



The Negro Silent Protest Parade of 1917

The Community of New Possibilities - First Presbyterian Church, Encino Newsletter

FROM DAE'S DESK

Birthdays:

- 8/2 Julian Herring
- 8/3 Shelby Jackson
- 8/5 Dorie Braun
- 8/11 Ann Olson
- 8/11 Virgil Young
- 8/18 Connor Stewart
- 8/23 Tyler Jackson
- 8/24 Larry Jackson
- 8/28 Stacie Hime
- 8/31 Sharon Mahseredjian

Anniversaries:

- 8/4 Ralph & Marilyn Drensong
- 8/7 Kendall & Lianne Marr
- 8/16 Jeremy & Jody Lawrence

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? Contact the Church Office to be added to our list!



Sermon videos, announcements and Sunday bulletins are on our website!
www.firstpresencino.org

What's Changed Since 1992?

In July 2014, the census bureau in California released the population breakdown showing that Latinos now officially outnumber whites in California. And the trend is that the Latino population will continue to grow along with other ethnic minority groups. And by 2060, it is projected that the United States of America will become a minority-majority nation. The demographic change in L.A. will lead the way for California and the change that happens in California will lead the way for other states in the nation. While this shift is taking place, the mainline congregations do not reflect this change. We are still a white majority in every way. Yet, the fastest growing segment of the church growth is taking place along immigrant congregations. Meanwhile, predominately white mainline congregations are closing their doors.

I write this with some alarm. Not because of the decline of mainline congregations but because in spite of the change we see demographically there is no change in the way in which institutional racism and the structures that were in place that gave rise to poverty, racism, discrimination and oppression are still intact. We've seen it in the 1992 L.A. uprising, all the way back to the Watts rebellion in 1965. Some call it "riot" to mean chaos and looting, losing sight of why and how these events happened in the first place. It's not out of vacuum but from sense of injustice of years where black and brown bodies didn't matter but were met with brutal violence. Minority-majority in a nation doesn't guarantee a "post-race society" as long as power structures that privilege the white over against people of color, multiethnic bodies still remains (South Africa during apartheid era is an example with black majority and white minority). This is alarming! And what is sad is that mainline denominations are not engaged at the level and depth that they should with the change we need for the cause of justice and equality.

I believe the role of our church will be critical, if we choose to do something about it in response to the demographic change we see around us and also claim our prophetic voice to advocate for immigrants, undocumented, and build solidarity with black and brown bodies that matter. And if we are open enough to allow these changes we see in our community, people we serve to shape the course of our future is where I believe the Spirit is leading us. I believe movement toward this direction will take courage and faith. To have this conversation we are going to visit the California African American Museum on August 12th (Special exhibit of L.A. Uprising) and on 16th we will have potluck movie/ followed by discussion after watching the film "I Am Not Your Negro," James Baldwin's account of the nation and race relation. I encourage you to be part of

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this much needed initial conversation and be part of shaping the future of our church together. Amen.

Pastor Dae

Potluck/Movie Night, August 16 Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM. Below is the link for the movie trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNUYdglyPM> Here is what this film is about and I think it's important for us to watch this film to have conversation around our faith response to racism.

I Am Not Your Negro is a 2016 French, American, Belgian and Swiss^[3] documentary film directed by Raoul Peck, based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript *Remember This House*. Narrated by actor Samuel L. Jackson, the film explores the history of racism in the United States through Baldwin's reminiscences of civil rights leaders Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr, as well as his personal observations of American history. ^[4] It was nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 89th Academy Awards.

August 12th Saturday 11:00 AM As an extension of Urban Disciples program at our church, we will visit the California African American Museum. There is a special exhibit on 25th Anniversary of 1992 L.A. Uprising/Riot. If you would like to car pool, be at the church parking lot no later than 10:15 AM. This will be group guided tour and admission is free. After our visit we have lunch together near the museum. For more information the museum website is <http://www.caamuseum.org>

Messy Church Invite:
Friday, August 4th
5 PM - 7 PM

Lasagna will be served!

Theme is Gathering:

Matthew 18.20: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." How many people will be at our gathering? Way more than 2 or 3. We will count and find out!

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Parking Lot sale:
November 11th, 2017.

No time like the present to begin to think about helping and giving for that week. We will have the Fellowship Hall all week so that we can deliver and sort our past treasures.



Marie Matteson is helping out the office with data entry!

Jessica Lesko and Lynne Jackson worked on the Urban Disciple experience with coordinating certain Sundays. Look at this list of people they lead to various sites in LA County: Ron, Amber, Jack and Kennedy Guzman; Maddie, Tyler, Kevin and Julie LaNeave; Doug and Rosenda Rozendal, Sally Stricker, Vin Wells, Kay Lawrence and Maggie Moore, Marguerite Minor, Ben and Sam Hastings, Brian Gaeta-Symonds, Axel Gomez, Victor Ramirez and Nathan Vasquez; Heather Sells, Sam, Lauren, Kai and Liam Hale and Ruth Mandernach. Here is a sample of the places we went: Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church Community Garden, Farmer's Market and 3rd and Fairfax, Bolton Hall, Daphneyland, Hope Mill and a pool party at Kay Lawrence's home.

Thanks to Rosy Mozaffar for her years of service as Preschool Coordinator. She is off to Austin Texas to work with 2 year olds and be closer to her mother and sister in Mexico.

Thanks to Antonela Panella for accepting the Preschool Teacher position. Antonela has worked as a Encino Presbyterian Children's Center Preschool Assistant Teach since 2015. She had double the amount of required Early Childhood Education units. Her goal is to work in Middle Schools as a School Counselor. She currently attends Valley College. She has two children, Ivy who is 14 months old and Xavier who is 7 years old. She brings an interest to learn, lead the Nursery class, become a part of this close knit family and help with Jesus and Me during the week.




Thank you,
Janson & Barbara Stitz
for
providing Equal
Exchange fairly traded
coffee for Coffee Hour in
August!

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Alice DeGuzman! You are brightening up our lives with access to music tickets at the Hollywood Bowl. We look forward to these concerts every summer and are glad that you think about us.

Gayle Steffenson for being our lunch chef for Saturday Messy Church. You all should see her fancy baked goods complete with fish, water, waves and foam.

Visit the Flower Calendar in Fellowship Hall to provide a floral arrangement for a worship service.
Sundays, August 6, 20 & 27 are available!
Flowers are \$45 and may be taken home or donated to homebound members. You may also choose the colors and dedication for the bulletin.





Messy Church meets on Saturday, August 19th. The theme is learning: Proverbs 24.3-6. We will be learning and playing all kinds of new games which take strategy and thoughtfulness. BBQ is up for lunch and as always, we will wake the bears!

SESSION NOTES - JULY 18, 2017

The Session meeting on July 18, 2007 started at 7:05pm. Jessica Lesko opened the meeting with a devotion and sharing of each member's gifts.

Minutes from the June 20, 2017 meeting and the June and July Clerk's reports were reviewed and approved.

The Session members reviewed and discussed the Committee reports:

Christian Education Committee: There will be a farewell celebration for Rosy Mozaffar who has been an exceptional preschool teacher on Sunday mornings and at the EPCC. Recruitment for her position was completed and interviews are pending. Urban Disciples has been a very special FPCE ministry and experience for all involved. August 27 is the date of the Fall Kick-off that will be held at Los Encinos Park.

Human Resources: Ruth Mandernach's study leave and vacation requests were approved.

Mission Committee: The Family Rescue Center needs school supply donations by August 6th. Volunteers are needed for the August 12th backpack distribution event. FPCE will participate in the SFV Interfaith Solidarity March on September 10th. International Peacemaker Paola Schellenbaum will preach on September 24th.

Property and Finance Committee: The Committee is seeking two new members. Ruth Mandernach has agreed to serve so one more member will be recruited.

Radical Hospitality Team: The Team will organize a potluck after Paola Schellenbaum preaches on September 24th.

Worship and Music Committee – The Sunday service in the Chapel and Messy Church are two summer highlights. The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is October 29th. The Committee is planning for the November 19th Interfaith Service.

Nominating Committee: Jessica Lesko is a new Elder. There are Deacon vacancies that need to be filled.

New Business

The Session Strategic Planning Retreat will be held on August 26th from 9am-5pm... Pastor Dae will send the current FPCE Mission Statement and other materials to Session members prior to the Retreat.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 17th. Committee reports are due to the office by August 20th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Submitted by Elder Betsy Lindsay



The Deacons need to know your need for transportation to/from church services/choir/church activities/classes/doctor's appts, grocery shopping, general errands, etc.

Additionally, we need to know Drivers from the congregation at large (not just Deacons) who are available to drive people. So, please let the church office if you can help us 818-788-1147 or Heather Sells 818-781-8779.

THANKS SO MUCH---
THE DEACONS



Spiff Up Day: October 28 8:30 - noon

Interfaith Service: November 19 7 pm

Messy Urban Disciple (MUD) camp/
cabin retreat: Dec 8-9

Would you consider providing or sponsoring the goodies for Coffee Hour one Sunday?

Sundays, August 6 & 20 are available!

Sign-up at the kiosk in Fellowship Hall or, to sponsor, contact Jessica Lesko.





Get Ready! Get Set! Have Fun!! Back to School Party

Save August 27th for a picnic after church at Los Encinos State Park. We will have a BBQ, games and enjoy our community historic neighbor. Thanks to Christian Education for this fun, back to school time of celebration.

Anointing Prayer:

Healing was central to the ministry of Jesus. In the Catholic denomination, they call this action "the sacrament of the anointing of the sick." In the Presbyterian denomination we have two sacraments: baptism and communion. However spiritual practices such as anointing are helpful during church services, when members are staying at home, or in the hospital. Anointing is an activity to bring attention to many parts of our lives: physical illness that is causing us concern, tensions, fears and anxiety about the future or addictions are just some of the requests for prayers that are received. This action is an act of faith offering grace to the whole person: body, soul and spirit. If you are an elder or deacon and would like to be trained for this form of prayer please let Ruth Mandernach or the church office know. Think about your needs together with the anointer during communion and the Spirit may awake in a powerful way.

URBAN DISCIPLES CONTINUES!

Going out into the community is not reserved for summer alone. We will have monthly opportunities to follow our vision statement: "To meet Christ in friend and stranger."

August: Rev. Jung is coordinating the trip to the African American Museum on Aug. 12th. See his article in the Link.

September: Families, individuals will walk in the Interfaith Solidarity March. Please refer to the flyer for details. Bring your sack lunch to the church and we can car pool there after we eat.

October: Spiff Up day is October 28th. This year it is special as our Jewish congregation KCVC will join us to beautify our campus. 8:30 – noon. Light refreshments will be provided.

November: Following church on Sunday, November 12th we will make going plates to take into our members who live at home and are unable to make it to church. We can bring a game, cards and can have a little chat with them as we drop them off. Bring your sack lunch for that day as well. We will gather back at the church for snacks and drinks and be done around 3pm.

December: Urban Disciple Retreat: Messy Urban Disciples in action! (MUD). We will arrive before nightfall at a cabin in the wilds near Lake Piru. Dinner will be waiting for you. Then we can have time to gather around the campfire, plan MUD activities for the winter/spring and have fun together. Bring tents if you would like or a sleeping bag to sleep in the cabin. We will have activities the next day: planning times, hikes, early dinner around 2:30pm and then pack up and leave before nightfall. All are welcome. Please RSVP to the church office. Lake Piru is about one hour away from the SFV. More details to follow.



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Sunday Mornings

August 6 - Communion

Worship: Rev. Dae Jung, preaching
Liturgist: Available
Media: N/A
Ushers: Larry & Lynne Jackson
Coffee Hour: Available

August 13

Worship: Rev. Dae Jung, preaching
Liturgist: Cliff Olson
Media: N/A
Ushers: Alice De Guzman & Rosenda Rozendal
Coffee Hour: Available

August 20

Worship: Rev. Dae Jung, preaching
Liturgist: Lucy Walker
Media: N/A
Ushers: Jeremy & Jody Lawrence
Coffee Hour: Alice De Guzman, Rosenda
Rozendal & Lucy Walker

August 27

Worship: Rev. Dae Jung, preaching
Liturgist: Carol Sherwood
Media: N/A
Ushers: Betsy Lindsay & Sally Stricker
Coffee Hour: CE Committee - Lunch Los
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The LINK

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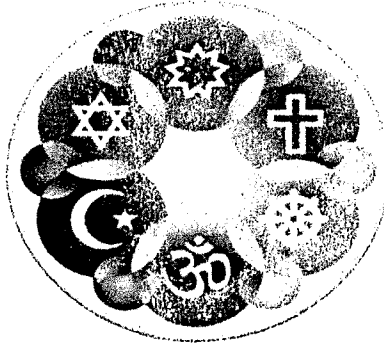
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DATED MATERIAL

Return Service Requested

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			10 Lect. Study, CR		10 EPCC, FH 5-7 Messy Church	8:30-10:30 Breakfast Teacher Training, FH
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion 8:30 Mission Comm. 9 Choir 10 Worship	11 Food Pantry 12 Angel Circle, FH 6 Recovery, CH	11 Staff, CR 7 P&F, CR	10 Lect. Study, CR	3:30-7 KCVC Tutoring, ER 6:30 W&M, FH	EPCC Summer Camp Ends	11 Ca. African American Museum
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9 Choir 10 Worship 11:30 Deacons Mtg	11 Food Pantry 6 Recovery, CH EPCC CPR Training EPCC CLOSED	7 Session Mtg, CR >>	10 Lect. Study, CR 6 Cub Scouts, FH 6:30 Potluck Movie, FH >>	3:30-7 KCVC Tutoring >>	7:30 KCVC Shabbat, CH >>	10-12 Messy Church
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9 CE MTG, CR 9 Choir 10 Worship 11 Adult Discussion	Preschool Begins 11 Food Pantry 6 Recovery, CH	Kindergarten Begins 11 Staff, CR	10 Lect. Study, CR	3:30-7 KCVC Tutoring		9-5 Session Strategic Mtg, FH
27	28	29	30			
9 Choir 10 Worship Back-To-School Party Los Encinos	11 Food Pantry 6 Recovery, CH 6:30 Cub Scouts, FH		10 Lect. Study, CR 6 Cub Scouts, FH	3:30-7 KCVC Tutoring		



THE FIRST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY INTERFAITH SOLIDARITY MARCH

SUNDAY September 10, 2017

2:00 p.m. -5.00 p.m.

FOR ALL PEOPLE OF FAITH AND CONSCIENCE

As a symbol of solidarity and unity with our marginalized communities, neighbors and colleagues, we invite you to march with us between several select houses of worship in between Encino, Tarzana and Reseda in the San Fernando Valley.

WHAT IS THE THEME?

That we reject all violence in the name of religion!

That we stand with our brothers and sisters in support of their right to worship freely here in the United States and to live peaceful lives among their neighbors. The image is for people of all faiths, people with no faith, to link arms together protecting each other, and their houses of worship and ensure the freedom of religion for all of our people. On this day we will celebrate and promote this solidarity.

WHERE WILL THIS TAKE PLACE?

The March begins at the Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church on the corner of Ventura and White Oak, followed by brief stops at Temple Judea and the Armenian Church on Lindley Avenue and arrives at the Islamic Center of Reseda, on Victory Blvd.

HOW LONG IS IT?

It is 2.00 miles from start to finish

WHO ARE OUR SPONSORS? * (as of 6/5/17)

Institute for Religious Tolerance, Peace and Justice, Muslim Women Speakers, Temple Judea, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, The Sikh Coalition, Temple Beth Hillel, Caring Across Generations: Faith-based Los Angeles Alliance.

To join as a sponsor, to volunteer and/or to donate water and refreshments:

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LOS ENCINOS STATE HISTORIC PARK

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UPCOMING EVENT

Visit www.LosEncinos.org for updates and details.




Saturday, August 5th @ 7:00 PM

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THE
TAMING
OF THE
SHREW

directed by Cylan Brown



Shakespeare by the Sea returns to Los Encinos SHP for another classic performance this summer. Bring a blanket and picnic, warm clothes, family and friends, and come enjoy the show!



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