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SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
COMMUNION SUNDAY/
ALL-AGES WORSHIP

10:00
Worship, Kit Novotny, preaching; Amar Khalsa, musician; Elizabeth Forsyth, organist; Derek Tam, music director, *Sanctuary*
Musical Highlights, “Fugue in C,” by Alessandro Scarlatti; Elizabeth Forsyth, organ

11:15
After Party, *Terrace*

11:45
Ministry Meetings, see *Calendar* on pg. 4 for room locations

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
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10:00
Worship, Molly Baskette, preaching; Amar Khalsa, musician; Elizabeth Forsyth, organist; Derek Tam, music director, *Sanctuary*

11:15
After Party, *Terrace*

11:15
Second Sunday Sandwiches, *Cloister*

11:45
Learning Hour, Introduction to Mindful Self-Compassion training, with focus on forgiveness, led by Cheryl Pierson, *Loper Chapel*

Preaching Schedule

Sun., Sept. 15, Kit Novotny
Sun., Sept. 22, Rev. Kenneth L. Samuel, guest preacher
Sun., Sept. 29, Molly Baskette
Sun., Oct. 6, Kit Novotny

Call to Congregational Meeting: Vision 2020 and Beyond

Our draft vision is ready for voting upon! Over the past 6 months, through 48 Lenten visioning gatherings, 4 open forums including 3 intentional listening circles (e.g. Samoan Circles), and 4 separate revisions to the Vision Statement, we have been listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church, and have arrived at a vision statement that incorporates constructive, creative feedback from a wide variety of people in our community.

Moderator **Leonard Ash** hereby calls a congregational meeting immediately after worship on **Sun., Sept. 8**, to approve

the statement. The final listening circles concluded on July 28 with a high degree of consensus, and the Vision Writers have received only a brief bit of additional feedback, which has been incorporated in the final draft statement. You can read the **entire vision statement** on **page 5** of the *eCarillon* or pick up a copy in the **Hall of Entrance** this **Sun., Sept. 1**.

Please stay for the meeting on the 8th and become a stakeholder in the dreams God has for us in the next 3-5 years as a faith community, as we gird ourselves to respond in love to the deep spiritual hungers and physical needs around us!

First Church to Help Build Tiny House Village

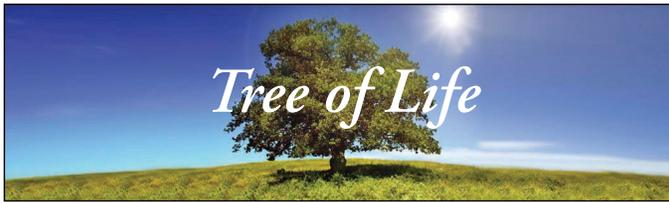
Youth Spirit Artworks (YSA) has begun building the **Tiny House Village** in Oakland, with the involvement of numerous volunteers. First Church has a longtime relation with YSA, and is supporting the build, together with other churches. The Tiny Houses will provide homeless youth with a place to live. The **Justice & Service Ministry** invites the congregation to participate in the build day on **Sat., Sept. 7, 9 am–4 pm**.

There are two ways to help: with the actual building, and with providing lunch for the builders.

After last Sunday we have a good number of builders: thank you for all who signed up. What we still need is your help with **providing food for the large building crew** on the build day, **Sat., Sept. 7**. There will be a sign-up table this **Sun., Sept. 1**, after the service. Please join us in this community building effort to address homelessness in our community.

September 29 Is Green Sunday!

The First Church **Green Team** would like to challenge you to a **Green Sunday** on **Sun., Sept. 29**. It will be a great time to try a green way to get to church. With ample bike parking near the parking attendant building, a bus stop behind Loper on Durant, and the Downtown Berkeley BART station a half a mile a way, the possibilities are endless! We'll try out going paper-lite by having the Order of Worship on the smart glass, with a few accessible large-print versions. For the **After Party**, **bring your own forks/spoons**. (If you forget, Green Team member **Annis** will have a reusable utensil you can have.) Visit tables staffed by **Annis, Barbara, Alita, and Emma** on the topics of waste reduction, environmental policy, clean energy, and green transportation! Got green questions or are you interested in joining the Green Team? Contact **Emma** at efujii3@gmail.com!



Congratulations to **Trust Hilton** and **Marvin K. White**, both of whom have been accepted as members in discernment in the Bay Association of the Northern California Nevada Conference of the UCC.

Sign up to hold babies **Sasha** and **Maia** and help **Emma S** and **Shay** at firstchurchberkeley.org/team-emma.

Prayers for 4-year old **Claire Joo** and her parents **EK & Yeil** as Claire recovers from a head injury as a result of a scooter accident.

Continued prayers of healing for **Richard Brabham**, **Margie Coates**, **Joy Davis**, **Dane Isaac**, and **Marylou Solovay**.

Sept. 1 Deadline to Register for All-Church Retreat at Caz

Register by **Sun., Sept. 1** for our annual **All-Church Retreat, Sat. & Sun. Sept. 14-15**, at **Camp Cazadero**, a beautiful retreat center located northwest of Santa Rosa. If you are new to the First Church community or not so new



and haven't yet experienced the magic of Caz, you are especially encouraged to join us. Caz provides the perfect

backdrop for connecting with community members of all ages as we explore this year's theme: "The Weird & Wonderful Body of Christ."

Register online at <http://bit.ly/2Nbz80r> (preferred) or **after worship** this **Sun., Sept. 1**, the last day to register. Partial scholarships available as well as the popular Friday night (stay over) and Saturday only options.

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The View from Here

Molly Baskette
Senior Minister



What's Our Number?

This past Tuesday, the church staff went on a lovely day-long planning and learning retreat at Organist Elizabeth Forsyth's home in Orinda. Rev. Casey Tinnin, a UCC minister from the Sacramento area, led us in a workshop on the Enneagram (www.enneagraminstitute.com), a tool for self-discovery and understanding relationships via 9 numbered personality types. He asked us what we thought our congregation's "type" was, as a whole.

Not surprisingly, we all had different answers! Were we a 1, because we are so clear about our social justice and moral values? Were we a 2, because of our love for one another? A 6, because of our deep loyalty to place and people? A 7, because we love to play? A 9, because we like to look at all sides — and sometimes defer decisions while we talk through scenarios and possibilities, hoping to build unanimous consensus?

After more reflection, we came to think that at this moment in our life together, we are perhaps a 9 after all, The Peacemaker. Every type has its strengths and its challenges, especially in how it behaves under stress. Nines under stress exhibit some of the fear responses of enneagram 6s — a kind of "battening down the hatches" through the storms of life, to preserve the ship.

We have been through a lot in the past few years (pastoral transitions, fire, move, move back, more pastoral transitions — not to mention the ongoing crisis of the current political administration). It would be entirely natural to want to avoid major changes or voluntary challenges at a time like this.

Fortunately or unfortunately, your senior minister is an enneagram 3, The Motivator. Change is no easier for me than it is for anyone else, but I tend to (after an initial period of resistance/grief) see crisis as an opportunity for adventure and adaptive change. I've learned to have more patience and to adopt a different speed and cadence since coming to walk with you, but my native orientation is still fundamentally toward speed and adaptability. I have seen too many churches atrophy because of analysis paralysis — not only atrophy, but die, and shockingly quickly, because fear or weariness or a desire for unity kept them from making decisions that would move them forward.

In a little under two weeks we will come together to vote on what we believe God is calling us to focus on next, not as a collection of individuals but as one deliberative Body. We will be deciding who we are — and who we are becoming. When we come together, I ask you to pray. I ask you to monitor your body for fear or anxiety, and gently breathe it out. I ask you to invite God to fill you with the deep peace that passes all understanding, a peace that can release untold reserves of energy and courage as we face this future, and all these opportunities, together. If we are indeed a 9, The Peacemaker, let's claim that mantle, powerfully.

Welcoming 2019-2020 Emerging Leaders

We are excited to welcome **Jane Arc** and **Emily Carduff** as our newest pair of **Emerging Leaders (ELs)** for 2019-2020. Jane and Emily attended their first staff retreat this week and will serve through May of 2020, taking on roles in worship and throughout the life of the congregation. Both Jane and Emily come to us with a wealth of experience, and are already sharing their gifts as active, relatively new members of the church. Since 2010, First Church's Emerging Leader Initiative has been lifting up younger leaders in our community through opportunities to lead worship and take on additional projects, as well as ongoing mentorship and supervision, with the hope of deepening their capacity for sustained leadership within the Progressive Christian church



Jane Arc



Emily Carduff

and beyond. First Church is in turn blessed by our relationship with our ELs, who continually help us grow into the church God is calling us to be.

Jane Arc is a student at Pacific School of Religion starting in the fall. They're a youth ministry mentor and on the Mental Health Ministry Team and on the Green Team. Jane was formerly a security engineer and software engineer in the private sector and the classified space for about 25 years. They super love FCCB.

Emily Carduff moved from Somerville, MA to the Bay Area last spring and currently does nonprofit administrative work in San Francisco with a veteran rights organization that aims to heal the wounds of war; restore dignity, hope, and self-sufficiency to all veterans in need; and prevent and end homelessness and poverty among veterans. At First Church, she has been a part of the healing prayer ministry and is looking forward to exploring and strengthening the prayer life of the congregation. She is discerning possibly attending divinity school in the fall of 2021.

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Help Needed to Provide Quilts for Tiny House Village

First Church members, with help from the greater quilting community, are on target to make 17 twin-size quilts for soon-to-be residents of **Youth Spirit Artworks' Tiny House Village** for homeless youth. **Mary Ellis Adams, Ann Jensen, Janet McDonald, Kathy Wheadon, and Becky Wright** are piecing quilt tops from kits provided by **East Bay Heritage Quilters** and **Carmelle Knudsen** is doing the quilting and donating some batting. **Jonell Lucas** donated a quilt top made by her sister, along with back and binding.

We still need help:

- We need help binding the quilts. You can do it on your own or join in a "community sew" on a date to be determined. There will be opportunities for both machine- and hand-sewing.
- We also welcome donations to reimburse East Bay Heritage Quilters for the batting they provided.

Contact **Janet McDonald** (janetmcdonald5000@sbcglobal.net) if you can help in either of these ways.

Save the Date for Blessing of the Animals

On **Sat., Oct. 5 at 11 am**, join First Church for our annual, family-friendly **Blessing of the Animals**.



Did You Know...?

...that because we're going into September, those of you born in that month are invited to **bring food to share during the After Party**?

...that we won't have a traditional **pledge campaign** in October this year, as we have moved to "year-round stewardship," but you will have an opportunity to dance your sustained giving commitment card into the basket on **Sun., Sept. 22** at the **Fall Festival**? Look for information from the SF&A Stewardship Subcommittee in your mailbox in early September.

... that **Rev. Molly's** new book, *Bless This Mess* is great for parents, grandparents, or anyone who works with kids and is described as "A witty, compelling guide to raising open-minded and morally grounded kids in these crazy times, with an approach that's rooted in science, psychology, and faith"? Tell your friends and family about it, post it on your PTA Facebook page, Nextdoor, and a review on Amazon, if so moved!

Mindful Self-Compassion Training

Register now for a 9-week training in **Mindful Self-Compassion (MSC)**, taking place **Sat. mornings, 9-11:45 am, Sept. 21-Nov. 16** in **Durant House**. Contact **Rev. Nancy DeNero** at nsdenero@gmail.com, with your name, email, and phone number with a good time for Nancy to call you. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/31C2j0k>.

Coming Up!

All-Church Retreat at Caz
Sat.-Sun., Sept. 14-15, Offsite

Mindful Self-Compassion Training Begins

Sat., Sept. 21, 9 am, Durant House

First Church Fall Festival
Sun., Sept. 22, 11:15 am, Terrace

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FCCB Book Group

All are invited to attend FCCB Book Group (meetings start at **10 am**).

Fri., Sept. 13 at **Katie Brookes' house:**
There There by Tommy Orange.

Become One of the Motley Few

The "Motley Few" is a new social group open to anyone who would like to join some church folks for coffee and conversation. We meet up at **Cafe 1951** (2410 Channing Way,

Berkeley) on **Friday mornings at 10 am** and hang out for about an hour. There are no leaders, no agendas, and everyone is welcome! Contact **Helen Walsh** (branach@comcast.net) if you have questions.

Parent Circle New Location

Our **Parent Circle** is now meeting in a new location — the **Pillar Room** — on the **second Sunday of each month**, with the next gathering on **Sun., Sept. 8, 11:45 am–1 pm**. Come to share in the joys and challenges of parenting with fellow travelers on the journey. All are welcome!



Many thanks for the leadership and music class series that Brendan & Gregory Wu of wecanhearyou.org donated during after care this summer!



Final gathering of Summer Small Group: Journey Into Music, led by Betty Spamer, with a banner they created together after listening to music.

My Experience at the Berkeley Food Pantry

— Susan Greef

When Maureen and I joined First Church we were looking for ways to participate. Seeking solutions to housing and hunger are important to us, so when **Anne Rowe** invited us to volunteer at the **Berkeley Food Pantry**, we



Maureen, Anne, & Susan at the Berkeley Food Pantry

signed up. Since we have been working there, we have learned a lot about the customers and the sources of the food donations. The customers don't usually select everything that is offered them, but they almost always take cereal and peanut butter! People who are shopping for families with children are especially appreciative of the large boxes of cereal and the large jars of peanut butter. Sometimes the pantry runs out of them before the end of the shopping time.

When the peanut butter and cereal donations are blessed during worship, we visualize grateful families receiving these gifts and are proud that our church is helping to alleviate food insecurity in Berkeley in a very concrete way. We wish we could share with you the grateful faces of the customers who take your food gifts home with them.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday September 1

WORSHIP

10 am, Sanctuary

AFTER PARTY

11:15 am, Terrace

FIRST SUNDAY UKES REHEARSAL

11:15 am, Sanctuary

ADULT EDUCATION MEETING

11:45 am, Bride's Room

CF&I MEETING

11:45 am, Loper Chapel

FAMCHY MEETING

11:45 am, Pillar Room

JUSTICE & SERVICE MEETING

11:45 am, Room 7, EBSB

WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL LIFE MEETING

11:45 am, Sanctuary

Tuesday 3

REV. MOLLY'S OFFICE HOURS

9:15–10:30 am, 1951 Coffee Company

2410 Channing Way, Berkeley

FIRE RECOVERY MEETING

6:30 pm, Durant House

Wednesday 4

OPEN CHAPEL: DINNER & WORSHIP

6 pm, Loper Chapel

BIBLE STUDY

7 pm, Durant House

Thursday 5

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7 pm, Sanctuary Room

Saturday 7

YOUTH SPIRIT ARTWORKS TINY HOUSE BUILD

9 am, Offsite

Sunday 8

COMPANIONSHIP TEAM

8:30 am, Room 5, EBSB

WORSHIP

10 am, Sanctuary

VISION STATEMENT VOTE

Right after worship, Sanctuary

AFTER PARTY

11:15 am, Terrace

SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICHES

11:15 am, Sanctuary

LEARNING HOUR: MINDFUL SELF-COMPASSION

11:45 am, Loper Chapel

GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

11:45 am, Sanctuary

PARENT CIRCLE

11:45 am, Pillar Room

SF&A MINISTRY MEETING

11:45 am, Room 5, EBSB

Tuesday 10

REV. MOLLY'S OFFICE HOURS

5:30–7 pm, Jupiter

2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

Wednesday 11

TAIZÉ SERVICE

7 pm, Loper Chapel

BIBLE STUDY

7 pm, Durant House

Thursday 12

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7 pm, Sanctuary Room

Saturday 14

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT AT CAZ

11 am, Offsite

Vision Statement

Fourth draft, 8.22.19

We are a community that values radical inclusion and artful worship, where belonging is more important than belief, and joy is a guiding principle. We are a restorative sanctuary for the suffering and weary, a space for creative and contemplative ritual, and a hub for transformative moral action on the justice issues of our day

Guided by these values, God calls us to:

- Grow in intimacy as the weird and wonderful Body of Christ
- Provide a diversity of open but distinctly Christian, creative and liberating worship forms to nourish the spiritual lives of the current community and reach new seekers
- Follow Jesus's urging to minister to the "least of these" [Matthew 25] by addressing our region's most visible and urgent human needs: ending homelessness in the East Bay, and its intersecting justice issues

Vision Elaboration

- **Grow in intimacy as the weird and wonderful Body of Christ**

First Church fosters extravagant welcome, connection/community and compassion. We are called to grow in love with one another, a foundation for living out the teachings of Jesus in the wider world. To do so, we will facilitate small groups, intergenerational engagement, and community spiritual practices that will bond and bind us together.

- **Provide a diversity of open but distinctly Christian, creative and liberating worship forms to nourish the spiritual lives of the current community and reach new seekers**

Less than 3% of Berkeley identifies as mainline Protestant. That leaves many folks unaware of or uninitiated into the richness of our progressive Christian faith. The UCC Constitution affirms "the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship." We will experiment with new forms of worship to go deeper on our own spiritual journeys, attract newcomers who may have been hurt or excluded by other Christian churches, and pique the interest of those who have never considered Christianity a viable option. The worship experiments may include, but not be limited to:

- worship days and times outside of Sunday morning
- virtual/digital worship and spiritual formation
- lay-led and participatory worship experiences
- outdoor worship
- services geared toward multiple generations/learning styles
- contemplative worship
- cross-cultural worship, and
- spiritual formation on retreat

- **Follow Jesus's urging to minister to the "least of these" [Matthew 25] by addressing our region's most visible and urgent human needs: ending homelessness in the East Bay, and its intersecting justice issues**

The suffering of homeless people is evident on our streets every day. Countless more suffer housing insecurity in less visible ways. We are moved by the teachings of Jesus to respond with love, compassion and generosity. We will join with the wider community (faith communities, non-profit organizations, and government agencies) to educate, advocate, and take action to prevent homelessness, to reduce the suffering it causes, and to restore individuals and families to safe, permanent, dignified shelter.