

# Highlights

First Presbyterian Church  
San Leandro

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## Flower Arrangements for the Sanctuary

If you would like to provide a flower arrangement for the Communion Table in the sanctuary during the month of January, please contact Mollie Wakeman (510-579-4776) prior to January 9. The cost for an arrangement from Lyal Nickals Florist is \$65. Thank you in advance!



## Thanks to the Chancel Guild

We would like to thank our Chancel Guild for the lovely decorations in our church for Advent and Christmas! The beautiful poinsettias, the festive wreaths and the decorated Christmas trees throughout the sanctuary, chapel and narthex added to our joy as we celebrate Christ's birth!

## Covid Boosters Required in January

At their December meeting, the Session voted to require that all CDC recommendations be adhered to at our church, in order to keep everyone healthy and safe. Currently, the CDC recommends that everyone 18 and older get the Covid booster, 6 months after receiving the second shot of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or 2 months after receiving the J & J vaccine. They recommend the Pfizer or Moderna booster over the J & J booster, to ensure maximum protection.

Therefore, all persons attending worship services must have gotten their booster shot by January 8, 2022. And all adults coming to in-person gatherings in the church building must be fully vaccinated and have gotten their booster shot by January 8.

## Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

The Men's Breakfast and Bible study will be meeting on Saturday, January 8 at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. They will resume their study of the Beatitudes, led by George Swanson. Janine Kline will be preparing the breakfast for us (volunteer help is appreciated).

Advance reservations are required, and everyone must be fully vaccinated and have gotten their booster shot. Vaccination verification will be required for anyone who has not already done so for Sunday morning worship.



Meet  
for  
Breakfast

## Women's Fellowship Breakfast

The Women's Fellowship Breakfast will also be meeting on Saturday, January 8 at 7:30 am. They will gather in the Fireside Room. Janine Kline will be preparing the breakfast, and volunteers to work with her would be appreciated. Advance reservations are required, and everyone must be fully vaccinated and have gotten their booster shot. Vaccination verification will be required for anyone who has not already done so for Sunday morning worship.

## The Alternative Gift Fair

Our thanks to everyone who supported the Alternative Gift Fair this year. We had a nice selection of gifts from Partners for Just Trade, along with coffee, tea and chocolate from Equal Exchange. We also received \$ 980 for Heifer International!



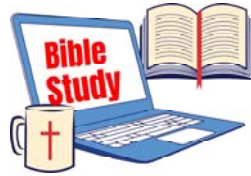
## Angel Tree

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Our Angel Tree Project was very successful again this year. Due to your generosity we were able to increase the amount of the gift cards for the children and caregiver, plus we were able to provide gift cards for Davis Street Holiday Gift Baskets, and help church families in need.

~Jim Watts,

Angel Tree Coordinator. **M**

## Monday Zoom Bible Class



The Monday adult education class will resume meeting on Monday, **January 10** at 4:00 pm (by Zoom). They will begin a new six-week series called "Creed, What Christians Believe and Why." The class will be studying the Apostles' Creed and exploring not only what Christians believe, but

also why they believe it and why it matters. There will be a brief presentation on DVD by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, and then Sue Goodnow and Jane Kraut will lead a discussion.

If you would like to attend these Zoom classes, please call Jane Kraut at the church office, and she will send you a Zoom invitation by email.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

**February 6, 2022** is Super Bowl Sunday. We invite you to have a dollar bill handy, which you can place in a soup pot as you come into worship in support of this special offering. As you may recall, this is a nationwide effort to care for those who are less fortunate. Each year, our church uses the Souper Bowl of Caring money to provide lunches for the homeless who come to the April Showers program in San Leandro.



## Annual Report

It's that time of year again. All committee chairpersons and organization leaders are asked to have their annual reports in to the church administrator no later than January 15. If possible, please submit the report electronically to [office@firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org](mailto:office@firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org).

Copies of the Annual Report will be available by Sunday, February 13, so that it may be read prior to the Annual Meeting on February 20, immediately following worship.

## Offering Envelopes Available for 2022



The new Offering Envelope boxes for 2022 will be available for pick up beginning Sunday, January 2. They will be set out on a table in Fellowship Hall. If you would prefer to have your envelopes mailed to you, please give us a call at the church office and we will send them along.

If you need a pledge card, please call the church office and we will mail one to you. If you want envelopes but prefer not to make a pledge, you may call the church office and speak to Elizabeth. Also remember that we now have Online Giving set up – just go to our church webpage to get the information. You may give by credit card, debit card, or direct transfer from your bank account. Thank you.



# JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>9:30 AM In-Person Worship Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	27	28	29	30 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	31	
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## 2021 POINSETTIAS



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<u>NAME OF DONOR</u>	<u>GIVEN IN MEMORY OF</u>
Anonymous	Marty Sulek
Betty Brown	Gerald Brown & Loved Ones
Burt & Marie Busk	Maynard & Erma Munger
Burt & Marie Busk	John & Marguerite Busk
Burt & Marie Busk	Dick & Doris Halverson
Burt & Marie Busk	Homer & Isabelle Goddard
Manuel & Mary Costa	Manny Doolittle
Kevin Cox	My Parents
Joyce Davis	Jerry Davis, my husband
Joyce Davis	Opal Reimers, my mother
Alice Doolittle	Manny Doolittle
Anne Duey	Dick Duey
George & Susan Fitzgerald	Mr. & Mrs. Rolland Fitzgerald
George & Susan Fitzgerald	Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin Jeffries
Sue Goodnow	Loved Ones
Lee Anette Holm	Paul & Sybil Holm
Richard Jackson	Mildred Jackson, my mother
Sheila Kelso	Joyce Suter
Constantin & Estera Miclea	Our Loved Ones
Anne & Conrad Milner	Beryl Milner & Mary Beth Robinson
Linda & Leland Morine	Win & Karl Morine
Bill Nelson & Sylvia Smith	Bonnie Iler, Bill's sister
Bill Nelson & Sylvia Smith	Emery Smith, Sylvia's son
Helen Oertle	B. Dean Oertle

<u>NAME OF DONOR</u>	<u>GIVEN IN MEMORY OF</u>
Lynne Ondo	Oliver & Dora Chayie
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Michele Owyang	Ben Owyang
Cheryl Perenon	Jeffrey Perenon
Jeanette Rauscher	Richard Rauscher
Susan Sprague	Fred & Betty Woodward, my parents
Susan Sprague	Nick Isaeff, husband
Susan Sprague	Gene Sprague, husband
Karen Touchon	My Family
Art & Pat Walton	Mary Esther Walton
The Watts Family	Loved Ones



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<u>NAME OF DONOR</u>	<u>GIVEN IN HONOR OF</u>
Anonymous	Ministry of Music
Calame Family	Church Family
Manuel & Mary Costa	Our Family
Jeanette Rauscher	Our Church Family
Susan Sprague	Jen Spadoni & Nick Bronken
Anne & George Swanson	Our Children & Grandchildren





## General Mission Giving

During 2021, the Session has been disbursing our General Mission money on a regular basis to support important ministries in the Bay Area and around the world. The generosity of our congregation has allowed us to not only fulfill our General Mission commitment of \$24,000 this year, but to send an additional \$4000 to several missions. The following organizations have received support in 2021:

- Westminster Woods Christian Camp and Retreat Center
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Harbor House, Oakland
- Safehouse, San Francisco
- Cameron House, San Francisco
- St. Anthony's Foundation, San Francisco
- Rise Against Hunger
- Franciscan Mission Service (Anna Metzger, missionary to Bolivia)
- Habitat for Humanity, East Bay/Silicon Valley
- George Mark Children's Home
- Davis Street Family Resource Center
- Heifer International
- San Lorenzo Food Pantry
- Prayer Shawl Ministry – postage for Knit-a-Square shipment to Africa
- Building Futures for Women and Children, San Leandro
- Compassion Child International (Nephtalie Cherie, in Haiti)
- Compassion Disaster Relief - Haiti
- World Vision
- Frontera de Cristo Presbyterian Border Ministry (Douglas, AZ)
- International Rescue Committee
- Presbyterian Hunger Program

## Per Capita

As Presbyterians, we are a part of a connectional church, known as the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA). We are supported in our work here in San Leandro by the Presbytery of San Francisco, the Synod of the Pacific, and the Office of the General Assembly. These valued ministries are made possible through "per capita", which is a set amount of money (apportionment) that is paid for each member of our congregation to the larger PCUSA. Said another way, it is like a Presbyterian community fund, part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together.

Our church faithfully pays its "per capita" expense each year, and we invite members of the church to contribute to this offering. The apportionment for 2022 is \$38 per member; you may use the Offering Envelope that says "Per Capita Apportionment" on it, or you may simply write "per capita" in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

## Widows/Widowers Grief Recovery Group

We are happy to be able to host a widows/widowers grief recovery class and support group at our church beginning on Friday, **January 14, 2022**. The group will meet for 11 weeks on Friday afternoons, 1:00 – 3:30 pm. It will be led by Merrilee Mitchell, and will include topics such as Facing Loss, Understanding Grief, Letting Go of the Past, and Getting Back in Balance.

The group is open to widows and widowers of all ages, no matter how far along they are in their grief process. Whether you have recently lost a spouse or your spouse died years ago, all who are interested in working through their grief are welcome. Everyone attending must be fully vaccinated and have received their booster shot.

Please call Merrilee at (510) 482-5296 for further information, or stop by the church office for a brochure. (There are other groups which will be meeting in the Pleasanton and Walnut Creek areas, so feel free to ask Merrilee about those if you are interested.)





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## Highlights—Upcoming Events

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### Young at Heart Luncheon

The Young at Heart group is looking forward to gathering in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, **January 20** at 11:30 am. Advance reservations will be required. The total number of people will be limited, so be sure to call and reserve your spot right away. All guests must be fully vaccinated and have gotten their booster shot. Vaccination verification will be required for anyone who has not already done so for Sunday morning worship. A brief program is being planned.



### Women's Book Exchange

The Women's Book Club will be meeting on Saturday, **January 29** at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room for brunch and a book exchange. Everyone attending must be fully vaccinated and have gotten the booster shot.

For the book exchange, please bring a book, old or new. It should be one you have enjoyed reading or would like to read. Please RSVP to Jeanette Rauscher or the church office. More details will be sent out in an email.