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**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/
NEW MEMBERS JOINING SUNDAY**

2 Corinthians 5:1-17

10:00

Worship, Molly Baskette, preaching; Elizabeth Forsyth, organist; Derek Tam, Music Director, *Sanctuary*

Musical Highlights, "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow" by Thomas Dorsey; Stan Boghosian, Julie Greer, Helen Walsh, Alice Clark; Derek Tam, piano; Bill Coffin, drums; "Swingin' with the Saints," traditional spiritual arr. Mark Hayes; sung by Songs of the Soul; John Coates, piano; Bill Coffin, drums

11:15

After Party, *Terrace*

Meal Train for Frankie Wei's Family

We received the sad news that **Frankie Wei** died on Sun., June 10. A **Meal Train**



schedule has been set up to help Frankie's grieving family (**Nikki, Nathan, Shawn and Irene**) with meals. Please consider dropping off a meal at their house, which is close to church. There are other easy support options and details on the Meal Train site (e.g., **buy gift cards**). In the notes section of the calendar, you may include the estimated time when you will be bringing the food. Frankie's brother has expressed how much they appreciate the support FCCB has shown through these meals. You can sign up for **Meal Train** at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/3495ry/>. **Frankie's memorial service** will be on **Sun., June 24** at **5 pm** in the **Sanctuary**.

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Mindful Caregiving

This **Sat., June 16**, **Roy Remer** and the **Zen Hospice Project** will present an intriguing and challenging day-long workshop on **Mindful Caregiving**.



In addition to brief meditations, the workshop will include such topics as cultivating mindfulness for meeting grief, looking at loss at the end of life,

cultivating compassion in the experience of loss and contemplating one's own death. Participants will also learn practical tools to support caregivers in applying mindful caregiving techniques. It will begin at **9 am** in **Loper Chapel** and includes a light lunch. Attendance is limited to 30 participants, and a donation of \$40 per person is encouraged. To reserve a spot, contact **Bob Stumpf** or call the church office at 510/848-3696.

Learn About Iceland at the June 24 Learning Hour

Richard Brabham witnessed the beauty of Iceland first hand last year. He will give a presentation on his experience there called

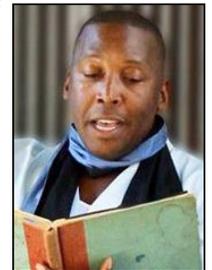


"Come and Rest in the Beauty of God's Creation: A Day in the Life of an Icelander"

at the **Learning Hour** on **Sun., June 24** at **11:45 am** in **Loper Chapel**. Hear how the Icelander lives close to the earth and stewards its resources with care. Richard will also be sharing a delicious Icelandic culinary tradition.

Juneteenth BBQ Reception for Marvin K. White

Remembering **June 19, 1865**, the day when enslaved Texans learned at last of the **Emancipation Proclamation**, we commemorate the peace and freedom that came that day and lift up the vision of it in our own time with a **Juneteenth Reception for Marvin K. White**, **Tues., June 19, 6-7:30 pm**, at **Kate & Robin Lucchese's**

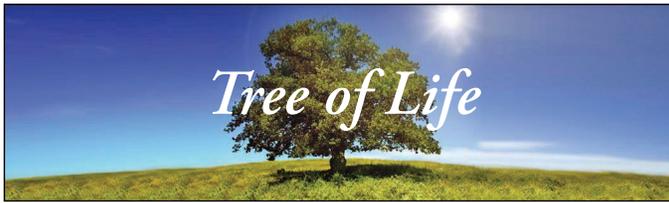


place. Nibble on choice **Texas-style BBQ from "Smoke"** as we hear poetry and are uplifted by a vision for peace in Oakland and the world! As patrons of peace in the East Bay, through the work of the **Oakland Peace Center (OPC)** and beloved **Marvin K. White**, come prepared to write a meaningful check (made out to Oakland Peace Center) or put your plastic to work for the Kingdom here in our community, as we seek to help raise between \$20,000-25,000 overall to help fund his first year as **Artist In Residence** at the OPC.

RSVP to <http://evite.me/v22sjv5gAd> by this **Sun., June 17**. There is plenty of street parking, and the foot-traffic gate will be open from **6-6:30 pm**. After that, push the button by our name *or* call **Kate** to be let in.

Preaching Schedule

- Sunday, Jun. 24**, Rachel Bauman
- Sunday, July 1**, Trust Hilton
- Sunday, July 8**, Molly Baskette



Prayers for **Nancy McKay** in the death of her husband **Don**, who died on Wed., June 6.

Prayers for **Nikki** and children **Nathan, Shawn** and **Irene** in the death of their husband/father **Frankie Wei**, who died on Sun., June 10. Frankie was on the Facilities Staff of First Church for nearly 18 years. A memorial service will be held **Sun., June 24** at **5 pm** in the **Sanctuary**.

With sadness and excitement, **Aimee Giles, Joe Hesse,** and **Nell Hesse-Giles** are moving to the east coast at the beginning of July to be closer to their extended families. Their last day with us at First Church will be **Sun., June 24**. They will live on Cape Cod, Massachusetts at least for the next year and look forward to visits from First Churchers who vacation on the Cape. Joe will continue working for UCSF and will be back on occasion to work onsite, and hopes to get some Sunday visits in to First Church.

Frances Townes' memorial service will take place on **Sat., June 23** at **1 pm** in the **Sanctuary**, with a reception afterwards in **Loper Chapel** and the **Pillar Room**. Frances died on Feb. 5.

Learning Hour on Climate Change

Dr. Andrew Gunther will lead the **Learning Hour** on **Sun., July 1** on the topic of **"Talking Climate Change"** at **11:45 am** in **Loper Chapel**. Andy is a climate specialist who teaches Environmental Science, Policy and Communication at **UC Berkeley**. He will talk about why every scientific academy in the world concludes that human emissions of greenhouse gases are altering the climate, what changes are happening now and what can be expected in the future, including in the Bay Area.

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The View from Here

Molly Baskette
Senior Minister



O.W.L. Reports Out

One of the many powerful human needs that good church can meet is the need for connection and mentoring across generations to help shape our souls and our choices. A few weeks ago, some of you were interviewed at the After Party by some of our middle school youth who have been learning from the Our Whole Lives human sexuality curriculum all year. What a blessing that we have loving and safe adults that our young people can talk to and learn from (thank you Michelle Sepe, Bob Stumpf, and all of you who spoke to them!). The youth were so moved by the interview experience that they wanted to share some of their results with you! See what Way Way Llanillo, Dorothy Block, Carmen Baskette and Caiome Sing-Eisen had to say.

What surprised you most about what you learned?

- How people worked on their pregnancy together: what to get for the baby, what hospital to give birth. The process of being pregnant brought them together as a couple.
- Parents are raising their kids in all kinds of ways: solo, with partners they are or are not married to, with help from the church and/or with their own moms and dads (grandparents).
- Pregnancy is interesting and amazing, not scary like it seems on TV, or negative like some people describe it.
- Some parents want to raise their kids differently from their own upbringing; they want more church, to stay married, community involvement and be cooler than their own parents were. :)

How did the interviews make you feel about folks at church?

- They felt more human to me.
- Not that they didn't seem nice before, but they seemed less rigid with us. They were happy talking about their kids.

Did learning about their process of becoming parents resolve feelings or fears for you?

- I found out that miscarriages are really common! A bunch of people at church have had miscarriages so that made me feel better. There are a lot of things that go along with pregnancy, and if something goes wrong, you just try again.
- We asked people for advice, and they said really nice things, like how being a parent is wonderful, and "my kids help me be a better person."

Did these conversations make you think differently about God?

- We are all God's children. God never gives up on Her children.
- Even if something goes wrong along the way, God can make it right.

Immigration Vigil for Accompaniment Team's Family

On Sat., June 9, there was an immigration vigil at West County Detention Facility to protest the continued detention of the husband/father of the family that the **Accompaniment Team** is helping. At the vigil, daughter **Alexa**, who was wearing a beautiful Quinceñera dress (which was bought with generous donations from First Churchers), danced with her cousin as well as with her mother, **Dianeth**, which symbolized the difficulty of her father's absence this past year.



Three TV news stations came out and the event was well attended. Dianeth

and Alexa appreciated the support of the community very much. Those who attended the protest were treated to 200 tamales,

which were made by Dianeth and her husband Raul's sisters. To try to help Raul's stalled case get resolved, Raul's attorney will file a brief with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, after which the Court will have four weeks to respond. Raul's attorney will keep the Accompaniment Team and the family informed of further developments.



Sunday Video

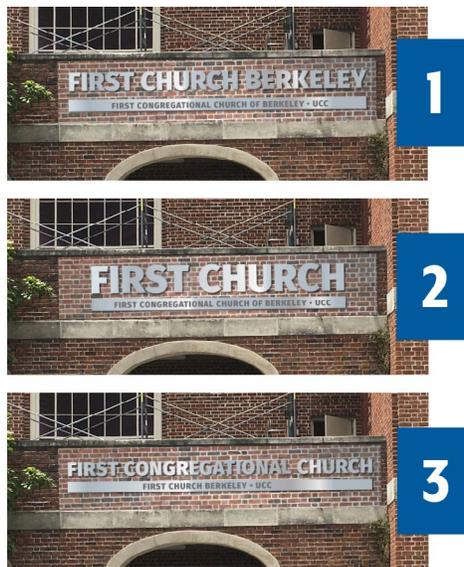
You can view the video from **Sun., June 10**, 10 am service at www.fccb.org/live-sunday-morning-webcasts.

Outside Sign Survey

Members of the **Ministry of Stewardship, Finance and Administration** and church staff have been working on the design of a **new sign** to be installed on the outside of the church. The congregation is invited to give input on the wording of the sign, choosing among three proposals.

It will be constructed from aluminum and will be three-dimensional. The large letters will be cut and mounted individually. The words in the metal bar will be cut in reverse (the letters will be empty space in the bar). All parts of the sign will be mounted with space between them and the bricks, with lighting behind to give it a back-lit glow at night.

Here are the three options:



Congregation members are invited to indicate their preference through an informal poll. Look for the display and voting box in the **Hall of Entrance on Sundays, June 17 & 24** where there will be mock-ups of the three designs. The Church Council will make the final decision about the sign at their meeting on **Tues., June 26**, taking into account congregational input.

After a design decision is made, the church will need to go through a permitting process with the city of Berkeley, so the schedule for installation is still to be determined.

Did You Know...?

...that in May, the plate offering totals were **\$2,329** for the **Berkeley Food Pantry** and **\$662** for the **UCC Mental Health Ministry**?

Pride@FCCB!

Because we live in such a Pride-rich area, we get to celebrate this historic Queer-affirming high holiday not once a year, but twice! In San Francisco in June, and in Oakland in September.

This year, to honor our 24 years of being an open and affirming church, and to make sure East Bay neighbors looking for a church like ours know who and where we are, we will participate fully in the **San Francisco Pride celebration**.

On **Fri., June 22** for **Trans Day**, we will either march in the parade or represent FCCB at a table so folks know of our awesome trans-affirming faith community in the East Bay!

And on **Sun., June 24**, we will carry our banner and march in the main **Pride Parade** with **United in Faith**, an umbrella group of queer-friendly communities of faith. Want to wield a hand drum? Be part of a choreographed stroller flash mob? Just show up in your best rainbow suspenders and smile the whole way to show the throngs what Jesus would be doing if he were here in 2018. Email **Molly** at reverendmolly@gmail.com to RSVP or just watch this space or the Facebook private page for details!

Coming Up!

Trans Day/Pride Parade

Fri., June 22/Sun., June 24, Offsite

Learning Hour on Climate Change

Sun., July 1, 11:45 am, Loper Chapel

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Bits and Pieces

Deckers Walk at Lafayette Reservoir

The next **Deckers** outing will be a walk around **Lafayette Reservoir** on **Thurs., June 21**. There is a lovely trail, about 2½ miles long, that circles the lake. They will meet at **10 am** in the parking area (there is a charge for parking; bring a stack of quarters). After the walk,

there are several nice picnic areas near the parking area for those who would like to bring a picnic lunch.

The reservoir is about ten minutes east of the Caldecott Tunnel on Hwy. 24, easily accessible from the Mt. Diablo Blvd exit just before Lafayette.

For more information, contact **Andy Young**.

Summer Small Groups — Coming Soon!

Once again, First Church is offering **Summer Small Groups**: exciting opportunities to learn, explore and play together! Eight different groups are being offered this summer, covering a wide range of interests and providing opportunities to deepen our connections with God and with each other. Times and locations are still in the works so sign-ups won't begin until next week. But to whet your appetite, here are the offerings for this summer:

- **First Church Reads!** (book club) led by **Carolyn & Leonard Ash** and **Pam & Willem VandeKamp**
- **What Do We Believe and What Difference Does It Make?** — led by **Craig Pratt** and **Rachel Bauman**
- **Journey Into Music** — led by **Betty Spamer**



Weekly Calendar

Sunday June 17

WORSHIP

10 am, Sanctuary

AFTER PARTY

11:15 am, Terrace

MENTAL HEALTH SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP

11:45 am, Room #6, EBSB

WINTHROP WORK CAMP

2:30 pm, EBSB play yard

Monday 18

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

6 pm, Loper Chapel

Tuesday 19

REV. MOLLY'S OFFICE HOURS

9ish-10:30am, 1951 Coffee Company
2410 Channing Way, Berkeley

STAFF MEETING

1 pm, Durant House

JUNETEENTH RECEPTION FOR

MARVIN K. WHITE

6 pm, Offsite

SF&A MEETING

7 pm, Durant House

Wednesday 20

BIBLE STUDY

7 pm, Durant House

Saturday 23

MEMORIAL SERVICE: FRANCES TOWNES

1 pm, Sanctuary

Were You Born in June or July?

Is **June** or **July** your birthday month? If so, consider bringing a potluck item for the **After Party** once or a few times during the month. We're always looking for more potluck offerings to make the church's welcome ever better for newbies and veteran church-goers alike. Sweets, savorys, homemade and healthy choices are all welcome. If you'd like more information, contact **Mary-Ellis Adams**.

Gathering for First Churchers East of the Caldecott Tunnel

If you live **east of the Caldecott Tunnel**, you are invited to a **potluck lunch, Sat., June 30 at 11:30 am**, at **Linda & Ron Elsdon's** home. Please let them know by **Sun., June 24** if you will be coming.

Young Adult News

- **Young Adult FroYo Outing, Sun., Jun. 24** (note date change), after **Worship, Gather on the Terrace**; hosted by **Emma & Yuka**.

by a little crowd-sourced wine tasting — led by **Molly & Peter Baskette**

For more information or to propose a group of your own to lead, contact **Rachel Bauman** (rbauman@fccb.org)