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Presbyterian Church of Novato, 710 Wilson Ave., P.O. Box 631, Novato, CA 94948

Ariel Mink

Friends, David and I are so grateful for the love and support you all have given to us as we filled our respective interim roles this past year! It has been a blessing for both of us. The reception on March 24 was lovely, and the gift of a vacation in Sea Ranch is greatly appreciated! Thank you also for all of the cards and notes that you've sent. Your words have filled our hearts. As you know, Adam's first day as our Head of Staff began on March 25. I am looking forward to our ongoing partnership in our ministry here at PCN. While I will be resuming my fulltime job at Gallup on April 1, I will continue my role as Ministry Associate and, among other duties, will be a staff resource for various committees as well as function as one of the liturgists during worship. David will continue to be an adult youth leader, supporting our new Youth Director, Morgan Smith, who begins on April 1. Again, we thank you for all that you have done for us – we are so blessed!

Looking ahead to April, don't forget that we have a number of special worship services and events coming up:

April 14th is Palm Sunday. We'll have a finger-food brunch after each service (remember, contemporary worship is at 9 a.m., but traditional worship begins at 11 a.m.). If you can come a little early to help set up or stay a little late to help clean up, that would be wonderful. Or, if you feel like contributing some goodies for the brunch, please do!

April 19th is Good Friday. As in years past, it will be a Tenebrae Service beginning at 7 p.m. The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. Worshippers will be invited to leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection.

April 21st is Easter Sunday, and we celebrate Jesus' triumph over death! The Novato Ministerial Association is hosting a sunrise service at the base of Mt. Burdell, off of Palmo Court. Our contemporary service is scheduled for its normal start time of 9 a.m., but our traditional service begins just a little bit later at 11 a.m.



Pastor Adam, wife Sarah and children Aaron, Kaydence and Zachary arrived safely in Novato the evening of March 19. Many members of the congregation helped get the manse ready for their arrival – a big thank you to all who helped!

The family spent their first few days getting settled as they awaited their furniture! Adam's first day in the office was March 25. His first sermon will be on April 7th.

We are so excited to have them here and to begin the next chapter of PCN's story. Welcome to PCN and Novato!

Adam Smith

I am both humbled and overjoyed to have begun this new partnership in ministry with you, the wonderful saints of PCN! I'm doing my best to become oriented to ministry at PCN all the while – at least as I am writing this article – still waiting for the moving truck to arrive with all of my family's belongings. Living out of a suitcase and sleeping on an air mattress would probably be a Calvin-approved spiritual practice due to the level of discomfort experienced by the practitioner (though the discipline may fail Calvin's "focus on God" criteria).

Yet, I write to you not overwhelmed, but in awe! I have this wonderful opportunity to discern, experience, and be a part of the Holy Spirit's work in this unique community of faith and with each of you, and I am privileged to come alongside you in this chapter of God's story at PCN. Like any new chapter in most books, this one will not do away with previous chapters, nor will it dramatically change the language, or the themes, or the characters. It will not skip forward to chapters not yet discerned or developed, or seek to create a new novel all together. It is my hope that this new chapter in God's story at PCN will continue the ongoing theme of God's narrative that has played out throughout the many years at PCN: to faithfully follow the Holy Spirit who is always present with, speaking to, and guiding the church.

Rest assured, I have not been led by God to join the community at PCN to change who you are. On the contrary, I have come to continue to learn about and become a part of your story. I come with no agenda of my own except to do whatever I can, with the gifts that I have as your pastor, and with God's help, to follow after and be faithful to Christ with you at PCN. That's it. I hope you are not too disappointed.

Like any good partnership, it is my hope to begin this chapter by getting to know your story (who you are): your history, your current life and ministry as a congregation, your vision for the future and, perhaps most importantly, I'd like to get to know each of you. I'm going to do my best to reach out to you, participate in various ministry groups and activities, and to visit homes, but I'd like to encourage you to stop by the office for a visit or perhaps schedule a time to meet for coffee or lunch in the months to come. (Have I mentioned I like coffee?) While I'm sure I will be super busy these first weeks and months just becoming oriented to life and ministry at PCN, I'm going to also try to make time to meet with you too.

Dear saints, you are a wonderful blessing, and I look forward to getting to know you in the days, months, and years to come. My family and I would already like to thank you all for your kindness and hospitality in these first days. You have already brought tears of joy to our eyes, and we know it says a lot about who you are.

With Joy & Peace,
Pastor Adam



Meet Morgan Smith, PCN's New Director of Youth Ministry

I am very excited to be here and to join in being a part of what the Lord is doing in and through this church. I have served previously at Zionsville Presbyterian Church as a Youth Ministry Intern and Bay Presbyterian Church as the Associate Director of Student Ministries, and I look forward to this opportunity here at Presbyterian Church of Novato.

Several things really stuck out to me about PCN through this interview process: the way in which Ariel led the church through this transition time, as well as David within the Youth Ministry. Those were both very impressive things to me. Another thing that stuck out to me about this church was how hopeful and positive everyone is about the church and about the future of PCN. I look forward to beginning at the same time as Adam as well. Great things are ahead for our church!

I have a great love and desire to partner with families and walk alongside you in the discipleship of your children, as well as equipping and leading other adults to have a passion for the next generation. I look forward to helping grow the presence of students within our church and enable them to be a larger part of the PCN family, as well as helping them grow in loving the Lord, the church, and the world.

I am incredibly excited to be here, and I look forward to meeting each one of you!

Morgan Smith

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PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

To create a place of refuge that connects students with the larger church, developing them into mature followers, genuine worshippers, and servant-hearted leaders of Christ.

EDUCATION

Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando, FL
Pursuing a Masters of Divinity Sept '18-Present

Indiana University, College of Arts and Sciences,
Bloomington, IN Aug'11-Dec'14
Bachelor of Arts Degree, with Distinction
Major: Psychology GPA:3.70/4.00

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Zionsville Presbyterian Church, Zionsville, IN Jan'14-Dec'14
Deacon (1-year term)

- Served on Intergenerational Team - focusing on growing community within the generations of the church
- Organized, planned, & led intergenerational events throughout the year

Whitewater Valley Presbytery, Indianapolis, IN
Hispanic Ministries Lead Team Member Aug'13-Feb'15

- Coordinated and developed Hispanic ministries from the 60 churches within the Whitewater Valley Presbytery to various local and international ministries
- Reworked vision and mission statements

Youth for Christ, Zionsville, IN Feb'13-Feb'15
Campus Life Volunteer

- Taught large group sessions at weekly Campus Life gatherings (approximately 150 students)
- Led multiple small groups of Middle School students
- Engaged and interacted with Middle School students while attending school lunches, sporting events, and other school functions
- Led a leadership group for Middle School students

Christian Student Fellowship, Bloomington, IN
Small group leader Sept'13-Dec'14

- Led a small group of College students
- Directed and encouraged these students to live out their Christian faith in college

WORK EXPERIENCE

Bay Presbyterian Church, Bay Village, OH Feb'15-Sept'18
Associate Director of Student Ministries

- Created and implemented vision, values, mission, & goals for the Student Ministry
- Discipled and walked with students, parents, volunteer leaders, church-staff, & church members
- Redesigned 5th and 6th grade ministry program to better fit the vision of Student Ministry and BPC
- Recruited, trained, equipped, and led volunteers to connect with students, lead them in small groups, and disciple them
- Empowered and released student leaders to both lead in Student Ministry & support other church ministries, including a student creating their own church ministry
- Created, planned, & led youth outreach events and youth retreats, including retreat with 50+ volunteers
- Planned, organized, and led international mission trip
- Created & developed sermon series content, discipleship group content, & replicable curriculum content for 9th grade ministry

Springhill Christian Camp, Seymour, IN May'14-Aug'14
Camp Counselor

- Mentored and led a group of 6th - 9th grade students each week throughout the summer

Zionsville Presbyterian Church, Zionsville, IN May'12-Feb'15
Youth Ministry Intern

- Discipled and walked with students and families
- Connected with, coordinated, & communicated with volunteer leaders
- Planned, coordinated, & led Middle School and High School Ministry events
- Planned & led a small group of Middle School boys
- Coordinated & led international youth mission trips
- Preached weekly for the Middle School Ministry

GUEST PASTOR

Centro Evangelistico Zuriel Aug '18
San Rafael, Guanacaste, Costa Rica
Romans 4:13-25 – translated into Spanish

Deliverance Church Jun '17
Kiganjo, Nyeri, Kenya
Philippians 2:1-18 – translated into Swahili



All Dressed Up Prison Ministry

All Dressed Up Ministry is running low on clothing for delivery to prisoners leaving San Quentin. We had had a major increase in the number of clothing requests from inmates being released in the past few months. We are in need of the following durable clothing in good shape that would be acceptable to send to San Quentin.

- Shoes – sizes 9, 10, 11, and 12.
- Pants – jeans and slacks, waist sizes 36 to 44 with length 32 to 36.
- Sweat shirts – with or without hood, sizes XL, 2XL, 3XL and larger.
- Casual shirts – Polo shirts, casual shirts, sizes XL, 2XL, and larger.
- Jackets – lightweight jackets sizes XL and larger. No sport jackets please, just lightweight jackets that are durable and warm.
- Belts – sizes 36 to 50.

Our goal is to try to dress those guys being released so they get back on the street looking good. If you have any of the items listed above that you want to donate, you can either bring them to the office or contact Mike Robinson at 415-302-1729 or email skybird24@comcast.net.

Thanks in advance for your help.



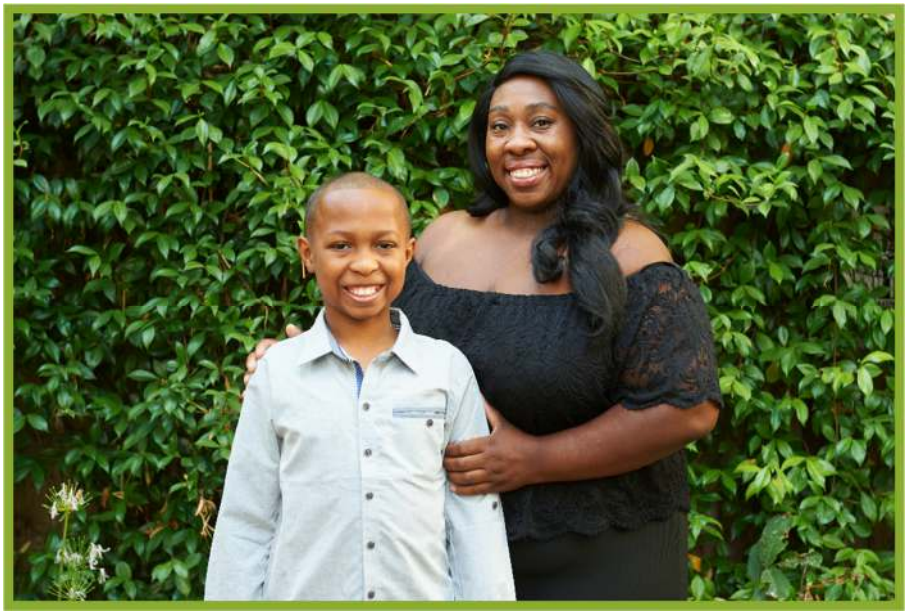
Mission Committee Local Volunteer Opportunities

Snack Sacks: Help prepare the food bags between services every Sunday and deliver the sacks to the Marin Mobile Showers in Hamilton on Monday mornings. Contact Regina Rus at (415) 897-7384 or email reginabrus@gmail.com.

Lynwood Reading Program: Spend one hour weekly listening to students read at Lynwood Elementary School. Contact Art Plumstead at (415) 892-4063.

REAL MOMS
REAL STORIES

TIFFANY



"My whole life I have been working so hard. I just want to have a stable life."

About Tiffany

- **Children:** Lawrence, 10-year-old son
- **Profession:** Bay Alarm Company Fire Inspector II
- **Time at Gilead House:** 8 months

Tiffany is a survivor. Before coming to Gilead House, Tiffany and her son were living in an abusive home. Despite the fearsome home life, she carried on trying to do it all—working full-time, attending school full-time, and caring for her son. As with all abusive relationships, it was never enough. Tiffany's abuser hurt her physically and robbed her of dignity and self-respect. It took years before Tiffany decided that something must change.

"That was when I said, no more."

When Tiffany and her son left, they had nowhere to go. They lived out of their car and moved from shelter to shelter. They periodically slept on the couches and floors of friends and family. She was unable to afford housing due to the large debt she had accrued. Fortunately, she found Gilead House.

Since arriving, Tiffany and her son have been able to breathe a sigh of relief knowing they have a warm bed to sleep in, a community that makes them feel safe, and a brighter future ahead of them. Tiffany is paying off debt, saving money, and regaining her confidence.

"Even though the journey has been tough, I am working hard for my son and I will never give up."

Working Together---THANK YOU, PCN, FOR YOUR LONGSTANDING SUPPORT OF THIS VITAL MISSION.

To learn more and join in go to www.gileadhouse.org.

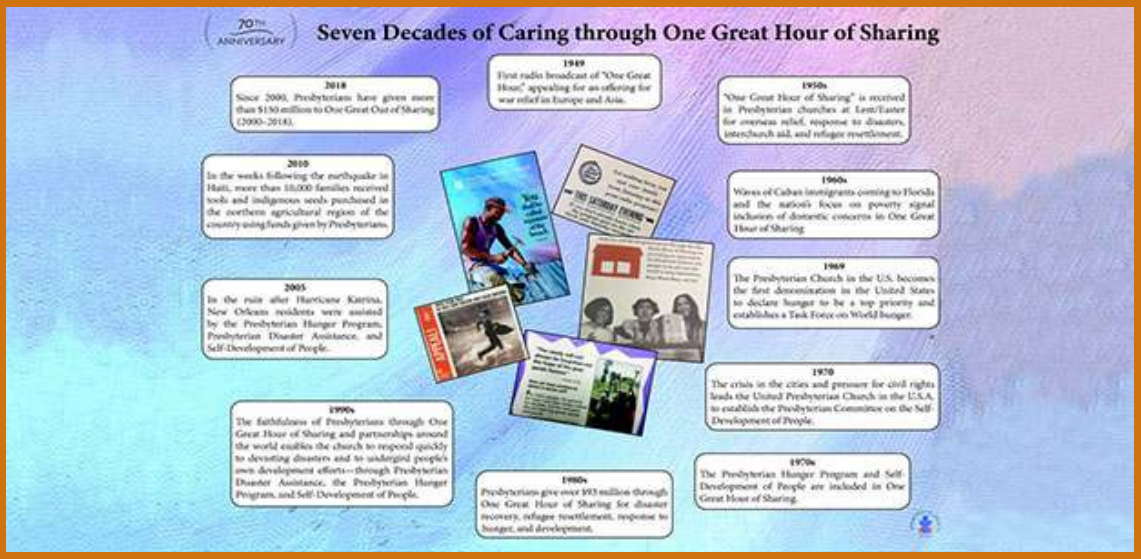
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PCN's ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING IS AT BOTH SERVICES ON PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019. PLEASE READ BELOW AND GIVE GENEROUSLY.

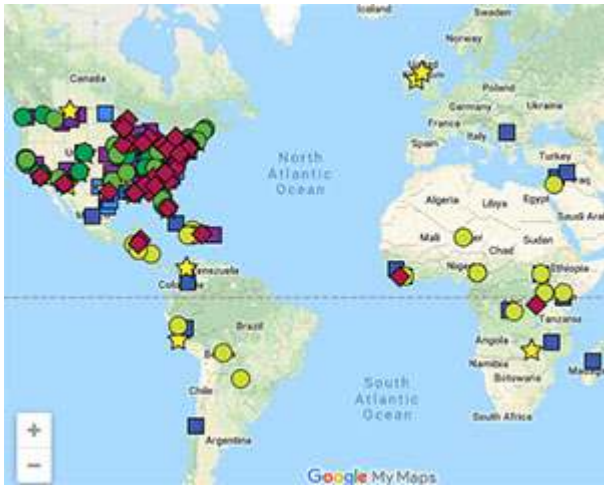
The Church is called. During Lent, we remember Jesus serving those who were most vulnerable. His ministry calls the Church into ministries of compassion and justice for those in need among us. Our identity as “church” is defined by how we open our doors to those in need. One Great Hour of Sharing is one way that we do just that.



Seven Decades of Caring through One Great Hour of Sharing

How are Your OGHS Gifts Used?

Received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Use our interactive map to see the breadth of work being done thanks to your generous giving. Are there any OGHS projects taking place close to your congregation?





One Great Hour of Sharing Resources

GIVE TO PCN'S OGHS SPECIAL OFFERING ON PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019. OR BRING TO THE OFFICE WHEN YOU GET THE CHANCE, BEFORE OR AFTER.



Your OGHS Gifts at Work in Puerto Rico

In December, members of the Special Offerings team joined a delegation of representatives from the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People in Puerto Rico to witness firsthand the remaining devastation of 2017's Hurricane Maria and how your One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are helping people on the island rebuild. One of the visits was to Fideicomiso de la Tierra, Puerto Rico's first community land trust, which has been supported by all three ministries even before the hurricane hit.

SEEKers enjoy a special night for Mardi Gras

Delicious pancakes, sausages, and scrambled eggs fed us; mask-making entertained us, and King David and Queen Rebekah Harmon knighted all comers, also rewarding them with (chocolate) gold coins. A special night to say good-bye to earthly concerns by burning them to ashes on leaves of green – giving over our hurts and worries to Christ. PCN's Christian Education committee wishes you all a positive and productive Lent, as we anticipate our God's glorious resurrection.



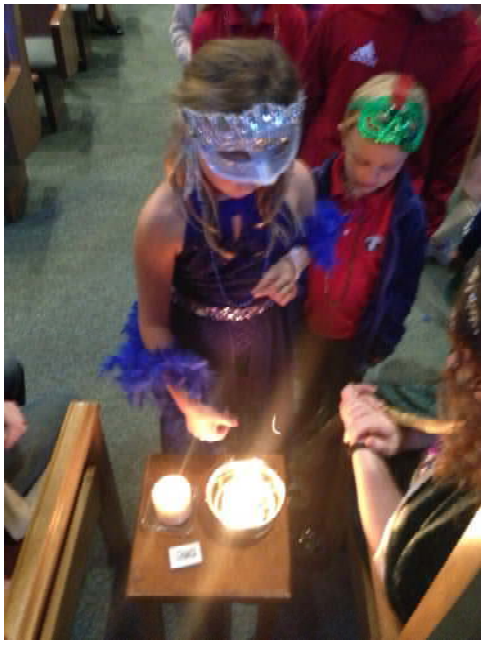




















Session Highlights

At the February Session meeting:

Robert Coleman provided a summary of the work performed by the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Rev. Dr. Greg Love will complete his contract work with PCN on March 31, 2019.

Morgan Smith will begin on April 1, 2019 as the Director of Youth Ministry.
Rev. Dr. Adam Smith and family will begin driving to California on March 17, 2019.

With regret and thanks, Session accepted the resignation of Personnel Elder Bethany Stahley.

Tonya Church, Brad Praun, Bill Walker, and Ariel Mink met with Todd Brown and Brian Connor at PCN on Saturday March 16, 2019 as a part of the contracted services with Brown Consulting Group.

Session approved up to $3,000 for office furnishings for the pastor's office; funds to come from the Property Reserve account.

At the Special Congregational Meeting on March 3, 2019, Susi Lynam was elected as an Elder on the Personnel Committee. Walt Campbell was elected as an at-large member of the Endowment committee.

Kathy Takemoto
Clerk of Session



Thank you for your generous giving and patience as we have now added online or electronic giving as a convenient option for PCN's congregation and friends! There are two ways to access the secure giving portal: Go to our website, www.pcnovato.org and click on the "Donate Now" button or download the "Easy Tithe" app on your mobile device from the Apple or Google app stores. Look for the "EasyTithe" Finance (**not** EasyTithe Lifestyle) app, download and open, and then search for PCN at zip code 94947.

Both options have the choice to create an account and select the payment method that works best for you. By creating an account, you can also choose to make recurring donations at the frequency, amount, and type of fund that suits your needs. Leave a note in the comment field for any special giving that you want to designate. As a final note, you can also check the box that would include 2% to help with the cost of processing your donation. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Secretary at (415) 897-6152, x204.

God loves a faithful and cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV). Thank you for your support and generous giving to PCN Ministries!

Aging with Independence and Navigating Long-Term Care

Stephen Ministry will be offering a two-part class this April on “Aging with Independence” and “Navigating Long-Term Care.” The classes will be offered on Tuesday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Christensen Room.

The topics to be discussed include:

Day 1) Aging with independence: what’s my plan?
- How do we prepare for a healthy and happy late life?
  building resilience; strengthening our connections
- Community resources: recreational, spiritual and social connections; special needs; transportation
- Avoiding risk: legal protections, fall prevention, polypharmacy, communication with medical providers
- Options for in-home assistance

Day 2) Navigating long-term care
- Levels of care: independent living, assisted living and dementia care; skilled nursing and rehabilitation
- How is it funded: Medicare/Medi-Cal, long-term care insurance, reverse mortgage
- Discussion (sharing our thoughts): How do we best support our parent/ spouse/friend? How do we best support the family caregiver?
- Question and answer session

These classes will be led by Diane Griffeath. Diane is a member of PCN and has long been interested in the field of healthy aging. After earning a graduate degree in gerontology, she worked as a nursing home administrator, geriatric care manager, and with families in assisted living and dementia care communities. Currently she works in the occupational therapy department at Dominican University.

Look for more information coming soon in the weekly update.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women nurture their faith through prayer and Bible study,
support missions of the church worldwide, and build an inclusive, caring community of women.

All women who attend The Presbyterian Church of Novato (PCN), please consider becoming an active member of the Presbyterian Women (PW) of PCN … ALL ARE WELCOME (*invite a friend*)! We currently have two active PW circles at PCN that each meet once a month in the Christensen Room:

(1) Ruth Circle usually meets the fourth Tuesday at 2 p.m. (Glenise Johnson, leader)
(2) Rachel Circle usually meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. (Pat Sullivan, leader)

I have books available for our current Horizons Bible study titled **"*GOD'S PROMISE, I AM WITH YOU,*" by Amy Poling Sutherlun**. The circle meetings are all presented via a video narrated by the author of the study book, which provides a very meaningful study and discussion among us for each lesson.

Join us for the next circle meeting(s) … we are saving a chair for YOU. It's never too late!

This year, on **Saturday, May 4th**, PCN PW is hosting the spring PW Presbytery meeting and luncheon. **This will be a time to meet and have fellowship with women from PCN and** PW members from other churches in the Presbytery of the Redwoods. **Save the date and look for more details in the near future.**

Mission Projects:

(1) **Least Coin Offering:** Since 1956, Presbyterian Women have been collecting the Least Coin worldwide for evangelism, service, and relief projects.

(2) **Nickels for Nets:** Each month our members donate at least 5 cents for mosquito nets to help stamp out malaria in the world. When added together, even the smallest donation will make a difference in the world when added together.

(3) **Birthday Offering:** Each spring, we collect at least one penny for each year of our lives. This donation also goes toward innovative mission projects in the United States and worldwide.

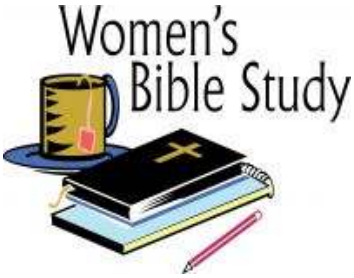
(4) **Thank Offering:** During the autumn months, we collect money for the Thank Offering. The Thank Offering provides food and water, alleviates homelessness, provides educational opportunities, promotes health, and improves the lives of women, children and men throughout the world in many other ways.

(5) Our newest project is providing baby caps and blankets to newborns. **ANYONE with knitting and/or crocheting skills can participate in this program.** A BIG THANK YOU to the women from PCN who have already contacted me and brought me their beautiful knitted handiwork.

If you have **<u>any</u>** questions about PW, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Glenise Johnson: home (415) 897-8759 or cell (415) 717-7635. We always welcome new women interested in becoming an active part of our circle of Presbyterian Women … ***Come try us out!!!***

Glenise Johnson, Moderator



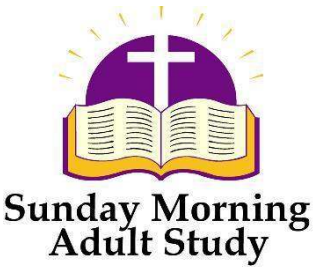
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Women's Bible Study is led by Carol Dacquisto, Elaine Harris and Melodie Baird. We meet every **Thursday morning from 9:30 - 11 a.m. in the Christensen Room** for lively study and discussion of God's word. All women are welcome to visit and share their insights with us at any time. We are always looking for new faces to join us, and we would love to meet and get to know you. A few of us are pictured below.

In April, we continue to follow Jesus on his last journey to Jerusalem. As He makes His triumphal entry into the city, the crowds shout joyfully "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord." The disciples and followers undoubtedly think that Jesus will enter the temple to be enthroned as their king, and then lead them to victory over their oppressor. But things take a drastically unexpected turn. Jesus' grand entrance will instead usher in the week of His suffering and death. Won't you join us in contemplating how we are called to respond?

If you have questions, or need more information, please contact us.
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The Sunday Adult Bible Study is held every Sunday morning from 9 to 10 a.m. in the church library.

We are preparing to explore the diverse way in which Jesus' disciples were challenged to exercise their call to ministry: (1) by witnessing to the Gospel, (2) acting with loving kindness, (3) sharing the Resurrection story, and (4) by making new disciples, through preaching, teaching, and baptism.

We would love to have you come and join us for great studies and terrific discussion, as we learn together how to become one of Jesus' disciples and follow Him through our lives.

Always remember: ***"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."***

Grace and Peace,

Carol Dacquisto, Larry Dacquisto, and Rosie Nicholas

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP



PCN Women in Prayer

Women in Prayer meets each month to share fellowship, to pray and to read scripture as we are led by the Holy Spirit. This month we are meeting on **Thursday, April 11, from 6 – 8 p.m.** in PCN's **Room 26**. Room 26 is on the second floor just above the Christensen room. Please reach out if you need assistance tackling the stairs!

We plan to continue our study of ***Transforming Prayer, How Everything Changes When You Seek God's Face*** by Daniel Henderson, using a new video training program. Daniel's outstanding book includes an explanation of how we can break down common barriers to praying by quietly listening and thoughtfully responding to God's Word as we are led by the Spirit.

If you'd like to move away from self-involved, wish-list praying into a passionate pursuit of Jesus, this is your opportunity. We'll have copies of the book available for purchase or loan in class. Please call us if you need more information.

Janis West, 415-250-2122, janisw99@gmail.com

Melodie Baird, 415-897-7512, melodie.l.baird@gmail.com



Ann Glazner Parker has a new address and phone number. She would love visitors, but please call beforehand.

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study group meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. We are studying ACTS. Join us for this one-hour mid-week boost and share great fellowship with brothers. And no homework!



If you are interested in being part of the Prayer Quilt/Marian Stitchers ministry, mark your calendars for the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. You don't have to know how to quilt to participate and help!

Sermon Podcasts

If you would like to listen to a copy of the Sunday sermon, you don't need to request a CD. They are now being posted on a PODCAST at http://www.buzzsprout.com/218646. They are usually available by the Tuesday following the service. Thank you to Jim Rolka for making these available!

OUR DAILY BREAD

Helping you connect with God every day. Pick up your copy on the hall table in the office.



moments & memories

(First in a series of stories about PCN by long-time member Tali Sundberg)

It was dark, but then it always was at 10 p.m. For many families in the church, this meant that it was time for the safety check of the church. Yes, we had been the victim of some vandalism, and we wanted to protect our church. So various families (usually families of elders and deacons) volunteered to go to the church each night between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m. to check each door and window to ensure all were locked and to check inside to be sure no one was in the church. At that time, the church consisted of just the education building; we hadn't yet built the sanctuary.

Have you any idea what it was like (no outside lighting) to drive up, grab a flashlight, and begin the "tour?" Sometimes the men did it alone, sometimes it became a family project for each week's turn. I know that I took Rob and Bruce with me when Walt was out of town and it was my week. Look around next Sunday and count the doors and windows in the education building – not just on the parking lot side, but on the back side and upstairs as well. How grateful we should all be for the lighting we have, the closeness of our neighbors and the police coverage so we don't have to keep this volunteer assignment task!

"Child, Disrupted"
Tuesday, April 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
at Good Shepherd's main campus, 1180 Lynwood Avenue

Good Shepherd Lutheran School's Parents' Association invites you to a screening of *Child, Disrupted* followed by a panel discussion and question and answer session with the film's producer and director, Krista Riihimaki. This film seeks to uncover the reality behind fears about the effects of screen time on children and features interviews with experts in the fields of neuroscience, occupational therapy, addiction, psychology, and sociology.

The average American child uses about nine hours of screen media per day, and that is **not** including using it for homework. The overuse of technology among even the youngest children today has led many of us to wonder how children will be impacted. It can be easy to pass judgment on adults who allow children to use these devices, but are they really as bad as some say they are?

The film sheds light on how time spent using technology specifically impacts children's behaviors and offers insight into how guardians can curb its influence while equipping children to develop healthy relationships with technology.

Feel free to bring your upper elementary and middle school students. They may get a lot of out watching the film and participating in the discussion.

Please contact Good Shepherd at (415) 897-2510 for more information or to register.



A finger-food brunch will be held after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services on Palm Sunday, April 14th. Please bring two to four dozen “heavenly eggs, bite-size fresh fruit, muffins/breads, or sweets to either brunch.

Help is also needed to set up tables, decorate, and clean up. Contact Kathy Takemoto, Sandy Peterson, or Ariel Mink to help. Thank you!

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February 19, 2019

Dear Mr. Walker,

On behalf of the North Bay Coast Guard Spouses Club, we thank you and Novato Presbyterian Church for your generous donation of gift cards for our Coast Guard families. The government shutdown brought unprecedented challenges and the way our community responded is to be highly commended. We are used to being the helpers in our communities, this situation was uncomfortable and unusual to be in the position of needing help. Your generosity enabled us to help over 1,000 affected members and their families, representing over 19 different U.S. Coast Guard units all around the Bay Area (even down to Station Monterey). The amazing amount of support given by you and the people of Marin County (and the greater Bay Area) has humbled us. People all around the world know of the generosity that was bestowed on us due to multiple media appearances from our club members, where we were able to share our story. Even the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard is aware of how much you all supported us in this challenging time. We are proud to be your neighbors, thank you for your support!

Respectfully,

Kristy Martin

Kristy Martin/President/NBCGSC

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21 February 2019

Dear Captain Walker,

On behalf of all Coast Guard members in the Bay Area, thank you for your incredible generosity during the five week long partial shutdown of the U.S. Government. You and the entire Central Marin Police Department went above and beyond by providing $810 to the Coast Guard Spouses Club/Chief Petty Officers Association to support Coast Guard men and women during our time of need. Your efforts provided vital assistance to Coast Guard personnel throughout the entire Bay Area, easing stress and financial uncertainty.

This kindness came at a pivotal time when our crews were working long hours performing Coast Guard missions. Your donation kept them well fed, gave them the energy to continue helping those in need, and provided a much needed boost in morale. We are privileged to live and serve among such a supportive community. Thank you for your tremendous support of the United States Coast Guard.

Sincerely,

PETER W. GAUTIER
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard

Bill Walker, USCG Capt. (Ret.)
Novato Presbyterian Church
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April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ***Welcome, Morgan Smith!*** 9:00 Morning Prayer 5:30 SEEkers	2 8:00 Stephen Leaders 2:00 PW Coordinating Team	3 7:30am Men's Group 4:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Mission Cmte. 6:30 Worship Cmte. 7:00 CE Committee	4 9:30 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Singles Coffee Creekside 7:00 Choir rehearsal	5	6
7 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Contemporary 10:30 Traditional 11:45 Choir Easter rehearsal 12:00 M&O 1:00 Dave Walchli memorial 4:30 Youth Group	8 9:00 Morning Prayer	9 6:30 Personnel Cmte.	10 7:30am Men's Group 10:30 Prayer Quilters/ Marian Stitchers 4:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Deacons 6:30 Finance Cmte.	11 9:30 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Singles Coffee Creekside 7:00 Choir rehearsal	12	13 8:00 Church clean-up day 
14 ***Palm Sunday*** 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Contemporary 10:00 Brunch 11:00 Traditional 12:00 Brunch 12:15 Choir Easter rehearsal 4:30 Youth Group	15 9:00 Morning Prayer 2:00 Mill St. meal p/u	16 7:00 Stephen Ministry Supervision	17 7:30am Men's Group 4:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Session dinner 6:30 Session meeting	18 9:30 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Singles Coffee Creekside 7:00 Choir rehearsal	19 ***Good Friday*** 5:00 Mingling Singles Pizza Night 7:00 Good Friday service	20
21 ***Happy Easter!*** 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Contemporary/ SEEker Sunday 11:00 Traditional	22 9:00 Morning Prayer	23 2:00 Ruth Circle 7:00 Stephen Ministry aging/long-term care class	24 7:30am Men's Group 4:00 Bell Choir	25 9:30 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Singles Coffee Creekside 5:30 Rachel Circle 7:00 Choir rehearsal	26	27
28 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Contemporary 10:30 Traditional 1:30 Creekwood 4:30 Youth Group	29 9:00 Morning Prayer	30 7:00 Stephen Ministry aging/long-term care class				

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