



MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH DISCOMFORT
WITH EASY ANSWERS AND HALF TRUTHS AND
SUPERFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS,
SO THAT YOU WILL LIVE DEEPLY
AND FROM THE HEART.

FROM FRANCISCAN BENEDICTION

THE CLARION

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2019

First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael • 1869 – 2019 • Serving our Community for 150 Years.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *of* SAN RAFAEL



Dear friends,

At our August session meeting, I read a few excerpts from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*. Written in 1939 from an underground seminary in Germany, it outlines the essential principles of Christian fellowship, gleaned in the backdrop of the pre-war Germany. At a time when Hitler's hate was on the rise, Bonhoeffer lifted up Christ's love in both his writings and as a pastor within a community of faith.

Life Together offers a healthy taste of practical theology. Don't look for fanciful dreaming about the bliss of fellowship from Bonhoeffer. Instead, he praises the daily practice of scripture reading, prayer, eating together around the table, communion, and work. He recognized the impact of truth telling, the listening ear, and the helping hand. As we begin fall

worship and ministries, I am grateful for our life together as a church in this time and place.

Our Kick-Off Sunday Ministry Fair on September 8 is a special opportunity to learn more about all of our current ministries and mission. It is your chance to sign up for ways to be involved. Be open to the Spirit and maybe sign up for something you have not done before.

The 150th Anniversary Committee has planned a wonderful worship service, program and luncheon for September 22. Don't miss this special celebration and reunion! Remember to RSVP to the church office by September 6. It will be a celebration of what God has done through our church and where God is leading in the future.

The Worship Committee has been making exciting plans for 8:30 contemplative services, 10:00 worship in the sanctuary, and starting SoulSong again in October. The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir are ready to start rehearsals again.

Adult Education has set up a schedule of engaging speakers and topics through November. Please put them on your calendars.

The Mission Committee continues to put faith into action as we serve our neighbors near and far. From serving meals at the Street Chaplaincy dinner to offering important enrichment programs with children at Short School to raising money for local food banks through Pedal for Protein, we can all get involved in mission. Sign up for hands-on opportunities at the Kick-Off Fair.

Facilities Committee is working on sprucing up the property and adding more signage so we can be an even more welcoming and inviting church.

And there is much more. Please take time to read through this issue of the Clarion, giving thanks for our life together and for the new ways the Spirit is moving through us as we reach out in love and hope.

Cynthia

Cynthia Cochran-Carney

Special Worship Services

SOULSONG

A TAIZÉ MEDITATION SERVICE

First Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm
in the chapel
October 6, November 3

Come and worship at our monthly candlelight service that includes simple songs, poetry, silent meditation and prayer. We will draw on the music of Taizé as well as music from other sources.

Come for quiet, for hope, for healing, for renewal.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 6



Peace and Global Witness Offering
Come and gather around the table as we celebrate with a variety of ethnic breads.
You are invited to wear ethnic clothing.
Chancel Choir singing special music
Guest musician – Daniel Berkman will play the Kora - African harp at both services

FALL KICK-OFF MINISTRY FAIR



Sunday, September 8
Between Services and
after 10:00 am service
in Canoles Hall.
Special refreshments

Come find out about worship plans, ministries, mission projects, and opportunities to get involved.

Sign up to help with worship services, special events, outreach to new our community, service projects, ongoing groups, study opportunities, and more.

UPDATED SERMON PAGE ON WEBSITE



Our pastor Cynthia Cochran-Carney along with communications specialist Nicole Cuzzi are in the process of updating the sermon page on the website. There will be texts of sermons available in pdf format as well as audio sermons and some video. If you would like to request a printed copy, contact Bayne Merritt in the church office bmerritt@fpcsr.org

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

COME CELEBRATE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

A REUNION AND CELEBRATION FOR ALL AGES IN THE SANCTUARY

COME CELEBRATE
ON
SEPTEMBER 22



10:00 am Worship Service

All are invited to worship God together!

Looking back - giving thanks for the present - looking to the future

Theme: Scrapbooks and Binoculars

Special music – Chancel Choir – Bell Choir – Bagpipes

11:30 Catered Lunch and Program

Catered lunch – Entertaining program – A few surprises –
Jesse Boggs Band

Please RSVP for lunch by September 6

*Space is limited. Please RSVP to Bayne Merritt in the church office
bmerritt@fpcsr.org or call 415-456-6760X 10 by September 6.*

It is almost here! Our 150th Anniversary special celebration is only a few weeks away. There have been many special events over the past year. Sandra Fisk and Barbara Royall have been digging through the archives, annual reports, and scrapbooks to bring our history to life. Robert Dollar may make a special appearance in the worship. Our singers and musicians are practicing special pieces to present. Wonderful pictures of the church over the decades will be featured in moving videos. There is growing excitement as we look back at all the ways God's love and shalom have been at work in and through our congregation. There have been many difficult seasons in the life of the church, but the ministry and mission are strong. With our new pastor, new dreams are coming into focus. Please come and be part of the worship service and program on September 22.

150th Anniversary Committee

John Hinman and Janice Kuhl, Co-Chairs. Barbara Royall, Sandra Fisk, Susan Isler, Sue Rostoni, Linda Adams, Cynthia Cochran-Carney.



FALL WORSHIP SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER

8:30 AM CONTEMPLATIVE
SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL
10:00 AM WORSHIP
SERVICE IN THE
SANCTUARY



September 29

Sermon: Be Leaven in the World
Preaching: Cynthia Cochran-Carney
8:30 am John Steiner and cantor
10:00 am Alan Choy and singer

October 6

World Communion Sunday
Peace and Global Witness Offering
Wear ethnic clothing!

Sermon: A Bigger Table
Preaching: Cynthia Cochran-Carney
Special music at 8:30 and 10:00 – Daniel Berkman
playing the Kora – African harp
10:00 Chancel Choir

October 13

Sermon: Hope When All Seems Hopeless
Welcome New Members
Preaching: Cynthia Cochran-Carney
8:30 am Cantor Deborah Tisdale
10:00 am Music by Deborah Tisdale

October 20

Sermon: Justice and Persistence
Preaching: Cynthia Cochran-Carney
8:30 am John Steiner and cantor
10:00 am Chancel Choir and Bell Choir

October 27

Sermon: Spiritual Friendships
Preaching: Cynthia Cochran-Carney
8:30 am John Steiner and cantor
10:00 am Jesse Boggs Band

November Series: Gratitude and Generosity

**November 24 – Dedication Sunday – please bring
pledge cards**

September 1

Sermon: What Do You Do?
Preaching: Cynthia Cochran-Carney
8:30 am John Steiner and Mary Pritchard, cantor
10:00 communion
Music: Siblings Julian Vari and Katharine Vari,
gifted youth pianists

September 8

Kick-Off Sunday
Ministry and Mission Fair in Canoles Hall
Sermon: What Kind of Soil Are You?
Preaching: Cynthia Cochran-Carney
8:30 am John Steiner and cantor
10:00 Choir and Bell Choir

September 15

Sermon: Being Lost, Being Found: Lessons from
Parable of the Lost Sheep
Preaching: Cynthia Cochran-Carney
8:30 am Cantor Deborah Tisdale
10:00 am Music by Deborah Tisdale

September 22

150th Anniversary Celebration
One Service at 10:00 am
Sermon: Photo Albums and Binoculars
Preaching: Cynthia Cochran-Carney
Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Erin Berta – Bagpipes

Music & New Members

BELL CHOIR

The Sounds A'Pealing Handbell Choir Back to Bells Workshop September 14.
All Are Welcome



Sounds A'Pealing would like invite you to our Back to Bells Workshop on Saturday, September 14 from 9am to 1pm in Canoles Hall. This workshop is designed to refresh the skills of seasoned ringers, but also to give interested parties an opportunity to see what handbells are all about without having to join the group or committing to performance. Signing up afterward is heavily encouraged!!

We'll start slow and go over basic to advanced handbell technique while emphasizing healthy ringing, and we'll even make some music together. Invite your neighbor, wear your comfy shoes, and we'll take care of the rest!

There is no fee for this workshop but I would love to know that you're coming so I can plan snacks! Send me an email at marquise.usher@yahoo.com and feel free to tell me about your musical background, if any.

And if you're ready to join us, bell choir rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 6:45 pm in the sanctuary.
— Marquise Usher

AN INVITATION TO SING

Join the choir and lift your voice to the glory of God!

Our Chancel Choir sings for the 10:00 service on the first and third Sundays of each month, and for special services as called upon.

Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:00–8:30, beginning this fall on August 22. (The choir takes a break from mid-June to mid-August.) This is a great time to join as we will be starting to sing lots of new music! Led by Martha Wall, we sing choral music from across the ages and around the globe, accompanied by our own beloved Alan Choy on piano.

We welcome all singers! The choir is a great place to make friends and feel involved in the life of our church.

Contact Martha Wall at (415) 898-3331 or marthamusic@comcast.net if you have any questions.
"Sing, for the world needs a song."



NEW MEMBERS CLASS AND FAITH EXPLORATION

Saturday, October 5, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Are you thinking about becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church? Do you have questions about who and what is a Presbyterian church and what makes our church unique? Do you want to ask questions about the Bible? God? Jesus? Other faith traditions? Would you like to be more involved in the ministries and service projects of the church? Would you like to reflect on your spiritual journey and where you are now?

There will be an opportunity to explore church membership and other questions on October 5. Please let our pastor Cynthia [ccochedran-carney@fpcsr.org](mailto:ccochran-carney@fpcsr.org) know you are interested in participating. All are welcome to this time of sharing and exploring.

Spiritual Growth & Small Groups

MEN'S BOOK GROUP

The Men's Book Group meets at 8:30 in the library on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

The schedule for the next few meetings is *The Perfect Weapon* by David Sanger

September 12, Introduction – Chapter IV

September 26, Chapters V – IX

October 10, Chapter X – Afterword



All men are welcome for coffee and discussion. For more information, contact Alan Pabst ajpabst@aol.com.



WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP – The Women's Book Group meets the last Wednesday of the month from 7 to 9 pm in the chapel.

Please come and join this gathering, share the current events in your life, and discuss the book to be read for the month. All are welcome.

The book we will read for September 25 is *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes. Our discussion will be led by Barbara Royall.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Isler at susanisler@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. BOB HIRNI

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:45 AM

The Wednesday morning Bible study will resume on Sept 4 at 10:45. In the first meeting we will explore how the Bible came together into the book we know today. Also, we will discuss the book or books of the Bible we would like to study this year.



SPIRITUAL PRACTICES GROUP - IN THE PRESENCE

First Wednesday of the month from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the chapel.

Next gathering: September 4

There are many entryways to the experience of deep presence. Meditation and prayer practices bring us into a sense of presence with ourselves, the world and Spirit. Spiritual practices are the ways we "wake up and come alive to the spiritual reality all around us. Practice is the path we travel on our spiritual journey"

(www.spiritualityandpractice.com). Contact Lorna Wuertz - lornawuertz@sbcglobal.net with questions.

WEEKLY CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Every Wednesday 9:30 am from 10:30 am in the chapel



Come taste the Silence with other companions who seek a conscious connection with the Loving Inner Presence. Each meeting will include teaching on the theory and method of Centering Prayer, a reading, silence, and time for conversation. All are welcome. There are no experts in prayer.

Only seekers.

Led by Rev. Kay Collette, M.Div., D.Min., teacher of spiritual formation, spiritual director, seeker.

Adult Education

WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOR? Sunday, September 29, 11:15 am.

Nick Morris, Executive Director – Street Chaplaincy of San Rafael



Come join in a conversation about “Who Is Your Neighbor?” – a look at creating caring community with our neighbors who live outside in San Rafael. Our special guest is Nick Morris, executive director and acting chaplain at The Street Chaplaincy, who runs the Wellness Gathering that takes place every Tuesday night in Canoles Hall. Nick will share stories of building community with our unsheltered neighbors and ways we can all help make Marin County a better place for everyone. The conversation will include how our county is addressing the needs of people living outside, the importance of language when discussing homeless issues, and bridging the divide between helpers and those who are perceived to need help.

Nick holds a B.A. from Duke University and an M.Div. from San Francisco Theological Seminary. He is the former multi-cultural minister at Good News Presbyterian Church, a Korean American congregation based in San Francisco. His mission work includes church planting and the creation of Project Shelter, an ongoing effort to help the poor in Tijuana, Mexico.

EFT, A NEW FORM OF PRAYER

October 6 and 13, 11:15 am

Nancy S. Wiens, M.Div., Ph.D.

I use the practice of Emotional Freedom Technique Tapping (EFT Tapping) as a form of praying with my body. I use it to reduce anxiety and worry, to process any feeling or thought, to calm myself, to reduce pain, and to celebrate joys. I have witnessed it work wonders in others: stop severe back pain, transform panic into laughter, relieve pain and sorrow, ease anxiety and trauma, support uncertainty, and deepen gratitude and courage. It is a way to help our central nervous system do its job with great effectiveness and bring us into a joyful, thriving way of living.

On the practical front, EFT Tapping is simply tapping on nine parts of the body while saying words that connect to what is happening for someone in the present moment. It has been clinically tested at major research institutions, like Harvard, to dramatically reduce the stress hormone cortisol and was recently approved by the Veterans Administration to treat post-traumatic stress disorder. I use it as a connection between neuroscience and Christian Spirituality. In my experience as a spiritual director for 25 years, EFT Tapping is the most consistently transformative practice I know to connect with God’s healing power.

In our Adult Ed sessions, I will introduce the practice and offer a neuroscience description of what is happening through the Tapping process. Those who are interested in experimenting with it will explore what happens when they Tap on particular experiences. We will talk about how to use it when feeling anxious, sad, uncertain, or grateful. I will offer simple, daily practices for people to try if they are drawn to it.

— Nancy



JACKIE KUDLER READS POEMS INSPIRED BY THE BIBLE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 11:15



Lot's Wife
by Jackie Kudler

Hurry! he hissed through his teeth,
Hurry! all morning as I loaded
my life onto three handcarts. Can't
you smell it, he bawled, the place
stinks of sinning! Sinning, he said,
who only last night offered our
daughters up like just-picked figs
to two hollow-eyed strangers. Only
an animal doesn't look back. How

can I know where I'm going without
knowing where I've been? I turned
to see the sweet curve of the hill
above my home – my mother, arm
still raised, grown small – pale as
a moth in the glitter of the noon
sky. Then nothing. Salt. Of tears
sweat semen. Only an animal
has no name. My mother named me
Zachora. It means Remember.

Mike Nickel and I are acquainted with the noted Marin County poet Jackie Kudler through her poetry class at the College of Marin. We cherish our experience of reading poetry through her eyes and heart, and we wanted to offer that opportunity to our First Pres. friends. Jackie will read and discuss her own and others' poems based on biblical characters and themes. Poetry is not a foreign object in Jackie's hands, but becomes accessible – inviting, surprising, heartbreaking, delightful or shocking – but never just words arranged strangely on a page.

Jackie's poems have appeared in numerous reviews, magazines, and anthologies. Her full-length poetry collections are titled *Sacred Precinct* and *Easing into Dark*. She was awarded the Marin Poetry Center Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. Jackie is a much-loved teacher of poetry, memoir writing, and literature.

— Kay Collette

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE BORDER?

REV. BARBARA ROWE.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 11:15 AM



In February, 2019, a group of 15 mostly Marin residents traveled to BorderLinks in Tucson and Nogales, Mexico. Team members from Marin congregations and organizations sought to learn from activists on the border and to walk, see, and experience migrant paths, immigration court hearings, and sanctuary congregations, as well as to meet those who had important stories to tell. The team was not disappointed, with a full schedule each day and opportunities to think and reflect on the history of immigration movements in the US and the current situation affecting so many people on a day-to-day basis. On November 10, team members will share photos and personal experiences/reflections of the trip. BorderLinks was started by Presbyterians and the interfaith community in Tucson in the 1980s and led by Rev. John Fife and Rick Ufford-Chase, both of whom have served as PCUSA moderators. The team was thrilled to have an evening with John Fife during its time in Tucson.

AN INVITATION TO THE CONGREGATION GODLY PLAY FOR CHILDREN (AND ADULTS!)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 10 AM

Are you curious about what our children are learning in Sunday School and how they are learning it? You are invited to come observe a lesson presented by Tricia Wiig, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries at Mt. Tam United Methodist Church, and learn about this special way of storytelling and how it deepens the faith of the storyteller. We hope you will join us! Please RSVP to lornawuertz@sbcglobal.net or notify the church office.



Godly Play Is...

A curriculum that engages the whole child in creativity and community

A time of playful worship that invites us into relationship with God.

A creative and imaginative approach to Christian nurture.

A non-directive way to show our children the way to deeper faith through wondering questions and open-ended response time.

CAN YOU HELP WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL?

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 10 AM



We have some very precious children in our Sunday School who look forward to their mornings with the congregation and love to hear (and help tell!) the Bible stories. As a congregation, we need to continue to offer them these learning opportunities. The lessons are simple to follow, the materials are easy to use, and we are fortunate to have Diana and Janette (former "Godly Players") as helpers. We hope you will help us fulfill our church's calling to provide Sunday School on a regular basis. If you can't make the Godly Play workshop on September 7, Barbara Tjernell or I would be happy to meet with you and go through a lesson with you. The children make it EASY!

Please consider signing up for a Sunday with Lorna Wuertz (lornawuertz@sbcglobal.net) or Barbara Tjernell (btjernell@gmail.net). You will be glad you did!

— Lorna

MEN AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE



Men against Gun Violence (MAGV) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit confederation of men, formed in the wake of the Parkland School shooting in early 2018 and dedicated to helping men end gun violence in our country.

MAGV's mission is taking responsibility for ending gun violence among men by understanding and eliminating the factors that lead particular men to use gun violence against innocents. The strategy is to persuade as many men as possible, including gun owners, to join the effort to reduce gun violence, but without threatening Second Amendment rights. Men from the First Presbyterian Churches of San Rafael and Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tiburon attended an MAGV meeting in late May to build a volunteer group of Marin and Sonoma men to expand the work of MAGV.

Dan Crawford, dancraw13@gmail.com, and Ralph Purdy, rlpurdy869@gmail.com, are participating in MAGV. Please contact them if you are interested in this work.

MOVIE PARIS TO PITTSBURGH

The Climate for Change Is Now
Wednesday, September 11,
7 pm in the sanctuary

Come see this important film at FPCSR. "Paris to Pittsburgh" brings to life the impassioned efforts of individuals who are battling the most severe threats of climate change in their own backyards. Set against the national debate over the United States' energy future and the Trump administration's explosive decision to exit the Paris Agreement, the film captures what's at stake for communities around the country and the inspiring ways Americans are responding.

Invite your friends and neighbors! Learn what each of us can do. Sponsored by Green Team



Mission for Service Opportunities

MISSION SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Tuesday Street Chaplaincy Dinner

Tuesday, October 8, 5:30 pm

Needed: Meal donations, Servers and Eating with Dinner Guests

Our church is partnering with Sleepy Hollow Presbyterian Church to make and serve dinner to our guests who are currently homeless. There are around 80 people at the dinners so each congregation needs to provide main dishes, salads and dessert to feed 40. If you are able to help provide part of the meal, serve the meal and/or sit with our guests, please contact Mission Committee Chair Linda Adams 415- 492-1825 or adams_8627@msn.com.



MISSION SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Glide Memorial Church Free Meals Program

Saturday, October 12, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Sign up for a Mission opportunity in the Glide Memorial Methodist Church Free Meals Program on Saturday, October 12, from 11:30 am through 1:30 pm. We'll caravan into San Francisco together.

Glide Memorial serves approximately 2,000 meals every day to the homeless and hungry. They need 85 volunteers per day for food preparation, breakfast, bag lunches, and lunch served in their facility.

Volunteers assist with everything from serving food and bussing tables to handing out silverware and condiments. Be prepared to roll up your sleeves, break a sweat, and make some beautiful human connections!

You can sign up for this at the Kick-Off Sunday Mission table on September 8 between services and after the 10:00 service, or contact Ralph Purdy, rlpurdy869@gmail.com.

Mission



PEDAL FOR PROTEIN A Fundraising Cycling Experience from Orick to Santa Rosa September 22 to 28, 2019

Dan Crawford and Ralph Purdy promoting Pedal for Protein on August 4. Jillian Robinson from Redwoods Presbytery and Leslie Purdy fair trade items after worship to raise funds.

Explore the magnificent coastal redwoods, the Lost Coast, the shining sea of the Pacific Ocean, and the vineyards of Sonoma County. This Redwoods Presbytery fundraising ride lasts seven days and covers 359 miles. On the last day, there are also a 5 mile, 15 mile, and 40-mile rides in Santa Rosa. If you want to sign up to ride, go to: www.pedalforprotein.com.

All funds raised will be donated through Northern California food banks and a selected international hunger project. Last year Pedal for Protein raised and donated \$53,000. For 2019, our goal is \$60,000. Your sponsorship of our riders, Dan Crawford and Ralph Purdy, will help food pantries along the northern coast and valleys of California to provide protein-rich food such as peanut butter, canned tuna, chicken, yogurt, and eggs to hungry families, seniors, homeless persons, and children. Each Sunday before the ride, Dan and Ralph will have a table at church. Stop by and sponsor us. You can send a check to the church made out to FPCSR with note P4P Pedal for Protein.

THANKSGIVING FOOD FOR RITTER CENTER Collection Begins October 27, Bag Packing November 17



Each Thanksgiving, the Ritter Center in downtown San Rafael provides the food necessary for a full Thanksgiving meal to around 150 individuals and families. FPCSR has partnered with Ritter Center by collecting and packing 50 bags of canned fruit and vegetables, gravy, stuffing mixes, packaged cake mixes, and a gift card for a Safeway turkey or ham, and more. Ritter Center staff has told us that our contribution is especially appreciated because of its completeness and quality. This year, we will pack the bags of food at the end of the second service on Sunday, November 17. We'll be collecting the food and financial contributions for three weeks before, beginning October 27. In the meantime, if you see some specials on Thanksgiving food at Costco, Smart and Final, or another store, pick some up! And save some sturdy large paper bags!

YOUTH ON THE MOVE PROGRAM PLANS FOR 2019–2020

Planning for Youth on the Move (YOTM) programs at FPCSR for the coming year includes new activities at Short Elementary School in San Rafael, a renewed contract with the County of Marin for the Youth Service Team, and continued support activities for Young Moms Marin. The Advisory Committee will provide updates throughout the year, but here's a quick summary:

The Short School enrichment program will start on Wednesday, September 11. This program targets second-through fifth-grade students enrolled in after-school activities. The school serves needy students from the Canal Area of San Rafael, and we hear from parents, teachers, and the kids that our program is very appreciated. The classes will include art, science, cooking/nutrition, movement, and gardening. We were able to submit several student art projects to the Marin County Fair in July, and they received several awards. We will display these awards this fall. We look forward to working with a new school principal.

Opportunity for Service - We always need new volunteers to serve as aides; volunteers need to pass a background check, but the work is easy and fun, and the schedule is flexible. Contact Leslie Purdy rlpurdy869@gmail.com or Ann Pope <apope@fpcsr.org> if you have questions or would like to visit. Financial contributions are always needed because this program is dependent on gifts and grants to continue.

The Youth Service Team program is targeted to youth who have court-ordered mandated service hours. Church member Jeannine Curley is a licensed counselor who has expertise in working with these youths. She organizes opportunities for the kids to do supervised work with nonprofit service agencies throughout the county. This program is partially funded by a contract between the church and the county. Additional financial contributions are also needed. This year Jeannine is planning several group work projects, mainly on Saturdays.

Opportunity for Service - Volunteers will be needed to help to assist with these service projects. The YOTM Advisory Committee will share information when the dates and projects are confirmed.

Young Moms Marin is a support group that meets most Friday evenings at FPCSR. The leader and members offer advice, encouragement, and assistance with child care, parenting, food and nutrition, and conflict resolution to this group of single mothers. The group occasionally needs contributions of furniture, other household items, and baby clothes. Also, assistance with the Friday evening meal and child care is needed. The YOTM Advisory Committee will be working with the group leader to try to identify external funds to help support the group activities.

Opportunity for Service - If you are interested in helping provide a light supper for the members on Fridays, contact Leslie Purdy or Bill Schultz <weschultz@pacbell.net>.



Mission

NETWORK OF ACCOMPANYING ORGANIZATIONS



First Presbyterian Church San Rafael has been a member of the Network of Accompanying Congregations for over a year. Through this network of about 20 congregations, we support immigrant individuals and families seeking asylum, and/or being impacted by detainment and deportation. Together we have assisted several individuals and families navigating this crisis with food, transportation to court hearings, rental assistance, clothing, etc.

Marin County is blessed to have a variety of community partners who work hard to support our immigrant neighbors, such as the Multicultural Center of Marin and the Canal Alliance. Marin Interfaith Council is our connection to both of these partners through our Network of Accompanying Congregations.

When FPCSR joined the network, approximately 12 of us filled out a survey indicating our willingness to provide accompaniment to immigrant families and to advocate for legislation to protect the due process of immigrants and promote their full dignity and integration into our local communities. If you have questions or wish to join this effort, contact Ralph Purdy, rlpurdy869@gmail.com.

"The immigrant who resides among you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the immigrant as yourself, for you were immigrants in the land of Egypt." – Leviticus 19:34

MARIN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

House meeting at St. Raphael's Catholic Church,
Sunday, September 15 2:30 pm

10th Anniversary Convention - Sunday, October 27, 3:00 pm



Marin Organizing Committee (MOC) is a wonderful organization that empowers citizens in Marin County to take action on issues that impact them. MOC is a broad – based network of 20+ dues – paying institutions including churches and synagogues, nonprofits, schools, unions, and civic organizations like the Marin Interfaith Council. First Presbyterian Church San Rafael (FPCSR) has been a member since the founding MOC convention 10 years ago.

MOC has had some remarkable successes. For example, we were instrumental in getting the Marin County supervisors to pass just cause eviction and mandatory mediation ordinances, protecting renters from displacement. We worked with the San Rafael Police Department to change punitive auto towing and impoundment policies, improving SRPD relations with the immigrant community. MOC worked long and hard to help shift countywide homeless services to an evidence-based Housing First model. Agencies in Marin County now provide housing first for the chronically homeless and then provide wrap – around social services. This approach has significantly reduced the homeless population in the county.

MOC is holding community "house meetings" across the county to continue shaping our agenda for the coming year. An important meeting for us at FPCSR is the one at St. Raphael's Catholic Church Gym, 1104 Fifth Ave., San Rafael. It will be held on Sunday, September 15 from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. Emerging areas where MOC member organizations might be able to make a difference are 1) mental health, especially for youth, 2) senior issues, 3) housing and 4) climate change. Please put this meeting on your calendar.

Another important event is the MOC 10th anniversary convention on October 27 from 3 to 5 pm. We expect a large turnout and the convention will be held at the Marin Civic Center in San Rafael. We at FPCSR hope to have a large number of people attending, so mark your calendars for October 27. For more information, contact Bob Hirni or Ralph Purdy.

Calendar

Weekly

Sundays

8:30 am - Contemplative Service in the chapel
10:00 am - Worship Service in the sanctuary
11:15 am - Adult Education class (most Sundays)
11:30 am - Worship Committee
(third Sunday of the month)

Tuesdays

6:45 pm - Bell Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

Wednesdays

9:30 am - Centering Prayer Group in the chapel
10:45 am - Bible study in the library

Thursdays

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

September

September 4

5:00 pm - Stewardship Committee meets
7:00 pm - Spiritual Practices Group

September 7

10:00 am - Godly Play workshop for children & adults

September 8

8:30/10:00 - Kick Off Sunday Ministry Fair

September 10

7:00 pm - Session meeting

September 11

7:00 pm - Movie – Paris to Pittsburgh

September 12

8:30 am - Men's Book Group

September 14

9:30 am - Back to Bells Workshop

September 16

7:00 pm - Deacons

September 17

7:00 pm - Mission Committee meeting

September 21

10:00 am - Set up sanctuary for anniversary worship & lunch

September 22

10:00 am - Worship service celebrating 150th anniversary
11:30 am - Catered lunch and program celebrating
150th anniversary

September 25

7:00 pm - Women's Book Group

September 26

8:30 am - Men's Book Group

October

October 2

7:00 pm - Spiritual Practices Group

October 5

9:30 am - New Members Class

October 6: World Communion Sunday

5:00 pm - SoulSong service

October 8

4:30 pm - Prepare and serve at the
Street Chaplaincy Dinner

7:00 pm - Session

October 10

8:30 am - Men's Book Group

October 12

11:30 am - Serve lunch at Glide Memorial Church in SF

October 15

7:00 pm - Mission Committee meeting

October 21

7:00 pm - Deacons meeting

October 24

8:30 am - Men's Book Group

October 30

7:00 pm - Women's Book Group

November

November 3

5:00 pm - SoulSong Service

November 6

7:00 pm - Spiritual Practices Group

November 12

7:00 pm - Session meeting

November 14

8:30 am - Men's Book Group

November 17

10:00 am - Packing Thanksgiving bags after worship

November 18

7:00 pm - Deacons meeting

November 19

7:00 pm - Mission Committee meeting

November 24: Dedication Sunday (please bring pledge cards)

Cynthia's Installation Service – June 2, 2019



Session Members

	<i>Class</i>	<i>Committee</i>
Janice Kuhl	2020	Church Life
Jane Martin	2020	Worship
Ginny Pabst	2020	Adult Ed
Linda Adams	2021	Mission
Susan Bryant	2021	Stewardship
Jerry Current	2021	Facilities
John Hinman	2021	Outreach
Lynn MacDermott	2021	Finance
Susan Isler	2022	Membership
Mary Pritchard	2022	Worship
Grant Pritchard	2022	Personnel
Michael Stone	2022	Clerk

Deacons

	<i>Class</i>
Glenn Dickey	2020
Binny Fischer	2020
Marj Robinson	2020
Barbara Royall	2020
Sue Rostoni	2020
Rosa Chuc	2021
Kris Castle	2021
Lee Eckles	2021
Sally Hanson	2021
Barbara Tjernell	2021
Penn Mullin	2022
Elaine Reichert	2022

Church Staff

Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney • Pastor
 Rev. Kay Collette • Parish Associate
 Rev. Bob Hirni • Parish Associate
 Rev. Nancy Wiens • Parish Associate
 Lorna Wuertz • Pastoral Care Associate
 Nicole Cuzzi • Senior Communications Designer
 Ann Pope • Operations Manager
 Bayne Merritt • Senior Community Liaison
 John Steiner • Senior Musician • Composer • 8:30 A.m Service
 Alan K. Choy • Senior Musician • 10 A.m Service
 Martha Wall • Chancel Choir Director
 Marquise Usher • Sounds A'pealing Handbell Choir Director
 Hector DeLeon • Senior Facilities Technician

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