

# Highlights

First Presbyterian Church San Leandro

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## Pentecost Sundaes on Pentecost Sunday



After the resurrection, before Jesus returned to Heaven, He told His followers “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 1:4-5)

God sent the gift of the Holy Spirit to His people on the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit helped God’s people to tell others about Jesus. It didn’t even matter if they spoke the same language. They told others about Jesus and they understood. Thousands of people came to know Jesus on Pentecost and began the very first church, making Pentecost the Birthday of the Church.

**Sunday, June 5, is Pentecost Sunday** and everyone is encouraged to

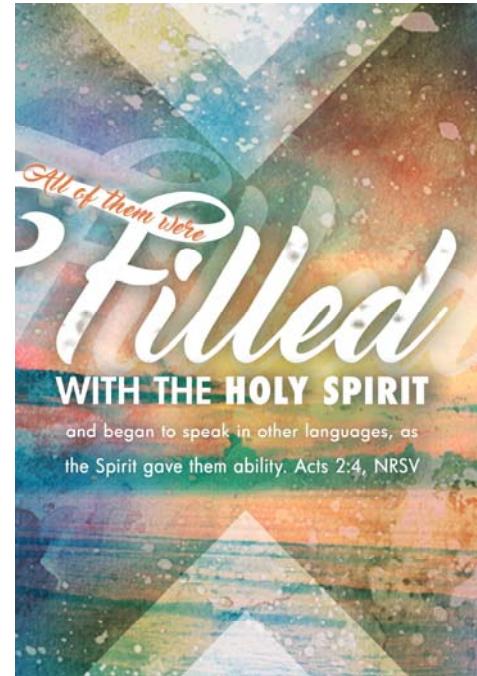
wear RED, the color of Pentecost. As part of the worship service that morning, we will hear scripture read in many different languages, coordinated by Faye Wilson. Also, our church will participate in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Pentecost Offering. This offering will be used for children at risk and for ministry with youth and young adults. Our congregation will keep 40 percent of the offering for use here, and send the remainder to Presbytery and General Assembly for their use. Following worship, we will make and enjoy *Pentecost Sundaes* on Pentecost Sunday during coffee fellowship, in celebration of the *Birthday of the Church*.

## Update on Worship & Church Activities

We continue to be thankful that our church family members have taken the important step of being safe and loving their neighbors, by being fully up-to-date with their vaccines and boosters against the Covid-19 virus. We will continue to wear masks in worship, and require that those attending are up-to-date with their vaccinations.

For those of you who prefer not to attend worship in-person at this time, you will continue to find our weekly worship recording on our church website: [www.firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org](http://www.firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org).

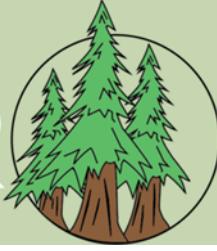


## All-Church Retreat: September 9-11, 2022

Save the date! Our All-Church Retreat is scheduled for September 9 - 11 at Westminster Woods, and we are in for another fantastic weekend! A great program is being planned for all ages! For overnight accommodations, we'll have our usual cabins, along with some deluxe housing that includes restrooms in the same building. Camperships are available, so that everyone can afford to come. Sign-ups will begin soon – we hope you will join us!



# WESTMINSTER WOODS



We are excited that there will be four weeks of Summer Camp at Westminster Woods this Summer. We are encouraging our young people to attend during Week 3 or 4, if possible:

CAMP (grade)	Week #	Dates
Sherwood Forest (grades 4th/5th)	Week 3	July 10 - 16
Elevation Camp (grades 6th - 8th)	Week 3	July 10 - 16
Buccaneer Camp (grades 6th - 8th)	Week 4	July 17 - 23
High School Camp (grades 9th - 12th)	Week 4	July 17 - 23

Westminster Woods will grant a \$100 campership to any and all campers from our church. To receive these funds, parents must first register their child for summer camp at [www.westminsterwoods.org/summer-programs](http://www.westminsterwoods.org/summer-programs), then fill out the campership request form at <https://www.westminsterwoods.org/campership-application>. When completing this form, select the box for "other amount requested" and enter \$100 in the line titled "amount requested if other was chosen." Additionally, be sure to indicate First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro in the line titled "Church" and Lou Pennebaker as the "Pastor or Youth Leader Name."

Our own church also has campership funds available to assist our families, as we want to ensure that all of our church children are able to attend camp without it being a financial burden to their families. To request church campership money or if you have any other questions regarding Westminster Woods summer camps, please email [Lou@firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org](mailto:Lou@firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org).

Our church will be well-represented at camp, with Mander Kraut and Carly Horrobin serving on staff, Lou Pennebaker serving as Resource Person during Week 3, and Bob and Jane Kraut serving as Resource Persons during all four weeks.

## Staff Transitions

We were sorry to learn from our administrative manager, Elizabeth Castaing, that she will soon be starting a new job. In her letter of resignation, she said she was resigning with a heavy heart, but that this new position would give her the opportunity to spend more time with her family. She wrote that she has enjoyed her time here at our church, and will remain grateful for the wonderful people she has met while working here. In June, Elizabeth will be around to help us with the ongoing transition and to train a new administrator. We will miss having Elizabeth as a part of our staff team.

## Men's Breakfast/Bible Study and Women's Fellowship Breakfast

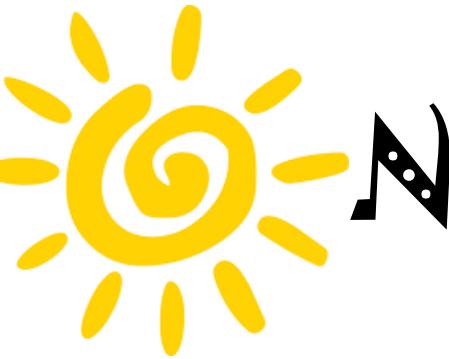
The Men's Breakfast/Bible Study and Women's Fellowship groups will be meeting on Saturday, **June 11** at 7:30 am for a delicious breakfast, prepared by Janine Kline. The men will continue their discussion of the Beatitudes, led by George Swanson. The women will enjoy fellowship and conversation around the tables. Reservations are required, and we ask for a \$10 donation to cover expenses. Everyone must be up-to-date on vaccinations and a booster shot, and we will be wearing masks (except while eating and drinking). Please note that for June, the breakfast will be on the second Saturday (instead of the usual first Saturday of the month).



*Join us for Breakfast*

Summer Daycamp – June 20-24, 2022

# Fun in the SON



We are excited to once again be able to offer a full week of summer Daycamp for children at First Presbyterian church and we are working to make it a safe environment for all! It will be a week of *Fun in the SON* as we *Picnic, Sail, Fish, Garden and Live in the SON*. Each day will include lunch, a large group lesson with skit and songs, small group lesson, activities and discussion, a memory verse, crafts, games, a snack and a different daily service project that all focus on a different daily Bible story about Jesus, the Son of God.

Daycamp will take place the week of June 20 – 24 in person at the church from 12:30 - 4:00 pm each day. There will be NO cost to attend Daycamp and any child who is an incoming K - 6<sup>th</sup> grader is welcome to attend. Daycamp brochures with registration forms are available at the church if your child did not already receive one in the mail or if you would like to invite a friend, neighbor or family member. All are welcome!

Students who are incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders – college students are needed to serve as Daycamp Youth Counselors. Daycamp Youth Counselors will be responsible for a small group of children for the week or assist an adult leader with a specific Daycamp activity. There is no cost to serve as a youth counselor. We will train and equip you as well as feed you lunch each day!

Youth Counselors will need to be at the church by Noon each day and stay until 4:30 pm, and must attend Counselor Training at the church on Sunday, June 19, from 11 am – 1:30 pm. Students must complete a Youth Counselor Application.

**The Daycamp registration forms and the counselor applications are due NO later than Sunday, June 12.** If you have questions regarding Daycamp or if you would like to volunteer, please talk to Lou Pennebaker or email [Lou@firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org](mailto:Lou@firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org)



## Our Thanks to the WOW and Peak Leaders

We want to thank the adult leaders who have been faithfully meeting with our Wonders on Wednesday and Peak students throughout this past school year. We have been blessed by their ongoing presence with our young people: Linda Gizzi, Sue Goodnow, Lee Holm, Carly Horrobin, Michele Johnson, Bob Kraut, Anne Milner, Jeanette Rauscher, Sue Robertson, and Melissa Seaton. We also are deeply grateful to Jane Kraut, who has served as our Interim Director of Children's Ministry since October 2020! With her leadership, we have been able to have safe and meaningful gatherings with the children and youth throughout the pandemic.



## Congratulations to our Graduates:

We extend our congratulations to Nnabuchi Lebeke and Angel Resendez, upon their graduation from San Leandro High School. Both of them plan to continue their studies at Chabot College in the fall.

# June 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	30 4:00 PM Adult Bible Class (Zoom) 6:30 PM Chancel Bells	31	1	2	3	4 
5 <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship/ Pentecost Sundaes 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 4:00 PM Adult Bible Class (Zoom) 6:30 PM Chancel Bells	7 7:00 PM Building & Grounds, Evangelism, Pastoral Care and Stewardship Committees	8	9 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	10	11 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study 7:30 AM Women's Fellowship Breakfast
12 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Chancel Guild Thank You Brunch	13 4:00 PM Adult Bible Class (Zoom) 6:30 PM Chancel Bells	14	15	16 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	17	18
19 9:30 AM Worship Service: Music Appreciation  <b>RECOGNIZING Our Musicians</b> 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 11 AM - 1:30 PM Daycamp Counselor Training	20 12:30 PM Summer Daycamp: FUN IN THE SON 	21 12:30 PM Summer Daycamp: FUN IN THE SON 7:00 PM Session	22 12:30 PM Summer Daycamp: FUN IN THE SON 	23 12:30 PM Summer Daycamp: FUN IN THE SON 	24 12:30 PM Summer Daycamp: FUN IN THE SON 	25 9:30 AM Daycamp Worship Rehearsal 11 AM Summer Daycamp BBQ & Swim Party
26 9:30 AM Worship Service: DAYCAMP SUNDAY 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	27	28	29	30	1	2

# Music Appreciation Sunday – June 19

We want to thank our musicians for their faithful support during this most unusual season in the life of the church. During the sixteen months during which we, as a congregation, could not gather in the sanctuary for worship, we were grateful to the Worship Team who came to the church and prepared weekly recordings to be posted on our webpage: Toni DiCapua, organist; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist; Sharon Dinwiddie, Barbara Holmes, Bob Kraut and Leland Morine, choral ensemble; Richard Dinwiddie, Director of Music, and Ben Ball, sound technician.



We are grateful to the Chancel Choir members, who resumed weekly rehearsals in June 2021, and provided recordings of their anthems since that time. Our thanks to Sharon Dinwiddie, Sue Goodnow, Richard Jackson, Bob Kraut, Jane Kraut, Julie Larson, Carol Legge, Leland Morine, Linda Morine, Lynne Ondo, Michele Owyang, Richard Thomas, Jim Watts, Val Watts, and Faye Wilson. On Sunday, May 22, the Chancel Choir has returned to singing live in worship (with masks), and we are so happy to hear their music and see them in person!

We are grateful to Richard Jackson, Bob Kraut and Leland Morine who faithfully sang the hymns on our behalf after we returned to in-person worship in July 2021. They continued to sing the hymns and service music until April 2022, when the congregation resumed singing in worship.

We are grateful to the Chancel Bells, who have been rehearsing since September 2020 and have recorded anthems, as well as played live in our worship services. Our thanks to Sharon Dinwiddie, Jane Kraut, Linda Pollard, Melissa Seaton, and Faye Wilson for their dedication to this expression of our music ministry.

We are grateful to our organists and accompanists, who have filled the sanctuary with the glorious sounds of hymns and songs that support our worship. In addition to Toni DiCapua and Mollie Wakeman's ongoing participation, we are also grateful that Mary Mackie and Bobbi Hunter have been able to return to playing the organ since we resumed in-person worship.

Finally, we thank Richard Dinwiddie, our Director of Music, who has faithfully led us and kept us inspired and hopeful as we sang God's praise during these challenging times.



## Support the Church through AMAZON

Did you know that a portion of your Amazon purchase can be donated to our church? If you make your purchases through Amazon Smile, 0.5% of your qualifying purchase will be donated to our church! Just designate First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro as your charity, and your purchases will generate funds for our church. Thanks!



## Thank you

We want to thank Jeanette Rauscher, who continues to create our monthly Highlights issues. We really appreciate the creative work she does! Also, we appreciate her continued management of our online website, which she keeps up-to-date with current activities and worship services. Anyone who goes to our church web page ([www.firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org](http://www.firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org)) can see that this is an active church, with many ways to be involved!

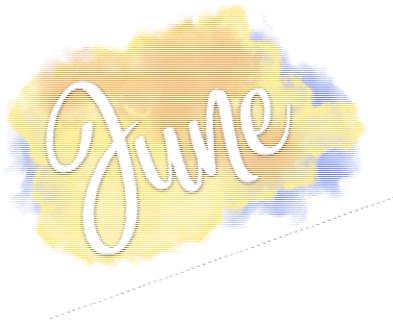


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### Young at Heart Thursday, June 16

Our Young at Heart group will be meeting on Thursday, **June 16** at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship and a delicious luncheon. Reservations are required, and space is limited, so please call the church office to sign up. After lunch, Art Walton will be sharing photographs from a trip he and Pat took to Scandinavia and Russia. Masks must be worn (except when eating and drinking). All participants must be up to date on their vaccinations and booster shot.

### Monday Zoom Bible Class

The adult education class, which meets on Monday afternoons at 4:00 pm (by Zoom), is continuing a series on First Corinthians: Searching the Depths of God as their guide. The final class for this series will be on **June 13**. If you would like to attend these Zoom classes, please see Jane Kraut or Sue Goodnow, or call the church office (510-483-2772).



### CHANCEL GUILD

The Chancel Guild enhances our weekly worship services by providing lovely floral arrangements and beautifying our sanctuary to the Glory of God. They give special care to the Communion Table, providing items that engage our sense of sight including a wooden or brass cross, candles, the Bible, and fresh flower arrangements which are often provided by the congregation. They also beautify the sanctuary during special seasons of the year, including poinsettias and greens during Advent/Christmas and lilies or azaleas during Eastertide. We really appreciate their service!

Our thanks to Betty Brown, Susan Fitzgerald, Georgie Hickey, Sue Robertson, Lynn Roman, Jennifer Spadoni, Susan Sprague, and Mollie Wakeman for their commitment to this special ministry. We also appreciate Cheryl Perenon's ongoing arrangements in the display case in the hallway next to the Fireside Room. There will be a special thank-you Brunch for them on **Sunday, June 12** in the Fireside Room after worship and coffee fellowship.

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