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Meet our Summer Fellows!

This month, we welcome our two Summer Fellows! This edition of the PresbyNews introduces you to Sam Roth, a Philosophy major from California Polytechnic State University, and Ashley Ramos-Gabriel, a combined Biology and Political Science major from Whitworth University. They'll be with us here at Faith all summer. Read their full bios on Page 5!



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Worship at Faith

Faith Presbyterian Church

625 Florin Road
Sacramento, CA 95831
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Pastor Jeff Chapman
Associate Pastor Brett Shoemaker

Services on Sunday

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Livestreaming at 9:00 a.m. at
faithpresby.org

RISE Kids' Worship

Pre-K – Grade 6
9:00 a.m., Rooms 4 & 5

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation

10:15 to 11:15 a.m., Grace Room

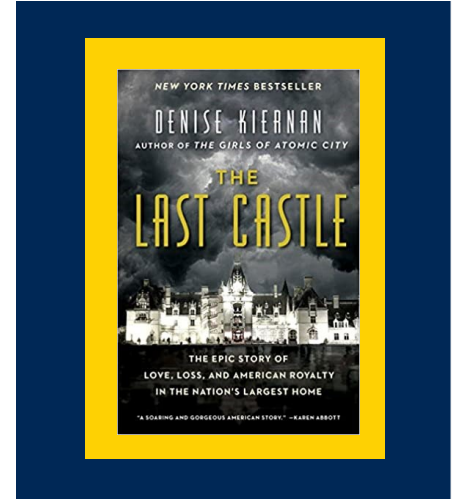
UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Monday Evening Book Club

Monday, June 26, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Is it any wonder that a book about the largest home in America should also have the longest book title in our Book Club's history! Our June selection is *The Last Castle: The Epic Story of Love, Loss, and American Royalty in the Nation's Largest Home* by Denise Kiernan. The home is Biltmore, located in North Carolina.

The Biltmore Estate was imagined by George Vanderbilt and constructed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Richard Morris Hunt. The estate was three times the size of Washington, DC, when it was built, not including the village constructed outside its gates. Vanderbilt married Edith Stuyvesant Dresser and together they welcomed the wealthy and famous to their estate while at the same time developing economic and educational opportunities for the people living near the estate. This fascinating story spans many decades to the present. It will make us want to take a field trip to North Carolina!



The Monday Evening Book Club meets on the fourth Monday evening of the month. The June meeting will be Monday the 26th at 7:00 p.m. 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 July selection is *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family and Defiance During the Blitz* by Erik Larson.



Presbyterian Women: June Fellowship-Luncheon

Wednesday, June 7, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Link Hall

Our last fellowship-luncheon until September! Faith's own Erin Gilbert will be our guest speaker, sharing about her work with Pioneers mission agency and about her family's recent mission-related trip to Turkey.

Contact Janet Leader at jleader@sbcglobal.net.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING WALK 4 WATER!

Walk 4 Water Recap

Thank you to all who supported this year's 9th annual Walk 4 Water event, whether it be by walking with us, donating, or both! As we gathered on the patio after 9:00 a.m. worship on May 21st, the children and youth welcomed us with beautiful chalk art and a special rendition of *Wade in / Walk 4 Water* led by Pastor Brett on guitar. Afterwards, we walked one mile to the Cabana Club South, where we collected water and then returned to Faith, where we poured it into the "well" (a.k.a. the patio fountain). Abba Tetemke, priest with the Tigray Orthodox Church, offered a blessing for the delicious feast of traditional cuisine and coffee hosted by the women of the Tigray church. What a wonderful celebration!

World Vision

If you have not yet had the opportunity, there is still time to make a donation. Remember that all donations up to a combined \$5,000 are matched, thereby doubling your contribution and its impact. All funds are earmarked for clean water projects in the Abaya, Ethiopia, Area Development Program, which we have co-sponsored through World Vision for 13 years. As of now \$7,555 has been raised through this year's Walk 4 Water, enough to bring clean water to another village in the Abaya area. To donate online, scan this QR code to get started.



If you took photos on your phone or camera, please click on this link and upload your videos and images to our church photo gallery.

<https://faithpresbyterianchurch.smugmug.com/upload/jNcTwZ/W4W>

To view the photo gallery, go to this URL:

<https://faithpresbyterianchurch.smugmug.com/Mission/2023-Walk-for-Water/>

Thank you again for your generous support of Walk 4 Water!



Who??? Biblical Folks who Encourage Us



Sunday Mornings, June 25 to August 27
10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Grace Room

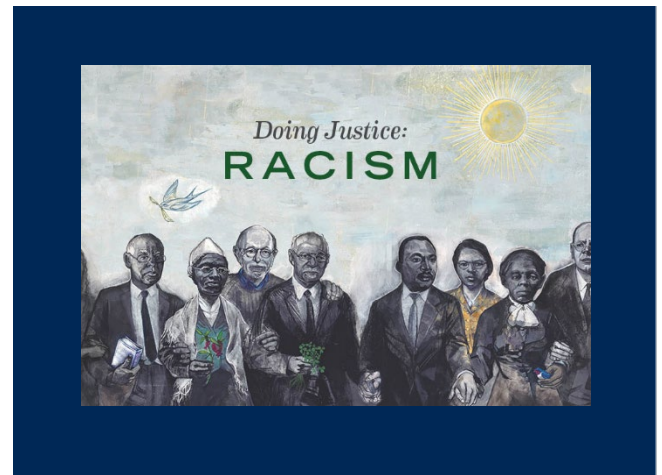
Our summertime Sunday morning class is entitled, **“Who??? Biblical Folks Who Encourage Us.”** A variety of teachers (all likely familiar to you!) will be teaching about people whom God called to show us how all are included and significant in God’s plan. Some of these names we may know well; some we may wonder where they are even mentioned in the Bible. And others ... well, we may find ourselves wondering how some of these characters could play even the smallest of roles in God’s plan for redeeming the world! We’ll take a look at Aaron, Ruth, Rahab, Judas Iscariot, Jacob, Elijah, Peter and more. Each Sunday will bring another story taught by a different teacher. Join us as you can! We know summers mean time away for vacation, but consider yourself warmly invited to come whenever you are in town and can make it.

Doing Justice Intensive: Racism

Wednesday Evenings, July 5 to August 2
7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Grace Room

In this intensive course, we will touch the surface of the diverse perspectives and rich literature addressing racism and reconciliation that is available today. Together, we will explore three different biblical responses offered by Christians as we try to understand better the theology and values that undergird people’s differing viewpoints about race and reconciliation.

The purpose of this Intensive is to facilitate a conversation among people about race and prejudice that may be more honest and go deeper than previously experienced. Participants will be asked to engage in material at home between gatherings, and then come prepared to listen to the perspectives of one another in the intensive. Please be aware that this course may include language, ideas, and images that could trigger strong emotions. Our goal, to which we will strongly adhere, will be to listen carefully to better understand one another and not to convince one another of our various positions.



We will meet for five sessions, gathering every week on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning July 5th. If you are interested in signing up for the course, or have questions, please email Pastor Jeff Chapman at jchapman@faithpresby.org.



2023 SUMMER FELLOWS

Sam Roth, *Cal Poly University*

Philosophy major

Hometown: Lafayette, CA

I have two younger brothers and a younger sister. I played soccer for about 8 years until I quit sophomore year of high school to focus solely on running. I currently run cross country and track at Cal Poly where I am finishing up my second year of college. I like to play pretty much any sport and am a diehard Warriors fan (sorry for beating the Kings). I am pursuing this internship because I have the desire to go into ministry and want to figure out what aspect of ministry is in God's plan for me.



Ashley

Ramos-Gabriel, *Whitworth University*

Senior Biology with Political Science major
and sociology minor

Hometown: Vancouver, WA

I am currently a senior at Whitworth University. My academic and professional interests include immigration law and policy, civil rights, social movement theory, community engagement, non-profit administration, prison reform, and politics. I enjoy working with others to put words into action and producing research that can help create a better society for all. I am also passionate about listening to people's life stories and helping elevate the voices of marginalized groups. When I am not doing academic or work-related things, I enjoy spending time with my puppy Benji, going for a run or hike, painting, getting coffee with friends, traveling, and journaling. I consider myself to be open-minded, organized, adaptable, a self-starter, respectful, inclusive, and committed. I aspire to live a life that helps promote justice and equality, honors God, and is spiritually fulfilling.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Metlakatla, Alaska August 3-12, 2023

For the last 11 years, in cooperation with the Metlakatla Presbyterian Church, our presbytery's mission agency, through its Disaster Response Ministries, has sponsored a life-changing mission trip to Metlakatla – a Tsimshian native village on Annette Island, off the coast of southeastern Alaska. This mission experience has been transformative for all participants. Powerful friendships exist between our youth and the Metlakatla youth, and many stay connected even years after their participation in this extraordinary opportunity.



The presbytery has been invited to return to this majestic island to partner with the Metlakatla Presbyterian Church, rekindle relationships with the Tsimshian youth, and provide basketball, science and dance camps. Participants will also complete work projects for the community and share Christ's love through worship, support, and expanding cultural awareness. In addition to partnering with the church, we will be experiencing the beauty of this ancient culture through invitations to the long house for clan dancing and learning about their exquisite carvings and totem poles. We will have the privilege of helping to celebrate Founder's Day on the island on August 7, 2023.

The mission trip begins in Ketchikan, the salmon capitol of the world. There we will have an orientation, as well as go zip-lining through the Pacific Northwest rainforest and take a chartered whale-watching ferry on our way to the island.

The trip is open to youth ages 13 to 21, and it is limited in size. Youth **must** be willing to step out of their comfort zones and to take an active and enthusiastic role in one of our three camps: basketball, science, or dance. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience this breath-taking environment and its rich cultural traditions, as well as a unique setting in which youth are encouraged to grow in faith and leadership.



Participant cost is \$800.00, which **does not** include airfare. It does include food, lodging at the church, ground and ferry transportation, and adventures. Food at the airport and souvenirs are not included. Note: Proof of vaccination is absolutely required BY THE TRIBE.

Faith youth are warmly encouraged to consider participating in this trip! To register or get more information, contact Faith member Vickie Weaver-Owens at mcnamev@gmail.com or (916) 479-3523. Please get in touch with her promptly: the trip is filling quickly, and the registration deadline is approaching.



MUSIC | THEATER | VISUAL ART

**8:30-11:30 AM
MONDAY-THURSDAY**

**K-7TH | \$100/CHILD
50% OFF EACH SIBLING**

**JULY 31-AUG 3 & AUG 7-10
AUG 13 PERFORMANCE**

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner – time to register!

Get ready for all the zany fun, colorful characters, upbeat music, engaging activities and awesome learning about Jesus that make VBS so special and unique! This year's theme is "Twists & Turns," and we'll be exploring how following Jesus changes the game.

VBS takes place Monday to Friday, June 26-30, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you haven't already done so, it's time to register! (Use the QR code below.) Also, if you have friends and neighbors with kids Pre-K to 6th grade, share the news about VBS with them. Questions? Email Jacob (jzvolanek@faithpresby.org).

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

VBS 2023

SAVE THE DATE:

JUNE 26-30TH

TWISTS & TURNS

FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME PSALM 25:4

