



First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino

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World Communion Sunday

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And the Table Will Be Wide: A Blessing for World Communion Sunday

And the table
 will be wide.
 And the welcome
 will be wide.
 And the arms
 will open wide
 to gather us in.
 And our hearts
 will open wide
 to receive.

And we will come
 as children who trust
 there is enough.
 And we will come
 unhindered and free.
 And our aching
 will be met
 with bread.
 And our sorrow
 will be met
 with wine.

And we will open our hands
 to the feast
 without shame.
 And we will turn
 toward each other
 without fear.
 And we will give up
 our appetite
 for despair.
 And we will taste
 and know
 of delight.

And we will become bread
 for a hungry world.
 And we will become drink
 for those who thirst.
 And the blessed
 will become the blessing.
 And everywhere
 will be the feast.

--Jan Richardson

Mission Action Plan Excerpt

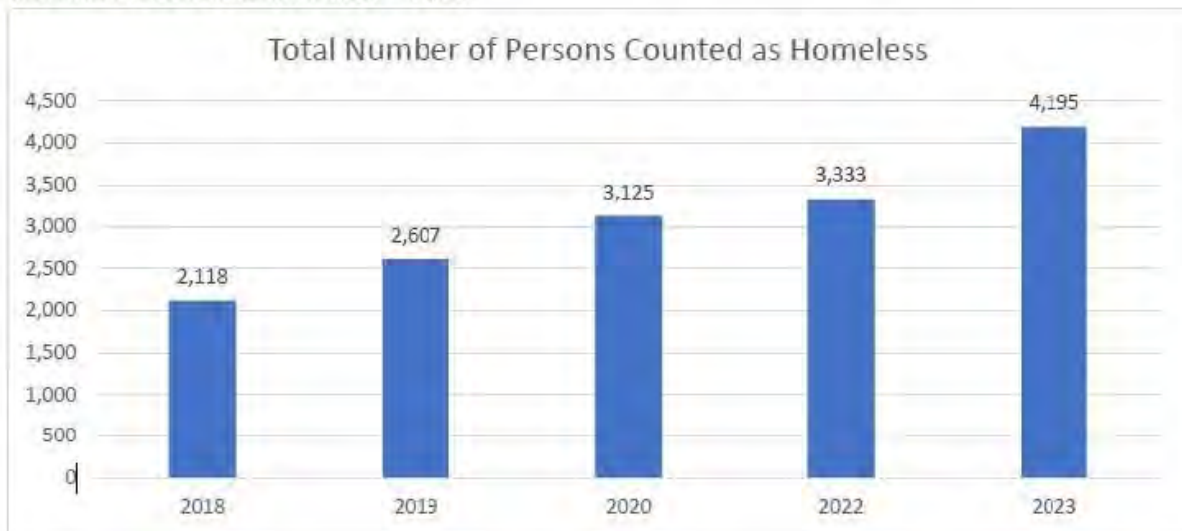
November is National Homelessness Awareness Month and National Homeless Youth Awareness Month.

Homeless Neighbors (from the 2023 San Bernardino County - Continuum of Care Homeless Count and Survey - Final Report). An excerpt from Part 4 of our Mission Action Plan

The increasing rate of homelessness is visible around the church, on the streets, and in our food program. While much about homelessness is hidden, the annual County point in time count is the source of the following data. The 2023 point-in-time homeless count showed a County-wide increase of 25.9% since 2022 and of 98.1% since 2018.

The following chart shows that the number of persons counted as unsheltered and sheltered in 2018 was 2,118 and 4,195 in 2023, which represents an increase of 2,077 persons or 98.1%.

Chart 1. Persons Counted 2018 - 2023



2023 Homeless Continuum of Care Homeless Count and Survey Final Report, page 7

- In San Bernardino City, 1502 homeless persons were counted: 276 in Shelter, 209 in Transitional Housing, and 1017 Unsheltered. 35.8% of the County count was in the City of San Bernardino.
- 32.1% of homeless adults in the County identified San Bernardino as the city in which they first became homeless.

(This section of the Mission Action Plan has more details specific to San Bernardino City, or read the full report at <https://www.sbcounty.gov/uploads/sbchp/content/SBC-2023-Homeless-Count-Report.pdf>.)

Read more of the Mission Action Plan at

<https://fpcsb.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Mission-Action-Plan-final.pdf>



Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

**Susan Addington, Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher, Brian Gano,
Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris, Shelby Obershaw, Christa Wallis, Neal Williams**

Pray for our Pastor Nominating Committee as they begin the process of seeking our new shepherd. And pray for the person God is preparing even now to come and minister to and with us.

Notes



The *First Press*, the newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino, is edited by Wendy Lamb. Please submit content to Wendy at newsletter@fpcsb.net. **The deadline for the December/January newsletter is Wednesday, November 20.**

Financial Notes

Financial Report as of as of August, 2024.

General Fund

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
Pledges	\$231,411.53	238,145.60	(6,734.07)
Other Income*	\$119,983.66	110,828.04	9,155.62
Expense	\$362,115.12	384,758.36	(22,643.24)
Net Income	\$(10,719.93)	(35,784.72)	25,064.79

Division Consolidation

	August	Year to date
General Fund Net Income (Expense)	8,103.66	(10,719.93)
Deacons Net Income (Expense)	592.90	3,215.84
Net Operating Income (Expense)	(8,696.76)	(7,504.09)



Car Caroling! (no, really, it's a thing)-Save the Date-12/08/2025

Service of Prayer and Healing

6:00 p.m. October 10, 2024 in the Chapel

Jesus says,

"Come to me all you who are troubled and I will give you rest."

So come, you who are burdened by regrets and anxieties, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who are torn by relationships and by doubt, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions and injustices of our world.

Come, for Jesus invites us to bring him our brokenness...

God, our Creator, we are held in your everlasting arms.

Jesus, our Savior, we are healed by your wounded hands.

Holy Spirit, be present as we reach out to one another in love.

Come and join us in the chapel for our service of prayers for the world and prayers and laying on of hands for healing.

Your presence and your prayers would be a great gift.



The Christmas season is approaching more quickly than we think and it's not too soon to plan a "car caroling" day for our homebound members. Caroling is more than just singing festive songs—it's a way to stay connected to beloved friends we might not see as often as we once did. It's a mission, really, involving those inside as well as outside our little family and fostering a sense of community and togetherness. The Nurture committee is inviting any and all voices to join our annual car-caroling adventure. We may split into two or three groups, depending on the number of singers and caravan to some individual homes and to a couple of retirement communities where some of our members are living. We will start right after worship on December 8th, enjoying a light lunch while we practice some carols. It may be three or four hours, all told, depending on the number of singers and places we've scheduled to visit. Please consider joining this little mission and let the office know if you will be able to attend. Thank you!

In Memoriam

September 2024

Deanna Silliman Long

October 29, 1943-September 18, 2024

"In life and in death we belong to God."

An Eagle Scout in our Midst

by Dave Thomas

About a year ago our Building and Grounds Committee was contacted by Brandon Turner about the possibility of any projects on our Campus that Brandon could submit for his potential Eagle Scout project. Most Eagle Scout projects are done at schools, but Brandon wanted to include our church if possible. After some discussion, it was determined to have Brandon propose a re-landscaping of our garden outside of Fellowship Hall, which has fallen into a state of disrepair. Brandon eagerly decided to take on this project, which we learned cannot just be a redoing of the garden but must include improvements. We expressed an interest in improving this area with a low water drip irrigation system, removal of the existing landscape and replacing it with drought resistant plants allowing us to be continued good stewards of our natural resources. Brandon was required to provide us with detailed drawings of both the irrigation system and future landscaping and make the proposal to the Building and Grounds Committee which was unanimously approved by our committee and Session. Brandon has submitted this proposal to his troop council for pending approval; he expects to hear back on their anticipated approval shortly. Once approved, Brandon is required to only supervise this project not do any of the physical labor himself. Brandon will be arranging all needed help, supplies and also raising funds for the purchase of the plants. Brandon was able to

Brandon in the garden



secure a free donation of the irrigation supplies needed from a local company, but we have approved him to set up a booth in the near future during coffee hour to help secure donations for the future purchase of plants and supplies.

I had the opportunity to interview Brandon for this article and here's some information I learned about him. Brandon was born January 2008 in San Bernardino and was baptized in our church. His Mother is Tanya Turner and his Grandmother is Brenda Stringer. Brandon travelled much of his early childhood, from California to Georgia, to Texas, back to Georgia before finally returning to San Bernardino. Brandon joined the Scouts in first grade; from them he has learned many morals and has shaped who he has become today. Throughout his scouting career, Brandon always anticipated becoming an Eagle Scout and evidently almost everyone in his current troop has received their Eagle Scout Badge. Although still in High School, Brandon has career plans to become a professional race car driver specializing in GT-3 class cars. Expect to hear more updates on this project shortly and thank you Brandon for considering our church for your Eagle Scout Project.

Brandon making plans with his mother, Tanya (l), and his grandmother, Brenda (r).

Notes from Building and Grounds Committee (from Neal's Minutes)

The Building and Grounds committee oversees all issues with our (older) buildings and our grounds, including items such as Brandon's garden project. These are some of the things Building and Grounds i working on:

- Riding Lawn Mower – Dave's neighbor is a small engine repair person. He has looked at the mower and is able to do all the fixes that are necessary. (ed note: this has been completed.)
- Leaf Blower – The two leaf blowers we have currently are a very heavy gas blower that nobody can carry any longer plus a small battery operated one that is wearing out. It was decided we need a new blower. Dave says the cost should be \$329.
- Clean Up – The front of the church needs a cleanup to include the removal of the dying agave plants. The cleanup is done yearly by various contractors. Dave has found Yard Guy Larry who will do it for \$1,200. Dave will look into additional options.
- Solar Lights – When James comes in at his normal time, it is often dark. He often finds people sleeping by the gates or even approaching him in the dark. Two lights are needed to light the area. Since wiring would be expensive, Dave has looked into solar lights. They would be \$239 for two lights at D street. They will be on poles to prevent theft. He is checking into other prices.

A Stewardship of Place

Our presence in this place, this property and our buildings, in this part of San Bernardino, transforms our lives and the lives of folks who benefit from the use our facilities:

Members and friends of the congregation enjoy worship, education, fellowship, and service.

- Please join us and invite a friend to special services:
 - World Communion Sunday is October 6th. We will receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering with 25% going to our local CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).
 - Our Prayer & Healing Service at 6pm on October 10 in the chapel.
 - Our Reformation Sunday service at 10:30 am on October 27th in the sanctuary.
- San Bernardino High School students find opportunities for employment, community service, leadership, communication, and recreation.
 - Our new internship team begins on October 5!
- Symphonie Jeunesse practices on Saturdays to develop young musicians.
 - You are invited to their concert on October 27th at 3pm in Fellowship Hall
- People are comforted in their grief with access to our sanctuary, chapel, and hall and pastoral care for memorial services.
 - Deanna Long's service is on Saturday, Nov 2nd at 2pm in the Sanctuary.
- We roll up our sleeves to donate blood to those in need.
 - Deacon's Blood Drive is Sun, Nov 3rd between 8:30 am and 12:30 in Fellowship Hall.
- The San Bernardino Elections office provides a place for our neighbors to exercise their right to vote.
 - We welcome voters and poll workers on November 5th.
- The Family Focus Center uses our parking lot to serve a generous Thanksgiving meal to our neighbors.
 - This year the event is from 4-6pm on Tuesday, Nov 26.
- Oak Tree D Street provides academics and social and emotional development for preschool children.
- Key Essentials to Behavior Management helps children and adults learn the social skills required to succeed in school and life.
- Over 500 households are served by the food pantry every month.
 - Tuesday & Thursday & the 3rd Saturday from 9am-11am.
- Every Saturday, Straight Up AA meets to support people in their journey to recovery.
- The Retired Public Employees meet periodically for meetings and lunches.
- Neighbors walk, jog, or stop and shoot basketball. Thanks to Mark Freeman for relocating the basketball hoop to avoid conflicts and hazards in the west parking lot.

Our D Street Fence and Gates

by Rick Rodriguez

The fences and gates on the D Street side of our north parking lot are nearly complete. Mark Freeman has done a great job on this project and will have it 100% complete soon. The gates are working now and we are closing and locking them every night. This is adding a huge amount of security for the church property at night.

The gates are locked at about 7:15 PM on weekdays, except for days when there are meetings at the church in the evening. On those days they are locked after everyone has left. On the weekends the gates are closed earlier. If anyone ever needs to get onto the church campus and the gates are closed, you can contact Rick to come and unlock the gates. It is best to contact him before you arrive at the church to make sure he is on site.

Many thanks to Mark Freeman for all the hard work on this project that saw quite a few difficulties.



August and September Session Highlights

Amy Smith, Clerk of Session

Session has met the past two months and once again, I'm so impressed with the work done in this church with diligence and cooperation. Stewardship is planning the Fall Stewardship Campaign which you will hear about soon. Buildings and Grounds continue to be hard at work with continuing projects in the Chapel, Meditation Garden, fencing, additional security cameras and lighting and childcare center needs. One moment of grace was seen when a gentleman who used to worship with the Emmaus Church in our Chapel, asked to use that space for a memorial service for his father. Session granted approval, Dave and Rick oversaw the activities and afterward everyone thought it would be nice to be able to open the Chapel for other such uses. Worship Committee has experimented with various ways of serving communion and seating in Fellowship Hall this summer. One exciting development is that Marilyn Kraft's father, Ron, has donated a small organ that can be used in Fellowship Hall for our summer worship. William is dreaming up all sorts of fun ideas, including having a silent movie night with the organ as the accompaniment!

Nurture held a successful Breakfast Church and started the fall KidSpace program. Deacons continue their very successful Food Ministry program which includes work from many volunteers and interns. Donations were made to CCLM and a Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd. A successful Hot Dog Lunch raised over \$2000 for the intern program which has become so integral to the work of this church.

Mary Bolaños reported on the progress of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The Ministry Discernment Form (MDP) has been approved by Session and the Presbytery and has been entered into the system which will look for potential matches for our church.

In August, Lily Bolaños reported on her experience as a commissioner to General Assembly. GA was held in Salt Lake City which Lily said was beautiful! All the committee meetings took place online the week before and the second week was in person. Lily noted that the Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAAD's) were very involved in the meetings although they did not have a vote. Lily was assigned to the International Engagement Committee which focused on Gaza, Guatemala and Cuba. Her committee's issues were all approved through the consent agenda and the things that did come to the floor were intense. Sam Roberts was the Teaching Elder Commissioner from Riverside Presbytery and was the chair of the environmental committee. Their issue which came to the floor involved divesting from fossil fuel companies. It initially passed and then someone spoke on it the next and it was reopened. In the end the original motion failed. The YAAD's were not happy about the reversal. Another major overture was split into two. The first part added LGBTQ+ to the list of minorities included in the Book of Order. The second part would require anyone who was to be ordained be asked if they recognize LGBTQ+ as a minority and accept what PCUSA says (recognizing LGBTQ+ as eligible for ordination). This was eventually approved as amended and now will go to Presbyteries for approval. One overture on gun violence was not opposed but was pulled so many could speak to the issue, and it was approved unanimously. Another overture came from our Synod and requested adding a Korean caucus to GA. This failed because of input from female Korean pastors. Riverside presbytery's overture on Christian Education passed. Kelsey Law was elected to the Advisory Committee for Women and Gender Justice and Carol Stanley (Lake Arrowhead Pres) was elected to the Presbyterian Hunger Program Advisory Committee. Lily commented that her faith in the future of this church was renewed after seeing the passion of the young adults in attendance.

Finally, the church Nominating Committee is hard at work discerning those who may be called to serve as Elders and Deacons. If you are asked, please give it prayerful consideration. God calls us to serve in many ways and we need to be open to hear that call.

Session 2024

Stephen W. Smith, Moderator; Amy Smith, Clerk of Session

Class of 2024: Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak, Patrick Morris, Martha Pinckney

Class of 2025: Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane, Jonathan Horstmann, Phyllis Hough

Class of 2026: Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis

“Our place”

by Marilyn Kraft

While we refer to 1900 N D Street as “our” property and cherish it as the place we gather and serve our community, it is appropriate to acknowledge that this place has a history and an indigenous people who were treated unjustly. The Mission Action Plan includes an introductory acknowledgment as we are engaged, with the help of Nancy Wiens, in the work to develop & articulate a more complete understanding.

From our Mission Action Plan, Part 4: Our Neighborhood, pg. 17

San Bernardino was occupied first by the Serrano Indians, the indigenous people of the San Bernardino highlands, passes, valleys and mountains who share a common language and culture. The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians reservation was established in 1891 and recognized as a sovereign nation with the right of self-government.

First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino acknowledges that the land on which our facility is sited is the ancestral and unceded territory of the Maara'yam, commonly referred to as the Serrano people. Our histories and stories are intertwined in this space, and by sharing them in culturally appropriate ways, we hope to honor and celebrate our indigenous neighbors and partners.²

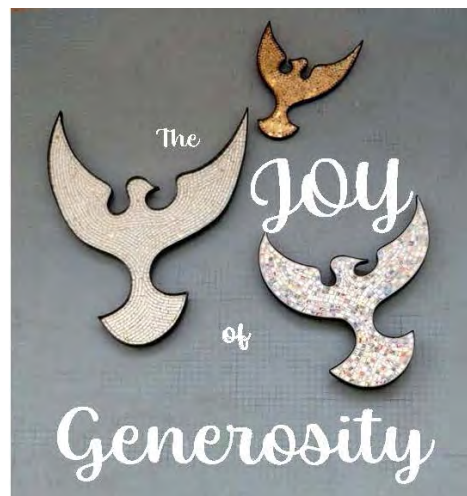
Our congregation is in active partnership of Indigenous Revitalization to discover and acknowledge the history of this land - its people, animals, and plant species that may have been displaced. We recognize that every member of our community has benefitted and continues to benefit from the use and occupation of these ancestral tribals and its natural history since the church's organization in 1874.

² This statement was provided by San Manuel's Cultural Pillar of Tribal Leadership.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is Monday, Oct 14, 2024. Read more about the history and culture of our indigenous neighbors in their words at <https://sanmanuel-nsn.gov/culture/history>

The Presbyterian Hunger Program and its Global Solidarity Network held a study in 2023 to help people gain a better understanding of the Church's complicity in colonization and the exploitation of Indigenous land, resources and people. The book is “The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery” by Sarah Augustine.

Commissioned Pastor's Corner



October is Stewardship month, the month when we consider how we will support the church in the coming year. While it is helpful for Session to know the pledges to create a budget, Stewardship is about much more than simply money.

Through the month of October, we will look at different aspects of Stewardship and "The Joy of Generosity."

October 13: God calls us to be stewards of *Trees, Time, Talents, Treasures*.

October 20: *Dainties and Discipleship*, our culture and God's vision.

October 27: Reformation and Consecration Sunday. *Generous Giving*. "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

I look forward to a joyful season as we celebrate the gifts God has given us and the work to which we are called. With bagpipes!



Board of Deacons 2024

Katie Smith, Moderator; Steve Smith, Pastoral Support

Class of 2024: Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Richard Rodriguez, Katie Smith

Class of 2025: Rebecca Allen, Brad Smith, Dave Thomas, Chris Wright-Thomas

Class of 2026: Kristine French, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda

Life Skillz Benefits

by Rick Rodriguez

As one of the leaders of the Life Skillz program and an intern supervisor, I see up close the benefits for both the students and for our church. But my own appreciation continues to grow.

The week before our September Saturday Food Distribution, I decreased the number of paid interns for that day to a minimum to cover key roles, as we were between the summer and fall teams and we've been fortunate to have the help of 10 -12 members and friends of the church.

On the two days before our food distribution, I kept getting contacted by Life Skillz students (who had never been interns before), and by interns asking if they could bring Life Skillz friends with them, asking to volunteer at the Saturday Food Distribution. Some just wanted to help their community. A couple of them are applying for the Fall 2024 Internship Program and were curious about what we did at our Food Distributions. In total, 7 Life Skillz kids came to volunteer in addition to the 8 experienced paid interns filling specific roles. I was very pleased to see this large number of teenagers coming early on a Saturday morning (8:00 AM) to help.

On the same day we had an inspection from a representative of Community Action Partnership (CAP), the partner providing the food for our Saturday Food Distributions. The inspection went well. She was amazed by the number of teenagers we had helping that day and complimented the program on its efficiency. I told her about the Life Skillz and Internship Programs and she was very interested in them, as are most people. These programs are not something that you hear about going on anywhere else.

When I started taking her on a tour of our food storage areas, I asked Ariana Aceves to take over for me and make sure things went well and both our vehicle and walk-up tables stayed stocked. I spent 20 -25 minutes with the CAP representative, and she observed how well our teenagers must be trained if I can leave responsibilities to Ariana. I let her know that Ariana was part of the same programs, but she graduated in 2022 and has been working for the church for almost 5 years.

I believe we all are aware that the Life Skillz and Internship Programs benefit the kids in the programs, the church, and our community. But sometimes we may be a little too close and may take the programs for granted, until someone else, like the inspector from CAP, reflects back to us the unique value of these programs. Thank you for your support of these programs.

November 11, Veteran's Day, also known as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, is the anniversary of the day the armistice was signed to end the Great War, and the day we honor all of our Veterans. On November 10, we will display the US flag in worship, honor those in our community who have served our country in the armed forces, and pray for those currently serving.

Keep Military Members in Your Prayers

Sgt Jacob Allen,

US Marines, MFR Band, New Orleans, Louisiana

Cpl Jeremy Allen,

US Marines, Okinawa, Japan

Lt. Alejandro J. Balandran,

US Navy, Yokosuka, Japan

PFC Ethan Gano,

US Marines, Pensacola, Florida

Seaman Mark Munz,

US Navy, San Diego, California

Lt. Junior Grade Wade Phillip Preciado,

US Navy, Groton, Connecticut

Petty Officer First Class Robert Sandoval,

US Navy, Jacksonville, Florida

Petty Officer Noah L. Wierenga,

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Upper Mississippi River

CW3 James Bentley Wilson,

US Army, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington

Cadet Grace Wilson

Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Presbytery Assembly Notes

by Mary Bolaños

The Presbytery Assembly was held via zoom on Saturday, September 14, 2024. After prayer, there was a presentation by a representative from the Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster

(VOAD) of Riverside County. Formed in 1970, VOAD is a coalition of member organizations to aid in the full spectrum of disaster relief working at national, state, and county levels. San Bernardino County has its own chapter which offers many resources to share with those in need as well as many volunteer opportunities for those who have a need to help. The national website is <https://www.nvoad.org/> ; the site for our county is <https://sbcountyvoad.org/> and both sites give excellent understanding of the history, mission, and convenience of this collective for disaster aid.

We received reports from TE Sam Roberts and our very own RE Lily Bolaños who were our commissioners to the General Assembly this summer. Reverend Roberts, who chaired the Environmental and Climate Justice Committee, related the unusual instance of having one of the committee's most important overtures approved, recalled, and subsequently voted down. He also noted that, while our presbytery has some work to do with respect to diversity and inclusion, our denomination "has it right". Lily, who was on the International Engagement Committee spoke about the care with which the committee members and the Assembly itself looks at, discusses, and words the overtures to the point of many times "amending the amendment to the amendments"— really giving a chance for all voices to be heard and valued. She commented on the fierce passion of the many hardworking younger people and especially the YAADs (Young Adult Advisory Delegates) and felt that her faith in the future of this church is renewed.

The El Buen Pastor Administrative Commission is almost finished closing the campus and there is a need to empty the church of all contents. Those items will be available for pick up on October 12th beginning at 9 am.

TE Noel Anderson (Upland) has been reinstated to the exercise of ordered ministry effective 9/6/24.

Frances Lin, our Presbytery Leader on her one-year anniversary, commented that connection has been challenging because of the large physical area of our Presbytery but also that she felt a lot of good work has been begun this year. She also noted that PDA reached out with support for those affected by the recent fires and also that a PDA safety training event is coming -clerks of session will be notified when the date is set.

The new salary minimum for pastors has been approved and will be effective as of 1/1/25. The new salary is in line with the state minimum for exempt and one pastor called it "a justice move".

Other business included:

- TE Martin Smith from Northkirk Presbyterian will be departing ministry in October after 10 years there.
- There will be a retreat for pastors and lay-pastors in Oak Glen 11/11-11/13 and a Confirmation retreat for all Presbytery youth grades 8 through 12 in Big Bear 11/1-11/3
- TE Erin Thomas (Calvary) will again be wrangling Triennium registration and activities. The Youth Triennium will take place 7/28/25-7/31/25 in Louisville, KY –PIM (Partners in Ministry) will have scholarships.
- The assembly elected RE Ann Lauder milk as vice-moderator for 2025 to follow TE Alfred Graise when he becomes the moderator for the year.
- The next PA will be in person on November 9, 2024 at St. Andrew in Indio.

New Newsletter Schedule--New Opportunity

by Wendy Lamb, newsletter editor

Since we have moved to a bimonthly newsletter schedule, I hope that we will encourage everyone to read the newsletter. This is our long form communication that allows people to go in depth about their ministries and the things that are happening. It is also a historic record of things that are happening in the church. The Presbytery asks that we keep copies of our newsletters for historical purposes. I hope that folks involved in ministries will send in articles describing what is happening in different ministries, and that each committee will include something each month to let everyone know what is happening and what is being discussed. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, please submit all copy for the December/January newsletter by November 20.

Imminent announcements should be sent to Mimi in the office (pres.first@gmail.com) for inclusion in the emailed announcements which go out each week.



Symphonie Jeunesse
Youth Orchestra for Strings

Conducted by Founder/Artistic Director
Michèle Tacchia



Presents our Annual

HALLOWEEN CONCERT

Sunday, October 27, 2024
3:00 p.m.

Website: Symphoniejeunesse.org

Email: sjostrings.org

**Concert will be at First Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall**

1900 North D Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405

Admission is Free, Donations Welcome



October and November Celebrations

Oct 2	Julie Aguilera Dave Thomas	Oct 23	Thomas Patrick Dunn Adelaide Shenton	Nov 19	Earleen Dudley Linda Murray
Oct 4	Jennifer (Coyne) Scerra Lisa (Coyne) Star	Oct 24	Geri Atkins	Nov 21	Terry & Stephanie Ross
Oct 5	Caleb Christopher Jones	Oct 28	Joshua Fletcher	Nov 22	Ken Mantei
Oct 7	Carmen Avila Edward Munz	Oct 30	Mario & Mary Bolaños Rebecca Allen	Nov 23	Dan Direen Wade and Chase Preciado
Oct 9	Phyllis Hough	Oct 31	Brooke Dvorak	Nov 24	John-Paul & Stephanie Fletcher
Oct 11	Zachary Garcia	Nov 2	Terri & Jorge Carlos Noah Wierenga	Nov 25	William Zeitler
Oct 12	Mimi Lange Jeoff Molcan Owen Morris	Nov 3	Curtiss Allen Steve Nolin	Nov 26	Brad Smith Chris Wright-Thomas
Oct 17	Jacob Babcock Bobbi Cummings	Nov 6	Josie Short	Nov 27	Abigail Grace Willis
Oct 20	Robin Edwards	Nov 8	Cliff & Bobbi Cummings	Nov 28	Raymond Olivarez
Oct 21	Marilyn Kraft	Nov 10	Martin Luther	Nov 29	Norm Wallis
Oct 22	Adam Nord Neal Williams	Nov 13	Susan Zeitler	Nov 30	Sanai Wright
		Nov 15	Alyssa Arellano		
		Nov 18	Marion Wiens Ed & Stephani Congdon		
			Susan & William Zeitler		

First Presbyterian Church

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service	30 5:00pm PW Coordinating Team	1 9:00am Food Distribution 12:00pm Circle of Faith 7:00pm Mensch Group	2 2:00am Nominating Committee 4:30pm Worship Committee	3 9:00am Food Distribution	4 9:30am Kerygma	5 9:00am Symphonie Jeunesse 10:00am Straight Up AA
6  World Communion Sunday 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service	7 5:00pm Nurture Committee	8 9:00am Food Distribution 6:30pm Deacons	9 12:30pm Staff Meeting	10 9:00am Food Distribution 6:00pm Prayer & Healing Service 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir	11 9:30am Kerygma	12 9:00am Symphonie Jeunesse 10:00am Straight Up AA
13 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service	14  Indigenous Peoples Day	15 9:00am Food Distribution	16 1:00pm Stewardship Committee	17 9:00am Food Distribution 9:00am Friendship Circle 5:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee	18 9:30am Kerygma 10:30am Food Bagging	19 9:00am Deacon Food Distribution 10:00am Straight Up AA 1:00pm Symphonie Jeunesse
20 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service	21	22 9:00am Food Distribution	23 12:30pm Staff Meeting 5:15pm SESSION Dinner 6:00pm SESSION Meeting	24 9:00am Food Distribution	25 9:30am Kerygma	26 9:00am Symphonie Jeunesse 10:00am Straight Up AA
27  Reformation Sunday 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service 3:00pm Symphonie Jeunesse Concert	28 7:00pm Circle of Kindness	29 9:00am Food Distribution	30	31 9:00am Food Distribution	1 All Saints Day 9:30am Kerygma	2 9:00am Symphonie Jeunesse 10:00am Straight Up AA 2:00pm Deanna Long Memorial Service

Please check the calendar on the website for the most up-to-date information and for October.
https://fpcsb.net/events_links/calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p>  <p>REFORMATION Sunday Reformation Sunday 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service 3:00pm Symphonie Jeunesse Concert</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00pm Circle of Kindness</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am Food Distribution</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00am Food Distribution</p>	<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Day 9:30am Kerygma</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am Symphonie Jeunesse 10:00am Straight Up AA 2:00pm Deanna Long Memorial Service</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Daylight-Saving Time Ends 8:00am Blood Drive 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:00pm PW Coordinating Team</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00am Election Polling 9:00am Food Distribution 12:00pm Circle of Faith 7:00pm Mensch Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4:30pm Worship Committee</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Food Distribution</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30am Kerygma</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Symphonie Jeunesse 10:00am Straight Up AA</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:00pm Nurture Committee</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am Food Distribution 6:30pm Deacons</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:30pm Staff Meeting 1:00pm Stewardship Committee</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Food Distribution 5:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30am Kerygma 10:30am Food Bagging</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Deacon Food Distribution 10:00am Straight Up AA 1:00pm Symphonie Jeunesse</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Food Distribution 1:00pm Circle of Grace and Hope</p>	<p>20</p> <p>First Press Deadline 5:15pm SESSION Dinner 6:00pm SESSION Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Food Distribution 9:00am Friendship Circle</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30am Kerygma</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am Symphonie Jeunesse 10:00am Straight Up AA</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Thanksgiving Sunday 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00pm Circle of Kindness</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Food Distribution 4:00pm Family Focus Center Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:30pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>Thanksgiving Church Office Closed. Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Church Office Closed. 9:30am Kerygma</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00am Straight Up AA</p>

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Our Mission Statement

Moved by the Spirit, we strive to create an open and inclusive community embodying the love, forgiveness, and grace of Christ which we extend to ourselves, each other, our neighbors, and our world through nurturing relationships, creative celebrations, continuous learning, and transformational service.