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Pastor: Rev. Barbara Horikoshi-Firebaugh

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Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a program based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. FA is a fellowship of individuals who are recovering from the physical, mental and spiritual disease food addiction. FA is a non-profit organization, and there are no dues, fees, or weigh-ins at meetings. More information is available at www.foodaddicts.org

Weekly meetings are held at Faith United Methodist Church on Tuesday at 7:00 pm. The church is located at 3600 J Street, Sacramento.

If you feel this program would be of help to you, you are invited to attend.



Faith Witness



We, as disciples of Jesus Christ, live by faith to worship and witness for Jesus through Christian love, fellowship and service.

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Good Friday ~ Easter Service



Worship at 6:00 pm

March 30, 2018

*Observing the Crucifixion of
Jesus through*

Scripture, Prayer and Song



**Celebrating the Resurrection of our
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ**

11:00 am Worship

Sunday, April 1, 2018

**Plan to Attend These Special Services
Everyone is welcome!**



“Worship in Spirit and Truth”

“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:23-24 NRSV

Some of us have been doing a Bible study on the word “Worship.” We each discussed what “Worship” meant to us. The image that came to my mind’s eye was falling on my knees, bowing at the feet of Jesus, with arms lifted up to the sky in praise. That image conjured up in my heart - love, deep love for God, for all that God has done for me. It was my spirit meeting God’s Spirit in a warm embrace – my spirit and God’s Spirit was one!

What does “worship” mean to you? Meditate a while on that question... Obviously, different people will have different responses; and a lot of it will be based on the relationship they have with God. So, **what does it mean to you to worship God?** God created humans so that *“the people whom I formed for myself. . . might declare my praise”* (Isaiah 43:21bc). We are to worship God; that’s why we were created!

How do we thank our Lord for making our lives possible? A simple “thank you” doesn’t seem to be enough! The Apostle Paul instructed us *“to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship”* (Romans 12:1b). My Life Application Bible states that *“God wants us to offer ourselves, not animals, as a living sacrifice – daily laying aside our own desires to follow him, putting all our energy and resources at his disposal and trusting him to guide us. We do this out of gratitude that our sins have been forgiven.”*

For a deeper understanding of what “worship in spirit and truth” means, I read Biblical Scholar William Barclay’s commentary on the above verses. He states: “Real religion is founded not on fear but on the love of God and gratitude for what God has done.” He goes on to say that “God is Spirit, so we are to give God what is spirit – love, loyalty, obedience, and devotion. The true worship is when men [and women] through his spirit, attains friendship and intimacy with God.” How awesome is that to have an intimate relationship with God! How many of you have that kind of relationship with God (with Jesus, with The Spirit)? If you don’t, ask God to draw you closer to him, so that you could have such a friendship.

Then reading different versions of the Bible: The Message translation said: “It’s who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That’s the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly *themselves* before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration.” The Good News Bible said: “God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is.”

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**Healing Service
April 29, 2018**

On the last Sunday of every month there is a Healing Service as part of the regular worship service. There are prayer stations where you can go to be anointed with oil (if you desire) and be prayed for. There will be candles for you light, as well.

This service has been well participated in by those in attendance on the last Sunday. Plan to attend on the last Sunday of the month and be a part of this special moment in worship.

All are invited! Invite your family and friends, too! Come and join us for this ministry.

Holy Spirit Seminar

“God, I’ve heard what our ancestors say about you, and I’m stopped in my tracks, down on my knees. Do among us what you did among them. Work among us as you worked among them.”
Habakkuk 3:1-2 MSG



Saturday April 7th

11 am to 2 pm

Faith United Methodist Church

3600 J St, Sacramento, CA

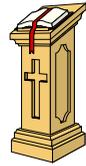
Ephesians 4:11 reminds us that God gave gifts to the Body of Christ to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. This seminar searches how the power of the Holy Spirit nurtures, educates and equips individuals and local churches. Picture God, supernaturally and uniquely, at work in every local church; drawing people to Himself, building His church, advancing His Kingdom, and turning the world upside down.

Come join with us as we explore the supernatural movement of the Holy Spirit throughout history from the beginning of the early church to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our United Methodist Church today.

RSVP by April 6th @ faith36andj@sbcglobal.net or call 916-452-7637
For more information, contact Rev. Bob Gilberg @ bob.gilberg@gmail.com

Scriptures Readings for April, 2018

Read these ahead of time; be prepared for worship.



April 1: EASTER!

John 20:1-18; Romans 6:1-11
“*We Are Alive with Him*”

April 8: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Mark 16:1-4; John 16:33
1 Corinthians 15:14, 55-57
“*Resurrected Christ*”

April 15: 3rd Sunday of Easter

2 Chronicles 7:12-22; James 4:1-10
Hebrews 10:19-25, 11:1-3, 6
“*What God Expects of Us*”

April 22: 4th Sunday of Easter

Exodus 15:1-3, 18-21; Luke 10:38-42
John 12:3, 22:32
“*God is Worthy of our Praise and Worship*”

April 29: 5th Sunday of Easter

Jeremiah 29:11-14; John 15:1-11
“*In the Bosom of God*”



1. **Pat Tolley**...recovering at home
2. **Don Catlin**...recovering from fractured hip at home
3. **Mitchell Malekian Family**...grieving his death
4. **Jim & Joan Miller**...continuing prayer for healing and strength
5. **Mary Dess**...healing and strength
6. **Carol Saylor**...continuing prayer for healing and encouragement
7. **Celia Garcia**...comfort and encouragement
8. **Barbara Granum**...strength and encouragement
9. **Rev. Barbara and the Church Council** as they work throughout the year to handle the business of Faith Church.

A number of members of the Faith family are not able to attend worship. Please remember them in your prayers:

Don Catlin, Mary Dess, Celia Garcia, Barbara Granum, Joan & Jim Miller, Jan Ramsey, Carol Saylor, Pat Tolley



Appreciation is expressed To Loring Pollock for his service as the Past President of the Board of Trustees. He will continue to serve on the Board.

Appreciation is also expressed to Loring and his wife, Elaine for the cleaning of the carpeting in Fireside Room and of all the upholstered chair.

THANK YOU, BOTH!!



Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees elected the following persons as its officers for 2018:

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| Bill Lincoln | -President and new member of Faith UMC |
| Vice President | -John Firebaugh |
| Secretary | -Watisoni Qereqeretabua |



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Now that you've gotten all this background information, **how do you worship God?** Worshiping God is a Way of Life; taking place, not only at church on Sundays, but every day of your life! We come before God with our true selves (no putting on airs, or denying how we really feel); authentically who we really are, that's what God wants - after all God knows us more than we know ourselves. Whether we come to God in prayer at home or elsewhere, in church on Sundays, it is ALWAYS with an attitude of reverence and awe, with fear and trembling – because we are in the presence of God – you are in the presence of God! God is waiting for you patiently – in the quiet moments of prayer. “Be still and know that I am God,” the psalmist wrote. It is in the quiet that you can intentionally focus on God in your midst; you can hear the voice of God whispering to you. In the stillness you can feel the nudges that the Spirit places on your heart. Jesus meets you at the door, the Spirit breathes in you as you sing the hymns and pray the prayers.

You must come to the house of the Lord expecting to meet God, to have an encounter with the Holy One who created you. It is a solemn and sacred time! We have gotten away from really worshiping God in spirit and in truth. We come expecting nothing, except to meet our friends we haven't seen in a week! That is not how you come before God. If you expect nothing, nothing will happen! Worship then becomes dead and the worship service bears no fruit to you. But, if you come worshiping God with all you heart, soul, mind and strength, with your very being, you will experience God! But, you must quiet your soul and sit waiting for God. God expects nothing less from all of us. If you come prepared, ready to give your very best, with your heart open, out of love and devotion, God will reward you!

We need to change our hearts; for “the sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart” (Psalm 51:17). We have strayed off the path; and we need to return to God. Then, and only then, can we live into the Vision God has for Faith Church.

God is saying, “I have great things in store for all of you at Faith; but, you are taking my love and grace for granted. I have broken the chains that keep you bound to sin; but, you **reject** my help, and do what you want, moving farther and farther away from me – doing what brings you pleasure! I commit to you; but, you don't commit to me! I love you with an everlasting love and sent my Son to take your place on the cross; but, you **rejected** my love, **unaware of what it cost me!** I brought you into this world and breathed into you my Breath of Life; but, **you have no time for me**, saying other things are more important. I long for you to come into my very presence, to sup with me and share your life with me. You are my child and I long for your return. **Am I your God?**”

*Easter Blessings,
Rev. Barbara*

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Easter Sunday 11am-Worship 12:15-Fellowship Hour 1pm-Fijian Bible Study and Worship	7pm-Alcoholics Anonymous	12pm-Alcoholics Anonymous 7pm-Food Addicts in Recovery 8pm-Prayer Meeting	10am-Elizabeth Circle 8pm-Bible Study for All	7:30pm-Celebration Singers Rehearsal	8pm-Prayer Meeting	 Holy Spirit Seminar 11am-2pm Led by Rev. Bob Gilberg
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11am-Worship & Healing Service 12:15-Fellowship Hour 1pm-Fijian Bible Study and Worship	7pm-Alcoholics Anonymous	 <p> "...as it began to dawn...came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre ...the angel ...said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, and he said ...And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead..." <i>Matthew 28:1-7 (KJV - excerpts)</i> </p>				



- 2- Amelia Gates
- 4- Sereana Naquto
- 5- Margaret Vokulu
- 10- Coleen Nakayama
- 13- Barbara Campbell
- 19- Nolan Galimba
Joan Miller
Lindsey Pollock
- 20- Kirsti Buckendorf
- 23- Dona Niemeyer
Sara Pollock
- 28- Maliana Gonemaituba
Ana Nasautamata
- 30- Rick Brantley

