

Highlights

First Presbyterian Church San Leandro



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

In February, the Sunday Morning Adult Education Class will be considering Wisdom Stories and Resistance Stories in scripture. Everyone is welcome.

MONDAY EVENING ADULT CLASS

The Monday Evening Adult Class meets at 7:00 pm, and is doing a series on *The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancey. We will watch a brief video that includes comments from Yancey and then explore questions about different aspects of the Old Testament, which Jesus grew up reading. Please see Sue Goodnow for further information.

SOUPER BOWL

February 2 is Super Bowl Sunday, and again this year our young people will be collecting our congregation's "Souper Bowl of Caring" offering. This special offering is collected after worship in soup pots, and then the money is used to help provide lunches for the homeless who come to April Showers right here in San Leandro.

Each person at worship on February 2 will be asked to contribute \$1 as he/she leaves worship. The young people will be at the doors with soup pots to receive the offering. We hope that you will join in this nationwide effort to care for the less fortunate. Last year, 4,879 groups participated in this offering, and close to 10 million dollars was raised in cash and food items within the United States! We were one of those groups!



Lent begins

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 26

The season of Lent will begin on Wednesday, **February 26**. We will be having a brief worship service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary that evening, with the children leading in worship, as well as the Chancel Choir and the Children's Choir singing. Be sure to begin Lent with this meaningful worship, and also you may pick up your Lenten devotional guide that evening.



HABITAT BUILD OPPORTUNITY



Our church has been invited to participate in a Habitat Build Day on **Saturday, February 22**, from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. We have 10 volunteer slots which we may fill. The build will be at Central Commons in Fremont. Would you like to be a part of this? If so, please see Gary Calame, our Church in the World chairman, right away. It will be a meaningful time for all who participate – and there are jobs for all of us (no need to be a skilled builder!). We already have 4 people signed up, so don't delay!

BAKE SALE FOR OUR COMPASSION CHILD

We will be having a bake sale on **Sunday, February 9** at 10:30 am to benefit Nephthalie, the Compassion International child whom we sponsor in Haiti. Please come and support the bake sale – all money raised will be donated toward Nephthalie's participation in Compassion's program that provides her with educational support, medical assistance, and Christian fellowship opportunities.



Compassion International has 65,000 sponsored children in Haiti – please keep them in your prayers, as the country struggles with immense poverty and disease.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020 10:30 AM

The Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, February 16**, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the 2019 Annual Report, to receive the Church Budget for 2020, and to review our pastors' compensation for 2020. All church members are encouraged to stay for this important meeting.

We will also be recognizing and thanking the outgoing church officers (Deacons and Elders) who completed their terms in December, 2019. Be sure to find them in coffee fellowship and express your appreciation to them for their faithful service!

Elders - Class of 2019

Scott Crosbie
Sue Goodnow
Janine Kline
Conrad Milner

Deacons - Class of 2019

Elaine Baker
Maria Carter
Terry Kirby
Dianne Lapp
Julie Larson
Lynn Roman
Lawrence Wood
Melissa Macones (youth deacon)



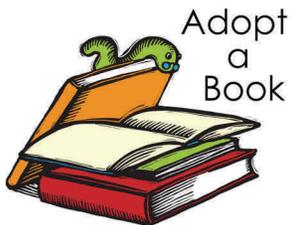
GROUP LIFE PLANNING POTLUCK

You are invited to a potluck luncheon on Sunday, **February 9** at 11:15 am. We will meet together to make plans for fellowship activities throughout 2020. Come with your ideas, and we'll plan some creative and fun events for the year! See Linda Gizzi or Jennifer Spadoni for more information.

Being a Good Neighbor

We are happy to be able to engage with our neighbors here in San Leandro, and this month we have an opportunity to support the staff at nearby Bancroft Middle School.

We are doing a **Second Semester School Supply Drive**, for specific supplies which the teachers need the most. These are the items they have requested: 1.5 inch binders, pencil pouches, pencils, pens, erasers, highlighters, inexpensive ear buds, and chart paper with a sticky back. Please bring any of these items to the church on Sunday, **February 2** or **February 9**.



Adopt
a
Book

In March, we will be hosting an **Adopt-a-Book Event**, where you can come by a table in Fellowship Hall and select a book which the Bancroft Middle School Librarian has requested for

her students to have available for check out. Again, we are happy to support our local middle school and their staff. More details coming on Sunday mornings.

Men's Retreat at Westminster Woods

It's not too late. You can still sign up for the Men's Retreat at Westminster Woods, **February 21 – 23**. A group of men from our church are already signed up – don't miss it. You can see Bob Kraut or George Swanson for more information.



Love and Romance Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group will be having its monthly luncheon on Thursday, **February 20** at 11:30 am. Following our luncheon, we will enjoy music with a "Love and Romance" theme, sung by Leland Morine and accompanied by David Miotke. This will be a real treat – you won't want to miss it! And of course we will have a delicious lunch! Be sure to sign up in the Fellowship Hall so we know how many to expect. Thank you.



Recycling Update



We continue to collect aluminum cans and PLASTIC bottles to take to recycle. It is helpful if you put the cans together in one bag, and the plastic bottles in a separate bag (please no milk cartons or glass bottles, just clear plastic bottles).

Also, please remove the caps from the plastic bottles before bringing them to church.

Also, we continue to recycle ink cartridges and cell phones, so please bring those to the church office as well. We cannot accept the large toner cartridges, nor light bulbs or batteries of any type. Please recycle these through your local waste management program. Our thanks to Gary Calame for his support as we strive to be GOOD STEWARDS of God's creation!

Summer Day Camp



Mark your calendars! Our Summer Daycamp will be happening **June 15-19**, so be sure to save that week for a wonderful time at the church. We are doing something new this year – our family picnic and celebration will take place at Cull Canyon Park after worship on Sunday, June 21. We will share our songs and stories with the congregation during 9:30 worship, and then go over to Cull Canyon for our barbeque and swim. We are in for a great time! Watch for the summer daycamp brochure, which will be available next month.



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LOOKING AHEAD

MEET AND GREET

Our Deacons will be hosting their annual “Meet and Greet” on **Sunday, March 15** at 10:30 am. Everyone is encouraged to come to Coffee Fellowship following worship and find your parish table. This is a great time to get acquainted with those who live near to you, as well as meet your parish deacon and enjoy the delicious goodies that they have brought for this special occasion! Save the date!



Harbor House Work Day

HARBOR HOUSE WORK DAY – SATURDAY, MARCH 21

On **Saturday, March 21**, we will be going to Harbor House (1811 11th Avenue, Oakland) to volunteer for their work day. The work begins at 9:00 am, and concludes at 12 noon. Harbor House is a ministry with immigrant and refugee families in Oakland that our church supports with mission money, as well as volunteering with them from time to time. If you would like to be a part of our volunteer team on March 21, please sign up with Gary Calame. Thanks!

SUMMER CAMP NEWS

Now is the time to make plans to be at Westminster Woods for summer camp! Parents are encouraged to come to WOW on **Wednesday, February 12** at 6:00 pm for a special presentation on Westminster Woods. We are a “church partner” with the Woods, qualifying us for a \$35 discount for those who register before April 1! So don't delay!



The dates that we have reserved for our church youth are:

Adventure Camp (incoming grades 2-4), **July 12-18**

Sherwood Forest (incoming grades 4-6), **July 12-18**

Elevation (incoming grades 6-8), **July 12-18**

Buccaneer (incoming grades 6-8), **July 19-25**

High School (incoming grades 9-12), **July 19-25**

Also offered again this year is **Rock and Row**, for incoming grades 10-12, the week of **July 19-25** (but don't delay on this one – it fills fast!).

The **Bridge Program**, for juniors and seniors in high school, is planned for the weeks of **June 21 and July 5**. This program provides leadership training during the first week, and opportunity to serve as a counselor or program support person another week during the summer.

Be sure to check the Westminster Woods website (www.westminsterwoods.org) for the most up to date information. We will again have numerous campership fundraisers at the church, to make it possible for everyone to go to camp.

HOLY WEEK 2020

Our spiritual preparation for Holy Week begins on **Ash Wednesday**, which is February 26. For forty days, we will prepare our hearts for Christ's ultimate sacrifice, his death on the cross.

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday** on April 5. We will have our annual Palm Sunday Breakfast before worship, as well as a special opportunity to individually do “The Stations of the Cross” (either before or after worship).

Maundy Thursday is on April 9, and at 7:00 pm we will have our Tenebrae Worship Service, recalling Jesus' last supper and his final moments with the disciples.

Good Friday Service will be on April 10 at 12 noon at All Saints Episcopal Church in San Leandro. This is a meaningful worship experience when various pastors from our community speak on the Seven Last Words of Christ.

Easter Sunday is on April 12. We will celebrate Christ's resurrection with special music in our worship at 9:30 am. We hope you will join us for all of these special occasions during Holy Week.

