

# FAITH FAMILY NEWS

## Faith Presbyterian Church Monthly Newsletter



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**



**PALM SUNDAY**



**Frank & Stefanie  
Dallezotte, with  
Frank and Nora**

**We received  
New Members**



**Monika Radcliffe**



**EASTER SUNDAY**



**Easter Baptism  
Nora Dallezotte**

### PIZZA STAND



**The Mission Committee  
has been hosting a pizza  
stand monthly during  
the school year for  
college students.**

**Easter Sunday Brunch**



## MEETINGS of OUR FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

### Book Study

Every Tuesday of the Month  
7pm on Zoom.

### Wednesday Bible Study

FPC, Room #2 at 12noon - 1:00pm

### Tuesday Eves

Second Saturday of the Month  
Saturday, April 13th  
FPC, Library at 2:00pm

### Women's Circle

Thursday, April 11th  
FPC, Room #3 at 10:00am

### Women's Group Bible Study

Saturday, April 20th  
FPC, Library at 3:00pm

## THIS IS US

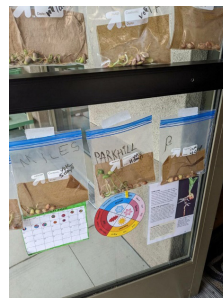
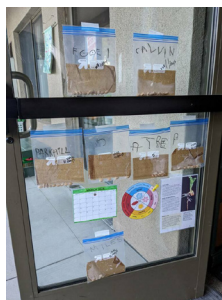
Faith Presbyterian Church gathers in the College Area from all across San Diego. We desire to embody beloved community. We are diverse. We are people of color, white, gay, straight, married, single, parents, old, young, and with various abilities. We share a common life characterized by concern for justice, 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.



### COLLEGE PARK PRESCHOOL

WHERE IMAGINATION SOARS

Meghan Stubbs, Interim Preschool



The children in the Sunflowers Classroom have been quite busy this month. They have shown an interest in plants and the process it takes for a plant to grow, ever since a different classroom produced beautiful sunflowers in the Nature Space. At the beginning of the month, they started their seed germination project by soaking seeds overnight in water. The next day they placed the seeds in baggies with a wet paper towel and taped them on the window. The children took guesses on how many days it would take their seeds to sprout roots and used a calendar to help them count their days. Once the seeds began sprouting, the children were able to plant the sprouts in soil in the Nature Space. The children have been documenting their plants progress. Documentation is a very important part of the Reggio-Emilia inspired philosophy and learning for children. Teachers also share the documentation with the parents, including them in their child's learning at school.

# Faith Family Life

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jason Lafferty - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Cynthia Hatfield - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Briana Bashaw-Wood - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Ryan Lafferty - 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sue Razaia - 25<sup>th</sup>  
Kevin Maeda - 28<sup>th</sup>

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).

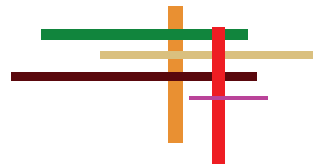
## THE CHANCEL FLOWERS



THE FLOWER  
CHART IS UP  
IN THE NARTHEX

THE CURRENT  
PRICE IS \$85.00.  
JUST A REMINDER  
THAT THE COST OF THE  
FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS  
CAN BE SPLIT WITH  
ANOTHER MEMBER.

DEBBIE LENART, FLOWER MINISTRY



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 11th - Women's Circle, at 10am, Room 3
- April 13th - Tuesday Eves, at 2pm, Library
- April 14th - Deacons Meeting, at 11:00am, Room 1
- April 20th - Memorial Service for Helen Musil, 1pm, Sanctuary
- April 20th - Women's Group, at 3pm, Room 3
- April 21st - Session Meeting, at 11am, Room 2
- April 25th & 26th - Preschool Art Walk, 8am to 4:30pm, FFC
- April 28th - Membership Workshop, 10:30am, FFC

Bible Study is on a short break, and will be resuming Wednesday 4/17 at noon.  
Book Study is on a short break, and will be resuming Tuesday 4/16 at 7pm on zoom.

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 29, 2024



Envelope Offering for February 2024 was \$18,622.39  
Envelope Offering monthly budget 2024 is \$22,266.67 per month

Parking Lot Income for February 2024 was \$2,860.00  
(From Student parking)

Expenses for February as follows:

Gas & Electric	\$3,119.52
Water & Sewer	\$1,180.61 (for two months)
Mortgage	\$7,656.18 (each month)

Please pay your Per Capita, it is \$45.00 per member.



## SERMONS APRIL

### *Belonging*

In the months of January through April, we will read the Gospel of Luke together in Sunday morning worship services, and we will raise questions around what contributes to our experiences of belonging.

- April 7th
- April 14th
- April 21st
- April 28th

- Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker, Guest Preacher
- Kristi Van Nostran, Guest Preacher
- Pastor Sam
- Pastor Sam



### MUSIC ENRICHMENT: Singing with a Group.

For students Kindergarten to 6th grade. It's a 4 week learning program, with classes Sundays, 10:45 to 11:15am, April 28th thru May 19th here at Faith. Program performance will be June 2nd during Communion Sunday Service! Cost: FREE! Led by Joe Rodriguez, the Director of Music, Faith Presbyterian Church. For more information and registration, please contact the office at [office@fpsd.org](mailto:office@fpsd.org).

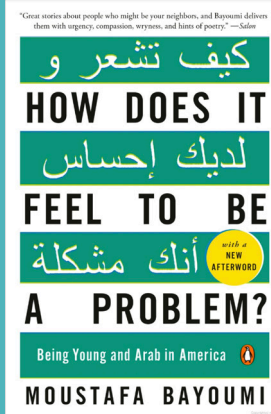
# Starting in April

The next book study will start April 16th.

Our group will be studying the book  
“How Does It Feel to be a Problem:  
Being Young and Arab in America”

By Moustafa Bayoumi

This book study continues on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm on Zoom.



The story of how young Arab and Muslim Americans are forging lives for themselves in a country that often mistakes them for the enemy. Arab and Muslim Americans are often considered the new, largely undiscussed problem of American society, their lives no better understood than those of African Americans a century ago. Under the cover of the terrorist attacks, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the explosion of political violence around the world, a fundamental misunderstanding of the Arab and Muslim American communities has been allowed to fester and even to define the lives of the seven twentysomething men and women whom we meet in this book.

Their names are Rami, Sami, Akram, Lina, Yasmin, Omar, and Rasha, and they all live in Brooklyn, New York, which is home to the largest number of Arab Americans in the United States. We meet Sami, an Arab American Christian, who navigates the minefield of associations the public has of Arabs as well as the expectations that Muslim Arab Americans have of him as a marine who fought in the Iraq war. And Rasha, who, along with her parents, sister, and brothers, was detained by the FBI in a New Jersey jail in early 2002. Without explanation, she and her family were released several months later. As drama of all kinds swirls around them, these young men and women strive for the very things the majority of young adults desire: opportunity, marriage, happiness, and the chance to fulfill their potential. But what they have now are lives that are less certain, and more difficult, than they ever could have imagined: workplace discrimination, warfare in their countries of origin, government surveillance, the disappearance of friends or family, threats of vigilante violence, and a host of other problems that thrive in the age of terror.

And yet “How Does It Feel to Be a Problem?” takes the raw material of their struggle and weaves it into an unforgettable, and very American, story of promise and hope. In prose that is at once blunt and lyrical, Moustafa Bayoumi allows us to see the world as these men and women do, revealing a set of characters and a place that indelibly change the way we see the turbulent past and yet still hopeful future of this country.

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

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NEXT  
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