Easter Sunday ~ April 17, 2022

Here at Faith, we will celebrate Christ’s resurrection at three morning services: Our Easter Sunrise Service is at 7:00 a.m. We gather for worship on the church patio and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus as the day’s light dawns. Easter worship is at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. in the Faith sanctuary. We will celebrate the Lord’s Supper at all three worship services.

Because the sunrise service is different from the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter worship services, many people attend both, enjoying a time of fellowship in between. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us for our celebration of Christ’s resurrection!
Monday Evening Book Club

Changes happen! You could say that *Being Mortal*, our former April book, was “evicted” to make way for Matthew Desmond’s *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. This Pulitzer Prize winner was hailed by the San Francisco Chronicle as “that rare work that has something genuinely new to say about poverty.”

Princeton sociologist Matthew Desmond lived among eight families in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as they struggled to keep a roof over their heads. It gives those of us who have never had to worry about losing our home a wrenching picture of what it looks and feels like. And it offers fresh ideas for solving one of our country’s most pressing needs.

The Monday Evening Book Club meets on the fourth Monday evening of the month. The April meeting will be Monday the 25th at 7:00. The Book Club continues to meet on Zoom. If you are interested in joining the discussion, please contact Nancy Hom (nneuhom@gmail.com; 916-475-2392) or Barbara Hull (barbarah16@surewest.net; 916-616-1278). More voices make for an enriched discussion!

Planning ahead: The May selection is *Miss Benson’s Beetle* by Rachel Joyce.

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**What:** 9th Annual Walk4Water  
**When:** Sunday, May 22, 10:15 a.m.  
**Where:** From the Faith church patio fountain to the Cabana Club South and back (2 miles RT)  
**Why:** Experience the hardship of what it's like to trek long distances to fetch clean water and raise funds for clean water projects for our Abaya, Ethiopia, Area Development Program partnership.

In-person registration will begin in the Narthex after each worship service beginning in May. You may also register now online. Scan the QR code to get started. You may also register via Faith’s website and read more about this event by visiting this page: [https://faithpresby.org/?page_id=5275](https://faithpresby.org/?page_id=5275).

$25 Adults  
$10 Children  
Children 5 and under free  
Family package: $75 for 2 adults and 3 or more children

All proceeds are earmarked for clean water projects in the Faith-sponsored World Vision Abaya ADP.
HOLY WEEK AT FAITH

Maundy Thursday Worship (April 14, 7:00 p.m.) This service, commemorating the Last Supper, is an important time to gather around the Lord’s Table.

Good Friday: Service of Healing & Wholeness (April 15, 7:00 p.m.) It’s been a wonderful tradition to gather Good Friday evening for a contemplative service of healing and wholeness. There will be opportunities to receive prayers for healing.

Easter Sunday Worship — April 17 (7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.) We will gather for Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. on the church patio. Services in the sanctuary will follow at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us for this celebration!

Easter Egg Hunt! Children up to sixth grade are invited, along with their parents, to take part in an Easter egg hunt on the back lawn on Easter after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Feel free to BYO Easter basket or pail. Older kids and youth, if you’d like to help hide “the goods” that morning, contact Pastor Brett.
Welcome, New Faith Members!

Please join Faith’s Elders in welcoming our newest members, Anthony and Melissa Shelton, who were received into membership at the March Session meeting. Anthony and Melissa have been attending Faith for over a year, so you may already have met them. Here’s a little biographical information about them that will help you get to know them a better.

Melissa was born and raised in Yuba City and lived there until she and Anthony were married. Melissa works full-time in Marysville for Ampla Health. She serves in their corporate office, where she works on compliance issues and performs in-house audits. Beyond her work life, Melissa loves spending time with her kids and granddaughter: she has a 27-year-old daughter who lives in Marysville and is mom to Melissa’s 7-year-old granddaughter, and a soon-to-be 21-year-old son who is in the Army and stationed in Savannah, GA. Melissa also enjoys having family dinners, hanging out with friends, and relaxing.

Anthony grew up in Sacramento. He is a playwright and theater director, and he has worked with GPS Kids and the Academy of the Arts, introducing Faith’s kids to the theater arts. He enjoys reading the Bible and cooking for friends and family. Anthony has a 23-year-old son, also named Anthony, who currently lives with him.

Anthony and Melissa started attending Faith in response to a recommendation from Cathy Coupal. Welcome, Anthony and Melissa! What a blessing to us that God has brought you here to be a part of our Faith family!

April Meeting of Presbyterian Women

Date: Wednesday, April 27
Time: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Place: Link Hall

All women of Faith are invited to join us for the April PW meeting. In addition to enjoying fellowship as sisters together in Christ, we’ll have the pleasure of having our own Janet Leader as guest speaker. Janet, who is our resident Francophile, will teach us some useful French travel phrases (and help us with pronunciation!). It is rumored that she will share some of her own travel anecdotes / cultural faux pas. (Go ahead – twist her arm!) There will also be French-themed trivia, treats and door prizes. It will be a fête to remember, so we hope you’ll join us!
Adult Sunday School (in person)

_Authentic Christian Formation Opportunities_

_April 2022_

**Adult Sunday School (in person)**

**The Great Divorce:**

_A Bus Ride from Hell to Heaven and Back Again_

Sundays, 10:15-11:15 a.m., in person in Room 2
April 10 – May 29, 2022 (excluding Easter and First Sunday Sabbath)
Facilitators: Rev. Dennis Montzingo & Pastor Jeff Chapman

C. S. Lewis’ _The Great Divorce_ is a classic Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from hell to heaven and back to hell again. This book is an extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment, and Lewis’s revolutionary idea that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. In his words, “There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, ‘Thy will be done,’ and those to whom God says, in the end, ‘Thy will be done.’ All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek, find. To those who knock, it is opened.”

Dennis Montzingo and Jeff Chapman are leading this six-session Sunday morning study in April and May. Participants should pre-order a copy of the book (available everywhere online books are sold). Questions? Contact Jeff Chapman at jchapman@faithpresby.org or 916-428-3439.

**Pre-reading:** Before each class gathering, please read the following pages:

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_Midweek Groups (online)_

**Thursdays with Ron and Friends**

Thursdays, 2:00 p.m., Online Via Zoom
Facilitator: Ron Beams

Since the spring of 2020, a great group of seniors has been gathering with the simple aim of enjoying together a time of lively conversation that covers a diverse array of topics. Each gathering always includes time to share concerns and to pray with and for one another. All seniors are invited to join us for this refreshing midweek break and the fellowship, conversation, and friendship that it offers. You can easily join any Thursday session. The Zoom link is posted on the church website, under the blue “Online Class Info” tab. We hope to see you on a Thursday afternoon sometime soon!
Midweek Groups (online), continued

Streams of Living Water:
Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Online Via Zoom
April 20 through June 8; no class on May 11
Facilitator: Alice Parente

Have you ever felt deep within that you would like a closer relationship with God?
Have you ever found yourself saying, “God, I want to know You better!” or “Jesus, I
know You are my Friend as well as my Savior. I wish I knew better what that means”?

If these questions or experiences have ever stirred within you, you are invited to be
part of Streams of Living Water: Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith.
For seven weeks, you will join other searching Christians on the same path who are
seeking to draw nearer to God and Jesus Christ … to become apprentices of Jesus.

Streams of Living Water will involve worship, prayer, small-group discussion and directed teaching
each week. We will study how other deeply committed Christians throughout history have experienced
and responded to these same yearnings. And we will share specific practices to use in our daily lives
that enable us to live out being an apprentice of Jesus Christ.

Please email Alice at vsas77@earthlink.net to let her know of your interest or to ask questions. Click
here to purchase the book (2001 edition), or visit your favorite online book retailer.
To Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento
625 Florin Road
Sacramento, CA 95831

On behalf of Mercy Holistic Ministry, we would like to thank you for your contribution of $10,720. Your generosity and financial support help us to continue in our mission of providing showers and ministering to the unhoused people in Sacramento.

With your gift, the Ministry has been providing showers, along with clothing, food and haircuts, since December, enabling us to live more fully into our vision for the rehabilitation and transformation of this community. Just in the one year since it started, Mercy Holistic Ministry has provided over 2,000 showers in collaboration with other partners.

We would like to thank you for being an important partner with us. You are truly making a difference and encouraging us to continue to plan and hope for a shower ministry in Ethiopia as well.

We look forward to working with you and invite you to join our vision to replicate this good work in Ethiopia.

To learn more about the work of Mercy Holistic Ministry, please check out our website at https://www.mercyholisticministry.org/.

God Bless You All,

[Signature]

Berhanu Kumalo and Miheret Bune
Founders of Mercy Holistic Ministry
One Great Hour of Sharing

“You shall be called the repairers of the breach” – Isaiah 58.

“UNSTABLE CONNECTION.” These words have taken on a new meaning in the past couple of years, haven’t they? For many of us, the words “unstable connection” or, worse, “lost connection” signal an online meeting where a bad internet connection has “frozen” us or dropped us from the meeting altogether. When those dreaded words pop up, we know that whatever is being shared verbally or visually isn’t getting through. We are disconnected. It can be so frustrating, right? Especially when the meeting is important: We need to be there. We need to connect.

This need to know ourselves meaningfully connected and to know that what we have to offer is being received is one that we experience in our collective life in the church as well. As part of the body of Christ, we share with one another the gifts and talents that God has entrusted to us, and we celebrate the many ways we are connected in Christ. During Lent, we ponder the deep mystery of how Jesus, through his death and resurrection, brings reconciliation between us and God. Because of this reconnection with God in Christ, we find ourselves empowered by the Spirit to connect with one another as the body of Christ and to share the love and abundance that God pours into our lives by serving one another.

Our reconciliation to God through Christ does not mean we connect with and serve only the church, however. When Jesus was alive, he hung out with those who were excluded and oppressed; he helped those experiencing loss and lack. As we seek to follow Jesus as his disciples, we are commanded to imitate him by going out into the world and serving those whom he served. One way we Presbyterians can do this is by participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Special Offering.

OGHS is the largest way Presbyterians connect with one another and with our neighbors in need. Through this denominational offering, we are able to come alongside people whose “life connections” may be unstable – people who are experiencing poverty, oppression, hunger, and disease. OGHS connects with these folks through supporting ministries that alleviate poverty, provide relief from natural and human-caused disasters, and promote self-development to ensure dignity for all.

For over 70 years, the offerings of thousands of congregations like ours have come together to help create a world where all needs are met. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we help connect ourselves and others more deeply with the love of God that connects us all. Please give generously on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.
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  - 7pm Women's Life Group (Fireside Room)
  - 8pm AA Meeting (Room 2)

- **10th**
  - 7pm AA Meeting (Online)
  - 7pm The Table (Offsite)

- **13th**
  - 7pm Life Group (Fireside Rm)
  - 8pm AA Meeting (Online)

- **14th**
  - 3pm 2nd Thursday Shower Ministry (Offsite)
  - 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanctuary)
  - 8pm AA Meeting (Link Hall)

- **17th**
  - 11am Easter Worship (Sanctuary)
  - 7pm AA Meeting (Online)

- **18th**
  - 7pm Deacon Training (Fireside Rm)
  - 7pm Women's AA Meeting (Online)

- **20th**
  - 7pm Crunchies (Youth Rm, Link Hall)
  - 7pm Life Group (Fireside Rm)
  - 8pm AA Meeting (Online)

- **21st**
  - 5pm Sunday School Teachers Meeting (Link Hall)

**Prepared by Lexio Community ChM5 Calendar on: 04/13/2022 3:43pm**

Additional event(s) may not be shown...