



First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino

# First Press

February 2026



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## Installation Service

I want to share a most heartfelt THANK YOU! for a truly wonderful Service of Installation. It was so much more than I could have ever expected, and the reception following was so exciting with great friends gathered around delicious food. So many people from the Presbytery, my own circle of friends and family, and long-time colleagues showed up en masse to attend and participate in one of the few really special historic traditions in our denomination. Ordinations are great, and yet an Installation celebrates the covenantal relationship established between a congregation and their pastor.

Not only did I feel loved and cared for, I was able to recognize our calling together reaffirmed by so many who have been spending a long time praying for this relationship. Especially endearing was the moment when my boys gifted me with a new cross pendant – a Celtic knot design representing our committed faithfulness and rich Celtic heritage. The robe I wear every Sunday along with the red stole I wore during the installation were gifted to me by my parents at my ordination in 2015. Having the boys present me with a gift reminded me just how important it is to have my family participate in these meaningful and important moments in my call journey.

It was a special day, and one I will hold close to my heart for years to come.

With my Deepest Gratitude,  
Pastor Brian

## Seeking

This Lenten season we will be invited into the theme of “Seeking”, to help guide us into a practice of discerning where and how God is being revealed here at our church, on our church campus, and in our community. On Sunday morning’s during the sermon I will be encouraging us in this discernment by asking some honest questions to help deepen our faithful experience of our congregation, church campus, and community. The Task Force who prepared and put together the Mission Action Plan already did much of this work by spelling out themes regarding our preparing for Future Ministry. These themes include: Theology & Education, Invitation & Innovation, Senior Ministry, Partnerships & Sustainability, and Interfaith Efforts.



Additionally, I have already laid out some intentions with the Session, to guide my work throughout the next year. Jeanne Clark and Nancy Horstmann and I have begun to discern and plan for children’s spiritual formation. I along with the Nurture Committee are looking at plans for youth spiritual formation for the next year, including attendance at Presbytery youth gatherings and camps at Big Bear, and possibly a confirmation class in 2027. I would like to encourage and challenge the Buildings & Grounds and Stewardship Committees to work together on making the Chapel an accommodating and hospitable space for community org’s, prospective partners, and for our own congregation with a special focus on our FPCSB mission and vision (this may include enhancements to the audio/visual capabilities, and discerning who might be a good partner to use this newly renovated space). It would be wonderful to encourage the Worship Committee to discern ways to lean into our rich and historic musical gifts by bringing in additional musicians and singers throughout the year (this could include college performers, professionals, and others). The long-term goal will be to continue the conversation around addressing the faith needs of our community right at our doorstep, which I know has been an ongoing practice of discernment over these many years (might this look like an alternative, multi-lingual, or a young adult led worship experience?).

You are invited to check out the Lenten season calendar for ways that you can join in this discerning act of Seeking. Beginning with Ash Wednesday services, then on Sundays, Quiet Nights, a special Maundy Thursday service, and culminating with the celebration of the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday.

Ready to Discover,

Pastor Brian

### Lenten Schedule

### Seeking

Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday @ 12:30pm & 5:30pm (Chapel) *“Is This the Fast That I Choose?”*

Sunday, Feb 22 – Lent 1 *“Who Will You Listen To?”*

Thursday, Feb 26 – Quiet Nights @ 5:30pm (Fireside Lounge)

Sunday, Mar 1 – Lent 2 *“How Do We Begin Again?”*

Thursday, Mar 5 – Quiet Nights @ 5:30pm (Fireside Lounge)

Sunday, Mar 8 – Lent 3 *“Will You Give Me a Drink?”*

Thursday, Mar 12 – Quiet Nights @ 5:30pm (Fireside Lounge)

Sunday, Mar 15 – Lent 4 *“Who Sinned?”*

Thursday, Mar 19 – Quiet Nights @ 5:30pm (Fireside Lounge)

Sunday, Mar 22 – Lent 5 *“Can These Bones Live?”*

Thursday, Mar 26 – Quiet Nights @ 5:30pm (Fireside Lounge)

Sunday, Mar 29 – Palm Sunday *“Where Are You Headed?”*

Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday @ 5:30pm (Chapel) *“Will You Wash My Feet?”*

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday *“Who Are You Looking For?”*



## Notes

The *First Press*, the newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino, is edited by member Wendy Lamb. Please submit content to Wendy at [newsletter@fpcsb.net](mailto:newsletter@fpcsb.net).

The deadline for the newsletter is the Fourth Wednesday of each month (the day Session meets. As you work on minutes, think about newsletter.)

**The deadline for the March newsletter is Wednesday, February 25.**

## Financial Notes

Financial Report as of December 30, 2025.

### General Fund

	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
Pledges	\$334,739.82	329,892.00	4,847.82
Other Income*	\$209,830.10	171,670.00	38,160.10
Expense	\$472,836.83	539,421.12	(66,581.29)
Net Income	71,730.09	(37,859.12)	109,589.21

### Division Consolidation

	December	Year to date
General Fund Net Income (Expense)	(6,310.01)	71,730.09
Deacons Net Income (Expense)	3,723.16	7,183.70
Net Operating Income (Expense)	(2,586.85)	78,913.79

### Leonard Scholarships!

**The Leonard Scholarship deadline is Saturday, February 28, 2026.** Applications for Fall 2026 are available in the church office and on the church website.

If you are a church member and you are a proven scholar (you will have completed at least one year of college by next fall), you are eligible for a Leonard Scholarship.

Scholarships have been given for traditional college programs and for Master's Programs, Spiritual Direction Training, and Certificate Programs. Ask Lynda, you may be eligible.

Any questions can be emailed to Lynda Savage. [LKSavage3@gmail.com](mailto:LKSavage3@gmail.com)



Youth Event

## Souper Bowl of Caring

The youth will be leading us in another kind of Super Bowl - the Souper Bowl of Caring. This is about helping our neighbors in need by collecting money and food. Over 35 years ago, a youth group in South Carolina thought it would be cool to have a collection to make sure no one goes "without soup in their bowls" in their community. Since then, over \$220 million has been raised to help local food charities. Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief organizations and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

At the end of the worship service on February 8th, when everyone is leaving, our youth will be at the doors holding baskets and all are invited to drop in at least \$1.00, if not the cost of a meal. If everyone watching the big game just gave one dollar, which isn't that much, we would have over \$120 million to feed hungry people. So, we ask for just a dollar, or a dollar for everyone in your family who will watch the game that evening. Every dollar makes a difference!

Our entire collection will go to our First Pres Food Ministry, which helps the food insecure and the unhoused in our community.



## 2026 Companions on the Inner Way Retreat Opportunity by Christa Wallis

First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino has a long history of supporting and attending Companions on the Inner Way Retreats. Early this spring, Companions on the Inner Way will once again offer a safe communal place to explore deep longings for the Holy. Grounded in the Christian tradition, the guided retreats incorporate body, mind, and soul through presentations, dialogue, spiritual practices, art, music, movement, and worship with Eucharist. The retreats strive to create an environment that is theologically curious, radically welcoming, and liturgically vibrant.

This year's retreat theme is entitled 'The Broken Road of Faith.' During the retreat participants will explore faith as it encounters the heartbreak of the world and yet rises as joy. Faith is always in a context – what is happening in the world and what is happening in our heart. The speaker will be Dr. Wendy Farley. She is Rice Family Chair of Spirituality at San Francisco Theological Seminary, part of the Graduate School of Theology at Redlands University. She is the author of several books of theology and wisdom and is a celebrated speaker and teacher. Additionally, she has studied many forms of contemplative practice within Christianity, Buddhism, and yoga, including chant, energy work, meditation, centering prayer, visualization, and lectio divina.

The retreat will take place from Sunday, March 8, 2026 to Friday, March 13, 2026 at the beautiful Serra Retreat Center located overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Malibu, California.

Registration information can be accessed at [www.cotiway.org](http://www.cotiway.org)

Please contact Christa Wallis [chriwallis@aol.com](mailto:chriwallis@aol.com) if you'd like to apply for a Nancy Sellas Spirituality scholarship to help defray the cost of attending.

(Read the article below about the new Nancy Sellas Spirituality Fund)



## New Memorial Fund Established: The Nancy Sellas Spirituality Fund

This church has enjoyed the generosity of the Dodds Trust monies for more than 25 years. The Dodds Trust was gifted to the church by the estate of Stewart and Helen Dodds, uncle and aunt of former member, Nancy Sellas. Although the Dodds were never members of our church, they were aware of the church through their niece, Nancy. Dodds funds have been utilized by many in our congregation, and some outside the walls of our church, to deepen their inner faith life. Scholarships have been awarded to assist with registration for attendance at contemplative retreats such as Companions on the Inner Way, spiritual direction training programs and other faith-based activities throughout the years.

With the recent passing of Nancy Sellas, church members who knew and loved Nancy had conversation about a way to honor Nancy's memory. Even though she and her husband Reggie moved away after the loss of their home from the Old Fire in San Bernardino in 2003, she remained in close contact with so many in our congregation. She and Reggie kept in constant contact with Jim Huffstutler and visited him on a regular basis until his death in July 2025. Nancy was a frequent visitor on Sundays, special events and memorials in the life of our congregation and she faithfully attended Companions on the Inner Way retreats for more than 30 years. Christa Wallis proposed the idea to establish a new fund entitled The Nancy Sellas Spirituality Fund. This proposal was considered and approved by Session at the January 28, 2026 meeting. Monies from the Dodds Trust will be utilized as seed money for the fund and the fund will be bolstered with other contributions in Nancy's memory.

The intent of this fund honors the legacy established by the Dodds Trust and, in addition, amplifies the opportunity to share this generosity and steward new possibilities of something so near and dear to Nancy Sellas' heart. Members of the congregation are encouraged to apply for scholarships from this fund to deepen their faith life. One upcoming opportunity is attendance at Companions on the Inner Way. The next retreat

is March 8-13, 2026 at Serra Retreat in Malibu, California. (See above article about Companions on the Inner Way.) Furthermore, if any members wish to contribute additional monies to this new fund, please contact Mimi Lange in the Church Office.

### In Memoriam

January 2026

Nancy Sellas

July 1, 1944-January 6, 2026

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



## January Session Highlights

by Amy Smith, Clerk of Session

Session met last week and we welcomed new Elders Lynda Savage, Robin Edwards and John-Paul Fletcher. Brian shared four scriptures, three from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament which spoke to how we are to treat strangers/foreigners. We were invited to share how the scriptures spoke to us and how we are experiencing what is currently happening in our country. Session members shared their thoughts respectfully and with compassion. We discussed how some churches have responded, including issuing statements condemning government actions. One letter stated:

Meanwhile, we pray with the church universal, remembering that:

“In a broken and fearful world,

the spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in church and culture,

to hear the voices of people long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.”

(A Brief Statement of Faith, 10.4)

We accomplished a great deal of beginning of the year business, routine, but necessary. This included approving the annual reports, electing Katie Smith as treasurer for 2026 and electing corporate officers. Susan Skoglund agreed to be our Vice-Chair of Nominating Committee and we elected Presbytery Commissioners. The preliminary 2025 financial statement was approved which shows we ended 2025 with \$71,730.09 in net income instead of the (\$37,859.12) deficit that was projected at the beginning of the year. God is good! Our statistical report shows the reality of our aging congregation with 72% of our members in the age categories of 56 and over. I encourage you to read this report and all the other reports in the Annual Report received in your email or at church on Sunday. Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be next Sunday, February 8th following worship.

## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb 2	Brian & Amy Gano
Feb 4	Steve Smith
Feb 6	Kiera Everly French
Feb 7	Stephanie Fletcher Clara Gresham Frank Thomas
Feb 8	Hannah Huffstutler Bodner
Feb 11	Carol Cooper Tim Garcia
Feb 12	Sue Alexander
Feb 13	Nita Zwolinski
Feb 14	Eva Diane Olsen
Feb 15	Randy Mantei Joanna Nord
Feb 16	Kendra Elizabeth Lamb
Feb 19	Amy Smith
Feb 22	Janet McKinster
Feb 23	Martha Pinckney
Feb 26	Christa Wallis

## Session 2026

**Brian S. Symonds, Moderator; Amy Smith, Clerk of Session**

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

**Class of 2027:** Patrick Morris, Susan Skoglund, Katie Smith, Neal Williams

**Class of 2028:** Robin Edwards, John-Paul Fletcher, Jonathan Horstmann, Lynda Savage

## Keep Military Members in Your Prayers

**Sgt Jacob Allen,**

US Marines, MFR Band, New Orleans, Louisiana

**Lt. Alejandro J. Balandran,**

US Navy, Yokosuka, Japan

**Corporal Ethan Gano,**

US Marines, Yuma, Arizona

**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 First Class Noah L. Wierenga,**

U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Diego

**CW3 James Bentley Wilson,**

US Army, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington

## A Witness to Care: The Heart of Our Food Ministry by Rick Rodriguez, Food Ministry

Our Food Distributions are a witness to a community who cares for each other in many ways. In our lines, there is a shared understanding: everyone here is in need, so everyone here belongs.

- **Responsibility:** There is a beautiful sense of "neighborhood" in the walk-up line. Experienced participants help newcomers navigate the process, and they look out for one another's safety and dignity, ensuring the space remains respectful for the families entering the childcare center.
- **Connection:** Friendships are formed and phone numbers are exchanged. When we are giving out premium food items, like meat or eggs, our lines get longer as information is shared rapidly among homeless and low-income communities. For many, the third Saturday of the month is a reunion. Participants who have been coming for over a decade step out of their cars to greet old friends and catch up on life.
- **Caring goes the extra mile:** Every distribution, participants pickup food for their neighbors and family members who are unable to come themselves because of health reasons, work, child responsibilities, or many other reasons. We see housed neighbors picking up bags for those unhoused, and individuals with very little making sure an elderly friend's pantry is full. Whether it's parents caring for adult children or children looking after aging parents, the "delivery" doesn't end at our parking lot.
- **Sacrifice:** In moments of scarcity, the true spirit of this community shines. When supplies run low, we often hear someone near the front of the line say, "I can wait until next time—give my bag to someone else." Others help jump-start a stalled car or offer a ride to a neighbor so they don't have to carry heavy bags home alone.
- **Sharing:** Neighbors, housed and unhoused, show care by returning or sharing food that doesn't meet their specific needs, ensuring nothing goes to waste and someone else is fed.

Like any community, this group is not perfect, but the love and resilience present are undeniable. The air is often filled with a "God bless you" or a quiet word of gratitude. We are not just serving a community; we are being blessed by one.

## Our Eagle has landed!! by Dave Thomas

This last November, after an almost 3 year process of planning, documenting, seeking approvals, donations and executing his project, Brandon Turner was awarded his Eagle Scout Award at a ceremony in Fellowship Hall. About 75 people attended this unique ceremony honoring Brandon for his accomplishment including his family, friends, neighbors, fellow Scouts and church members. This ceremony involved Brandon's history growing up, his involvement with Scouting, a display of his many awards and badges as well as many speakers. An impressive candle lighting ceremony was conducted by his fellow Scouts, honoring Brandon with this prestigious award. Our Church donated a plaque which is mounted on the gate recognizing Brandon's dedication in wanting to choose our church for his Eagle Scout Project. Congratulations Brandon, we appreciate you and thank you!!



## Board of Deacons 2026

**Mindy Rueda, Moderator; Steve Smith, Pastoral Support**

**Class of 2026:** Kristine French, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda, Chris Wright-Thomas

**Class of 2027:** Richard Rodriguez, Jim Siegmund, Kyle Smith

**Class of 2028:** Rebecca Allen, Amy Gano, Dave Thomas, Brent Nord



## Why Consider Fasting During Lent? by Marion Wiens

Books and periodicals continue to be published regarding spiritual disciplines and practices. While each suggests a slightly different list of exercises, fasting is almost always included.

In his book, *Reformed Spirituality*, Howard Rice commends fasting because:

- To fast is to remind ourselves that food (or other comforts) are secondary to attentiveness to God.
- Fasting is effective preparation for prayer and meditation. Many people notice that their mental state may be somewhat altered while fasting, changing their priorities and deepening their prayer.
- Fasting represents a serious effort to avoid being so possessed by our comforts that we are controlled by fear of losing them.

Richare Foster, in *Celebration of Discipline*, says the primary requirement for undertaking any of the spiritual disciplines is "a longing after God." He declares that the purpose of the disciplines is freedom from "stifling slavery to self interest and fear." Joy, not duty, is the keynote of all the disciplines!

During Lent if you would like to fast with a spiritual purpose, you are invited to join those who will follow this plan during the weeks of Lent:

Eat supper on Wednesday evening.

Fast from food until Thursday evening (but do drink plenty of fluids).

Come to Lenten Quiet Nights in the Fireside Room on Thursdays at 6 PM for 30 minutes of

prayer, quietness, and reflection.

Break the fast with friends and a simple soup and bread supper.

PLEASE DO COME FOR QUIET TIME AND SUPPER WHETHER OR NOT YOU CHOOSE TO FAST! MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THURSDAYS, FEBRUARY 26, MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26.



## Update on the Internship Program by Rick Rodriguez, Intern Supervisor

The Internship Program has been between terms since December 20th. This means we have had not had any interns scheduled to work on Saturdays since before Christmas. We have still been able to get interns to come in and assist with the Food Ministry, the mowing of lawns and helping with events at like Pastor Brian's Installation here at First Pres. Our interns take pride in all the different kinds of work they do here on our church campus and for the community in our church area. When they are helping with our Food Ministry, they know they are helping those in need in their own community.

Interviews for our Winter/Spring Internship Program term will be on Saturday, February 7, 2026 and the first day of work for this new term will be on Saturday, February 14, 2026. We have a total of 11 applicants for the Winter/Spring term, 7 of the applicants have never been part of the Internship Program before. The other 4 applicants are applying for the intern team leader position. Out of these 4 applicants only one has been a team leader in the past. This total number of 11 applicants is more than a third of the students who come to our LifeSkillz meetings on Mondays at San Bernardino High School. There are also about 5 or 6 other LifeSkillz students who could not apply because they are part of the San Bernardino High School Track Team and several of their track meets are on Saturdays during the Winter/Spring intern work term.

We only have 4 intern positions and 2 team leader positions, so our Interviewing/Hiring Team will have to make difficult decisions and end up not hiring a total of 5 applicants. We have an excellent group to start with and we are always looking for new students for the Internship Program.

Ariana Aceves, our second intern supervisor, and I are looking forward to the start of the Winter/Spring Intern term. Some of the interns on this new team will be new to First Pres, so if you see them working on our church campus, stop by and say, "Hi!", it will make them feel welcome and less out of place.

Our interns continue to get work done here at First Pres, regardless of whether it is during a scheduled intern term or not. We can be thankful for their hard work and their love for our church campus.

## Is Our Campus Changing Colors? by Dave Thomas, Building & Grounds

Yes! Your eyes have not deceived you. About a year ago a decision was made to repaint the Childcare Courtyard to more vibrant, kid friendly colors to be a welcoming sight for our ever growing preschool and special education programs. These changes were approved by our Building & Grounds Committee and Session. Several months ago a decision was made that Magnolia Court and the rest of our campus needed repainting of the light blue trim and doors. A attempt was was made to repaint using the existing light blue paint however a conflict unknowingly developed rendering the water based paint ineffective. For background, about 10 years ago, our Building and Grounds Committee covered most of the roofing around Magnolia Court and the Chapel with a bright white silicone coating to extend the life of our leaking roofing another 20 years without incurring the major cost of replacement. However, during the application process, the silicone coating unintentionally dripped over the sides of the roof drying on the light blue trim of our buildings. When we attempted to paint over it with our existing water based paint, it would not stick or cover the silicone coating. The only two options available to us was to pay someone to strip and sand the silicone off the trim, which would have run into many thousands of dollars, or repaint over the silicone ourselves with an oil based paint costing us about \$500 in supplies. Unfortunately, oil based paint is only manufactured in about a dozen colors, none of these colors are in light blue to match our existing trim. Building & Grounds and Session were consulted and approved for a test paint of Magnolia Court in Royal Blue trim, which after reviewing the results it was determined by both committees to continue this color paint for the rest of our church campus trim. This is the same color paint used in the Childcare Courtyard trim. An option was proposed to leave the doors a light blue color however it was decided to match the doors to the same color as the trim for uniformity. The Royal Blue color was determined to be the best match out of the limited options available to us. This project is expected to be completed in several months thru out our campus.



I apologize to any USC fans because I was told the Royal Blue color was representative of UCLA, which was completely unintentional.... and there is no plans on repainting the current color of burnt orange for our stucco. GO BRUINS!!!and TROJANS!!!

## Per Capita: What's in It for Me? by Amy Smith

Every year we ask members to contribute their Per Capita, but many do not even know what it is and what it is used for! We wonder what does Per Capita do for me and what does it do for my church?

These are all important and appropriate questions. As a connectional church, our work is maintained, sustained and funded by a financial system called "Per Capita." In this system, each governing body above the local congregation's session determines how much it will cost to do what the "Book of Order" and the next higher governing council require. Each body also calculates what it will cost to do the ministries it believes God is calling it to do. And the General Assembly determines the cost of maintaining the structures and systems at the national level that support the internal work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its relationships with other faith communities around the world.

Has First Pres, San Bernardino ever benefitted from Per Capita payments made to Riverside Presbytery, The Synod of Southern California and Hawaii or the Office of the General Assembly? The answer is yes, but in ways that are not always obvious. Presbytery is there for our pastors to consult with for guidance and assisted us in the search for a new pastor. Wendy sensed a call to commissioned ministry and began the discernment process and completed the requirements under the care of Presbytery. Susan Skoglund and Lily Bolaños (and others) have served as commissioners to General Assembly. All these are funded and facilitated by per capita payments.

Per Capita is \$44 for each member (not household) for 2026. First Pres faithfully pays this amount for every member on the rolls each year, whether that member has paid it or not. In 2025 members contributed 46% of what we paid to the denomination. Our church is a connectional body of believers. We thrive when every member of the body is healthy and works together. At its core, Per Capita helps us to do just that. So, if you are able to pay this amount in addition to your pledge this year, we and our budget will greatly appreciate it!

Adapted from an article by William McConnell, CFRE. You can read the entire article at <https://pcusa.org/per-capita-whats-in-it-for-me>.



# Congregation Emanu El

presents the

39th Annual

**Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Memorial Lecture**

**WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 25, 2026 - 7:00 pm**

Congregation Emanu El - 1495 Ford Street - Redlands, CA

## **RABBI MICHAEL LOTKER**

will speak on

**“JUDAISM and CHRISTIANITY:  
IMPORTANT SIMILARITIES and  
CRITICAL DIFFERENCES”**



Rabbi Michael Lotker is a second career rabbi having been ordained at age 55 from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 2003. He is a physicist who spent his first career in Alternative Energy focusing on wind, solar and geothermal energy and is widely published in the alternative energy field. Rabbi Lotker started a number of alternative energy firms including a wind power development company that installed and operated wind farms in Hawaii and California. He is presently Rabbi Emeritus at Temple Ner Ami in Camarillo, California and the Community Rabbi for the Jewish Federation of Ventura County. He is the author of "A Christian's Guide to Judaism" which has become a classic work in the field of interfaith

dialogue. He is a participant in numerous Jewish-Christian dialogues and is a member of the Priest-Rabbi Dialogue, a project of the Board of Rabbis of Southern California and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Memorial Lecture was established in 1985 at the time of his death by members of Congregation Emanu El as well as many friends in the wider community. Rabbi Feldheim served as rabbi of Congregation Emanu El in San Bernardino from 1937 to 1971 and as Rabbi Emeritus from 1971 until his death.



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February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 8:45am Choir Practice 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Choir Practice	2 5:00pm PW Coordinating Team	3 9:00am Food Distribution 12:00pm Circle of Faith 7:00pm Mensch Group	4 4:00pm Worship Committee	5 9:00am Food Distribution	6 9:30am Kerygma	7 9:00am Symphonie Jeunesse 10:00am Straight Up AA
8 Super Bowl Bake Sale 8:45am Choir Practice 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Congregational Meeting	9 5:00pm Nurture Committee	10 9:00am Food Distribution	11 12:00pm Staff Meeting	12 9:00am Food Distribution	13 9:30am Kerygma	14 9:00am Symphonie Jeunesse 10:00am Straight Up AA
15 8:45am Choir Practice 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Deacons	16 Church Office Closed Presidents' Day	17 9:00am Food Distribution 1:00pm Buildings & Grounds Committee 1:00pm Circle of Grace and Hope	18 Ash Wednesday 2:00pm Stewardship Committee	19 9:00am Food Distribution 9:00am Friendship Circle	20 9:30am Kerygma 10:30am Food Bagging	21 9:00am Deacon Food Distribution 10:00am Straight Up AA 1:00pm Symphonie Jeunesse
22 8:45am Choir Practice 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service	23 7:00pm Circle of Kindness	24 9:00am Food Distribution	25 12:00pm Staff Meeting 5:15pm SESSION Dinner 6:00pm SESSION Meeting	26 9:00am Food Distribution	27 9:30am Kerygma	28 9:00am Symphonie Jeunesse 10:00am Straight Up AA

Please check the calendar on the website for the most up-to-date information for January.  
[https://fpcsb.net/events\\_links/calendar](https://fpcsb.net/events_links/calendar)

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### Office Hours:

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*Pastor*

*Head of Staff*

The Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Smith

*Pastoral Support*

Laurie Stafford

*Ministry of Visitation*

### 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.*