



First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino

First Press

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Easter is coming!

As we move toward Easter and resurrection, let us remember the present moment.

*In the gift of this new day,
in the gift of the present moment,
in the gift of time and eternity intertwined,
let us be grateful,
let us be attentive,
let us be open to what has never happened before,
in the gift of this new day,
in the gift of the present moment,
in the gift of time and eternity intertwined.*

--John Philip Newell

On **Palm Saturday, April 9**, we will gather outside and plant trees to fill empty planters in our parking lot. On **Palm Sunday** we will gather outside the Sanctuary and process in together.

We will celebrate the resurrection together--in the sanctuary and online--Easter Sunday, April 17, at 10:30 a.m.

Butterfly photo by Dana Babb, 2012



Notes



Save the Date

Symphonie Jeunesse will offer a concert at
First Presbyterian Church,
Sunday, June 12 at 3:00 p.m.



Campus Safety Updates

8 wireless smoke detectors have been successfully installed. We now have coverage in Rick's apartment, electrical room, kitchen, front office, Fireside Lounge, and Fellowship Hall. These detectors are unique in that if one goes off, all the detectors sound an alarm. They also announce what area the alarm is coming from. If an alarm should occur after hours, it will alert Rick Rodriguez. We hopefully will continue these detectors throughout our campus giving us a high level of fire protection.

Thank you to Neal for researching these and to James for the installation.

With the unexpected approval of the Homeland Security folks, we will be able to install new doors in the chapel. Barr Door will be able to order and install the doors within the May 31 deadline. This project comes to almost

\$28,000.00 and will be reimbursed by our Grant. This will replace 7 Chapel doors.

We are also replacing doors in the classroom area. This is not part of the grant but is in preparation for Oak Tree Learning Center.

--Dave Thomas

Photo: James installs a smoke detector.



Graduates!

If you are a graduate or have a family member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this spring, please send her/his name, relationship to congregation members, school and degree (if appropriate), and graduation date to Newsletter@fpcsb.net by Monday, April 18, for recognition in the May newsletter.

If you can **include a photo** of the graduate, that would be terrific. You can email or text it to me, Wendy.

If you would like to include a note about "what's next" for the graduate, I will also include that information.

Financial Notes

Financial Report as of February 28, 2022

General Fund

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
Pledges	\$52,520.65	66,731.00	(14,210.35)
Other Income	\$10,197.90	9,970.30	227.60
Expense	\$89,489.69	93,254.56	(3,764.87)
Net Income	\$ (26,771.14)	(16,553.26)	(10,217.88)

Division Consolidation

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
General Fund Net Income (Expense)	(9,778.80)	(26,771.14)
Deacons Net Income (Expense)	254.33	1,994.48
NET OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)	(9,524.47)	(24,776.66)

In Memoriam

March 2022

Jerry Olsen

November 10, 1931 - March 2, 2022

"In life and in death we belong to God."

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 deadline for the following month's newsletter is the 15th of each month.

Two Saturdays in the Spring Internship Program

by Rick Rodriguez, Intern Supervisor

March 12, 2022

Our interns were able to clean the alleyway on the south side of the church campus. They also cleaned up a large mess by the doors to the Sanctuary. They also picked up trash in the north parking lot and in the area west of the Sanctuary and Chapel. We also had a team pulling weeds in the area east of the Chapel. We also had a team doing some food bagging and restocking the shelves in the food closet. We stopped our work about an hour early so our interns could complete the Sexual Harassment Training that they are required to do.

We had lunch during the last 30 minutes of our workday. While I thought this was my idea, it was what the interns had wanted. Since it was my birthday, two of our former interns planned with the members of our current team and brought lunch for everyone. We all had lunch together and had a really good time.

I cannot express how blessed I feel to be part of the Internship Program and the First Pres family.

March 19, 2022

This was Food Distribution day. Two of our interns were not going to be able to come; Gary had an event with the robotics club and Itzel had a track meet. We do not want our interns to miss extracurricular activities because of the Internship Program. We had three former interns who have graduated from San Bernardino High School, Elvira, Isabel, and Marlene and a member of LifeSkillz who has never been an intern, Alyssa, all come to help, so we had plenty of hands.

Food Distribution is the day each month when our interns get to interact with a large number of adult volunteers. This is a chance for our interns to hear about things like college from other people besides just the two intern supervisors. Our 4 high school seniors who are part of the spring intern team need to have these conversations because they have now received many of their acceptance emails back from universities they applied to.

Laura has been accepted into UCI, UCSD, UCR, CSULB, Cal Poly, CSUF, and CSUSB.

Jackye has been accepted into CSUSB, CSUF, CSULB, and SDSU.

Itzel has been accepted into Mount St Mary's, CSUSB, CSUSD, and CSUDH.

Ariana has been accepted into UCR and UCSD.

A couple of the girls are still waiting to hear from other schools.

Our young people who help during food distribution all say it is one of the most rewarding part of the Internship Program. They know they are helping people, families in their own neighborhood. All of us who are at food distribution can see the joy they have in helping others in their community.

The interns also cleaned up Fellowship Hall so it would be ready for Symphonie Jeunesse when they came to practice and they cleaned the area between the Sanctuary and Chapel. They got a lot done.

These are two days in the Spring 2022 Internship Program.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Apr 1	Wayne McCarl Ray & Becky Nelligan Irene Sandoval-Suverkrup
Apr 2	Kyle Knabe
Apr 3	John-Paul Fletcher
Apr 4	Howard Le Roy Rose Gareau
Apr 5	Laura Olsen Dunn Jacob Allen Kelsey Law
Apr 7	Patricia Parks
Apr 8	Mary Bolaños Don & Earleen Dudley
Apr 10	Debbie Law
Apr 12	Frederick Star
Apr 13	JoAnna Wierenga Cassidy Wright
Apr 15	Kelsey Adelson Jennifer Mantei
Apr 16	Marilyn Karnig Beverly Snell
Apr 18	Michelle Lea Babcock Don Dudley Oliver Andrew Lamb
Apr 20	Cliff Cummings Joseph Ramirez
Apr 24	Harlan Leonard Wright
Apr 27	Carly Earp Jonah Roy Morales
Apr 28	Jim Cimino Jim Coyne Mark Freeman
Apr 29	Jim & Helen Babcock
Apr 30	Tom Rennard

We the Bags

Hi church people! We're bags- all sizes and sorts! We all came from you to work in food ministry. Here's what we've been doing:

Ahem. We are 75 pound paper grocery bags. We're purchased by your donations to the Deacons fund. Our structure and strength make us great for holding boxes and cans. We are the bags you think about when someone says "bagging food". We are doubled up for the heavy food from Community Action Partnership, and we go solo as cooking and non-cooking bags on Tuesday and Thursday. Some of us even got colored with words and hearts by kids at the Oak Tree Learning Center. That tickled a bit, but it brought smiles as we brought food to our new homes.



We're Stater Bros grocery bags. Our size, strength, and handles make us perfect to hold pasta, cookies, bars, and cans, so we've been the main second bag on Food Saturdays. Those 75 pounders get hugged more, but we hang from grateful hands.

We're standard recyclable shopping bags – Walmart, Ralphs, CVS, Dollar stores – a little smaller than those Staters show-offs, but strong and thick for holding cold items – chicken, butter, lunchmeat, cheese. On Saturday mornings, we are the stars of a cold food bagging party. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we hold whatever cold stuff was found at Feeding America – about a dozen of us got to bring home actual bacon last month!

We're Take-out bags. We hang out with heavier eco decorated bags. We are big enough to hold one of those 75 pounders, and give them handles. Our new homes are with those who bicycle or walk who don't have a carts and can't lug everything in one massive trash bag.

Massive? We are heavy duty garbage bags purchased by James. We're popular with men who can heft everything in one big sack, like Santa Claus.

Hey! Don't forget us light bags! Laid aside as "flimsy bags", our Home Depot team came to the rescue with a big Saturday order - perfect for three items that didn't fit in the other 2 bags. We also held hardboiled eggs so they didn't get squished in those heavier cold bags. We are great at bringing home backyard fruit – e.g. lemons & oranges – donated by church members and friends.

Ziplocs here. Yeah, we're cool, clean, and tight. Our quarts went to every home with thousands of masks. Our little snack guys got a fun task of distributing Valentine's candy donated by a member. Their normal task is holding plasticware and can-openers for non-cooking bags. Our gallons contain kits with full-sized hygiene items, and comfort kits with socks, gloves, sanitizer, caps. Quarts hold travel-sized hygiene items. Ziplocs proudly go "home" with those who have no residence.

Food ministry is dependent on donations – bags, everything they contain, and the work to obtain, fill, and distribute these bags. Thank you for your generosity. Questions? Find, call, text, or email Rick Rodriguez: rrodriguez31260@gmail.com.

(Written for The Bags by Marilyn Kraft.)

Keep Military Members in Your Prayers

LCpl Jacob Allen,
US Marine Corps, Cherry Point, North Carolina

Seaman Robert Sandoval,
US Navy, Virginia

PFC Jeremy Allen,
US Marine Corps, 29 Palms, CA

Petty Officer Noah L. Wierenga,
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Upper Mississippi River

Seaman Mark Munz,
US Navy, San Diego

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

Private Javier Rocha,
US Army, Fort Benning, Georgia

Cadet Grace Wilson
Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

The Work of Your Session

by Amy Smith, Clerk of Session

Session met on February 23rd using a hybrid meeting method with 8 people in Fireside Lounge and 6 joining us on Zoom. With some enhanced equipment which enabled everyone to be heard clearly, we were able to have in-depth discussions giving everyone a chance to contribute.

A major topic of discussion was how to use the approximately \$370,000 of proceeds we received from the sale of 1875 D Street. While no final decisions have been made, we are leaning towards tithing ten percent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, using some to partially offset the cost of a new roof for Fellowship Hall, some to replenish our endowment, and some to create a new leadership development fund to help offset the cost of important training and spiritual development for the members of the church.

We are saddened that Triennium has been cancelled this year and delight in returning to the sanctuary for worship as well as the continuance of most all our daily ministries.

We heard a report from the last Presbytery Assembly meeting that included moving forward on the process to find a new Presbytery Leader, and support of two overtures to General Assembly (you'll hear more if they move forward).

Finally, we honored Melodee Kistner who will be moving after Easter in April. She has been a life-long member of this church, having served many times on Session and as the Moderator of the Presbytery of Riverside. She shared she has been on the Pastor Nominating Committee that has called three pastors to First Pres, including Sandy! While she and Larry will be greatly missed, we shared our blessings for this next chapter in their lives.

Session 2022

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

Building and Grounds: Alex Smith (chair), Tim Usher, Patrick Morris

Nurture: Stephanie Fletcher (chair), Jeanne Clark, Martha Pinckney

Stewardship: Margaret Doane (chair), Brooke Dvorak, Susan Skoglund,

Worship: Mary Bolaños (chair), Carol Cooper, Melodee Kistner

William on William

For nearly a year now we have been writing and running a series of articles to help folks get better acquainted with staff. This month, Stewardship asked William to write about himself. As you can see, we have a truly outstanding staff--paid for by your pledges and gifts.

William started playing the piano when he was five years old. When asked if his parents made him practice, he says, "No, they had to make me STOP!"

William went to the California Institute of the Arts where he earned a B.F.A. in harpsichord. Later, he discovered the glass armonica, an instrument invented by Benjamin Franklin which works on the "wet finger around the wine glass rim" idea. Mozart, Beethoven and many others composed for it, but it fell into obscurity in the 19th century. William has played the glass armonica at the Kennedy Center, with the Blue Man Group, and as far as Finland and Hong Kong. His hands playing it were a clue on Jeopardy! To date William has produced and recorded 12 CDs.

William is currently hard at work on his next musical venture. He lives in Highland with his wife Sue, their dog Dudley and their cat Chumleigh. Ten year old granddaughter Kaiyah also keeps them hopping!



Board of Deacons 2022

Rebecca Allen, Moderator; Steve Smith, Pastoral Support

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

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

Class of 2024: Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Marianna Fowles, Richard Rodriguez, Katie Smith

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27  10:30 AM Worship Service	28	29	30	31	1 9:30 AM Kerygma	2 8:30 AM SJO rehearsal 10:00 AM Straight Up AA
3  10:30 AM Worship Service	4	5 7:00 PM Circle of Faith 7:00 PM Mensch Group	6 6:30 PM Worship Committee	7	8 9:30 AM Kerygma	9 8:30 AM SJO rehearsal 10:00 AM Straight Up AA
10  10:30 AM Worship Service	11	12 6:30 PM Deacon Committees 7:30 PM Deacon Board	13	14  6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	15  GOOD FRIDAY Church Office Closed. Deadline for First Press articles 8:30 AM Food Bagging 9:30 AM Kerygma	16 9:00 AM Deacon Food Distribution 10:00 AM Straight Up AA 1:00 PM SJO rehearsal
17  10:30 AM Worship Service	18	19 1:00 PM Circle of Grace and Hope 7:00 PM Mensch Group	20 5:30 PM Stewardship Committee	21 9:00 AM Friendship Circle 5:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Committee	22 9:30 AM Kerygma	23 FOC Joshua Tree trip 8:30 AM SJO rehearsal 10:00 AM Straight Up AA
24 10:30 AM Worship Service	25	26 7:00 PM Circle of Kindness	27 5:30 PM SESSION	28	29 9:30 AM Kerygma	30 8:30 AM SJO rehearsal 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.