

FAITH FAMILY NEWS

Faith Presbyterian Church Monthly Newsletter

From Pastor Sam

Planting Seeds For the Future

When Howard Thurman was a young child, he asked a question of one of his elders, a man who was in his eighties. The young Thurman observed the elder planting pecan trees, and Thurman said, "Sir, you may not be around to taste the fruit from these trees." The elder paused and then replied, "Son, all my life I have been eating from trees I did not plant. It is my job to plant for somebody else."

I feel that way about a lot of church ministry. All of us have benefited from previous generations investing their lives in the church. I think of people who have cooked meals, taught Sunday school classes, cleaned rooms after gatherings, sung in choirs, participated in study groups, washed dishes, visited people in the hospital, and supported the church financially.

I remember when I first expressed an interest in ordained pastoral ministry. The local presbytery financially supported my seminary education, they cheered me on through seminary, and they ordained me after I completed my training and exams. I knew I wasn't alone, and I knew I was eating from trees I didn't plant. That has motivated me to plant trees for others in the future.

Our responsibility in the time we have been given is to plant seeds whose fruit we may not reap but will benefit future people, relationships, and generations. We will plant trees that we may not see grow that someone else will eat from, and it will be their responsibility to plant for someone else.

The apostle Paul used the farming image of planting and harvesting in order to talk about generosity that springs from the heart. Paul wrote, "The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

Stewardship Sunday is November 3rd, followed by the ice cream social in the Faith Family Center. Stewardship Sunday is an opportunity for us to plant seeds. Those seeds are gifts we give to enhance the church's ministry and mission. Our gifts include gifts of time, energy, talent, and money.

Church members will receive a letter in the mail with a pledge card. Reflect, pray, and consider what financial seeds God is calling you to plant in service of the church's ministry and mission. This will look different for each individual and household. On Stewardship Sunday, you will have an opportunity to place your pledge card in the offering plate during the time for the offering.

May God bless this church and each of you,
now and in the future,

Sam

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2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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, September 14th
FPC, Library at 2:00pm

Women's Circle

Thursday, September 12th
FPC, Room #3 at 10:00am

Women's Group Bible Study

Saturday, September 21st
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.

'TRULY I TELL YOU, JUST AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY, YOU DID IT TO ME.'

FROM MATTHEW 25:40 (NRSV)



Aluminum cans
Plastic bottles
Glass bottles
Water jugs

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. In 2023 we recycled 267 pounds of various types of plastic bottles, 258 pounds of aluminum cans, and 238 pounds of glass bottles. The grand total received was \$786.00.

Faith Family Life

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

No October Birthdays
to report

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).

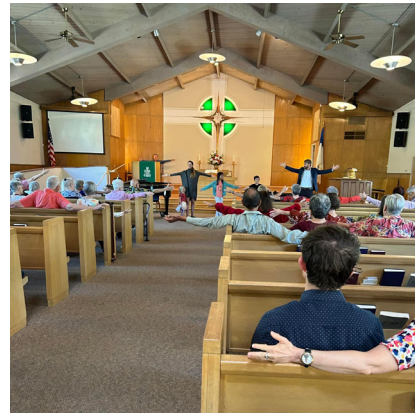
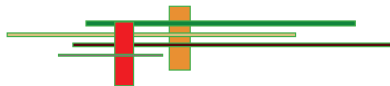
THE CHANCEL FLOWERS



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



On the count of three:
"I belong here!"

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 5th – The Feast of St. Francis: "Barks, Beats, Blessings", 3pm, Courtyard
- October 6th – World Communion Sunday & Peace & Global Witness Special Offering
- October 10th – Women's Circle, 10am, Room 3
- October 12th – Tuesday Eves, 2pm, Library
- October 13th – The Baked Potato Luncheon, 11am, FFC
- October 19th – Women's Group, 3pm, Library
- October 20th – Session Meeting, 11am, Room 2
- October 24th – Submission Deadline for November Newsletter
- October 26th – Choir Retreat, 8:30am, Faith Family Center
- November 3rd – Stewardship Sunday / Ice Cream Social

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

August 31, 2024

Envelope Offering for August 2024 was \$17,674.68
Envelope Offering monthly budget 2024 is \$22,266.67 per month



Parking Lot Income for August 2024 was \$3,216.00
(From Student parking)

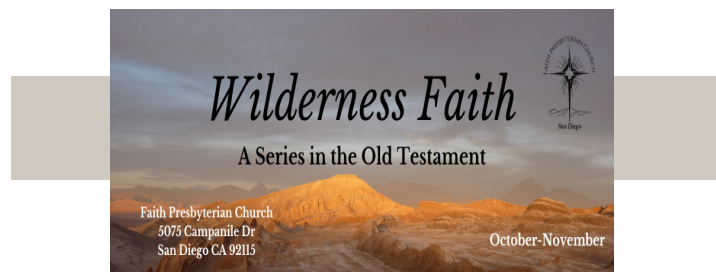
Expenses for February as follows:

Gas & Electric	\$4,768.12
Mortgage	\$7,748.77 (each month)

To date the church has collected \$3,386.00 of the Per Capita (\$6,498.00).
Please pay your Per Capita, it is \$45.00 per member.



SERMONS OCTOBER



Wilderness Faith A Series in Exodus

In biblical narratives, the wilderness is a place of testing. The wilderness often unearths and clarifies the intentions of people's hearts (Deuteronomy 8:2). Notably, in the Gospels, when the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness, he clarified his life's purpose. The German theologian, Jürgen Moltmann, observed, "Today we need men and women who enter the inner wilderness of the soul...and [who] open the way out for other people" (*The Spirit of Life*, 202). In October and November, we will visit Moses and the Israelites in Exodus who find themselves caught up in the often-bleak landscape of the wilderness and who encounter the presence God.

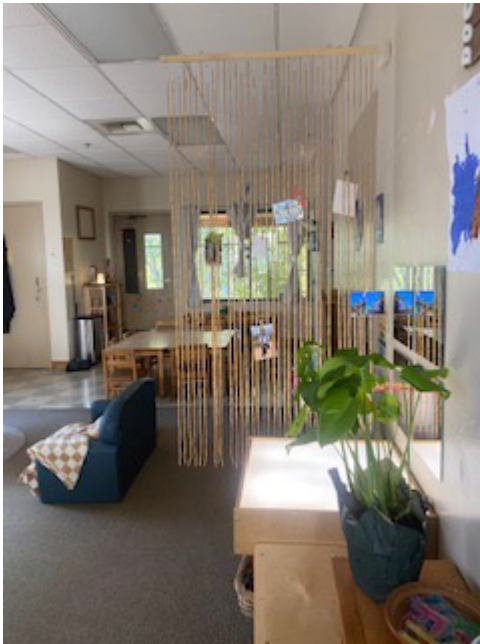
October 6th	Pastor Sam	<i>Crying Out in the Wilderness</i>	Exodus 15:25
October 13th	Guest Preacher:	Kristi Van Nostran, Chaplain	
October 20th	Pastor Sam	<i>Learning Limits in the Wilderness</i>	Exodus 16:15-16
October 27th	Pastor Sam	<i>Keeping Covenant in the Wilderness</i>	Exodus 19:4



COLLEGE PARK PRESCHOOL

WHERE IMAGINATION SOARS

Meghan Stubbs, Assistant Preschool Director



The 2024-2025 school year has officially begun! Before the year commenced, teachers were tasked with revamping their environments to represent more of the Reggio-Emilia philosophy. Reggio Emilia classrooms are very welcoming and aesthetically pleasing. Teachers draw inspiration from the community, their students' cultures, nature, and fill the room with natural, colorful, and useful materials – from musical instruments to seashells.

Reggio-inspired classrooms are designed to encourage relationships, communication, and collaboration through play. Classroom materials are thoughtfully incorporated to encourage creativity, problem-solving work, experimentation, exploration and open-ended play. We are very proud of the work the teacher's put in to create warm and welcoming environments for their children.



During the first week of school, a new banner, made by a parent, welcomed all the new children and families to CPP.





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

Blessing That Undoes Us

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.

Jan Richardson

What comes to mind as you hear
these words ...
read the poem out loud
to yourself ...

Is there a fire within you that calls you to
claim your blessing in this season of your
life? How might you claim the moment and
welcome the Spirit as it settles within you?

**OCT
13TH**

**AFTER
CHURCH**



THE BAKED POTATO LUNCHEON



Sunday October 13th we will be having our annual Baked Potato Luncheon. Come and join us for lunch! We'll be serving baked potatoes with all the trimmings and salad. Sign ups begin before and after the service on October 6th. All are welcome!

Women's Retreat

With Apologies! first ... Life happened, again! The plan for a fall Women's Retreat won't happen until March 1st. So please plan to join us then from 9:30am for coffee and fellowship. We will begin our time together promptly at 10am. Can offer not a single excuse, schedules changed ... We hope that won't discourage you from joining us on March 1st of 2025 ...

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY / ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Sunday, November 3rd

This is a special day to offer your pledges. We will also be serving ice cream with all the toppings. Come and join us, all are welcome! Stewardship letters and pledge forms are on their way; if you don't see yours by the end of the coming week, please contact the office at office@fpsd.org or call (619) 582-8480. Pledge forms are also located in the Narthex and Office.



**THE
ICE CREAM
SOCIAL**



IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

DEACON NEWS

The Deacons thought we should share a little of what we do!

Communion

Prepare, set-up and clean-up communion service for the 1st Sunday of every month, and also, special services.

Flowers

We put up the flower sign-up poster for sanctuary arrangements, and order the flowers. After the service, we rearrange flowers into smaller bouquets to be delivered to shut-ins etc. We order Easter Lilies and Christmas poinsettias for the shut ins.

Home Worship

Coordinate with Sam to provide worship bulletins, communion and newsletters to the shut-ins who request them.

Inter-faith Shelter Network

We work with them. If we are needed, we help where we can.

Labor of Love

Organize and set up receptions for memorial services.

NDAY (New Day Urban Ministry)

A deacon is assigned to work with NDAY. The deacon lets us know which items are needed to help NDAY. A notice is put in the Bulletin, and when the items are brought in, the deacon then delivers items to NDAY.

Prayer-Chain

Keep track of prayer requests and report at Deacon meetings. We also call the members who do not have email with the prayer request.

Prayer Quilt Ministry

A quilt or prayer square is created for those in need. A quilt will be created when one is needed. The thread is left long, so when displayed at church, the people can tie a knot and say a prayer for the person.

Preschool Ministry

We keep in touch with them to see if we can help them whenever necessary.

Prison Ministry

We have a member who is in prison. We send money to his account so he can get items he needs.

The Deacons send cards, call, and visit those who can't come to church anymore. This is so important for those people. I remember Gloria Seymour saying: "When I was a Deacon, I didn't realize how important sending cards helped the shut-ins. One day, I was laying on the couch feeling sorry for myself, then I received the cutest St. Patrick's Day card in the mail. It just made such a difference in my attitude." Sending cards is not only for the Deacons. Each week there is a TLC list in our bulletin. All members should be sending cards or phone calls.

The Deacons also collect plastic bottles, cans and some glass bottles, to earn money so we can support our ministry.

Blessings and love to all,
Dora McCann, Moderator.

Mission Fair NEWS

HOLD ON TO YOUR SHOPPING LISTS UNTIL NEXT YEAR!!!

Yes, it's true. We have decided to postpone our Holiday Mission Fair for a year. We noticed several things last year. One was that we had a significant decrease in people participating compared with previous years. We also noted that the crafts available to us did not include many new items from what we have had in years past. While our local missions always need our help (and we encourage you to continue to support them even without the fair), we know that having crafts from around the world has always been a drawing factor for people. And we definitely plan to continue this important project the following year. We just think that our (and your) time and energy could maybe be used a different way in 2024 and we will get things ready to bring the fair back in 2025. This will give the craft people more time to find new and exciting crafts to offer us and help out the artisans in their countries also. Thanks for understanding and keep working on your holiday lists!



During October

Our book study group will be on break



WE ARE A
MATTHEW ²⁵ Church



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ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE WHO ARE MEM-
BERS OF MY FAMILY, YOU DID IT TO ME.’

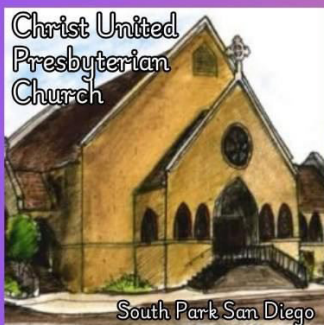
FROM MATTHEW 25:40 (NRSV)

Christ United Presbyterian, Faith Presbyterian, and
Westminster Presbyterian invite one and all to

Barks, Beats, & Blessings!

Saturday, Oct. 5th, 3-5PM

At Faith Presbyterian Church



**CHRIST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WILL BRING THEIR GOSPEL
JAZZ ON THE PLAZA PROGRAM TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
JOINED BY WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
THIS AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP WILL INCLUDE
A BLESSING OF ANIMALS, SO PETS ARE WELCOME!**



**EARL VAULTS AND NEW VISION OF PRAISE!
ALL ARE WELCOME!
FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5075 CAMPANILE DRIVE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92115**



Every Sunday

8:45m Choir Warm up – S
9:30am Worship – S
10:00am Sunday School – 3

Faith Presbyterian Church

5075 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92115

OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4:30pm Gift of Dance – S 7:00pm Book Study – Z 7:00pm SDHR - FFC	2 12:00pm Bible Study – 2 1:05pm Staff Meeting – O	3 6:30pm Bells – 2 7:30pm Choir -1	4	5 Feast of St. Francis – Barks, Beats, & Blessings 3-5pm Campus wide
Peace Offering & World Communion Sunday 8:45m Choir Warm up – S 9:30am Worship – S 10:00am Sunday School– 3 12p-3p – GS Troop, FFC	7 1:30pm – PS Playball-FFC-1 hour 5pm Cantate/SDHR – 1	8 4:30pm Gift of Dance – S 7:00pm Book Study – Z 7:00pm SDHR - FFC	9 12:00pm Bible Study – 2	10 10am Women's Circle – 3 6:30pm Bells – 2 7:30pm Choir -1	11	12 9am-1p – M-MA – 2 2pm – Tuesday Eves – L Set up of Baked Potato Luncheon on Sun 10/13
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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
NEXT
MONTH



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