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# PresbyNews



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## He is Risen – Indeed!

This Easter, we celebrate a story that continues to change lives—then and now. Resurrection invites us into fresh starts, renewed purpose, and a hope that rises again, even in the midst of uncertainty. On page 3, you'll find everything you need to know about our Holy Week services and gatherings. We hope you'll invite a friend and join us as we experience the joy and promise of Easter together!



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## Worship at Faith

### Faith Presbyterian Church

625 Florin Road  
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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](http://faithpresby.org)

### RISE Kids' Worship

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

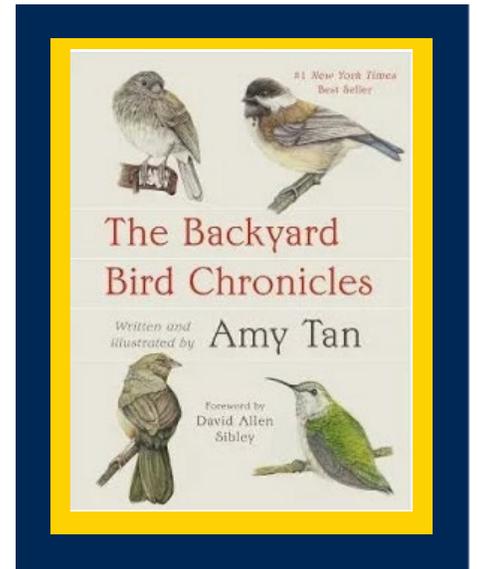
### Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## Monday Evening Book Club

Our April book selection is *The Backyard Bird Chronicles* by Amy Tan. The book has no plot, but lots of heart. Over the past decade and particularly during the Covid pandemic, many people took up new activities to cope. Some began baking bread. Others started painting with watercolors. One retired couple began playing gin rummy at lunch and never stopped. Amy Tan became a bird watcher. In 2017 Amy Tan could identify three different birds. By 2022, when she could identify sixty-three varieties, Tan recorded what she observed and the questions that arose as she interacted with the birds. The book also reveals much that we didn't know about Amy Tan. Through the heartfelt entries and the beautiful artwork, we are introduced to a whole different world!



The Monday Evening Book Club meets on the fourth Monday evening of the month. The April meeting will be Monday the 27th at 7:00 p.m. The Book Club continues to meet both on Zoom and in-person at Nancy Hom's home. If you are interested in joining the discussion or would like a ride to the meeting, 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).

Our final selections for 2025-2026 are: *True Biz* by Sara Novic in May, and just in time for summer travel dreams, *Innocents Abroad* by Mark Twain in June. June is also when we begin selecting books for the 2026-2027 Book Club year. Be a book detective and find some great choices for reading and discussion at Book Club next year!

In case you are wondering what actually goes on at the Book Club meetings, here's a peek inside!

In March, journalist and author Jennifer Morita came to our meeting to share about her award-winning debut novel, *Ghosts of Waikiki*. Jennifer told us about her journey as an author and shared many interesting stories of how the novel came together. She also brought Butter Mochi, a yummy Hawaiian dessert, to share with book club members. We had a delightful evening and we think that Jennifer did too!



# HOLY WEEK AT FAITH

## Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship

**April 2 — Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Worship at 7:00 p.m.**

This service, commemorating the Last Supper, is an important time to gather around the Lord's Table. You are invited to join us for dinner in Link Hall at 5:30. Worship begins in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. *Livestreamed on Faith's YouTube channel.*



## Good Friday Journey to the Cross Interactive Meditation

**April 3—9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

On Good Friday, you are invited to journey to the cross with Jesus by participating in a reflective and interactive "walk" through the stations of his life, from the annunciation to the crucifixion. Visit every station or just one or two, or simply linger in the silence of the sanctuary on this holy day. Come alone or with others; suitable for children if accompanied by adults. Instructions and guided reflections available.



## Good Friday Tenebrae Service

**April 3 — 7:00 p.m.**

Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness, shadows") is a traditional service often held on Good Friday that rehearses the passion of Christ and is characterized by the gradual extinguishing of light. Though an ancient tradition, it is still quite new to us here at Faith, and we are looking forward to experiencing it again this year. *Livestreamed on Faith's YouTube channel.*



## Easter Sunday Worship

**April 5 — 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 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! We will have special refreshments on the patio between the 7:00 and 9:00 services. *The 9:00 service will be livestreamed on Faith's YouTube channel.*



HE IS

*risen*

## Holy Spirit...The Stranger Within Us

**Dates:** April 8 through May 20 on Zoom

**Time:** 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Facilitator:** Alice Parente



Most people today long to be rescued from the fear, pain, and hardship going on right now. As Christians in the midst of perceived helplessness and tempting hopelessness, we believe in a triune God who can rescue us and our world from our current situations. We yearn for a *felt* connection to that Love and Power far greater than ourselves.

According to Jesus, that Love and Power is reflected in the Holy Spirit.

In John 15 and 16, Jesus informs His disciples that after He leaves, He will send them an Advocate, the Spirit of truth. "He will speak only what he hears [from me and from the Father]. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you."

And Jesus was quite excited about this, because He knew it would be through the Holy Spirit that He would truly be able to dwell within us. Forever. The disciples testified throughout the Book of Acts to having authentic spiritual experiences that gave them courage, hope, and confidence in Father, Son, and Spirit.

However, nowadays, the confusion and unfamiliarity surrounding the Person of the Holy Spirit may lead many of us to either sideline the Spirit of God or misunderstand what the Spirit means for our spiritual lives. Yet, Jesus promised, and His followers throughout the centuries have born witness to, the power of the Spirit acting in their lives and their worlds. And now, we have this same transformative, profound, deep Spirit within and around us, guiding us towards increased love, hope, compassion, and inner peace.

This seven-week class is an opportunity to explore Jesus' invitation into an authentic, lived friendship with the Spirit, who is the very presence of Jesus Himself within and among us.

In *Holy Spirit: The Stranger Within Us*, we will become acquainted with the Spirit of God in Scripture...where the Holy Spirit appears throughout the entire Bible. We will explore how to close the gap between what Scripture reveals about the Holy Spirit and our personal, lived experience of the Spirit.

There is no assigned book for this class. We will be using articles, podcasts, and videos created by spiritual formation giants who bring insights and perspectives around the Holy Spirit.

If you are interested in joining or have questions, please let Alice Parente know at [vsas77@earthlink.net](mailto:vsas77@earthlink.net).

Come and see what "Come, Holy Spirit" might mean for you.



## In Christ Alone: The Colossian Letter

**Dates:** April 12, 19, 26; May 17, 24, 31

**Time:** 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Grace Room

**Facilitator:** Rev. Rick Hull

It is a time of social chaos, spiritual confusion, and decaying moral values.

It is a time when an entire culture is struggling and good-hearted believers are seeking. Who has the power to assure us and fulfill us? Whose call do we follow? Where is there a dependable hope? What are we to do?

It is a time so very like our own. And to this ancient-yet-modern culture, the Apostle Paul pens a letter that speaks assurance, guidance and courage in every generation that has read it. These six practical, compelling segments take us to the very heart of New Testament faith – “In Christ Alone.”



## Presbyterian Women: April Fellowship

**Wednesday, April 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Link Hall**

**Check-in begins at 11:15 a.m.; meeting starts at 11:30 a.m.**

Our speaker for April is Eve Mar from “Canines for Christ.”



Canines for Christ is a Christian-based, canine-assisted therapy ministry serving the Sacramento area to share God's message of love, hope, kindness, and compassion to the community.

(There will be a furry bundle of love for us to fawn over!)

We will also be taking orders for the PW May Fellowship (Selland's box lunches.)

There will be time to catch up with one another over lunch and to hear from our board members. We will have our usual raffle and bazaar table available for your donating/shopping pleasure.



All Faith women are warmly invited to join us for this time of Christian friendship.

Bring your lunch; drinks, chips and dessert will be provided.

Contact Kathy Ellis at [trvlkath@comcast.net](mailto:trvlkath@comcast.net) for more information.

# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

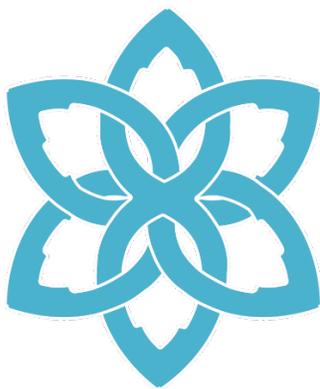
## WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?

The prophet Micah called the people of God to a life characterized by walking humbly with our Lord, loving mercy, and doing justice (6:8). For us as believers today, Micah's prophetic voice continues to resound, calling us to put God first and to follow him into the world in ways that advance the cause of his lovingkindness and his justice.

There are so many ways that we as individuals can respond to the prophet's call: doing unseen acts of kindness, showing care and compassion to others, speaking up for someone who needs an advocate, sharing a meal with someone who is hungry, offering relief to those in crisis. Although such acts may seem small at first, they can have a big impact on the world around us. Acts of mercy and justice done according to God's will can create more supportive communities and can be the foundation for addressing the larger issues of global justice.

In addition to working individually, we can also enact God's lovingkindness and justice together as a church. One simple way that we can promote human flourishing as a congregation is by participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering on Easter Sunday. Funds received from this offering are dedicated to alleviating hunger and poverty, providing disaster relief, developing stronger communities, addressing climate change, and advocating for immigrants, migrants and refugees. These vital areas of ministry – chosen by our denomination's General Assembly – go a long way to ensure that every person is able to live into the fullness of life that God desires for humans.

This Easter, may we do our part to be the Church together by supporting One Great Hour of Sharing and the ministries of mercy and justice that it supports. Please give generously to the **One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.**



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS!

## RSVP Concert at Faith!

**RSVP** (Reconciliation Singers Voices of Peace) is a Sacramento-based vocal ensemble founded in 2000. They will be giving another **free concert in Faith's sanctuary on Friday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m.** There is no entry fee, though a free-will donation will be received. One-hundred percent of donations received will be given to the nonprofit, "Bigger Than Us Arts," an organization providing arts education that is inclusive, diverse and transformative. To learn more, visit their website: <https://www.btuarts.org/>. To learn more about RSVP, visit their website: [www.rsvpchoir.org](http://www.rsvpchoir.org).



## Children's Egg Hunt at Faith

### Easter Morning after the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

All children from nursery age to 6th grade are welcome to join in the hunt for Easter eggs on Easter morning, April 5, after the 9:00 a.m. worship service. If you have youngsters visiting for Easter, invite them along to be a part of the fun! There will be separate egg-hunt areas based on age (Nursery, Godly Play, Worship & Wonder), so plenty of room for everyone.

Special thanks to all who donated treats and trinkets to fill the eggs and to all who helped stuff the eggs with good things!



# WALK FOR WATER, 2026

*Celebrating 16 Years Partnering with Abaya, Ethiopia*

# Walk for Water

April 26, 10:15 a.m.

**ALL-CHURCH EVENT-Donate, Walk4Water, Picnic on the Patio!**

Walk 1 mile from Faith to the Cabana Club South, fetch water and return to Faith and celebrate our 16 year partnership with World Vision's Abaya, Ethiopia Area Development Program clean water and child sponsor partnership.

Experience a taste of the hardship the Abaya community have to endure each day to acquire water. Food and fellowship follows. All funds raised from this all-church grassroots Faith event goes to Abaya clean water projects, child sponsorships available. Our goal is to raise \$5,000, and the mission committee will match \$5,000. Join us on the patio for a picnic of hotdogs, potato salad, beans and chips!

Scan this QR code to register and make your donation



# Men & Boys' Retreat 2026

May 1-3 ~ Westminster Woods ~ Ages 5 to 105

Registration is now open for our not-to-be-missed Men & Boys' Retreat. This weekend retreat is designed for men of all ages. It is not a father-son retreat, though we love it when dads bring their sons, or granddads their grandsons! It's a weekend filled with opportunities for rich fellowship, much-needed rest, great food, lots of laughter, and practical teaching that will inspire us in our walk with Christ.

Our speaker this year is Jeremy Bouris. His theme will be "The Inner Man: Understanding the Core Desires of Every Man's Heart." Every man's heart longs for acceptance and respect, strength and courage, confidence and self-worth. We are hardwired to pursue these things. Jeremy will help us better understand how together, and in Christ, we can journey towards seeing these realized in our lives. Jeremy is married to his wife of fifteen years, Lisa, and is the father of three children. He is currently the director of the Bayside Counseling Center.



To access the online registration form, follow this QR code. On the form, you'll see several housing options available, from tent camping to the lodge. You'll also notice that there are several different cost options available, from full price to subsidized. We don't want finances to keep anyone from participating! Look over the options, and if further financial help would make it possible for you to attend, we also have generous campership funds available. If you would like **to request a campership, reach out to Pastor Jeff or Pastor Brett before you register online.** He will give you a special code to enter when you register. Hope to see you at the Woods!



# YOUTH FUNDRAISER: SUMMER MISSION TRIP

## Tacos & Talents

Saturday, April 18, 6:00 p.m.

Link Hall



With Faith's days of fireworks sales now behind us, we are developing new ways to help support financially the youth and adults who will be taking part in this summer's mission experience in Alaska. Towards this end, you are warmly invited to "**Tacos and Talents**" on Saturday, April 18, starting at 6:00 p.m. in Link Hall. There will be a taco bar and a not-to-be-missed talent show by our youth, as well as time to fellowship with your Faith friends.

Tickets for this fundraising fiesta are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child in advance; \$5 more each at the door. Tickets can be purchased from Faith's youth in the narthex after worship on Sunday mornings. Or, reserve yours in advance using this QR code, and then check in at the door. Or, show up at the door and give a little more in support of Faith's youth. It's all good! And deeply appreciated!!



Come enjoy the fun and the food! You'll be supporting Faith's youth as they head to Alaska to serve.



**Tacos and Talents**

Saturday, April 18th  
@ 6:00pm in Link Hall

How to get tickets...

1. Get your tickets online using the QR code
2. Find the youth in the narthex selling tickets
3. Pay at the door on the 18th

**DINNER & SHOW TICKETS PRICES:**

In advance:	At the door:
Adults \$20	Adults \$25
Children: \$10	Children: \$10



# MONTHLY FOCUS REPORT: MISSION

Elder: Paul Philleo

Report Date: March 2026



When Jesus calls us to be the light of the world, the Faith Mission Ministry replies

## Y – E – S!

The Mission Ministry manages a robust portfolio of partnerships and sponsorships. We continue to be able to say “yes” to these because Mission remains a priority in the Faith operating budget, and because of generous estate gifts. In 2026 we have over \$280,000 available to manage! We have come to realize this portfolio breaks into 3 areas, which conveniently spell out “YES,” as follows:

### Y: Youth-focus

- Summer mission trip
- One Child One Hen
- Angaza Bible School
- Summer camp
- Young Life
- World Vision child sponsorship
- Youth Promise Kenya

### E: Evangelism

- → Kathy·Keller¶
- → Princess·Williams¶
- → Geordie·Ziegler¶
- → Amber·Carpenter¶
- → Erin·Gilbert¶
- → The·SEED·group¶
- → Kenya·Bible·Ministry¶

### S: Service

- → SSIP¶
- → Family·Promise¶
- → Mercy·Holistic·Services¶
- → Rise·Against·Hunger¶
- → Walk·for·Water¶
- → Team·World·Vision¶
- → Reaching·Out¶
- → Standing·Stone·Ministries¶

