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## Happy Fourth of July!

Independence Day 2023 is here! See Page 3 for information on how you can help out with Faith's biggest fundraiser of the year by volunteering at our Fireworks Booth while celebrating the holiday. Also in this edition, you'll find that it's time to start thinking about the annual All-Church Retreat at Zephyr Point (details on page 7). Read on for all the upcoming events - we wish you a wonderful, enjoyable and restful summer!



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## Worship at Faith

### Faith Presbyterian Church

625 Florin Road  
Sacramento, CA 95831  
916-428-3439

*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](http://faithpresby.org)

### RISE Kids' Worship

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

### Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation

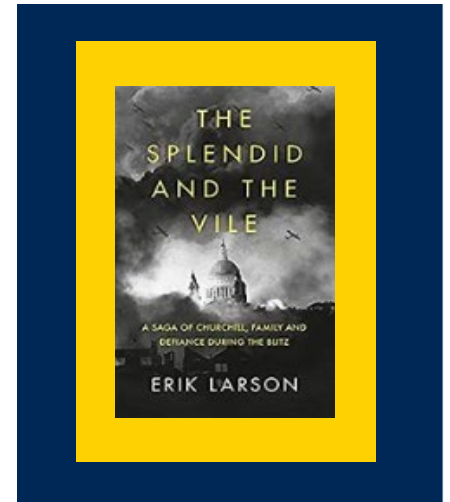
10:15 to 11:15 a.m., Grace Room

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## Monday Evening Book Club

Monday, July 24, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Only one year, but what a year! Beginning on Winston Churchill's first day as Prime Minister, through the unrelenting Blitz bombing that killed 45,000 British citizens, Erik Larson tells readers the story of that critical year in *The Splendid and the Vile*. Churchill engaged in political brinkmanship as well as the domestic dramas going on in his own home. The story unfolds at 10 Downing Street, his country home, Chequers, and Churchill's wartime retreat, Ditchley. The challenge facing the Prime Minister was how to hold the country together while persuading President Franklin Roosevelt to join the battle.



Consider this thoughtful quote: "*The Splendid and the Vile* takes readers out of today's political dysfunction and back to a time of true leadership, when – in the face of unrelenting horror – Churchill's eloquence, courage, and perseverance bound a country, and a family, together."

The Monday Evening Book Club meets on the fourth Monday evening of the month. The July meeting will be Monday the 24th 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](mailto:nneuhom@gmail.com); 916-475-2392) or Barbara Hull ([barbarah16@surewest.net](mailto:barbarah16@surewest.net); 916-616-1278). More voices make for an enriched discussion!

Planning Ahead: There is no August selection. Read whatever you please and enjoy! Selections for next year will be selected and shared.

Great news!! Book Club is returning to in-person meetings in September, with carpool plans for those who do not drive at night. More in-depth calendar specifics later.



# OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP AT FAITH AND BEYOND

## SSIP's "Full Plates, Full Hearts" Fundraiser Is Coming Up

SSIP's annual fundraiser, "Full Plates, Full Hearts", will take place on **Thursday, July 13, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** in the Bethany Presbyterian Church social hall at the corner of 24th Street and Fruitridge Road. The event will be an ice cream social, featuring Gunther's ice cream, and will also include music, raffles and more.

**Tickets to the event cost \$25 each and can be purchased on SSIP's website ([click here](#)), or by sending a check to SSIP (5625 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822) with "FPFH" on the memo line. No matter how you purchase your ticket, you will find your name included on a list of attendees at the door. (There are no paper tickets.)**

Another key aspect of this fundraising effort is the **online auction taking place from July 1-8.** [Click here](#) to view auction items and to register to bid.

Food insecurity continues to be a major issue in Sacramento, and SSIP now serves more than twice as many people daily as before the pandemic. The costs to provide this service have increased substantially, and so your donations are truly vital to their mission. The folks at SSIP are thankful for your support and hope to see -- and thank! -- many of their Faith supporters on July 13. If you have any questions, email Tom Busch, SSIP board president and Faith member, at [tabusch46@gmail.com](mailto:tabusch46@gmail.com).

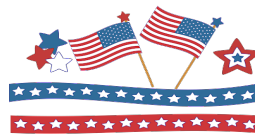
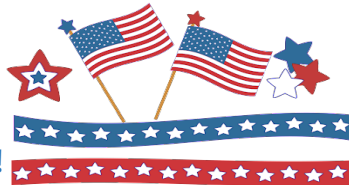


## Volunteer in the Faith Fireworks Booth!

It's that time again—time for Faith's single biggest fundraiser of the year ... the Faith fireworks booth! You can lend a hand through **July 4** by volunteering to work one three-hour sales shift. We can also use help with loading and unloading the trailer every day. Although you must be 18 or older to be inside the booth, youth under 18 can help with this daily set-up and take-down, about an hour each time.

If you can help, sign up by [clicking here](#).

If you haven't worked the booth in a few years, you should check it out! Since they introduced the scanners a few years back, the process is so much easier and faster. Give it a try—it's fun and for a good cause! Thanks for lending a hand!



As I review the first six months of 2023, I am so grateful for the amazing people who have chosen to use their gifts and skills to serve the people of Faith Church and the surrounding community through the worship services and classes provided. Thank you to each of you!



- **January:**

- Laura Anderson provided a class on the “First Words of Jesus”—an insightful study of the meaning and significance of the words that Jesus used to introduce His ministry to the world.
- “Why Jesus Loves Me,” taught by Alice Parente, used James Bryan Smith’s recently published book, *The Good and Beautiful You: Discovering the Person Jesus Created You to Be*, to help us discover how God sees us – as unceasing spiritual beings within whom Christ lovingly dwells.

- **February and March:**

- We provided a “Reflective Retreat” the weekend before Lent that blessed people in preparing for the season of Lent and its six-week contemplation of Christ’s redemptive work.
- Rev. Dennis Montzingo began a four-month class on the life of King David. The course ran to the end of May and was both challenging and uplifting as we learned why David was considered a man of God’s heart...and why we are too.

- **April and May:**

- Alice Parente began a six-week series, “Learning Humility,” based on a book written by Father Richard Foster. It is a great examination of how humility becomes the basis for transformation and is a call to consider in our own lives and culture how this value can change so much.
- The annual Women’s Retreat was a great success. Rev. Amanda Nevin, Stated Clerk of the San Joaquin Presbytery, spoke on “Always Perfectly Loved (by God).” Forty-four women (members of Faith as well as friends and family members) gathered to receive her teaching and enjoy the company of other sisters-in-Christ. **We are pleased to announce that in 2024 the Women’s Retreat will once again be held at Mercy Center Auburn. Save the Date: May 3-5, 2024.**
- The Men’s Retreat was also a success with men from three churches – Cove Presbyterian of Santa Rosa and Grace Presbyterian of Sacramento, as well as Faith – gathering at Westminster Woods to hear Patrick Thompson speak on how the grace of God strengthens us to live into spiritual maturity in Christ.

- **June - August**

- Throughout the summer we will be continuing Sunday morning classes between worship services 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 we know well; some we wonder where they are even mentioned in the Bible and others...well, we wonder why some of them could even play a role in God’s plan for redeeming the world. Join us on Sunday mornings to hear about 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 are a time of vacations and time away, so we welcome you whenever you can make it.



## Decluttering By Faith

Wednesday or Thursday Evenings (two groups)

August 9 to September 21

7:00–8:30 p.m.

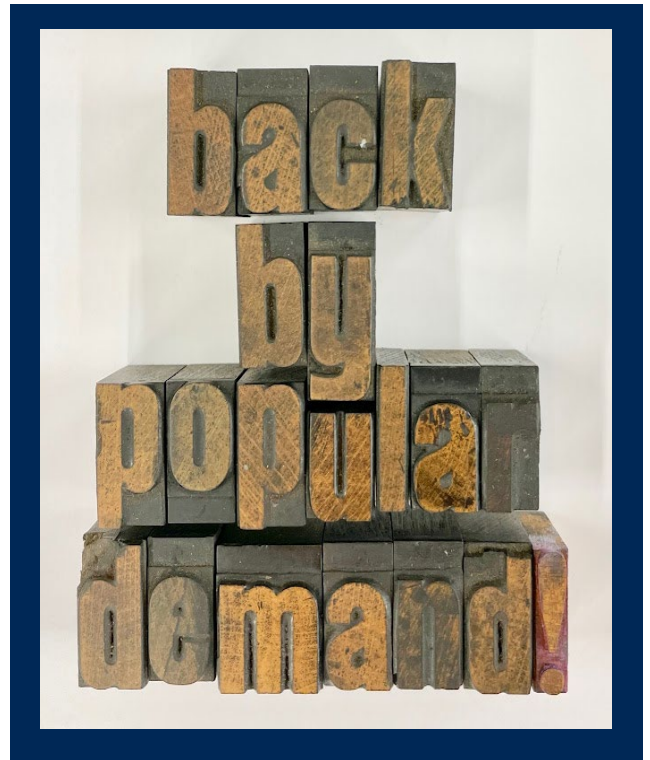
Facilitator: Marlys Emery

Off-site at the Emery home

Do you have too much *stuff*? If you have been wanting to declutter and simplify your home, please join us for this six-week class!

**Decluttering by Faith** is a devotional that explores what the Bible has to say about all of our stuff. Through this lens, we're able to look at our physical possessions more critically, realizing that they don't add the peace or security we're searching for. Each week focuses on a different area of our house to declutter, such as kitchens, clothing, and sentimental items. We will meet to view a 15-minute video, discuss the previous week's devotionals (except for the first week), and share our progress and experiences as we support and encourage each other in our decluttering journey. Between gatherings, we're invited to complete five daily devotionals and a decluttering challenge on our own.

This group is geared to women (although men are welcome) and is for anyone, whether your house is in complete CHAOS ("Can't Have Anyone Over" Syndrome) or you have a few hidden areas that need some attention and organization. Sign up in the narthex beginning Sunday, July 9, or email Marlys at [marlysbenson2015@gmail.com](mailto:marlysbenson2015@gmail.com).



We are offering two separate groups covering the same material. One group will meet on Wednesday evenings, August 9 to September 20. The other group will meet on Thursday evenings from August 10 to September 21. We need a minimum of four participants and a maximum of eight per group.

Participants should purchase the devotional, *Decluttering by Faith*, by Dawn Madsen and Diana Kokku, available only at this website: <https://www.theminimalmom.com/decluttering-by-faith>. Cost is \$16.00, plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. Please order early enough to receive the book before our first gathering.



## 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.

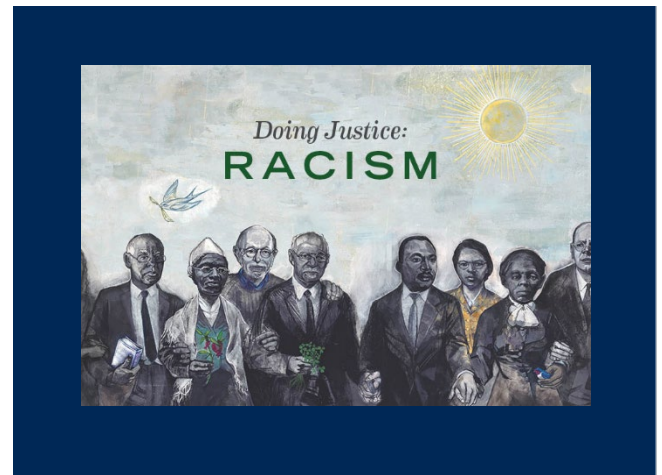
## Doing Justice Intensive: Racism

**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 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in signing up for the course, or have questions, please email Pastor Jeff Chapman at [jchapman@faithpresby.org](mailto:jchapman@faithpresby.org). *Please note that this is not a drop-in course.*



# FAITH'S ALL-CHURCH FALL RETREAT

**Friday, September 8, to Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**Zephyr Point Conference Center, Zephyr Cover, NV "Living in the Reality of God's Kingdom of Goodness and Love"**

We are looking forward to this year's All-Church Fall Retreat in September and hope you'll be able to join us. On this page, you'll find details about our speaker and theme, and on the facing page you'll find all the information you need to register. We hope to see you "up the hill" in September!

## OUR SPEAKER

Our speaker this year is Rev. Dr. Steve Wise, who hails from South Carolina. His "claim to fame" is his friendship with Jeff Chapman and his many basketball victories over Jeff in seminary. Steve and his wife, Becky, have a son and daughter, both of whom are married and live in South Carolina.



Since 2019 Steve has served as the Senior Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, SC. His ministry focuses on preaching, teaching, and building relationships with people in the church and community.

Prior to accepting the call at Westminster, Steve worked for nearly 30 years as an associate pastor and Young Life church partner. Those years were spent focused on one school and students in his church. He continues to be involved in Young Life and youth ministry.

Steve graduated from Wofford College, Princeton Theological Seminary (MDiv), and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (DMin).

## OUR THEME: "LIVING IN THE REALITY OF GOD'S KINGDOM OF GOODNESS AND LOVE"

For our retreat weekend, Steve will be drawing on Scripture and the works of Dallas Willard as he addresses these questions: What is real? Who is well-off? Who is good? How can we become good? Willard identifies these four questions as the foundational part of our worldview – how we see the world as it affects how we live in it. During our time with Steve, we will consider how Jesus answers these four questions in His life and teaching so that we may live lives in the reality of God's kingdom of goodness and love.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Information about how to register for the retreat is on the next page. Registration is again fully online this year. If you need help completing your registration, please contact Retreat Registrar Janelle Hendricks. (See her contact info on the last page of the News.) If you have general questions about the retreat, reach out to Claire Pisor, who is our Elder for Adult Christian Formation ([cpisor@gmail.com](mailto:cpisor@gmail.com)).



# How to Register for FAITH'S ALL-CHURCH FALL RETREAT

## *Deadline to Register Is August 25*

You may access the online registration form in one of three ways: (1) Click on the registration link in tomorrow's "This Week @ Faith" email; (2) Find the link on our website at [https:// faithpresby.org/connect/retreats](https://faithpresby.org/connect/retreats); (3) Scan the QR code at right. If you need assistance with online registration, contact registrar Janelle Hendricks at [joyfuljanelle@gmail.com](mailto:joyfuljanelle@gmail.com) or (916) 215-7053. ***The deadline to register or to receive a cancellation refund is Friday, August 25, 2023, at 11:55 p.m.***



**Scholarships:** We don't want the cost of the retreat to be a barrier to anyone! If a partial scholarship would help make the retreat more affordable for you, **please contact one of our pastors BEFORE you register for the retreat**, and he will send you a special code to use when you register (Pastor Brett, [bshoemaker@faithpresby.org](mailto:bshoemaker@faithpresby.org); Pastor Jeff, [jchapman@faithpresby.org](mailto:jchapman@faithpresby.org)).

**Registration Options:** The price of the retreat depends on the number and ages of people in your group and the type of lodging you choose. When you register online, you will indicate the names and ages (if under 18) of the people in your group to determine your food costs. Then you will select a lodging option. Finally, you will view the total and pay online.

The options below will help you estimate the cost of the retreat for your group before you register:

1. Determine your **food expenses**. Total for food: \$\_\_\_\_\_

- Adults and Youth (13+): \$84 per person x \_\_\_\_ (# of people)
- Children 4-12: \$63 per person x \_\_\_\_ (# of people)
- Children 0-3: \$0 per person x \_\_\_\_ (# of people)

**Dietary options available** when you register: vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, or dairy free.

2. Select your **housing option: hotel-style room or cabin**. Lodging choices are first-come, first-served. When you register online, you will see the available rooms and cabins. If you are sharing a room/cabin with someone outside your group, the first person to register pays for the housing and works out costs with the others. **There are a limited number of ADA accessible rooms. All rooms in the Tahoe and Tallac Centers are elevator accessible.**

- Choose a room: \$250 to \$285 per room, depending on how many people the room can sleep.  
# of rooms for my group: \_\_\_\_\_ room(s)                      Approximate total for housing \$\_\_\_\_\_

...OR...

- Choose a cabin: \$235 to \$360 per cabin, depending on location & size. To view a map, go to <https://www.zephyrpoint.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Zephyr-Point-Property-Map.pdf>. To view the interior and exterior of each cabin, go to <https://www.zephyrpoint.org/guest-groups/cabins/list/>. You'll find the specific price for each available cabin on the online registration portal.

- I am sharing a room/cabin with \_\_\_\_\_, who has already registered and paid. (Please arrange to split costs directly with the person who already registered and paid.)



# 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](mailto:mcnamev@gmail.com) or (916) 479-3523. Please get in touch with her immediately to see if there is still room for more participants.



REGISTER HERE



**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**



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