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**Join us for Outdoor Church Sundays @ 10 am  
and on the first Saturday of the month @ 5 pm.**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO BILL MOBERLY** for replacing the foggy glass window on our quiet room on behalf of his late wife, Karla. It is a lovely way to remember Karla who was very devoted to our Children's Christian Education ministry for many years. It's beautiful!



## COMING UP

- ◇ Sacred Space Oct. 3 @ 5 pm
- ◇ Weekly Zoom Bible Study Tue.
- ◇ PCUSA Virtual Seminar on Lifelong Discipleship Oct.5-7
- ◇ Baby Shower by Zoom! Oct. 11
- ◇ Fair Trade Market Oct. 18

## Pedal for Protein



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# Dealing with the Pandemic/Fire Season/Political Unrest/Cancer?

By Pastor Cindy

I have added "dealing with skin cancer" to the things I am coping with these days. By the time you read this I will have undergone another MOHS surgery on my forehead and some biopsies of lymph nodes to diagnose the stage of my squamous cell carcinoma. (Two years ago some cells were missed in my previous MOHS surgery and it has grown further from there.)

So I am taking it one day at a time! Please keep me in your prayers. You all are constantly in my thoughts and prayers as well. I hope and pray you can feel a sense of God's presence in your life amidst all the chaos in the world. It helps to start each day with silent meditation/prayer and listen for God's voice of hope and healing. Reading devotional books can help tap into your faith resources.

I like the devotional book: Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence by Sarah Young. She shares the message she believes Jesus has for us according to 3 scripture passages for each day of the year. The devotional for September 8th deeply spoke to me as my body feels somewhat out of balance. Young reflected on Psalm 42:5, 2 Corinthians 13:4, and Jeremiah 31:25.

Speaking on behalf of Jesus, Young wrote, *"Accept each day exactly as it comes to you. By that, I mean not only the circumstances of your day but also the condition of your body. Your assignment is to trust Me absolutely, resting in my sovereignty and faithfulness."*

*On some days your circumstances and your physical condition feel out of balance. The demands on you seem far greater than your strength. Days like that present a choice between two alternatives - giving up or relying on Me. Even if you wrongly choose the first alternative, I will not reject you. You can turn to me at any point and I will help you crawl out of the mire of discouragement. I will infuse My strength into you moment by moment, giving you all that you*

*need for this day. Trust Me by relying on my empowering Presence."* Amen.

Although John O'Donohue died many years ago, this blessing seems perfectly applicable for such a time as this.....

*On the day when  
the weight deadens  
on your shoulders  
and you stumble,  
may the clay dance  
to balance you.  
And when your eyes  
freeze behind  
the grey window  
and the ghost of loss  
gets into you,  
may a flock of colors,  
indigo, red, green  
and azure blue,  
come to awaken in you  
a meadow of delight.  
When the canvas frays  
in the currach of thought  
and a stain of ocean  
blackens beneath you,  
may there come across the waters  
a path of yellow moonlight  
to bring you safely home.  
May the nourishment of the earth be yours,  
may the clarity of light be yours,  
may the fluency of the ocean be yours,  
may the protection of the ancestors be yours.  
And so may a slow  
wind work these words  
of love around you,  
an invisible cloak  
to mind your life.*

By John O'Donohue from Echoes of Memory  
(Transworld Publishing, 2010).

# ***Undoing Racism Resources***

By Karen Brunner

(from Pastor Cindy's church in Morristown)

## **NONFICTION**

*Blood at the Root: A Racial Cleansing in America* by Patrick Phillips

*How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi

*Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

*Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong*  
by James W. Loewen

*The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone

*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander

*The Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B. DuBois

*The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson

*The 1619 Project* (all articles), *The New York Times Magazine*, Aug.18, 2019

*Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving

*White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*  
by Robin Diangelo

*Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* By Beverly Daniel Tatum

## **FICTION**

*Beloved* by Toni Morrison

*Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

*Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

*The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

*The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead



## **OUTDOOR WORSHIP WHAT TO EXPECT**

We continue to have outdoor worship services on the front lawn of the Church of the Roses on Sundays at 10am and the first Saturday of the month at 5 pm.

Our weekly emails have a link to RSVP but it is not mandatory. It does give us an idea of how many chairs to put out.

- Come early to get pre-screened and given a mask, hand sanitizer and other instructions
- All people sit 6 feet apart with masks on.
- Children will receive activity packs at every service. We ask that the children stay with their parents.
- No fellowship time before or after.
- There will be an FM broadcast of the live service for those who want to remain in their cars and park at the Lucky store lot facing in towards the church lawn. Tune into 88.1 from your car!
- The service will be recorded for Live broadcast on Facebook and for Youtube



## VOYAGERS

Greetings to all Voyagers as we enter the fall festivities of the year. Did you ever think we'd still be distancing after all these months? Yet, sadly, here we are. And are we really going to have festivities? Well, maybe not as we usually think of them. But, maybe we can think of ways to celebrate the season in some small ways with decorations, special foods or baked goods, or something special we can do for others.

The fall can be a good time for some outdoor activities. Bob and I walk in our neighborhood and sometimes eat in our outdoor dining room for a change of scene. When the smoke clears, it's a time to just take some deep breaths of fresh air.

We wish you peace and love as we head toward the holidays, and, especially, take very good care of your own health and of those around you. Till next month, Bob and Eleanor, phone: 707-538-5277.



## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM

### *INTO THE LIGHT - A Bible Study*

Every week on Tue, until Oct 27, 2020,  
6 occurrences

Sep 22, 2020 10:30 AM  
Sep 29, 2020 10:30 AM  
Oct 6, 2020 10:30 AM  
Oct 13, 2020 10:30 AM  
Oct 20, 2020 10:30 AM  
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#### **An Invitation from Presbyterian Women**

Join us! We just started this bible study by Zoom to keep us safe.

Remember you can turn the video off and join by audio only if you prefer.

The study for the year written by **Lynn Miller** is particularly appropriate for our troubled times.

We struggle to survive a pandemic and at the same time people have been rising up in protest against racism and injustice in our country. We lament the way a virus has upended our world.

We are learning to regret the ways white privilege has devastated the lives of people of color. The scriptures are full of the lamenting cries of God's people. As they cry out to God they discover hope. The is why the title of our PW study is INTO THE LIGHT. Our two PW Study Leaders, Linda Burille and Nita Pinney, have both heard Lynn Miller talk about her work and they are eager to begin.

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# Our Resilient Garden

I was just reflecting this month on what a resilient community we are. Over just the past three years we have been devastated by fires, choked with smoke, subjected to numerous evacuations, forced to live without electricity, and currently we are in the midst of the worst pandemic in over 100 years. Through it all our church has persevered, offering shelter to evacuees, comfort to those who lost everything in the fires and always the opportunity to worship to together either virtually or at our socially distanced outdoor services.

This is a hallmark of our faith. From the earliest days of the church our spiritual ancestors faced long odds on whether Christianity would make it out of the first century. Practitioners had to worship in secret, gathering together under the cloak of night to avoid arrest, imprisonment, or worse. Through perseverance and an unshakable faith in the teachings of Jesus, those little communities grew into the 2.4 billion Christian followers we have today. To borrow from the parable of the mustard seed, the little seeds planted by the early Christians have grown into an immense field of mustard plants.

Seeds are funny things. You cover them with dirt and water them but to the casual observer there would appear that nothing is really going on. One day, though, the seed emerges from its underground home as a shoot and then grows into whatever it is supposed to be. I have no doubt that the “seeds” planted by our church during these uncertain times will bear a great harvest. Indeed, we are already beginning to show ourselves “above ground” as we emerge from our little boxes in Zoom and appear at outside worship services. At some point we will return inside to Bowen Hall and eventually to our sanctuary. Let us all pray that like the farmer who waits for the seed to sprout, we will have the patience and fortitude to keep our spirits up as we wait for that day to come!!

Blessings, Your Music Director, Myles Ellis

## How to Support Children (and Yourself) During the Covid-19 Outbreak.

*The Center for the Developing Child – Harvard University*

**1** Practice “serve and return,” or back and forth interaction with your little ones. Even before they learn to talk, infants and children reach out for attention—babbling, gesturing, or making faces. When young children “serve up” a chance to engage with them, it’s important to “return” with attention. It can be as simple as a game of peek-a-boo. Or, if a toddler points at a toy, name it out loud as you hand it to the child. Why? Serve-and-return interactions help build developing brains and resilience, something we all need in these challenging times

**2** Maintain social connections. Stay-at home measures are helping to slow the spread of the virus, protect our health, and protect our hospitals. But, while we are staying apart from each other physically, it’s even more important to connect socially, to protect our emotional well-being. Keep up relationships and social contacts—while maintaining physical distance outside your own home. Why? Responsive relationships like those with lots of serve and return interactions (see #1 above)—between children and adults, adults and other adults, and children and other children all help buffer us against ongoing stress.

**3** Take a break (with or without children). If you feel overwhelmed, find a way to give your stress response a rest. Take a walk around the block. Try a few minutes of meditation or deep breathing. Call a friend (see #2 above). And, give yourself a break. Remember you’re not alone—everyone is struggling with these unexpected changes to our lives, and many of us need some extra support from our communities. Be kind to yourself and understand that you can’t do it all. Why? When you can find ways to give yourself a break, you’ll return to your children better able to meet their needs and support their development.

# FINANCE

Results of operations are now recorded through August. As might be expected we are under budget and leaking a little with some operating losses. From a purely arithmetic perspective the year will be made right with the “forgiveness” of our Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loan, the part of the U.S. Government’s Economic Stimulus Program aimed at helping small businesses during the pandemic. Essentially, to help get through the pandemic, the taxpayers injected money into small businesses like ours to help us sustain operations which have or might have been negatively impacted.

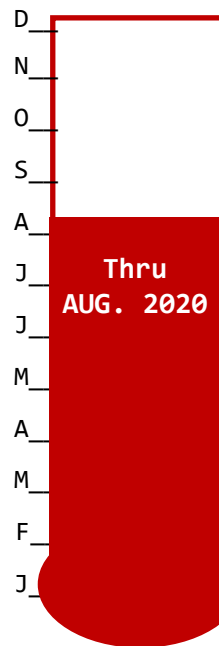
But we should not ignore the facts. Revenue, principally pledges and non-pledge collections from members is or has been in a downward trend. How much, because we did not meet for several months, is hard to determine. Actually, the number of members who continued to remit their pledges throughout the cessation of congregating has been truly amazing and very welcomed. **THANK YOU!**

A big blow to our finances was the closure of Rosebud, our preschool. This operation provided \$25,000/year in what might be described as rent. That revenue source is now gone. Staff hours have been reduced and of course program expenses reduced, but we were operating on the thinnest of margins to begin so any disruption to revenue creates losses.

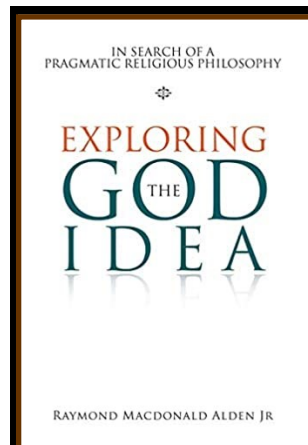
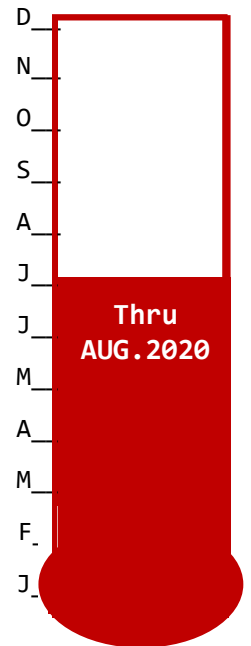
As we approach this year’s Stewardship Campaign please consider helping your Church in one of two ways (or both): think hard about whether you can contribute more to the Church and think hard about friends or neighbors that you could introduce to Church of the Roses. We’d love to grow our membership and in so doing grow our revenue to help pay for the many wonderful things we do in the lives of our members and our community.

*Chris Nelle, Finance Chair*

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# Pedal for Protein



**Pedal for Protein Fair Trade Market**  
**Sunday, October 18, 2020**  
***immediately after worship***

Support the many hungry families in the Redwoods Presbytery due to Covid-19 and the recent wildfires, the need for protein food has dramatically increased by 200% and more in some communities our food banks are struggling to keep up with the demand. Support your Roses' team riders with purchases of Equal Exchange Organic Coffee, Tea, Chocolate Bars and Cocoa plus Fair Trade crafts from around the world. For now the fair trade items are being closed out, so all crafts are on sale and the usual great prices on Equal Exchange. There will be lots of chocolate bars available somewhat limited selection. ***Please pay by check or cash.***

***See you on Oct. 18th!***

***Sales of Fair Trade merchandise help support independent farmers and artisans with the proceeds from the sales credited to each church's Pedal for Protein fundraising efforts which feed hungry people in Northern California and one international food justice grant with the Presbyterian Hunger Program.***

***Our suppliers include Equal Exchange with organic coffee, tea and chocolate, Global Crafts and Mira with jewelry and scarves. Decorative items for home and garden including wonderful sounding copper bells with many recycled items.***

## PEDAL FOR PROTEIN 2020

To help prevent further spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), Pedal for Protein has decided to take a "Sabbath Rest" from the 2020 group ride. However, we are still raising funds for the local food banks and pantries, and WE NEED YOUR HELP! P4P raised \$45,000 last year, and in six years, it has raised nearly a quarter of a million dollars. Our goal for 2020 is \$40,000. Every contribution will make a difference!!

While the group ride will be in hiatus, riders will be organizing day rides locally. Called the Homespin Edition 2020, these dedicated riders may even log up to 350 miles from September 21-25<sup>th</sup>! While the fellowship and comradery of the group ride will be missed, we can still help others who don't have enough food for their families.

Donations by check can be made out to **PRESBYTERY OF THE REDWOODS**, and either mailed directly to 1226 Salvador Ave, Napa CA 94558, or to Church of the Roses. I will see that they get to where they need to be. **Please make sure P4P, and Team PCOR is in the memo line.**

*Thank you for helping us help others!*

*Bill & Nancy Morgan*



# We're Expecting!

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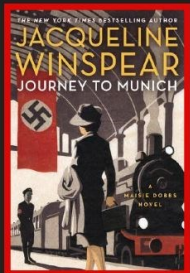
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# Presbyterians are invited to an October virtual event on the importance of Lifelong Discipleship

*by Tammy Warren / Presbyterian News Service*

The South Central Region of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (SCRAPCE) is hosting a three-day virtual workshop called “Dipping Deeper Into the Well of PC(USA) Ministries” **Oct. 5–7**. The workshop, coordinated by Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (APTS), is recommended for Christian educators, pastors, volunteers and anyone else interested in learning about denominational resources available for Christian education and formation in the local church.

Dipping Deeper meets the PC(USA) Educator Certification Council requirements for Presbyterian Program and Mission, according to workshop leader Stephanie Fritz, associate coordinator for Christian Formation with the Presbyterian Mission Agency. There will be four sessions with each session including a video presentation, panel discussion and group breakouts.

- **Monday, Oct. 5** (Pre-sessions) will be devoted exclusively to individuals seeking certification in PC(USA) Program and Mission.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 6** (Sessions 1 and 2) will dip into the well of the Matthew 25 vision and mission priorities of the Presbyterian Mission Agency related to forming lifelong disciples who are grounded in the Reformed tradition and equipped for evangelism. A presentation by staff in the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation will share new resources.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 7** (Sessions 3 and 4) will focus on forming lifelong disciples who are equipped to be peacemakers and witnesses to the world and forming lifelong disciples who engage the Reformed tradition to work toward justice and equity for all God’s people.

Speakers and panelists will be featured from across the Presbyterian Mission Agency. The following speakers will provide a combination of recorded messages and live panel discussion. Speakers are continuing to be added leading up to the workshop.

Featured speakers include the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency; Bryce Wiebe, director of Special Offerings; the Rev. Dr. Ray Jones III, director of Theology, Formation and Evangelism; the Rev. Dr. Barry Ensign-George, coordinator for Theology and Worship; the Rev. Nikki Collins, coordinator of 1001 New Worshiping Communities; the Rev. Carl Horton, coordinator of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program; Ellen Sherby, coordinator of Equipping for Mission Involvement with Presbyterian World Mission; Destini Hodges, associate for recruitment and relationships for Young Adult Volunteers; and Lee Catoe, managing editor of Unbound. The Rev. Dr. Bridgett Green, an instructor of New Testament at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will lead the opening devotional on Oct. 6.

Fritz contemplated how the workshop may have looked in-person vs. virtually, saying that the virtual format will provide “more opportunity to hear from a variety of voices,” which would not have been possible with an in-person event. “Each session will be rich with resources,” she said. Attendees will experience first-hand the many options for Christian education, mission enhancement, programming for intergenerational or age-and-stage educational and spiritual formation.

**Registration for the full three-day workshop (Oct. 5–7), including certification sessions on Monday, is \$40. For participants attending Tuesday and Wednesday only (Oct. 6–7), registration is \$25.**

A PC(USA) resources packet of free materials will be sent to all who register by Sept. 15. If you have any questions about the workshop, contact Fritz at [stephanie.fritz@pcusa.org](mailto:stephanie.fritz@pcusa.org).

## GORGON

Fires Infernal rule the land  
And ash rains down from orange-leadened  
skies.

All abodes lie under threat,  
Lives are sundered from peaceful life  
And an invisible assassin stalks  
Existence itself.

With Fear, the Soul killer, rampant  
We cry out to thee, Lord our God,  
And we, in our weakness ask  
"Where Are You, We need You,  
We fear our Deaths.  
Give us a sign!"

And the small quiet voice answers,  
"Look Within,

For I am always with You,  
Will never leave you.

Let your Faith be your Shield  
And your sword arm.

Never doubt your strength.

Let your lament  
Fill the skies with righteousness  
And Love.

Your prayer shall always be heard  
And your salvation will be everlasting."

Carlton G. Burille 9/12/2020

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### THOSE WHO MOURN FAMILY AND FRIENDS

\*The family of Helen Burns, as they mourn her passing on August 14, 2020.

\*The family of Elizabeth Ann Palmer, as they mourn her passing on July 24, 2020.

\*The family of Gwen Christiansen, as they mourn her passing on June 5, 2020

### THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Bill Beaumont	Jessica Morse
Bob Bunting	Debbie Seat
Patrick Butler	Bob Simmons
Peggy Call	Sharon Sorani
Stephen Caron	Shirley Walton
Doreen Cowden	Bob Weber
Dick Draper	Jill White
Danny Duchsherer	Roger White
Barbara Flannery	Helen Wikle
Marilyn Hilen	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Janice Holmes	Betsy Yeager
Carolyn Kenworthy	Avery Yudice
Vivian Mazeski	
Luu Maxwell	

### THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

## HUMOR



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## TIPS FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH

**1— Nature.** Go outside. Smell the air. Watch the leaves change. Listen to the life around you.

**2— Smile...**even when you don't feel like it. Just do it. Anticipate humor. Laughter increases the number of antibody producing cells in our bodies and is emotionally cleansing.

**3— Gratitude.** Even in the midst of a pandemic, we can find a multitude of moments and feelings that inspire gratitude and thanksgiving. Use these moments as prayers for a hurting world and to focus the mind on hope.

### PCOR Reopening Committee

October is here and it looks like the weather will cooperate with our outdoor services through the month. It is good to see so many coming out, in person, for Sunday mornings. There are six parking spots that face the service platform in the Lucky Store parking lot. If you are attending and sitting on the patio, please park elsewhere so that those that want to attend in their vehicles can see and listen on the radio in one of those spots.

Thank you to all those that come to help with the set up before service and take down after. We anxiously await the time we can move indoors.

Blessing,  
PCOR Reopening Committee