

Highlights

First Presbyterian Church San Leandro

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The Day of Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4

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.



This year, **Sunday, May 19, is Pentecost Sunday** and everyone is encouraged to wear **RED**, the color of Pentecost. Faye Wilson will once again be coordinating the reading of scripture in many different languages within the morning worship service. Our church will also be participating in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Pentecost Offering that is 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. To give to this offering, please use the Pentecost special offering envelopes

Sunday Morning Study: The Cup of Our Life

Continuing Our Journey of Abundance with daily prayer and reflection Began Sunday, April 7 and continues through Sunday, May 19

The Cup of Our Life by Joyce Rupp is a six-week program for spiritual growth that uses the image of the cup as the container for our lives. This study invites us to pray for six weeks, creating a regular practice of prayer as a way to consistently nourish, restore and renew our relationship with God. When we take time to sit with God, read from his word, talk to God, and listen to God the more we get to know God, his Word and grow in our faith and relationship with him. Each week involves a different prayer experience that focuses on one aspect of the cup as a metaphor of spiritual growth. There are daily readings, meditation invitations, prayers and questions for journaling and art. In class each Sunday, participants share about their individual experiences throughout the week and further explore the metaphor of the cup. The class meets in the Fireside room on Sunday mornings at 11 am and will continue through Sunday, May 19.



All COVID Protocols Lifted

and Sunday Attendance Stations Eliminated

In April, Session voted to lift all remaining church COVID protocols beginning on May 1. This includes the elimination of worship attendance check-in and the prohibition of the choir sitting in the choir loft. In May we will once again use attendance pads in the pews.

Of course, mask wearing will always be acceptable and those who choose to do so will be respected and supported.

New Sunday Flower Procedure

Donating flowers is easy as 1-2-3!

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Pick a date on the calendar in Fellowship Hall.
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Send flower dedication by email or phone to office the Wednesday prior to selected date.
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Confirm that you will bring floral arrangement or provide check for \$65.



Bringing your own arrangement?

1. Have your flowers arranged in your vase.
2. Place on communion table by 9:15 am on Sunday.
3. Take flowers home after worship or share with Friends@Home.

Be sure to sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the office at 510-483-2772 with any questions.

Young at Heart – Thursday, May 16

The Young at Heart luncheon and program will be on **Thursday, May 16** at 11:30 am. We will be welcoming Toni DiCapua and her fun group of flutists back to Young at Heart this month. Come enjoy a fun afternoon of food, fellowship and flute music! Please be sure to sign up ahead of time, so we have an accurate count for the delicious meal prepared by Bob Kraut and his team. Sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office. Donations to cover the meal cost are appreciated on the day of the event.



Thank You! Thank You!

Recently Don Yee & Conrad Milner gave of their time to clean up the alley way on the north property line on the Harrison Street side of the church. This area is not utilized much and the debris from the eucalyptus trees just on the other side of the fence has collected in the alley for several years. Thank you Don & Conrad for your time and manual labor to clean up the alley!

Thank you also to Rich Toney for the beautifully handcrafted wood offering box that is now collecting the weekly tithes and offerings in the narthex! If you have not noticed this new addition, take a few minutes on Sunday morning to admire the beautiful details and craftsmanship that are contained in this wonderful labor of love.



Men's Bible Study Breakfast & Women's Fellowship Breakfast

The monthly Men's Bible Study Breakfast and Women's Fellowship Breakfast will both take place on Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 am at the Manor Grill, located at 526 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. All are invited and welcome to join.





Renewal of Transitional Pastor Contract

As our transitional pastor, Pastor Renée can only contract with the Session for up to one year at a time. The Session approved the renewal of Pastor Renée's contract at the March meeting. If the church finds a new pastor before the end of her contract, there are provisions in the contract to end her work earlier.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28 9:30 am Worship Service 11:00 am Adult Class: The Cup of Our Life 12:00 pm Nominating Committee</p>	<p>29 6:17 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1 2:00 pm Stewardship Team Meeting 6:00 pm Mission Study Team MISSION Study Team</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:30 am Men's Bible Study and Breakfast/Women's Fellowship Breakfast @ Manor Grill 11:00 am Betty Brown Memorial Service </p>
<p>5 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am Adult Class: The Cup of Our Life</p> 	<p>6 6:17 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal HANDBELL CHOIR</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9:30 am Chancel Bells-Review Rehearsal Bell Choir</p> 
<p>12 HAPPY Mother's DAY 9:30 am Worship Service Chancel Bells Performance 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship/ Manna Bags & Equal Exchange Chocolate Sales 11:00 am Adult Class: The Cup of Our Life</p> 	<p>13 6:17 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 11:30 am Young at Heart Luncheon/Program Heart</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:00 am - 12:30 pm BEE-You-Tea  1:30 pm Deacons Meeting Deacons</p> 
<p>19 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship/Donuts 11:00 am Adult Class: The Cup of Our Life</p> 	<p>20 6:17 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal Bell Choir</p> 	<p>21 2:00 pm Stewardship Team Meeting</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28 6:00 pm Session Meeting Session Meeting</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 7:30 am Men's Bible Study and Breakfast/Women's Fellowship Breakfast @ Manor Grill</p>

Passing of Betty Brown

We send our deepest condolences to the family of life-long church member Betty Brown, who passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully, on the afternoon of Sunday, April 14. Earlier that day, she had attended worship and had lunch.

Betty's parents joined the church in 1923 and attended worship services at the Little Brown Church. Betty was born in 1926, one year after the current church building was built at 180 Estudillo Ave. Betty attended First Presbyterian Church her entire life. She officially joined the church through confirmation in 1939 at the age of 13. Betty was proud of her First Presbyterian Church heritage. She was an active faithful member for 85 years. It is very possible that Betty is the longest ever member of First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro. Her faithful presence at Sunday worship and most all church activities and events will be missed by all.

There will be a memorial service and lunch for Betty at First Presbyterian on **Saturday, May 4 at 11:00 am.**

Cards may be sent to: Cheryl Herkenrath, 1253 Yorkshire Way, Manteca, CA 95336



at Westminster Woods

Camp Soulspring is the new name for Westminster Wood's Christian Summer Camps. This summer there will be three weeks of Camp Soulspring for ages 8 – 17 as well as three specialty programs: The Grove - a weekend Family Camp for all ages; Woods to Waves - an offsite leadership adventure camp for ages 15 – 17; and Friendship Camp - a program for adults with developmental disabilities.

Space is currently available in each of these programs, except Friendship Camp which is full with a waitlist.

Session 4 July 7th-12th	Session 5 July 14th-19th	Session 6 July 21st-26th	Session 7 August 2nd-5th	Session 8 August 5th-8th
CAMP SOULSPRING (AGES 8-17)	CAMP SOULSPRING (AGES 8-17)	CAMP SOULSPRING (AGES 8-17) WOODS TO WAVES (AGES 15-17)	THE GROVE (FAMILY CAMP)	FRIENDSHIP CAMP (For adults with developmental disabilities) (AGES 18+)

Before registering for camp, please contact Lou Pennebaker about registration codes, cost and discounts for First Presbyterian Church campers.

Update: Stained Glass Window Repairs

On Tuesday, April 2, two stain glass restoration experts from Helios Art Glass carefully removed the 6'x3' center damaged section of the "Jesus Window" in our main Sanctuary. While they are working to repair the damage to this section of the window, they have temporarily replaced it with a plywood "plug". The full repair and restoration of the window is expected to take 4-6 weeks. First the broken glass pieces will be replaced and the damaged pane repaired. Then a professional artist will repaint the image on the new glass. Once the window is fully restored, it will be re-installed in our sanctuary. Thankfully, we have already received an insurance payment that will cover most of the cost of the repair.

In addition to the "Jesus Window" Helios Art Glass also removed the center Butterfly and Easter Lily 2'x2' center of the Sharon Jones & Ted Hitchcock memorial window in the chapel. This window was vandalized (in a separate incident from the Jesus Window) by a single rock being thrown through it. Only one pane of glass in this window was damaged. Helios Art Glass will repair and return this window to its proper place in the chapel.





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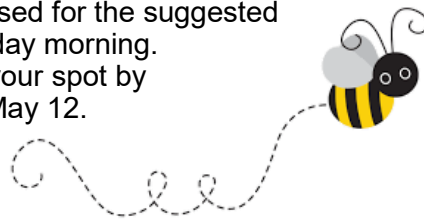
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BEE-You-Tea

Saturday, May 18; 10 am in Fellowship Hall

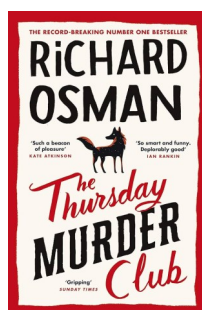
All women are invited to come and are encouraged to invite a friend for a special morning of fellowship, music, tea, delicious goodies, and some BEE-utiful inspiration. This is an opportunity to share your faith with someone in a fun and entertaining way. Invite HER to join us for tea!

Tickets may be purchased for the suggested donation of \$8 on Sunday morning. "Bee" sure to reserve your spot by purchasing tickets by May 12. Tickets will not be available for purchase the day of the event.



Women's Book Club

Our next book will be *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Sue Robertson has offered to host our next discussion at her home in June (date to be announced).



Graduation Recognition Sunday

June 2

On Sunday, June 2, we'll be recognizing and honoring those in our faith family who are graduating this year. Christian Education elder Anne Milner along with Gigi MacLeod, Jeanette Rauscher and Lou Pennebaker are working to plan a special celebration as part of the morning worship service and Coffee Fellowship.

Graduates will be invited to participate in worship leadership and will be included in a special time of prayer and blessing. After worship, we will continue the celebration in the Fellowship Hall with cake and special presentations during Coffee Fellowship.



If you are or you know someone in our church family who is graduating this year, please contact the church office to let us know so that we can reach out and work to include any and all graduates in this special celebration!