member **Maggie Willis** graduated this year with a Master of Science in Kinesiology from Humboldt State University. Maggie is the daughter of Katie Willis and granddaughter of Pat and Sally Morris.

Congregation member **Alexia Aguilar** graduates in June from UC Riverside with a BA in writing.

Dale and Kathy Showman have three graduates this year:

Granddaughter **Kelly Michelle Huckeba**, daughter of Dawn Sharp, receives her Masters degree in Counseling and Guidance from CSUSB

Great-grandson **Wes Huckeba**, grandson of Dawn, son of Kelly, graduates from Apple Valley High School



Kelly

Great-grandson **Nathan Chamberlain**, grandson of Dawn, son of Patrick Sharp graduates high school from Andrews Academy, Berien Springs, Michigan.

From Melodee and Larry Kistner:

Our daughter **Emily Kistner** graduated with highest honors from Ohlone College in Fremont, CA, in late May. She will be a Physical Therapy Assistant after she passes her state board exam in July.



Wes

Curtiss and Rebecca Allen have two graduates:

Son **Jeremy Allen** graduates June 9th from Citrus Valley High School. The ceremony will be held at the Redlands Bowl. He leaves for bootcamp on June 21st and is going into aviation with the Marine Corps.

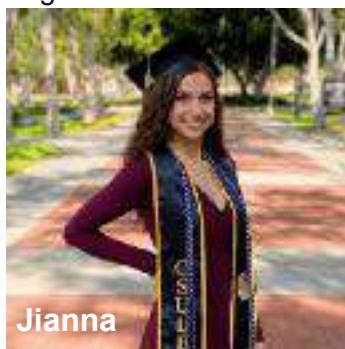
Daughter **Kaitlynn Galmarini** received her Master of Business Administration, Human Resource Specialist from Saint Leo University, Orlando, Florida

From Irene Sandoval:

My granddaughter, **Jianna Florek**, is graduating from Long Beach State on May 29th. She is the highest scoring female in the Criminal Justice class and she's been accepted to the Criminal Justice Masters program starting in the fall. She's been taking karate since she was 6 years old and she just received her black belt in February. She's worked at Starbucks for about 4 years and loves her job. She's a remarkable young woman. We are very proud of her.



Nathan



Jianna



Kaitlynn



Jeremy

Staff Profiles by Margaret Doane, Stewardship

Wendy on Wendy

I'm interviewing staff and pastors for First Pres so that we can get to know them better. Wendy gave me this comprehensive and elegant look at herself; it's included in its entirety below:

I moved around a lot growing up. My parents were teachers who wanted to see the world. I have one brother, Andy, who is 16 months my elder. I was born in Guantanamo Bay Cuba, and we lived in Japan, Missouri, Taiwan, Nevada, and Hawaii before moving to Riverside when I was 15. My mom's family lived mostly in So Cal which is why we eventually settled here.

I went sophomore through senior year to La Sierra High School where my dad was teaching math and computers.

As many bookworm kids who moved around a lot, my best friends were my book friends. I read and re-read the Chronicles of Narnia and Little Women and all the books Madeleine L'Engle ever wrote. In 10th grade, I had an English teacher who really challenged me. I read To Kill a Mockingbird the day it was assigned and stayed after class the next day to talk to Dr. Appleton about the end of it (as much because I wanted her to know I had finished it as my wanting to discuss the end.) We did Greek Mythology that year and read some of the best short stories that have stuck with me ever since (By the Waters of Babylon, Leiningen Vs. the Ants, Contents of a Dead Man's Pocket). I had always thought I would be a teacher, but it was that year that I decided I wanted to be an English teacher. I graduated from La Sierra in 1989.

I felt no need to move again, so I went to UC Riverside and commuted from home my first two years before moving in with friends my last 2 years. I was active in trying to start a Baptist Student Union, kind of a lost cause from the beginning, but it is where I got to know my second group of friends, and it led to the BSU director starting a home church/church plant which I was part of until I left California. From the time I was in high school, I was in church leadership, but only as much as I was allowed to be which was never quite satisfying.

I did my credential at U of R and got a job teaching English back at La Sierra High School.

After a few years, I started a master's degree, as one does, and ended up in a new English Education program at Cal Baptist. I discovered a new kind of love for the graduate level English classes. When I finished, I began teaching as an adjunct in their evening college program for non-traditional students. I liked teaching high school, but the freedom I had teaching college classes was a lovely discovery, especially as high school became more and more restrictive, paperwork heavy, test-laden--less creative, and class sizes rose.

It had never occurred to me that I was the kind of person who might get a Ph.D. but a couple of my colleagues taught for a few years and then went off to graduate school. Between loving the graduate level English classes, loving teaching college, not loving the atmosphere or administration at the high school, and theologically questioning and out-growing the church I was a part of where most of my friends were, and being single so not tied down in any way, it felt like if I was ever going to do anything different, the time had come. I like to say I quit my life and went to graduate school.

I ended up working on my Master's in English at Purdue University. It was a great experience for me. It felt like a second chance at college. Purdue is kind of in the middle of nowhere, so we grad students all lived in Lafayette/West Lafayette and hung out in the computer lab and coffee shops and pubs. It was during my two years there that I started sampling churches, and that I discovered what a mainline church was like. I even heard a woman preach at the Methodist church.

The master's program was a breadth program. We had to take classes in both English and American literature from the medieval to the present. I fell in love with Middle English language and literature and my professor who was a nun, and who was able to combine her spirituality and her teaching with grace and academic vigor.

I expected to continue from master's to Ph.D. at Purdue, but the summer after my first year, I came back to California for the summer and met Kevin. I went back to Purdue to finish my master's, but I also began applying to Ph.D. programs in Southern California. I was grateful to be accepted at UCR with a fellowship and TA-ship. Kevin and I got married that summer at the Presbyterian church in Lake Arrowhead because some of his friends offered us their house for the reception and their church for the wedding.

I took mostly Medieval and Renaissance classes. After taking a Shakespeare and Film class and writing a very fun paper on 10 Things I Hate about You, I ended up writing my dissertation on Shakespeare's Comedies and Film.

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When we were first married, Kevin and I checked out a few different churches and casually attended one church for awhile, but after Kendra was born, Sunday morning became a time for me to study while Kevin took care of the baby. Eventually, when Kendra was small and I was pregnant with Oliver, I needed to get back to church. We checked out First Pres San Bernardino and never left.

After I finished at UCR a decade ago, I was kind of at loose ends. It was a terrible time for college teaching. Colleges weren't even hiring adjuncts. With 2 small children at home, I didn't want to get back into full time high school teaching. That was when I began hanging out at the church more and discovering a long dormant--because there had not been a place for it in the church of my youth--calling to ministry. Sandy and the Session gave me a chance, and here I am today. Thanks to Margaret, I also had a chance to begin teaching at Crafton Hills College. I have been amazed at how my two vocations--ministry and teaching--have complemented one another and fed one another and melded beautifully together. Until I got here, I didn't know a worship service could be so beautiful and so thematic. I love putting elements of worship together to create a service that is a whole. I also love helping other people find their voices in worship and ministry. I have used many things I've learned at church in my classroom, most notably a mutual invitation style of conversation. I love talking about scripture and things we are learning with church folks and I love talking about literature and things we are learning with my college students, and sometimes it surprises me how similar the conversations are. Right now both the church and the college are looking at issues of equity and inclusion, so again my two worlds tie together.

The other aspect of my life, of course, is being family, and that, too, is a delight. It has been interesting sharing a home office with Kevin this last year. He has enjoyed listening in on my Brit Lit classes. Kendra (14, finishing 8th grade) and Oliver (12, finishing 6th grade) amaze me every day. Kendra loves books and television and keeping up with friends via electronic devices. Oliver loves video games and strategy games (right now he is really into chess) and cooking things from scratch.



The Lamb Family at Wendy's commissioning in 2018

Instead of Re-opening...

Presbytery member and Vital Congregations Initiative leader Rob Stewart brought this letter from the leadership of the Presbytery of San Francisco to our Presbytery. It offers us much for contemplation.

Beloved Sisters and Brothers:

Instead of Re-opening, perhaps we should see this moment as one of Re-starting.

Not just returning to our church life, but reconnecting with our community, those already in our congregation, and those in our neighborhood who have also been living in forced isolation.

Not just resuming our worship but renewing our purpose.

Not just reentering our buildings but reexamining all that we might do with what God has placed in our hands.

Over the years there have been many efforts made in looking at renewing the vitality in our churches. The one that we often called "restarting" involved the rather drastic step of physically moving out of the building for a time, so that the congregation could come back to begin to see with new clarity, and with new intentionality, whatever God had laid it upon their hearts to do. And the time apart from their buildings was meant to be a way to break the familiarity of weekly worship and community life at that one place so that everyone could get a renewed perspective on why they were there at all. Only a few congregations choose that radical step.

Several recent and past politicians and business leaders including, reportedly, Winston Churchill, are credited with saying "Never let a good crisis go to waste".

As the world, our families, our schools, our businesses, our communities, and even our churches are slowly starting to recover from the devastation of COVID, perhaps we should embrace that same spirit of this crisis.

I wonder if we have all, quite unwillingly, taken the first step of a "restart". If so, then we do not want to waste this transformational opportunity simply because we did not see it for what it really was. We may have already taken the hardest step in leaving for a while.

~Your Presbytery Leadership Team

Blessing That Undoes Us

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages. -Acts 2:4

On the day
you are wearing
your certainty
like a cloak
and your sureness
goes before you
like a shield
or like a sword,

may the sound
of God's name
spill from your lips
as you have never
heard it before.

May your knowing
be undone.
May mystery
confound your

understanding.

May the Divine
rain down
in strange syllables
yet with
an ancient
familiarity,
a knowing borne
in the blood,

the ear,
the tongue,
bringing the clarity
that comes
not in stone
or in steel
but in fire,
in flame.

May there come
one searing word--
enough to bare you
to the bone,
enough to set
your heart ablaze,
enough to make you
whole again.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:30 AM Worship Service (YouTube Livestream)	31 Church Office Closed.	1	2 4:30 PM Worship Committee	3	4 9:30 AM Kerygma	5 10:00 AM Straight Up AA
6 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship Service (In person/Live Stream)	7 5:00 PM PW Coordinating Team	8 6:30 PM Deacon Committees 7:30 PM Deacon Board	9	10 4:00 PM Nurture Committee	11 9:30 AM Kerygma	12 10:00 AM Straight Up AA
13  10:30 AM Worship Service (Zoom and YouTube Livestream)	14	15 Deadline for First Press articles 7:00 PM M.A.L.E.s	16 5:30 PM Stewardship Committee	17 9:00 AM Friendship Circle 5:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Committee	18 8:30 AM Food Bagging 9:30 AM Kerygma	19 9:00 AM Deacon Food Distribution 10:00 AM Straight Up AA
20 10:30 AM Worship Service (YouTube Livestream)	21	22 1:00 PM Circle Of Hope	23 5:30 PM SESSION	24	25 9:30 AM Kerygma	26 10:00 AM Straight Up AA
27 10:30 AM Worship Service (YouTube Livestream)	28	29	30	1	2 9:30 AM Kerygma	3 10:00 AM Straight Up AA

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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.