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OUR CALENDAR

Communion is normally celebrated during worship service on the first Sunday of the month.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Communion Sunday

In Person Worship Service

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

Presentation of Amy Utsunomiya Youth Service Award

Join Us for Coffee Hour

MONDAY, MAY 2

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, MAY 8

In person Worship Service

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

We are grateful to those persons who led us in worship on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2022, with social distancing. Welcome, Dorothy Kirkland; Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Donna Gonzales; Scripture, Ann Kiryama (John 20: 19-31); music, Kenny Elliott, Virginia Gin, Ann Kiriyaama, Greg Middleton, Ron Ota, and Gus Zdanovich; Sound and Visuals, Patti Gin, Sam Gin, and Nick Tomoyasu; and the Rev. Harlan Redmond Edwards for his sermon, "**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to Believe**".

WHO'S MAILING

May 2	Volunteers
May 9	Volunteers
May 16	Volunteers
May 23	Volunteers

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Filling in the Gap During the In-Between Time

By Dorothy Kirkland

The time has arrived when this church does not have an interim pastor at the helm. Pastor Ann is now officially retired, and Pastor Victoria Randall, our newly called Interim Pastor, will not arrive until June 1. You may be wondering how church will get along during this "in-between pastors" time. No worries.

We are fortunate to have the San Gabriel Presbytery as a solid back-up and support to us. Also, if there are urgent needs among our members and friends, please feel free to contact any Elder on Session. We will be ready to assist you or put you in contact with someone who can.

Regarding the Sunday worship service, we have a solid worship team who will continue to do all the things they do to deliver a meaningful worship experience to you. The elders will play a bigger role as well. We have a great line-up of pastors for the next five weeks who will deliver the message to you.

April 24 – Pastor Harlan Redmond, who was our guest preacher in March, preached again this past Sunday. He is the co-pastor of the new ministry called "Interwoven" which is sponsored by the San Gabriel Presbytery. Interwoven has a focus on the community along the Lincoln Corridor, in Pasadena and Altadena. His sermon title was "Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen and Yet Have Come to Believe." If you missed his message, it is still available to view on youtube.

May 1 – Pastor Ally Lee, who also was a guest preacher in March, is invited back to the pulpit and will lead the celebration of communion. Pastor Ally is the other co-pastor of the ministry Interwoven. She is also the Stated Clerk for the Presbytery. Her sermon is titled "He Told Me Everything I Have Ever Done."

May 8, 15, 22 and 29 - Our own Pastor Pete Morris has agreed to preach on four consecutive Sundays. He plans a sermon series that will focus on the important and notable actions of Jesus, after His resurrection and during His last 40 days here on earth.

So this is our plan for the "in-between" time. Session and all the leadership groups of the church asks for your prayers for the church during this time. And we all thank you for your continued support and patience. We pray for you as well.



April 26, 2022

OUR THANKS

Our church expresses our sincere appreciation to the following members and friends for their gifts from April 19, 2022 thru April 25, 2022

Deacons

Janet Watanabe

Easter

Ken and Donna Inouye (Concord)

Judy Kam

Tom and Tsuru Miyasaki

John and Susan Nishio

Kathy Onoye

In Honor of Bob Uchida's Special

Birthday

Gini Ishida

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MISCELLANY

On Sunday, May 1, we will welcome the Rev. Ally Lee (of Interwoven Ministries) to our pulpit. We will also celebrate Communion, present the Amy Utsunomiya Memorial Youth Service Award, and enjoy a delicious coffee hour after service. Please join us!

And with next Sunday, we begin the month of May. May Day, Lei Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day....a busy month. We thank the many who have been able to contribute to the Flavor of the Month for March and April (holiday foods). But with a new month, we start a new flavor..... cooking and baking items. Just think of those items that you need to complete a main dish or meal, or baking items. **Cake/bake boxes, flour, sugar, canned fruit or vegetables, tomato or pasta sauces, pasta, seasonings....** Drop your items in the marked box in the sanctuary foyer, our Deacons will be taking all items to the Friends In Deed Food Pantry.

Keiro Connect:

Promoting Positive Mental Health

Oftentimes, people think about aging and self-care in terms of their physical well-being. However, your mental health is just as important of a puzzle piece to your overall health.

Keiro invites you to our upcoming Speaker Series, where we will discuss various approaches to mental health and how you can find ways to connect that piece of the puzzle to improve your aging experience!

Part 1 - Starting with You: Mental Health and Self-Care with Dr. Maria Claver, PhD, MSW, CPG

Thursday, May 5, 2022

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. PDT

Registration closes May 4th.

Part 2 - Family Approaches to Positive Mental Health with Jeffry and Matthew Yonemura

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. PDT

Registration closes May 16th.

**To register go to Keiro.org
Virtual Forums**

Thank You!

Dear FPCA Family and Friends,

My sincere heartfelt thanks to all of you for such a warm outpouring of love and care on my last Sunday with you. I am truly touched by all of your cards with such gracious words as well as your generous monetary gifts, gift cards, handmade cards and delightful sounding wind chimes. The basket of flowers is absolutely gorgeous and continues to grace my table. A sincere thanks to the Presbyterian Women for their generous gift. A huge thank you to all who planned the coffee hour with such delicious goodies, a beautiful table and for everyone's words of encouragement and support. I will miss you and you will be in my prayers.

May God's blessing be with all of you!

Pastor Ann

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