



## **PresPress**

**July/August 2024**

Presbyterian Church of Novato, 710 Wilson Ave., Novato, CA 94947

Dear Presbyterian Church of Novato,

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Katy Hatfield, our organist and our beloved chancel and bell choir director, after many years of dedicated service to our congregation. Worship on June 30th, Katy's last Sunday, was a fitting service for such an occasion, with songs hand-selected by Katy, the choir in full form, and Jesus at the center of it all. While we are happy for Katy as she enters this new chapter in her life, we also recognize that she is truly irreplaceable and has left an indelible mark on our church community.

Katy's passion for music, her unwavering commitment to excellence, and her warm spirit have enriched our worship experiences and brought joy to all who have had the privilege of listening to her play and direct. Her leadership has been instrumental in shaping our excellent music ministry and creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.

We invite you to join us in expressing our deepest gratitude to Katy for her many years of service. As we prepare to say farewell, we would like to envelope her with a 'card shower' and love offering. While Katy requested that we not do a celebration or any kind of event with pomp and circumstance (hence the timing of this letter), we want to encourage each of you to write Katy a card and gift her a love offering. On the letter, share your memories, stories, and well wishes with Katy as she embarks on this new journey. Katy may not want overt recognition or to be the center of attention, but her faithfulness and her years of worship leadership cannot go unrecognized. May this card shower and love offering pour our love out for Katy and her faithful discipleship at PCN.

Please mail or deliver your cards and love offerings directly to Katy. Make out any checks directly to Katy. Her address can be found in the directory. If you need her address, please contact the church office.

My friends, as we acknowledge Katy's irreplaceability, let us not fret, but look to the future with hope and optimism. While we may not find another quite like her, we are confident that the seeds she has planted will continue to grow and flourish in the hands of new leadership. We will continue to invest in traditional worship music long into the future.

Please join us in praying for and thanking Katy for her service and in wishing her all the best in this next chapter of her life. Let us continue to support our music ministry and each other as we navigate this transition together.

With gratitude and grace,  
Your Pastor, PCN Staff, & Session



## Session

### Session Highlights – June 2024

At the June 18, 2024 Session meeting:

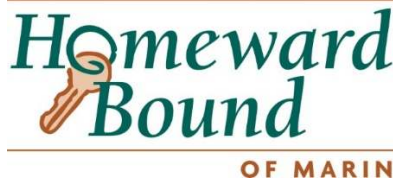
- Rev. Ariel Mink is now a member of the Presbytery of the Redwoods, effective June 2, 2024 at her worship and ordination service.
- An Elder Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2024 where initiatives and goals will be reviewed and updated in planning for the 2024/2025 program year.
- An Elder/Deacon/Committee Chair/Committee Member retreat will be held on Sunday, August 25, 2024, after worship to focus on:
  - Unveiling of a theme, goals, and/or priorities for the program year 2024/2025 and initiatives developed by Session on August 24, 2024. Develop a method of tracking progress of identified initiatives.
  - Have small group breakouts where teams can begin to brainstorm and plan initiatives to fit within the theme for the year.
- Accepted and reviewed the Wholistic Music Program report prepared by the Task Force. Session thanked the Task Force members for their work.
- Pastor Adam will hold a training session for new church officers in July.
- The Safety-Emergency and Property Committees continue to perform walk-throughs of the church campus to comply with insurance and fire requirements. Session members will assist with a final walk-through if needed.
- Session will meet in July on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Kathy Takemoto  
Clerk of Session

# MISSION

**Where your treasure is, there your heart will lie also. ~Matthew 6:21**

*Below you will find evidence of the many places where your hearts, time and money are making a difference, both locally and abroad.*



On June 13, Homeward Bound celebrated the grand opening of 24 veteran housing units. This is the second facility of its kind in California. These new apartments bring Marin County within reach of ending veteran homelessness!

We are so proud of the future recipients of the Buckaroo Breakfast proceeds.



Your mission committee thanks all of you who gave to the 2024 Pentecost Offering. The total Pentecost Giving amount was \$1,395.00; 60% will go to PC(USA)'s support for children at risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

The remaining 40% (\$558.00) will be donated to the Novato Police Department to support their efforts in comforting children in trauma whom they meet in the course of their calls for service. More details will follow in September's *PresPress*.



### Thanks and CONGRATULATIONS

First off, many thanks to NMCS staff for the great tour they gave to PCN members in June. We learned so much that day and immersed ourselves in the work of a loving, giving staff and volunteers. We highly recommend going to [www.northmarincs.org](http://www.northmarincs.org) to learn more about their work. Photos from the tour (on food pantry Tuesdays) follow.



And secondly, CONGRATULATIONS to Cheryl Paddack, NMCS Executive Director, for being honored as Grand Marshal of the Novato 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We are so pleased that her never-ending dedication, love, and creativity are being recognized in this way. PCN is proud to be one of your long-standing partners!!





## *Ladies Luncheon*

*The Deacons are hosting a  
Luncheon of Gratitude  
Celebrating the Ladies of PCN  
All ages - Young and Seasoned*

*Saturday, July 13, 2024  
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Presbyterian Church of Novato*

*RSVP by Monday, July 8 to Becky Praun  
[beckypraun@yahoo.com](mailto:beckypraun@yahoo.com)  
415.472.1733*



## Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

**“It is the brain, the little gray cells on which one must rely.”**

~ Hercule Poirot

It’s been nearly six months since the last PCN Jigsaw Puzzle Swap. It is definitely time to refresh the home stockpile of puzzles. We’ve got to keep those “little gray cells” challenged. Look around the homestead and decide which jigsaw puzzles can

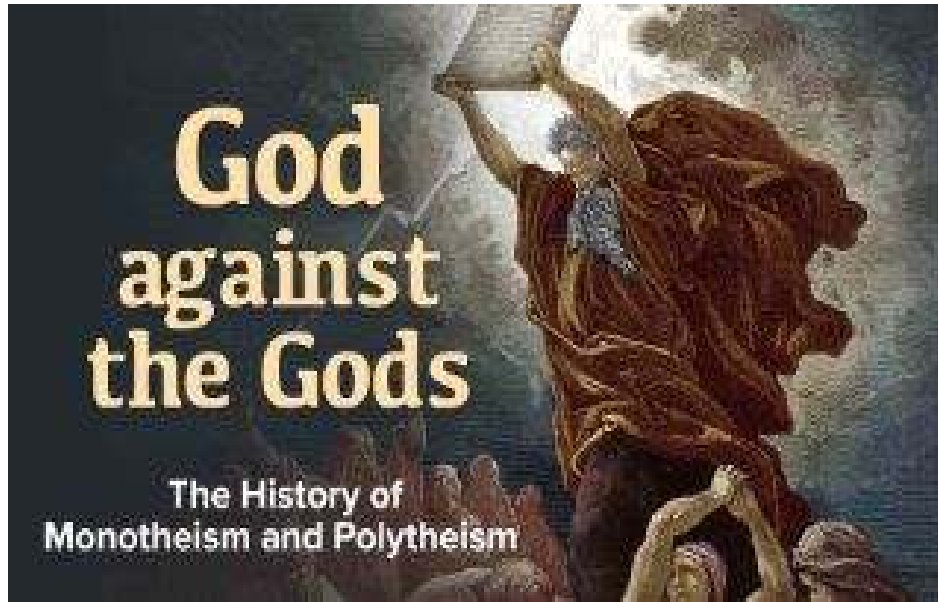
go to church with you, to be exchanged for other fascinating challenges.

**SUNDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

immediately following the  
Sunday morning worship service

Contact Bill Bradfield (415-408-3427) if you have questions or would like to help with set up and take down.

## Adult Christian Learning Opportunity

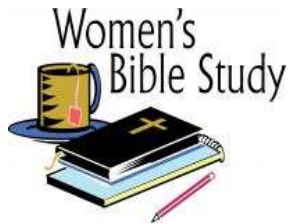


Christian Education committee is sponsoring a new -Summer 2024 adult learning opportunity: "God Against The Gods", a series of twelve video lectures free via Zoom that presents the discovery, translation, and significance of ancient scrolls found at Qumran, in 1947. The videos are produced by The Teaching Company as one of its "Great Courses" series, and feature Dr. Robert Garland, Ph.D., professor of Classics and ancient history at Colgate University.

Weekly sessions will cover two lectures and discussion led by Walt Campbell. Six sessions are scheduled for Saturdays at 10:30 AM, from June 15 to July 28. Please see the PCN website or email Walt Campbell to enroll. This opportunity is open to non-members. New participants can join at any time, and easily catch up by reading the study guide for earlier lectures.

Participants will receive a pdf file of the course guide and a weekly email with suggested discussion questions and listening highlights for the upcoming Saturday session. Start your summer with a bit of comparative religion.





And the walls came tumbling down.... Join the new Women's Bible Study with the book of Joshua (\$10) on September 12 when the WBS resumes study after the summer break.

Join us on Zoom Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with Carol Dacquisto leading the study, using the NavPress "Life Changes" study guide. Our next study will be Joshua.

God raises up Joshua who is a second Moses, faithful and strong, leading the Israelites. God promises to be with them. He promises the same to us, today.

Our dedicated project for more than 40 years is Tabs for Kids – collecting pop tabs from aluminum cans from PC members, friends, and neighbors. They are donated to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Sacramento which sells them to a recycling company. Proceeds are used to assist parents' families with care expenses.

If you want a wonderful way to connect to the PCN community and learn about the book of Joshua with a warm and open group of women contact Carol Dacquisto, lead teacher, at 415-892-2070; Margaret Franz-Costello, assistant, at 415-806-8849 or Karen Carlson at 415-382-9616.

Grace and Peace,  
Carol Dacquisto, Margaret Franz-Costello and Karen Carlson

Here is the Zoom link and passcode:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81284025735?pwd=VTY4cWFJQWtDTlpUVE9MT0ljL1dHdz09>

Meeting ID: 812 8402 5735 Passcode: pcnovato



Join us for the inspiring 8am Summer Sunday Bible class/David C Cook study as we bat around Experiencing Hope, Expressing Hope, and Eternal Hope. It's a winner!

The Sunday Morning Adult Study Group will continue meeting via Zoom (until further notice) at 8:00 a.m. Please sign on to join a wonderful group of adults who share what they are learning about God's Word. The link to sign on is at the end of this article. If you want or need materials, please let Larry Dacquisto (415-898-0711) know, and we will see that you have the appropriate materials.

The quarter (March, April, May) is entitled "**Examining Our Faith.**" In this quarter, we will explore the fullness of faith as a response to God's desire to be in relationship with us. To be faith-less is to turn away from God – to put trust in something, or someone, other than God. The lessons of this quarter ask: Is your faith steadfast? Are you contending for the faith? What can today's Christians draw from these ancient accounts that will help us grow more deeply in faith?

**Unit 1** has lessons drawn from Jude, Second Corinthians, First Peter, Acts, and Mark that invite learners to turn the challenges of life into opportunities for nurturing a vibrant faith instead of giving up, turning away from God, or rejecting faith. It includes the Easter lesson.

**Unit 2**, lessons from Luke and Matthew discuss the range of Christian faith.

The lessons in **Unit 3** from Romans encourage believers to continue standing in the faith.

Study Leaders,

Larry Dacquisto, Carol Dacquisto, Karen Carlson and Doris Dooley

Link for the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88401949220?pwd=QS9MMHJsbU5TVtJ6enVpU1hDL0VNQT09>

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**REQUESTING A PRAYER BLANKET** is easy. Email Tonya Church or Becky Praun. Give us the recipient's first and last name, address, phone number, and what colors they like. We try to send a prayer blanket that is meaningful for the recipient. Questions? Contact Tonya at [tonya.church@comcast.net](mailto:tonya.church@comcast.net) or Becky at [beckypraun@yahoo.com](mailto:beckypraun@yahoo.com).



### **WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Spend time praising God for His many blessings through prayer and receive His assurance for you. Together we seek His intimate presence, led by the Holy Spirit and fed by scripture. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Use the same Zoom link each month. Contact Janis West at [Janisw99@gmail.com](mailto:Janisw99@gmail.com) with questions.

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### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Come join us for study and fellowship. We meet every **Wednesday at 7:15 a.m.** via Zoom. All men are welcome. To be added to the Zoom contact list, contact Walt Campbell at (415) 497-5157.



Here's an important number to jot down: (415) 472-0911. This is the **non-injury** lift assist phone number from the Novato Fire Department. If you or someone you know has fallen and you can't lift him/her, the fire department will come help!