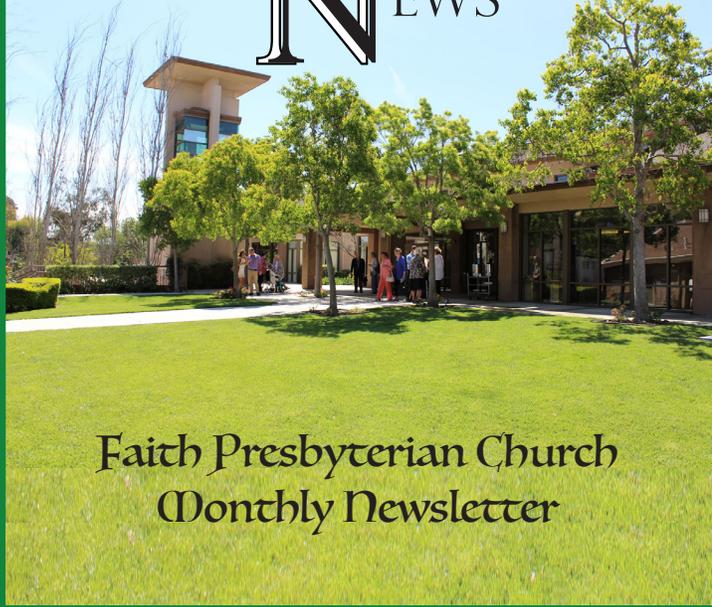


FAITH FAMILY NEWS



Faith Presbyterian Church Monthly Newsletter

From Pastor Sam

In the Bulb There is a Flower

Each Wednesday at Noon during Lent, we have been gathering for Scripture readings, reflection, silence, and prayers for the community. The bowls of soil with planted flower bulbs have resided at the center of our gatherings. The sound of growing flowers underneath the soil is hardly dramatic, and we did not see any signs of growth until after nearly two weeks.

Lent is a season of prayer and preparation for Spring, a season in which we cultivate the soil of our hearts. We use various words for this cultivation: repentance, renewal, return.

This Lent in particular has been a unique one for me. I am rapidly drawing near to the end of my doctoral work. The liturgies during Holy Week will constitute a section of a chapter in my dissertation.

Over the past several years, I have been researching and writing on the origins, persistent aesthetics, and often-implicit operations of racism and white supremacy in the field of liturgical theology. This process has involved a lot of inner heart work for me. I

have not always wanted to research and write on racism and white supremacy, but in a way, these issues found me. These issues are more than mere issues for me. Racism and white supremacy have been caught up in many histories of which I am a part, personal, familial, church, and social histories.

Through liturgy, I am exploring ways to break silences that reinforce indifference toward colonial wounds of unceded lands, racialized hierarchies, and extractivism. De-colonizing liturgy begins in part by naming the hurts that are often shrouded in silence.

My dissertation advisor, Cláudio Carvalhaes, has written, “At the heart of a decolonial liturgical theology is the search back to the earth. We have been uprooted and forced into forms of living that do not consider the earth as our place of most profound belonging.”

Learning from the land and learning from those who have loved this land for many centuries are fundamental to the search back to the earth and to the search back to each other.

The flowers that we planted on Ash Wednesday are my teachers. They are not in a hurry. Urgent tasks must often be done slowly.

On Easter Sunday, our theme for the day will be “entering the garden,” and we will flood the sanctuary with greenery and vibrant flowers, even and especially as we reflect on our need to develop a caring relationship with the earth. The sanctuary will become a garden! Following the worship service, we will enjoy our first church-wide potluck lunch in more than two years. I hope you can be there. It will be a beautiful day.

Grace and peace,
Sam



MEETINGS OF OUR FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Book Study
Tuesday Evenings
On Zoom at 7:00pm

Lenten Prayer Service
April 6th
FPC, Sanctuary at noon - 12:45pm

Wednesday Bible Study
April 20th & 27th
FPC, Room #2 at noon - 1:00pm

Tuesday Eves
First Saturday of the Month
April 2nd
FPC, Library at 2:00pm

Women's Circle
Second Thursday this Month
April 14th
FPC, Room #3 at 10:00am

Women's Group Bible Study
Third Saturday of the Month
April 16th
FPC, Library at 3:00pm



Easter Lilies

Cost: \$12.00 each.
Order Deadline: Thursday, April 7th.
Call: Kate Cameron (619-287-7678)
K88Cameron@gmail.com

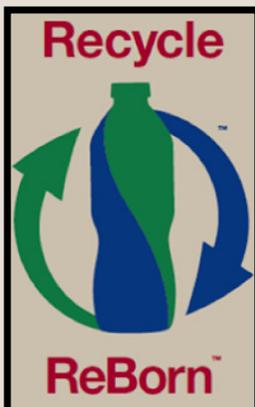
Flower Cross

We will need flowers to make our Easter Cross. Please bring flower donations to Room #1 on Saturday, April 16th between 10:00am – noon and early on Sunday, April 17th between 8:00 – 8:30am. Flower cross assembly will start early.



THIS IS US

Faith Presbyterian Church gathers in the College Area from all across San Diego. We desire to embody beloved community. We are diverse. We are people of color, white, gay, straight, married, single, parents, old, young, and with various abilities. We share a common life characterized by concern for justice, delight in education, and excellence in music through all stages of life. We carry living traditions with us as we grow in faith, with the triune God as our best expression.



The Deacons are continuing to collect recycling. Please contact Nancy Flynn at (619) 813-7063 or email at esch46@hotmail.com to make arrangements for her to meet you in the church parking lot.

The money goes directly to the Deacons' fund.

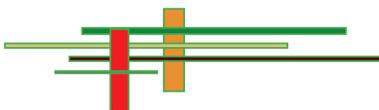
Aluminum cans - Plastic bottles - Glass bottles (CRV) - Water jugs

Faith Family Life

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jason Lafferty - 1st
Cynthia Hatfield - 2nd
Briana Bashaw-Wood - 3rd
Ryan Lafferty - 7th
Sue Razzaia - 25th
Kevin Maeda - 28th

If you would like to see your birthday listed in the newsletter with just the day, not the year, please email that information to Joe Rodriguez (jcr14@att.net).



NEW CONTACT INFO FOR VIRGINIA GENGOR

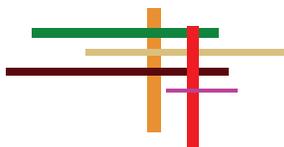
She has a new address. Please contact the church office if you need it.

DEATHS

Rich Volkert
Rich, Stacy's husband and Rory and Riley's father, died Friday, March 18th. The Memorial Service will be on Saturday, April 23rd, at 11:00am in the Sanctuary

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 6th - Lenten Prayer Service - noon
April 10th - Palm Sunday
April 14th - Maundy Thursday (office closes at noon)
April 15th - Good Friday
April 17th - Easter Sunday
April 17th - Easter potluck luncheon
April 21st - Newsletter Deadline



Church Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00am - 12:00noon, 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Please note that office is closed on Fridays

COME, TRY OUR
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
12:00pm in Room #2
LED BY PASTOR SAM

Financial Report

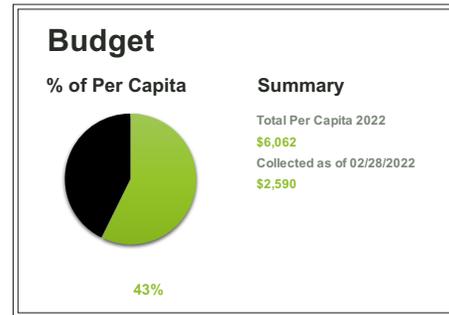
February 28, 2022

Envelope Offering for February 2022 was \$46,368.00

Envelope Offering monthly budget 2022 is \$21,658.67 per month

Please pay your Per Capita;
it is \$40.00 per member.

Per Capita as of 02/28/2022



SERMONS APRIL

With Open Hearts

A Series in the Gospel of Luke
January-April 2022

The Gospel of Luke gathers a varied cast of characters around the person of Jesus, as he shares good news to the poor, release to captives, and freedom to the oppressed. From small villages to centers of power, Jesus heals and teaches, and in the process, he reveals to us the dream of God in and for the world. The young pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, wrote, “Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ...Costly grace is the gospel which must be *sought* again and again, the gift which must be *asked* for, the door at which a person must *knock*...Such grace is *costly* because it calls us to follow, and it is *grace* because it calls us to follow *Jesus Christ*.” The Gospel of Luke shows us the path of discipleship, of following Jesus in the world today.

April 3rd	Pastor Sam	<i>Redrawing the Borders of Hospitality</i>	Luke 14:1-4
April 10th	Pastor Sam	<i>The Kindness of Water</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Luke 19:28-40
April 14th	Pastor Sam	<i>Witnessing Where We Are</i> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 15th	Pastor Sam	<i>In the Shadows of the Crosses</i> <i>Good Friday</i>	John 18:1-19:42
April 17th	Pastor Sam	<i>Entering the Garden</i> <i>Easter</i>	John 20:1-18
April 24th	Pastor Sam	<i>A Meeting of Hearts</i>	Luke 24:13-35

AN INVITATION TO EXPLORE THE LABYRINTH... COME AND SEE!

On April 17th, as the luncheon follows Easter worship, the children (12 and under) are invited to come and learn a bit about the labyrinth and why we have one of these special guides for praying and reflection. And of course they will have an opportunity to walk the labyrinth too!



For everyone, a bit more information now ... as each of us continues on our own journey of prayer and reflection, study and listening to one another and to Sam as he teaches and guides. This ancient path has a long history. So for now, I'm going to start in the early 1990's when I became aware of it.

Lauren Artress, canon for Special Ministries at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco traveled to Chartres Cathedral to see what the labyrinth offered to the people there. She began teaching and speaking about the labyrinth and its healing and transforming power. One of the first questions she was asked was: "What do you do in the labyrinth?"

As she continued to learn and explore its place and value she found three elements that the labyrinth opens to each who walks it and for whom it becomes a regular prayer practice.

First, it meets you where you are.

Second, it gives you what you need.

And last, it 'nurtures an invisible web of relationships that connect individual destiny to service of others and to the earth.'

Lauren Artress goes on to say that there are many reasons to walk a labyrinth ... solace, strength, clarity, celebration, insight, to quiet the mind, to solve a problem ... What might be your reason to take time to walk the labyrinth?

Having the labyrinth right here gives us the opportunity to use it anytime we are on the church grounds ... bringing yourself into active awareness of God's presence in your life and joining it with all the prayers we offer here and everywhere.

Jill Gustafson is the creator and collaborator that has created this opportunity for us. Ask her how she became interested in the labyrinth ... as we individually and collectively join in to walk the path that may lead us to the heart of God.

Mary Elva Smith

Easter Sunrise Service

In Balboa Park at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion

Sunday, April 17, 2022

6:30 - 7:30AM

Message

Pastor Glenn McKinney

Saint Stephen's Church of God in Christ

Music

Saint Stephen's Church of God Choir

Spreckels Organ - Joe Rodriguez, organist



All Welcome - Free Parking

For Information call: (858) 454-7324



**San Diego Military Outreach Mission
Luau Fundraiser!
Tickets \$25**

Saturday, April 30th, 2022
Doors open at 5:30pm / Dinner starts at 6:15pm
Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala
The California Room
10818 San Diego Mission Rd
San Diego, CA 92108



Join us in making this event a success!

**To continue assisting our local
Junior Enlisted Military Families.**

**To purchase tickets or if you have any questions,
please contact us at:**

office@sandiegomom.org

Barbara @ (619) 843-8964

or stop by

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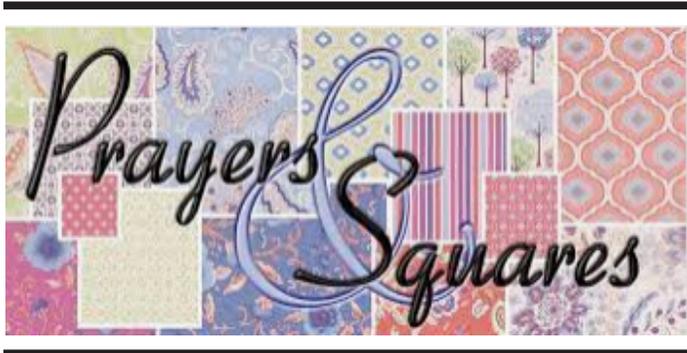


WE CELEBRATED FAITH'S
27TH BIRTHDAY THE
FIRST SUNDAY IN MARCH
with

CUPCAKES

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!





Prayers and Squares is looking for people to join our little group. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 10:00 to 12:00. No previous experience is necessary, but it helps if you can sew a reasonably straight line. All materials furnished. You will enjoy the feeling of providing comfort for someone who needs it. For further information contact Marilyn Helkenn, Beverly Martyn, or Barbara Williams.



The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Easter Sunday April 17th, 2022

HOLY WEEK 2022

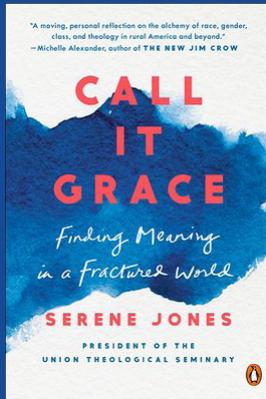
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH, 9:30AM
PARADE WITH PALMS

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH, 7PM
LORD'S SUPPER AND MEAL TO FOLLOW

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH, 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH, 9:30AM
POTLUCK LUNCH AND
EASTER EGG HUNT TO FOLLOW

Continuing in April



A Book Study

Call It Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World

By Serene Jones

On February 22nd, we began a new book study with Serene Jones' book, *Call It Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World*. Read at your own pace and join the conversation when you can. We typically read one chapter per week. Jones is the president of Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

We meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7pm. Contact the church office for the Zoom link.

You will be responsible for acquiring your copy of the book.

From the back cover: “‘Theology is a place and a story. Theology is the place and story you think of when you ask yourself about the meaning of your life, of the world, and the possibility of God.’ So begins Serene Jones’s epic work of raw truth, fierce love, and spiritual teaching as muscular as the fractured soul of this century demands. From her abiding Oklahoma roots to her historic leadership of a legendary New York seminary, her story reveals the deep fault lines of this age – and points beyond them. At once frank and poetic, humble and prophetic, intimate and practical, Jones makes complex teachings around hatred, forgiveness, justice, and grace understandable and immediately applicable for modern people. Excavating the wisdom of great theological voices – Soren Kierkegaard, Reinhold Niebuhr, John Calvin, James Baldwin, James Cone, Luce Irigaray, Saint Teresa of Avila – *Call It Grace* reveals Serene Jones as a towering voice for a new, and urgently necessary public theology for this century.”



PROGRESS OF OUR PLANTED BULBS



Riley Volkert's scout troop created a prayer walk at Faith for his Eagle Scout project.



Egg-cellent bouquet

Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.

PUZZLE

Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

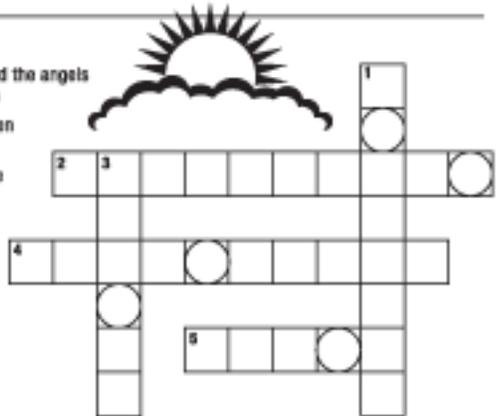
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my
Fat _ er and your Fa _ her,
to _ y _ od and your God."
Joh _ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2 remembered, 4 worshipped, 5 white, 7 Galilee, 8 linen; DOWN 1 gardener, 3 earthquake, 6 Salome; "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

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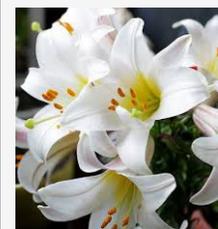
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THE LORD, FOR
HE IS GOOD.
HIS LOVE ENDURES
FOREVER.
PSALM 136:1

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**DEADLINE FOR
NEXT
MONTH**



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