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Happy 250th Birthday, USA!

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding this Independence Day, we are reminded how much we have to be thankful for. In a world that often encourages us to focus on our differences, this holiday offers an opportunity to pause, appreciate the freedoms we share, and give thanks for the many blessings of living in this remarkable country. We are especially grateful for the freedom to gather in worship, share our faith together, and serve our community with love. Wishing you all a joyful, safe, and blessed Fourth of July!

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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

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

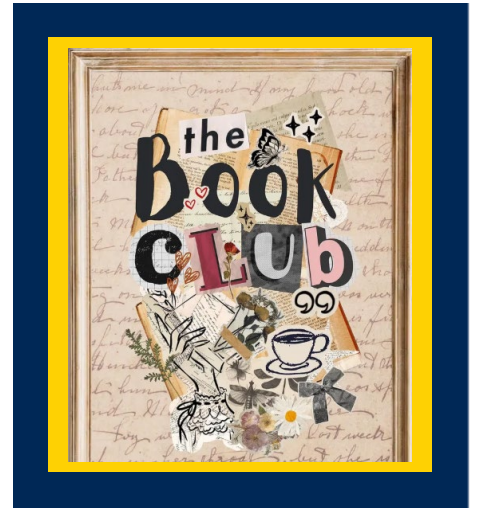
Stay Tuned for the Monday Evening Book Club in August

The Monday Evening Book Club is currently on hiatus, and will start back up in August! The Book Club typically meets on the fourth Monday evening of the month.

In June and July the Book Club pauses for two important reasons. The first is so that members can take time to read whatever they choose! The very important second reason is to choose next year's book list. Stay tuned in August to view the upcoming books and consider joining the book club.

In the meantime, consider browsing the curated books located in the Narthex. You will find a wonderful selection of books: fiction, non-fiction, devotional, memoirs, children's and teens. You will find some real gems on the shelves!

Have you read a book that would be great to discuss with friends? Beginning in May the Book Club begins taking suggestions for next year's books and hoping for a wide variety to choose from!



Memories from the 1970's: The Fourth of July was the one day a year your parents legally handed you explosives and walked away. Just a punk stick, a paper bag of fireworks and the words 'Don't blow your hand off' - That was the whole safety briefing. You started the morning at a parade. A fire truck, the VFW, a Shriner in a tiny car, and every kid on a bike with a playing card in the spokes....

See <https://www.instagram.com/reels/DaWLFP4y59z/> for more!

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRESENTS



MON.-THUR.
JULY 27TH - AUGUST 6TH

8:30-11:30 AM

AUGUST 9TH PERFORMANCE

3RD-7TH GRADE

\$100/ CHILD
50% OFF EACH SIBLING
20% OFF W/VBS DISCOUNT

THEATER | VISUAL ART | MOVEMENT | MUSIC

FAITH'S ALL-CHURCH FALL RETREAT

Friday, September 11, to Sunday, September 13, 2026 Zephyr Point Conference Center, Zephyr Cove, Nevada *The Dwelling Place of God*

Faith's All-Church Fall Retreat isn't until September, but we hope you and yours are already planning on joining us for this relaxing weekend of friendship, worship, and time in God's Word. The retreat takes place at Zephyr Point, which is located on the eastern shore of Lake Tahoe, and it is always a highlight in our life together as a congregation. We hope to see you there!

OUR THEME: THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD

This year we will be taking a fascinating journey through the Bible as we explore the Tabernacle in the wilderness, Solomon's Temple, and other temples that played an important part in God's story. We'll discover why God had them built, what they teach us about His desire to live among His people, and even why there comes a time when there is no temple at all. We will also take a deeper look at the priests and the important role they played in helping God's people worship Him. Whether you've studied these topics before or are hearing about them for the first time, you'll leave with a richer understanding of God's Word and an encouraged heart.

OUR SPEAKER

Our speaker, **Wayne Weissman**, has a wonderful way of making the Bible come alive and helping us see how it all fits together, so we are in for an engaging time of learning from him and from God's Word. Wayne has served in ministry for 42 years, mostly with Torchbearers International, one of Faith's mission partners. Wayne and his wife Patti have been married for 39 years and are blessed with four children and 14 grandchildren (one more than last year!). They now make their home in Kimball, Nebraska.



GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for the retreat **opens Monday, July 6, at 8:00 a.m.**, and it is fully online. Watch for an all-church email just before 8:00 a.m. that morning with the registration link. You may also use this QR code. (Note that it will not be active until 8:00 a.m. on July 6th.) Need help with registration? Contact registrar Janelle Hendricks at joyfuljanelle@gmail.com or (916) 215-7053. Registration closes on Monday, August 24, at 11:00 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 affordable for you, please contact Jeff Chapman BEFORE you register. He will send you a special code that you'll enter on the payment page of the online registration form (jchapman@faithpresby.org).





Pocket Area Churches Together
invites you to gather together to
learn about Aging Solutions.



Saturday, July 11, 2026
8:45am- 12:15pm

Faith Presbyterian Church
625 Florin Road, Sacramento, 95831

Join us for a morning of education, support, and connection.

Presentations include:

Strategies for Successful Care Planning.
by Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center

Communicating Effectively
by Alzheimer's Association

Preparing & Advocating for Your Loved One's Medical Care
by Senior Care Solutions

To Register, contact Senior Care Solutions:
(916) 965-5565 or email info@seniorcs.com



ANGAZA 2026 – SNAPSHOTS FROM KENYA

We are so incredibly grateful for the prayers and support extended to us (Esther, Jeff, Godebo, and Ron) from the Faith community as we spent another month in Kenya this spring at the Angaza Torchbearers Bible School. Here are a few snapshots of the experience. Stay tuned for an opportunity to hear more about how the Lord was at work this year in this amazing school.



Our 2026 staff. Some veterans along with some new faces. It's a joy to serve alongside people you enjoy! "Illuminate".



A taste of Kenya. Live chickens strapped to the top of a van on the highway. What a way to go out!



We spent our first morning together as a staff walking the campus and praying for every aspect of the school.



Classes were filled with an extremely teachable and hungry group of students. The first week Reed Jolley taught an overview of the Old Testament and Satish John taught through Malachi. Equally gifted teachers followed each week.



All our worship at Angaza is student led, and sometimes happens under the stars. Students also offer moving testimonies of Christ's work in their lives.



Students served twice a week at various ministry sites in the community of Embu. These two are involved in a discipleship ministry to young people called Youth Promise.



It was a joy to watch sweet fellowship develop among our students. Talking long walks together. Praying together. Seeing Christ in one another. Making lifelong friendships in Christ!



Each Sunday our students worship in local Kenyan congregations. For many, it's a very unique experience from their home congregations. Sometimes, as pictured above, we even get invited to lead Sunday school!



One Sunday a team from Angaza was invited to minister at a local women's prison. Our students lead the worship, one of our teachers preached, and in the end they gathered in small groups to pay for and with these women.



We always take time to commit to helping to care for the grounds of our hosts at Shunem Prayer and Retreat Center. They bless us richly. We want to bless them in turn. Our students work hard!



Each student is a part of a Family Group which meets several times a week. Each group has a "Mom" and "Dad." These are great communities for students to find support in a family atmosphere. Can you spot someone you know in this group?



Esther has helped lead a partnership with a local ministry called "Girls Raising Hands." One week we helped present sanitary kits to girls in a local school. Having these kits, which include washable feminine products, help empower girls to stay in school and keep "raising their hands" without any breaks in their education. It's a powerfully impactful ministry.



The final day we held a very festive graduation celebration. We invited all our ministry partners, along with family members in the area, to join the party. Here's a photo of most of the male students and staff this year.



What a crew! Behind every smiling face in this photo there is a story of redemption being worked out. We were so blessed to hear those stories, and to hear them all eventually point to Christ and his grace.



The last day before coming home I preached at St. Andrews PCEA in Nairobi, one of our strong partners. One of the joys of this ministry has been seeing the Lord establish a growing number of these Kenyan partners who share our vision.

To see more photos and videos, including brief interviews with each of this year's Angaza's teachers, visit "Angaza Torchbearers Kenya" on Facebook. To learn more about the ministry of Torchbearers International, visit <https://torchbearers.org/>

WHY WE WORSHIP THE WAY WE DO

Our worship service is more than a collection of hymns, prayers, and readings—it is a carefully shaped pattern that has developed over centuries to help God's people worship Him faithfully. It is our liturgy—literally, "the work of the people."

Each part of the service has a purpose, and even the order is intentional. Week by week, God calls us into His presence, we confess our need for grace, we hear His Word, we respond in faith, receive His promises in the sacraments, and are sent into the world to serve Him. Understanding why we worship this way helps us engage more fully—with mind, heart, and body—in the worship of God together.

Join us between services this summer as we explore the meaning and purpose behind each part of our worship service.

July 12 – Gathering (Mark Tootle)

Prelude • Greeting • Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle • Songs of Praise

July 19 – Confession and Forgiveness (Brett Shoemaker)

Prayer of Confession • Response to Confession • Declaration of Forgiveness • Passing of the Peace

July 26 – The Word (Lorie Sprinkle)

Prayer of Dedication • Scripture Reading • Prayer of Illumination • Message

August 16 – Response to the Word (Jeff Chapman)

Prayers of the People • The Lord's Prayer • Offering & Doxology

August 23 – Sacrament (Jack McNary)

Baptism • The Lord's Supper

August 30 – Sending (Laura Anderson)

Hymn of Faith • Benediction • Postlude



Whether you've worshiped with liturgy your entire life or are simply curious about why we do what we do, we hope you'll join us.



THANK YOU FAITH FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Girls Raising Hands in Kenya

Thank you to everyone who contributed sewing supplies to help young women learn to sew as a part of Girls Raising Hands in Embu, Kenya, one of Faith's global mission partners. It was a joy for our team from Faith to deliver a large duffel bag full of fabric, needles, thread, scissors and other helpful tools and to see the girls' joy and anticipation. These supplies will be used to train young women in design and tailoring skills so they can potentially pursue their own business as well as create and mend clothing for themselves and their families.

Here's a message to you from Beatrice Wangi, the founder of Girls Raising Hands:

Dear friends of Faith Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of Girls Raising Hands, we want to extend our sincerest gratitude for your generous contribution to our sewing program. Your generous donation will surely have a significant effect on helping young girls. God bless you!

Girls Raising Hands is a program under Youth Promise Center Kenya. YPC exists with a mission to raise a generation of healthy and empowered girls. The focus is on keeping girls in school because the drop-out rate for girls before they reach 12th grade is very high. YPC believes that when girls are empowered, they become better women in the society and become part of decision-making, and this contributes to the growth of the society. YPC's programs include hygiene, entrepreneurship, computer training and mentorship. To learn more about Girls Raising Hands, visit <https://urbanpromiseinternational.org/project/youth-promise-kenya-girls-raising-hands/>.



Some of the team from Angaza Torchbearers presenting hygiene kits made by Girls Raising Hands to girls in a local public school, girls who otherwise would have no access to such supplies.



Presenting the donations to the Girls Raising Hands staff at their center outside Embu, Kenya.