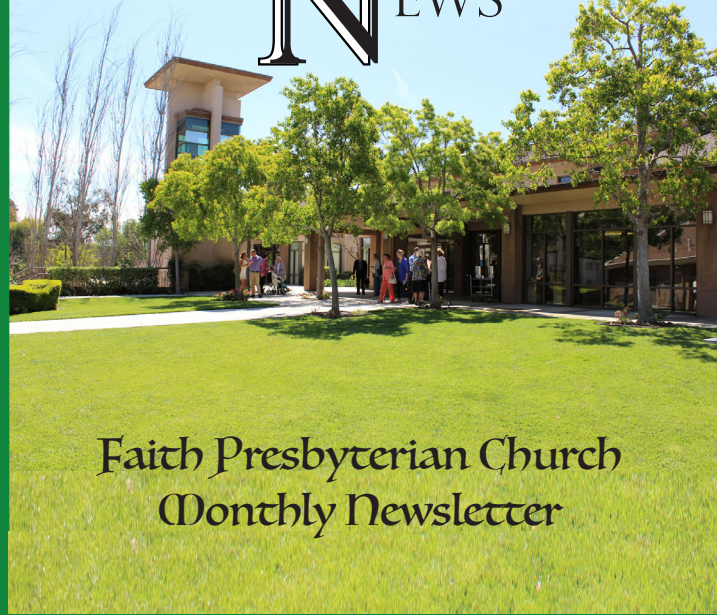


FAITH FAMILY NEWS



Faith Presbyterian Church Monthly Newsletter

From Pastor Sam

From Generation to Generation

For those of us who have been around church for a while, we know something about the special seasons and pageantry within the church's life: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week and Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and the Reign of Christ. We may even have a favorite season for personal or spiritual reasons.

The seasons of Advent and Christmas can be brimming with dinners, concerts, gatherings, and gift giving.

For those of us who are less familiar with church, we may be confused by all the cyclical seasons. And, for that matter, many of us who have been around church for a while, we too may be confused why we keep cycling through the same seasons year after year.

We may also wonder, on occasion, whether we are rehearsing or even pretending to relive events of the ancient past. Why do we do that?

The church's seasons and the entirety of the church's calendar teach us the life of Jesus. Advent, in particular, orients our hearts, minds, and imaginations with what Jesus means for us.

The prophet Isaiah captivates us with hope-saturated visions that penetrate the swirling cacophony of predatory economics and violent politics.

“God shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation.”

Isaiah 2:4

Isaiah defiantly offers a song of hope and celebration amidst war and social collapse. This was his practical way of offering hope. By following the lyrical visions of Isaiah, we learn and prepare for the life and blueprint of Jesus' kingdom.

Jesus gives us hope, teaches us peace, fills us with joy, and shows us the way of love. In all things, Jesus walks in humility, and he invites us to join him.

So, as we enter another Advent season, we are (re)learning and (re)teaching the hope, peace, joy, and love of Jesus.

We need Advent now and every year. This year, you can pick up a copy of an Advent devotional entitled, “**From Generation to Generation**”, either on Sunday morning or in the church office during the week.

Advent calls us to hope when the way forward is unclear. Advent calls us to peace when violence is abundant. Advent calls us to joy when despair is assumed. Advent calls us to love when indifference is common.

If for no other reason, enter the season of Advent for the flourishing of your own heart and faith.

Grace and peace,

Sam

MEETINGS of OUR FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Book Study
Every Tuesday of the Month
Resumes January 2023

Wednesday Bible Study
FPC, Room #2 at noon - 1:00pm

Tuesday Eves
Second Saturday of the Month
December 10th
FPC, Library at 2:00pm

Women's Circle
December 8th
FPC, Room #3 at 10:00am

Women's Group Bible Study
Third Saturday of the Month
December 17th
FPC, Library at 3:00pm

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.

Because here we are in the center. And although it may seem distant, obscure and hard, we may be eventually able to confess: Here it is actually very simple, plain and childlike. It's exactly now when I must cry out as a professor of systematic theology:

"WATCH OUT! EVERYTHING'S AT STAKE! EITHER SCIENCE, OR THE GREATEST DELUSION!" RIGHT NOW I STAND BEFORE YOU AS A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER BEFORE LITTLE CHILDREN, WHO'S SUPPOSED TO TELL SOMETHING THAT EVEN A CHILD IN THE AGE OF FOUR COULD UNDERSTAND: "THE WORLD WAS LOST, CHRIST IS BORN: REJOICE, REJOICE, O CHRISTIANITY!"

Karl Barth



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

DEATHS

Barbara Stevenson

Barbara, a long-time member,
died Thursday, November 3rd.



Sanctuary Flowers for 2023
The 2023 Flower Chart
is posted on the bulletin
board in the Narthex and is
ready for sign-ups for 2023.



Ben Holman celebrated
becoming a great great
grandfather.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bob Arthur - 6th

Ron Gonzales - 7th

Carla Euliss - 8th

Michael Ballard - 10th

Bob Plimpton - 21st

Ben Holman - 26th

Charlene Arthur - 30th

Pat Keller - 30th

Harley Talbott Johnson - 30th

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).

Poinsettia orders deadline is Dec. 11
(before the Christmas Concert)

Cost: \$13

Kate Cameron is the contact for questions.

We celebrated
Bev Martyn's
90th birthday
after church on
November 27th.



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2nd - Christmas Dinner

December 9th - Movies on the Lawn - 5pm, Courtyard

December 11th - Deacons Meeting - 11am, Room #2

December 18th - Session Meeting - Room #2

December 18th - Christmas Concert - 7pm

December 22nd - Newsletter Deadline

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service - 7pm

December 26th - Christmas Office Closure

January 2nd - New Year Office Closure

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

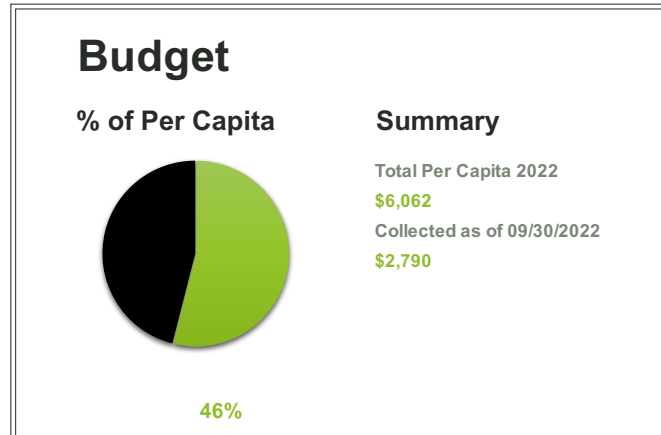
Financial Report

September 30, 2022

Envelope Offering for September 2022 was \$35,982.50
 Envelope Offering monthly budget 2022 is \$21,658.67 per month

Per Capita as of 09/30/2022

No Per Capita was collected in the month of September. Please pay your Per Capita; it is \$40.00 per member.



— As of September 1, 2022 the mortgage balance is \$772,717.27 —

Information on Pledges

If you need an update on the status of your 2022 pledge, please contact Beverly Martyn at 619-582-2186 or email 64beam@gmail.com.
 Pledge envelopes for 2023 will be available in the narthex on January 1.
 Contribution statements will be available in the middle of January.

SERMONS DECEMBER

— FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION —

An Advent Sermon Series

Our world and our lives can leave us feeling discouraged, fearful, lonely, and even hopeless. The season of Advent anticipates the arrival of hope, peace, joy, and love in our lives. Advent means “coming” or “arrival.” Each week, as we will reflect on what and who bring us hope, peace, joy, and love, we will orient our hearts to the ways in which God enters our world and our lives.

December 4th	Pastor Sam	What Are You Afraid Of?	Isaiah 11:1-10
December 11th	Pastor Sam	What Brings You Joy?	Isaiah 35:1-10
December 18th	Pastor Sam	What Makes You Feel Loved?	Isaiah 7:10-16
December 24th	Pastor Sam	My Story Is...	Isaiah 9:2-9, Luke 2:1-20
December 25th	Pastor Sam	Who Lightens Your Life?	John 1:1-14



ALL CHURCH

Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 2nd

Cost is \$25 per adult
Children 10 and under ½ price

We will begin gathering at 6:00 PM.

Meal choices are Sirloin, Breast of Turkey and a Vegan Mushroom Wellington.

Joe Rodriguez will play some of his piano arrangements and will invite all to join in on some old-fashioned caroling.

Movies on the Lawn

December 9th

The Grinch at 5pm

Elf at 7pm

Bring a blanket, lawn chair, and a friend!



Agustin and Lou are setting up a Christmas tree in the office. You are welcome to donate and hang a couple or few old ornaments that you no longer want. Please don't buy new ones. The tree was donated by Lou's daughter, Allison.

CONCERT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

FEATURING

Faith Sanctuary Choir - Faith Handbell Ensemble - String Ensemble
Andy James, tenor - and carol singing by you

Director of Music Ministry/Organist - Joe Rodriguez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FREE WILL OFFERING - RECEPTION AFTER THE SERVICE

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE (CALL CHURCH IN ADVANCE 619-5828480)



November 27 - December 18, 2022 Christmas Joy Offering

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

Resuming in January

The book study will resume in January with a new book!

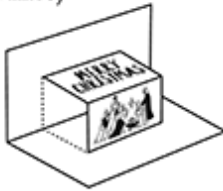
WOMEN OF FAITH **RETREAT ADVANCE !!!**
January 7th, 2023 from 9:30am-3:00pm
Faith Presbyterian Fellowship Hall
Reflections on Life & Faith
(for 'things' longed for and hope that invites)
listening for God's direction in our lives and community
Registration has begun!!! (see Mary-Margaret after worship)

POP-UP CARD

Share the good news of Jesus' birth with this creative Christmas card.

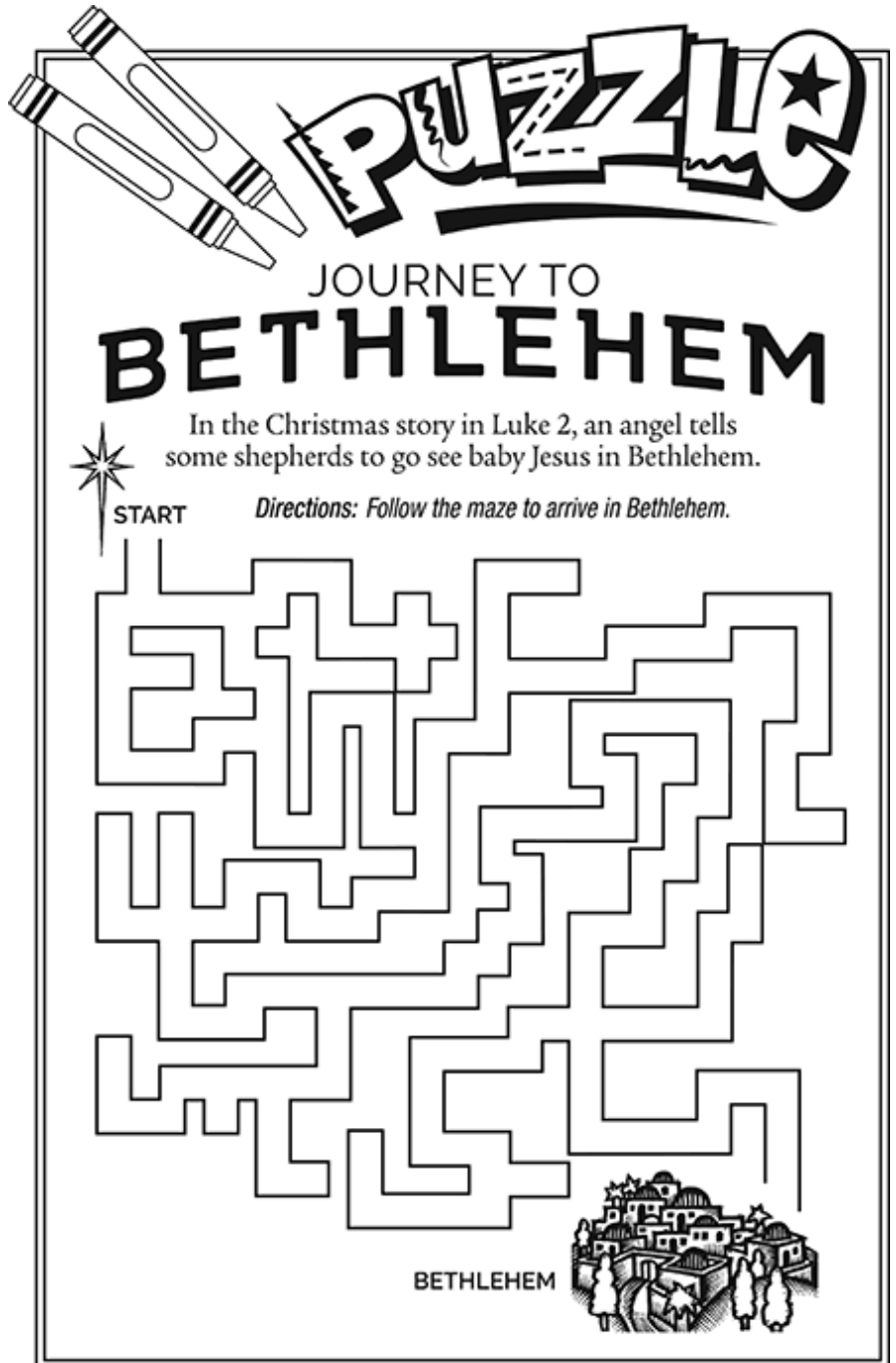
What you need:

- Construction paper (two pieces, including one white)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pens
- Glue stick



What you do:

1. Neatly fold the white paper in half, short side to short side.
2. Draw two parallel lines (at least 2 inches apart) from the fold to about halfway to the edge. Cut along the lines.
3. Fold the cut section back and forth so it pops up.
4. Push the section up so it pops up inside the folded paper. Draw a nativity scene on the pop-up box.
5. Fold the colored paper in half, short side to short side. Place the white paper inside it and glue the white paper down, being careful not to glue the pop-up box.
6. Write a Christmas message and give or send the card to someone.



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

Send all submissions to
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DEADLINE FOR
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