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HIGHLIGHTS

First Presbyterian Church San Leandro



2020 Best of San Leandro Award

First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro has been selected for the 2020 Best of San Leandro Award in the Places of Worship category by the San Leandro Award Program. Each year, the San Leandro Award Program identifies companies that they believe have achieved exceptional success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. The award focuses on quality, not quantity.

We are happy to have been selected as a place that helps to make the San Leandro area a great place to live, work, worship and play.

Lent and Holy Week

The season of Lent begins on **February 26**, with the **Ash Wednesday** worship service in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm. The children and youth will help lead the service, and the Chancel Choir as well as the Children's Choir will be singing.



We have special devotional booklets for everyone: a booklet called "Hope-Full Living" with Lent devotions especially for seniors (and it is easy to read, large print); a booklet called "From Suffering to Salvation", with inspiration from Henri Nouwen's writings; and a booklet called "Passover Potluck!" with Lenten lessons and activities for children.

We hope that you will join us for this meaningful service, and be sure to take home a devotional booklet. Booklets will be available in the narthex on Sunday mornings during Lent, in case you didn't get one on Ash Wednesday.

Looking Ahead to Holy Week

We will celebrate **Holy Week April 5 – 12**.

On Sunday, April 5, we will have our annual Palm Sunday Breakfast, followed by worship.

On Thursday, April 9 we will have our Tenebrae Worship Service at 7 pm. On Good Friday (April 10), we will participate in the Ecumenical Good Friday Service at All Saints Episcopal in San Leandro. On Sunday, April 12, we will celebrate Christ's Resurrection at our 9:30 am worship service.





LEND A HAND TO OUR SESSION COMMITTEES

Want to help but don't have the time for a long-term commitment? Our Session Committees are looking for church members who would like to help with our different committees.

Maybe you're handy at fixing things, or a great painter, or you love donuts – maybe selling them is your thing, or you love to bake – join in making bread for our new church visitors. We have many opportunities big and small to help with. Come check out our bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall to see all the different committees and ways to help out. We would love for you to sign up so that we can better serve our church family.



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!

SUMMER NEWS

Now is the time to sign up for summer camp at Westminster Woods! Our church is a "church partner" with the Woods, so we qualify for a \$35 discount for those who register **before April 1** using discount code **ROBINHOOD**.

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

- **Adventure Camp** (incoming grades 2-4), July 12-15 or July 15-18
- **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.

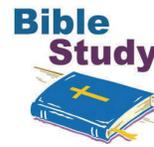
Young At Heart

The Young at Heart group will be having its monthly luncheon on Thursday, **March 19** at 11:30 am. We will be having a delicious corned beef and cabbage luncheon. Following our luncheon, we have a special musical program with the "Fundudes." You won't want to miss this. Please be sure to sign up ahead of time on Sunday morning, so we will know how many people to expect for lunch, and be sure to wear green!



Sunday Morning Adult Education Class

In March, the Sunday Morning adult education class will be considering Resistance Stories in scripture, followed by Gospel Stories from the gospel of John. Everyone is welcome.



Monday Evening Adult Education Class

The Monday evening adult class meets at 7:00 pm, and is continuing with a series on *The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancey. We view 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. Newcomers are welcome!

Bake Sale



There will be a bake sale on Sunday, March 22 during coffee fellowship to help raise money for camperships. Everyone who enjoys baking is welcome to bring goodies to be sold that morning. We continue to raise money in order to send our kids to camp – our goal is \$5,000, and so far we have **raised \$2,000**. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club is reading *Bluebird*, *Bluebird*, a blues-infused thriller by Attica Locke about the collision of race and justice in America. Georgie Hickey will host our discussion at her home on Saturday, **March 21** at 10:00 am. The book is the Castro Valley Reads selection for 2020. Please see Jeanette Rauscher or Georgie for more information.



Our May selection is *The Map of Salt and Stars* by Jennifer Joukhadar. No date has been set for the discussion.



Harbor House Workday

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!

Daylight Savings Time Begins ...March 8



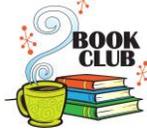
Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour!!

Spaghetti Dinner – Sunday, April 26

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner will be on Sunday evening, **April 26** at 5:00 pm. A wonderful music program is being planned, so save the date! There will be a delicious spaghetti dinner, prepared by Janine Kline and her crew. The students will provide homemade desserts, and be servers for each table. This is a campership fundraiser, which helps send all of our kids to summer camp! We hope you will come. Tickets will be on sale on Sunday mornings in April – \$12 for adults, \$5 for children over 5 years old (under 5 is free).





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1 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee/Donuts 11:15 AM Adult Education Class 12:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	2 7:00 PM Adult Education Class	3 7:30 PM Christian Ed., Church in the World, Group Life, Pastoral Care Committees	4 4:30 PM WOW and PEAK	5 6:17 PM Chancel Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	6 1:00 PM Widow/Widowers Grief Recovery Group	7 7:30 AM Men's Bible & Women's Fellowship Breakfasts
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Summer Daycamp



Summer Daycamp begins on **June 15**, and we are looking forward to a great time! Children 4-years old through incoming sixth grade are invited to participate - mark your calendars now! The camp will be staffed by youth counselors, seventh grade and up, and a team of

adults. Daycamp Counselor Training will be held Sunday, **June 14**, and is required of all youth counselors.

The cost will be \$50 for the first child in a family, and \$45 for each additional child, which includes a daycamp t-shirt, lunch for all five days, and arts and crafts supplies. Scholarship help is available.

It takes a team of enthusiastic volunteers to make DayCamp happen - set aside the week of June 15 and plan to join us for the fun! We need volunteers to work with the kids, support the youth, help in the kitchen, and more - there's a job for EVERYONE!

We look forward to a special presentation in worship on **Sunday, June 21**. Plan to join us that day when the children and youth share about their week of learning from the Bible and singing fun songs! After worship, we will be having our **FAMILY BARBEQUE and CELEBRATION** at Cull Canyon Park. The congregation is invited to join our daycamp children and families for this barbeque and swim party!

Daycamp brochures will be available soon in the narthex, fellowship hall or the office. We hope you'll plan to join us!