

Rev. Dr. Gary Ziccardi Will Be Faith's Temporary Pastor

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Pastor Gary will be our Temporary Pastor starting May 20th thru December 30th, as the Church continues its search for an Interim Pastor. Along with leading our Sunday services during this time, Pastor Gary will be on campus and in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Pastor Gary, who has recently served as a Guest Pastor with us, served here at Faith PC for 2 years as the Interim/ Transitional Ministry Specialist Pastor 2017-2019 and Co-Pastored the Palisades Presbyterian Church with his wife Rev Rosalind Ziccardi as the Interim/ Transitional Ministry Specialist Pastors 2019-2021. He is active as a Member at Large in our San Diego Presbytery providing pulpit supply. In April-May 2023, Gary engaged in the 500 mile 15 miles-a-day Camino de Santiago Frances Christian pilgrimage across northern Spain. Last September Rosalind and he walked the Camino de Santiago Portugues Coastal path. Gary & Rosalind's wonderful sons are Andrew & Benjamin. Beautiful little Sophia, grandchild #1 for them & niece #1 for Benjamin from Andrew & Sana was born on February 7 (his birthday!) last year, praise be to God!



OUR FLOWER CROSS

Remember Him? Rev. Dr. Gary Ziccardi will be our Temporary Pastor May 20th thru December 30th



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#### MEETINGS of Our Fellowship Groups

# OUR FELLOWSHIP GROUPS WILL NOT MEET UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Due to Carla Euliss' injury, The Wednesday Bible Study, Tuesday Eves, Woman's Circle, and Woman's Group Bible Study will be on hold until Carla returns

#### 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 variou<mark>s abilities. W</mark>e 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 church is starting a Mission Study as part of the process of finding a new paster. Putting together a Mission Study is a way to figure out who we are as a church and what we want to do next. If you're interested in serving on the committee, please talk to Joe Huffaker or Sharon Gehl about it.



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.

## Faith Family Life

#### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Virginia Gengor - 2<sup>nd</sup>
Kim Stiles - 3<sup>rd</sup>
Penny Satori - 6<sup>th</sup>
Janet Webb - 14<sup>th</sup>
Mason Lafferty - 15<sup>th</sup>
Paula Carmack - 18<sup>th</sup>
Brooklyn Lafferty - 24<sup>th</sup>
Emily Maeda - 29<sup>th</sup>
Aryka Randall - 31<sup>st</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 \$90.00.
JUST A REMINDER THAT THE COST OF THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE SPLIT WITH ANOTHER MEMBER.

**DEBBIE LENART, FLOWER MINISTRY** 

A heartfelt thank you to my church family for all the phone calls, cards, flowers and prayers. Each expression of love and concern following the loss of my daughter was deeply appreciated.

**Bonnie Koehler** 



#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 11th - Mother's Day
May 17th - Spring Church Work Party, 9am-12noon
May 22nd - Submission Deadline for June Newsletter
May 25th - Rev. Dr. Gary Ziccardi's First Sunday
May 26th - Memorial Day Holiday - Office Closed

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 10:00am – 3:00pm

Please note that the office is closed on Fridays

#### March 30, 2025

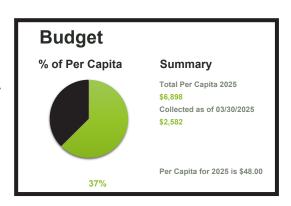


Envelope Offering for March 2025 was \$39,128.15 Envelope Offering monthly budget 2025 is \$19,666.92 per month

Mortgage Balance was \$621,468.25



Per Capita for 2025 is \$48.00 per member





May 4th Guest Preacher: Kristi Van Nostran

May 11th Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Bob Mentze

May 18th Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Bob Mentze

May 25th Temporary Pastor: Rev. Dr. Gary Ziccardi



WHERE IMAGINATION SOARS

Meghan Stubbs, Assistant Preschool Director



Spring has sprung at CPP!
Classrooms have been busy in the Nature Space. Each classroom has been spending time attending to their garden bed. We now have peas, carrots, broccoli, garlic, beets, rutabaga, garden cosmos, nasturtium, lantana, and wild mustard growing in the Nature Space. The children are proud to see the fruits of their labor blossoming.



Also, happening at CPP, the Bee's Classroom has been learning about butterflies and the process a caterpillar goes through to become a beautiful butterfly. Ms. Robyn, our wonderful support teacher, has shared a few caterpillars (that she raises from eggs) with the classroom. The caterpillars have not yet made their way to the top to make their crysallis, but we expect it to happen soon.





















'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)

The Property and Facilities Committee is holding a Spring Church Work Party on Saturday May 17th from 9 am to 12 noon to spruce up the church.

There will be projects for all ages and skill levels. You can contact Mike or Sharon Gehl with any questions or suggestions. Everyone is Welcome!

## ROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR Mary Elva Smith

As we leave behind the season of Lent, my heart is more open to taking time ... more open to a place of grace. As an awareness of the grace of God welcoming us, accepting us as we are, invites us to notice what we need and what we have to offer, how will you engage?

#### Blessing WHEN the World Is Ending

Look, the world is always ending somewhere.

Somewhere the sun has come crashing down.

Somewhere it has gone completely dark.

Somewhere it has ended with the gun, the knife, the fist.

Somewhere
it has ended
with the slammed
door,
the shattered hope.

Some where it has ended with the utter quiet that follows the news from the phone, the television, the hospital room.

Somewhere it has ended with a tenderness that will break your heart.

But, listen, this blessing means to be anything but morose. It has not come to cause despair. It is here simply because there is nothing a blessing is better suited for than an ending nothing that cries out more for a blessing than when a world is falling apart.

This blessing
will not fix you,
will not mend you,
will not give you
false comfort;
it will not talk to you
about one door
opening
when another one
closes.

It will simply sit itself beside you among the shards and gently turn your face toward the direction from which the light will come, gathering itself about you as the world begins again.

Jan Richardson, poet

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH



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