



Good News

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

There's a Spanish proverb that goes, "an ounce of Mother is worth a pound of clergy." That sounds about right; maybe a little generous towards the clergy. It doesn't matter what age I am or what accomplishments I've done; still whenever I go clothes shopping with Mom it makes me feel like I'm 7 years old. It's all right though (besides getting free clothes) it reminded me that I will forever be my Mother's son. And I thank God for that arrangement. It is not surprising that Jesus had a Mom. In the New Testament, the Greek word that is closest to the type of love God has towards us is the love that a mother has towards her children. It's the type of love that stays up with us all night when we were sick; it's the love that helps us clean up the juice that we spilled on the floor; or it's the love that puts a picture on the fridge even though it looks nothing like our cat. Jesus can relate to our human experience of love.

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Whether your Mother is still with you or not take a moment to thank God for her on Sunday. And for some of you it may not have been your Mother, but someone else who filled that role in your life. Especially thank God for giving you her. To all Mothers thank you, and have a blessed day!

Peace,



Special Prayer of healing for Andre Malanche and family.

Youth Ministry Update...



Our Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for our Summer Immersion Trip was a HUGE success! Thank you for your support!



PRAYING FOR VEGAS!

Please pray for our Summer Immersion Trip to Las Vegas! We are partnering with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) and will be serving the local community. Pray for our students, our leaders, YWAM, and Las Vegas!

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Please contact your Deacon
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Music Ministry Update...

May is especially meaning for our church because as a final month of the season for choir, we are celebrating Music Sunday which our worship in music will take a big part of that Sunday service.

This year, I am pleased to announce that May 22 will be the Music Sunday. We would like to share God's message and God's love through the music offered by soloists from Chancel Choir and the choir itself.

During the summer, I would like to invite as many congregation as possible who might have been interested in offering music during services.

Chancel Choir takes their summer off, so it is open to everyone whoever wants to worship God with their musical talent. You will need to prepare only one special music which will replace the anthem the choir used to prepare.

Please feel free to contact YoonGeong Lee, Music Director at music@alamedachurch.com if you have any question. YoonGeong will also ask you around during coffee hour to hopefully make a list of "musicians from congregation."

I am also looking forward to offer music workshops during the summer for those who like singing, but have not had a chance to learn. More details will be following and updated to you soon.

Finally, please make a big applause to Chancel Choir who did a great job during the season!

They devoted their time to worship God not only with their voices but also with their sincere commitment. I appreciate all of their hard work and collaboration. I have been so fortunate to work together.

Here, I am closing with a musician's prayer that I would like to share with you.

Oh Lord, please bless this music that it might glorify your name. May the talent that you have bestowed upon me be used only to serve you.

Let this music be a witness to your majesty and love, and remind us that you are always watching, and listening, from your throne above.

May your presence and beauty be found in every note, and may the words that are sung reach the hearts of your people so they will draw closer to you.

May your Spirit guide us through every measure so that we might be the instruments of your peace, and proclaim your glory with glad voices.

Amen.

YoonGeong Lee- Music Minister

Older Adult Ministries News...

On Thursday May 26th at 2PM the Older Adult Ministry will sponsor a "Funday".

We will have an Ikebana demonstration of Japanese flower arranging and a chance to create your own flower arrangement.

Alameda local Joan Slater has studied Ikebana for 15 years and will provide a lively workshop.



Shop for the Church

Make it easy to remember to shop online through the Escrip program to earn money for our church. You can easily download a toolbar app to your device or computer that will remind you to do this. This new one doesn't slow down your browser and it will help you to get special deals also. It just takes a minute to install, just click on this link:

<https://shopping.escrip.com/client/>

Thanks for thinking of our church next time you shop online. Install this at work also if you purchase items for your workplace.



In Memory of Bea Babcock

~Eunice Birkholm and family~
~Mark and Louise Cronenwett~

Deacons Corner

THE DEACAONS, WHERE OUR FAITH GETS PERSONAL

Did you know that you have your own, personal Deacon at the First Presbyterian Church of Alameda? That's right, you do.

We have twelve deacons, divided into four parishes. Each parish has 24-32 member families of various sizes. Deacons within each parish divide up the families. So, each deacon has 8-12 families to look after.

What's it mean to "look after" a family in our church?

First, we try to get to know you and your family. This is where our faith becomes personal. We want to be there for you when you need us. When you are sick, in crisis or need prayers we want to know about it.

The deacons create a prayer list at each meeting. Prayer works. Just ask around for examples.

The deacons can often help with financial difficulties. We've bought groceries and paid bills.

We cook regularly for the Midway Shelter.

We provide the "Ministry of the Casserole", bringing dinner to families in our congregation in times of need, illness or stress.

Our ministry is set forth in the Book of Order. Our ministry is one of "compassion, witness and service, sharing the love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures or anyone in distress." Wow!

It's a tall, all encompassing, order.

Get to know your deacon. We take it personally.

Blessings to you all.

Bruce Johnson
Deacon, Parish C

Mission Committee News...

2016 Pentecost Offering: The Pentecost Offering - Season of Giving provides us as Presbyterians with the opportunity to invest in the future of the church by supporting ministries that encourage, develop, and support our young people and by providing assistance to at-risk children. Gifts are typically collected on Pentecost Sunday (this year on May 15th) but are welcome at any time.

Congregations keep 40% of funds to support youth-focused programs that we are most passionate about in our own community! The remaining 60% of funds received support the Young Adult Volunteers and Ministries with Youth programs and helps to identify and train local leaders for participation in the "Educate a Child: Transform the World" national initiative by conducting workshops, making presentations and developing resources on child sex and labor trafficking. It supports young people and at-risk children through various programs and opportunities that focus on issues impacting children such as poverty, health, and consumerism. It also addresses local afterschool or summer programs for latchkey children.

Gifts received during this Special Offering will go to where they are needed most. Other programs include providing assistance in training events for new church pastors, help in identifying and building leaders throughout the world and providing resources to help others to read and understand the Bible for both youth and adult. These gifts also help to recruit and train mission personnel in other countries as well as support Presbyterian chaplains serving in the armed forces around the world, to name a few.

Since 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$11 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family! There are three ways we as members can give: through our congregation or text 'YOUNG' to 20222 to give \$10, or through the web at presbyterian-mission.org/give.

Please consider giving generously to this Special Mission and invest in our youth!

Kay Lamon, Missions Committee

House and Grounds Committee...

The House and Grounds Committee organized a work party at the church on April 23. We had a very good turn out, with over 20 volunteers, with a good turnout from our both the congregation and the scouts. We pulled weeds, planted some new plants, replanted some other plants, and cleaned out a drain in the parking lot. We had some nice snacks too. Thanks to everyone who helped!

House and Grounds Committee,
Andy Eggett, Jim Lewis, and Greg Klein



Mark Your Calendars

Pentecost
Sunday, May 15th

Church Retreat
Fundraiser
Saturday, July 23rd



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, July 23.
We will be collecting electronic waste to raise funds for our All-Church retreat. We ask that you save your e-waste until that day, and please encourage your friends and family to do the same. More info to come!



May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

May 3 Paul Scholz
May 4 Don Curtis
May 9 Andrew Saltzman
May 13 Nancy Hird
May 22 Lorene Eggett
Stacey Rodrigues
Torrey Zaches
May 27 Kathleen Berquist
Holly Zaches
May 29 Jessica Scholz

Happy Anniversary

May 13 Nancy & Jim Lewis
May 31 Barbara & Don Curtis

*"Our love for
Christ is as real
as our love for
our neighbor"*

May Schedule

Sound Schedule

May 8 Rob Ade
May 15 Raymond Cortes
May 22 Andy Eggett
May 29 Raymond Cortes

Readers for May

May 8 Paul Scholz
May 15
May 22 Michael Helbush
May 29 Lorene Eggett

Greeters for May

May 8 The Parkers
May 15 The Eggetts
May 22 The Smiths
May 29 Mark Cronenwett
Nancy Lewis

Thanks to all for a successful 2016 Church
Retreat Fundraiser !
We gathered, we made and we ate
the GIANT BURRITO!



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