

MARCH 2023

Membership Orientation

Are you wondering about joining the church? Come to this no-obligation session for information and to ask questions.

Sunday, March 12, 12:15 p.m.

A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to douginorris@gmail.com so we can prepare adequately.

What's Happening Here?

In-person events at First UMC Palo Alto this month: (masks required)

- Sundays, 10:45 a.m. Worship
- Sundays, 7 p.m. Great Decisions discussions
- Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Stretching Our
 Faith book study
- Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. Meditation and Music
- March 12 Worship prelude and postludium: "Animals for All"
- March 12, 12:15 p.m.
 Membership Orientation
- March 15, 7 p.m. Free choral concert
- March 25, 6:30 p.m. Anna Lapwood Organ Workshop
- March 28, 7 p.m. Anna Lapwood Organ Concert (tickets required)

Rev. Burke Owens Appointed to FUMC

by Pamela Cutkosky

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is excited to announce that the Rev. Burke Owens has been appointed Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto, effective July 1, 2023.

The appointment, made by Interim Bishop Sally Dyck of the California-Nevada Annual Conference, in consultation with the cabinet, was announced by District Superintendent Samuel Hong in a letter to SPRC and the congregation. DS Hong wrote:

Pastor Burke is a spiritually gifted leader who inspires members to deeply explore their faith journeys and encourages them to serve the larger community through outreach projects such as food pantries and affordable housing. As a second-career pastor who was in the food and wine business for many years, he is experienced in managing and leading large and small projects and processes

Under Pastor Burke's great leadership, I am confident that First UMC of Palo Alto will become stronger as we strive after our common goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Members of SPRC met with Pastor Burke and were impressed by his warmth, his sense of humor, the depth of his feeling for his call to ministry—and his enthusiasm for coming here. He has led St. Helena United Methodist Church in Napa County since 2017.

Pastor Burke said, "I am so looking forward to serving at Palo Alto First



UMC. When I first arrived to meet with the SPRC, the church and its property felt so good, so right. Certain places, people, even objects, have a spiritual presence, a blessing that powerfully expresses itself. Palo Alto First is one of these places and I feel grateful and inspired at the thought of serving with you all. ..."

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I Like It Here!

by Douglas Norris

The following is a quote from my February 12 sermon:

"I enthusiastically affirm that our church is a tree, a growing tree. Back in August in my first sermon, I said that there is an elephant in the room with an ugly name—division.

Today I see our church growing, planting deep roots in the Holy Spirit, people coming for prayer and blessing at the kneeling rail, people spiritually growing in two book studies, three Bible studies.

I see happy people greeting one another at Snack 'n Chat. Yesterday we had a glorious party at the parsonage with many visiting, eating, playing games, enjoying one another. I see people saying "Yes" when asked to serve and give.

Contributions to missions through the Joy of Giving broke all records and our operating fund ended 2022 with a \$17,000 balance.

I see new people. A recent visitor emailed, "Thank you for welcoming me with open arms—it was the best church service I've ever experienced."

We are not a divided Corinthian Church. We are a growing tree."

A survey, prepared by the Committee on Lay Leadership, has been sent to you. It includes opportunities for you to stretch, get outside of yourself, grow new branches, deepen your roots, produce fruit. In prayer, please examine and complete the survey, and submit it as soon as possible.

We are now in the season of Lent. Mark your calendar for April 7. We are hosting a combined Good Friday service with the other United Methodist churches of Palo Alto at 7 p.m., followed by a fellowship time with our neighbors.

If you are not a member of our church, I invite you to consider taking that significant step. Come to the Membership Orientation, Sunday, March 12, at 12:15 p.m., beginning with a light lunch. Coming to the orientation does not obligate you to become a member; it is informational. Please RSVP so adequate preparations can be made—douginorris@gmail.com.



Introducing New Concert Coordinator Kyle Sofman

by Pamela Cutkosky

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Kyle Sofman has been hired as our new Concert Coordinator. Kyle is taking over from Jerry Johnson, who after 11 wonderful years of promoting our church as a premier concert venue, wants to retire.

Kyle coordinated concerts for the Peninsula Women's Chorus for more than two decades as a volunteer member of the group. She is currently the Program Director for the Music in the Schools Foundation in Palo

Alto, which provides a music program to six schools in underserved communities. And, she taught music at the elementary school level for more than 20 years at the Community School of Music and Arts in Mountain View.

Kyle received her bachelor's degree in music education from Oberlin College Conservatory and her master's in music education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She also studied nonprofit management at San Francisco State.

We are delighted to have Kyle carry on the concert tradition at First UMC Palo Alto.



March Emerges as Music Month!

Editor's Note: As I began looking at the submissions for this month's newsletter, I noted that our church is sponsoring two special musical performances in March, and will be the site of a third bonus one.

Sunday, March 12. Fiume di Musica, our church's chamber music group, invites you to plan ahead and bring your children and friends March 12 to listen and enjoy musical visions of animals. Composers love to write music about animals—some for adults and some for children of all ages. Fiume will play special music with the theme "Animals for All."

Fiume will begin the 10:45 a.m. worship service playing a prelude with two arias from Georg Philipp Telemann's Canary Cantata, a composition written in 1788 about his "deep sympathy for the defenseless beautiful creature."









Fiume will end the service, following the Alleluia, with a 25-minute postludium with narrated music selections from Camille Saint-Saens' Carnival of the Animals, written in 1868. This well-known classical piece for children of all ages, introduces musical visions of the lion, kangaroo, elephant, swan, and many others. Hidden in the charming music are sophisticated allusions to famous melodies of thencontemporary classical works. -from Alan Cooper

Wednesday, March 15. The Purdue University Men's Glee Club will perform a free concert at 7:00 p.m. The concert program is made up of many genres. Jerry Johnson says, "This must be the type of singing group that one hears least often, and it has a sound you will love!"

Tuesday, March 28. Our church is sponsoring world-renowned organist Anna Lapwood performing at 7:00 p.m. on our spectacular



Anna Lapwood. Photo by Tom Arber

church organ. The music will include organ classics, contemporary compositions, and some of the best-loved film soundtracks of our times. Seats are reserved and the concert is being advertised widely. Don't miss out! Purchase tickets (\$25 adults, \$10 students) at

cityboxoffice.com/AnnaLapwoodOrganConcert. Read more, page 5.



Easter is April 9 and we are beginning preparations for our annual Easter breakfast.

The breakfast will be held this year on the patio from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., before worship.

YOU—your attendance and your contributions-make the Easter breakfast a success. Sign up to provide food and/or monitor the buffet tables during breakfast or Snack 'n Chat. Table monitors are especially needed!

Go to www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/ EasterBreakfast2023

- Claim one or two of the food items listed (e.g., egg main dishes, fruit, bakery items, drinks, and more.)
- ✓ And/or claim a 45-minute table monitoring shift if you are able.

Contact Pamela Cutkosky at pamelareasner@yahoo.com or 650-328-5208 with questions.

Plan to attend the Easter breakfast for a joyous time of in-person fellowship with your church family and our Easter visitors.

We'll have out our festive Connection Cafe tables and umbrellas, plus extra tables for the crowd. (In case of rain, we will move to Kohlstedt Hall.)

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Pastor Gerardo is gearing up for this year's Easter Egg Hunt on our church campus. The hunt begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8, and runs till about 11:30.

Can you volunteer to help? Pastor G could use six to eight volunteers. Email him at <u>cyfministries@firstpaloalto.com</u>.

Spread the word about this fun event to your kids, grandkids, neighbors' kids. All kids ages o—
11 are welcome!

Activities will include an egg scavenger hunt, a sticker hunt, and a hunt for special shaker eggs. There are prize bags for all and Easter crafts to do too!

Pastor Burke from page 1

Rev. Doug Norris is our Interim Senior Pastor through June 30, and he and his wife Ellie are currently residing in the Greer Road parsonage. Pastor Burke and his wife, Caroline, will move into the parsonage in July.

Our congregation has been asked not to contact Pastor Burke until he joins us in July. If you have questions or concerns, please direct them to SPRC Chair Pamela Cutkosky.

You can learn more about Pastor Burke at:

sthelenaunitedmethodistchurch. org/ and watch videos of services at St. Helena UMC at:

www.youtube.com/@sthelenauni tedmethodistchu3845/streams �

Would You Like To Be a Holy Tearer?

You likely have seen Heinz Erzberger after worship seated in the middle of the sanctuary removing the attendance sheets from the blue binders. Over the years Heinz has had some really good company,



including June Cademartori and Kasey Phillips. But Kasey has moved to Folsom, returning only occasionally, so Heinz is working alone now.

Would you like to help? It's an easy task that takes only a few minutes. Please contact Linda Grossman at planaap@aol.com or 650-814-8779.

Great Decisions Discussions Continue

It is never too late to join the Great Decisions discussion program. You are welcome to attend individual discussions or the entire program. Discussions are held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings.

You are welcome to attend in person in Kohlstedt Hall or online via Zoom. If you decide to attend in person, please note that masks are required for all indoor events at the church. To attend via Zoom, you will need to register once for the entire series. Find instructions for registering on the church website at firstpaloalto.com/great-decisions-2023. Reminders and the Zoom link will be pushed to all who have registered on the Thursday before each Sunday session.

The Great Decisions workbook is available from the Foreign Policy Association website at www.fpa.org/great_decisions/? act=gd materials, but it is not necessary to read the articles in order to benefit from the discussion.

Here is the schedule for March:

March 5: War Crimes. The discussion of war crimes will be led by Allen Weiner, a Senior Lecturer at the Stanford Law School and specialist on international law who served previously in the Office of the Legal Advisor at the Department of State.

March 12: Economic Warfare. Tom Fingar, a fellow at Stanford's Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center who held many senior positions in Washington including Assistant Secretary of State and Deputy Director of National Intelligence, will lead the discussion.

March 19: Politics in Latin America. Speaker TBD. The focus is on implications of recent elections in the region.

March 26: Global Famine. The discussion leader for this program will be Bertrand Patenaude. Dr. Patenaude is an archivist at the Hoover Institution who teaches a class on the history of famines.

You need not be a foreign policy expert to attend; just bring an open and eager mind. Newcomers and guests are welcome! If you have general questions, please contact Tom Fingar (tom@fingar.net).

#playlikeagirl

Anna Lapwood Organ Concert Has Roots in Our Church History

by Sandra Wilson

Before COVID disrupted all of our lives, the singers and musicians of our church drafted and strongly supported a proposal containing their vision and reasons for "Enhancing the FUMC Music Program." The proposal included a plan to inaugurate an organ concert series, building on the 20-year-long series of organ concerts sponsored by the church, which had presented a stellar array of world-class organists.

We continue to make our sanctuary available to orchestral and choral groups as a prime venue for their concerts. The new goal was for the church itself to offer a service to the community that would build on the strengths of our music heritage and resources, including our wonderful organ. We would provide enjoyment, music education, and inspiration to a diverse community, with a special emphasis on attracting youth and those outside our worship community.

In our proposal, we envisioned sponsoring an initial concert to assess community reception for an organ concert series. The initial concert also would serve as a pilot test of whether the vision of a concert series was financially viable in the longer term, and how it could be managed with minimum strain on our church staff and volunteers with no adverse impact on other church activities and users.

COVID intervened before this vision could be presented to the Church Council. It was put on hold but not forgotten! Last fall, when the Centennial Endowment Fund announced the application date for its 2023 grants, the perfect opportunity arose to conduct the pilot test. Fortunately, the Social Action Committee was eager to support the application we proposed, and the Centennial Endowment Funds (CEF) Committee enthusiastically responded by awarding grant support.

While the CEF Committee was deliberating the applications, Diane Keller, our wonderful organist, had been following the meteoric rise of an exciting young organist in the United Kingdom, Anna Lapwood, on TikTok. When Diane learned that Lapwood would be coming to California to present a concert in Costa Mesa, she approached the organist's management company about adding a concert at our church to Lapwood's itinerary. By the time the CEF committee was reviewing our application, we were able to announce that Lapwood had responded very enthusiastically!

A concert date of March 28 at 7:00 p.m. was set. We have purposely kept the cost of concert tickets modest (\$25 for adults and \$10 for students) in order to encourage attendance. The exciting program Lapwood will present ranges from organ classics to contemporary

compositions and her own transcriptions of some of the best-loved film soundtracks of our times.

Lapwood also agreed to conduct a workshop March 25 at 6:30 p.m. for organ students or anyone who might like to think about playing "a musical instrument that can shake the building!" There is no charge for the workshop and no eligibility requirements.

We are using SF City Box Office (CBO) for concert ticket sales, eliminating any church staff burden and allowing purchasers to reserve their seats. We also are using CBO's large mailing list to promote the concert. In addition, we have been actively reaching out to local members of the American Guild of Organists, youth choral groups, local media. and others so that they do not miss this remarkable young organist's performance here. Lapwood is devoted to encouraging young people to consider pursuing organ or any instrumental music career, especially young women who have faced obstacles in doing so.

If you know a group or individual who should not miss this concert or workshop, especially a young person, please tell them about it, or tell me or Diane Keller who to contact. Be sure to buy your own concert ticket at:

<u>cityboxoffice.com/AnnaLapwood</u> <u>OrganConcert</u>.

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Joy of Giving Follow-Up

by Michele W. Conway

Thank You for Your Support of UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) provides disaster response and recovery in more than 80 countries, including the U.S. In 2022, UMCOR U.S. Disaster Relief responded to hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and wildfires and continued to help with longterm

recovery from previous disasters,

such as the devastating California

wildfires of recent memory.

When Hurricane Ian struck in September 2022, an UMCOR disaster response team leader from an Atlanta UMC got a call from his conference coordinator asking him to assemble a team and go to Fort Meyers, Florida, as soon as possible. Within 15 hours, he had 11 volunteers. In Fort Meyers, one homeowner said, "It's a blessing. They've done an awesome job [helping us]."

At the Florida United Methodist Disaster Call Center, UMCOR volunteers staffed a phone bank. The volunteers are trained to determine the caller's needs and gather information to arrange assistance. In addition, the volunteers offer "you are not alone" reassurance.

Working within the UMC annual conferences and with other aid organizations, UMCOR provides this kind of immediate relief as well as disaster preparedness training and longterm recovery assistance.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

by Nancy Olson

Some members of our UWF group are studying the list of UWF Reading Program books for 2023. We will meet Thursday, March 9, in the Patio Room at noon to make a selection of five books (one for each category in the list) to purchase for our church library. Bring your bag lunch and join us. Dessert will be furnished. I still have a few copies of the list of possible books if you would like to participate in reviewing the options.

Our UWF group sent lovely hand-made valentines to homebound and some singles. Creative and generous Ruthie and her card-making elves Brenda and Debbie are busy on Easter cards. I will be asking again for help addressing the cards before Easter. I really appreciate the help because the cards not covered by your help are my responsibility!

Please be thinking of ways we can be of service to church committees and church members. For example, are there ways we can support Hospitality and Nurture in increasing visitation to our homebound?

While February is recognized as Black History month, our women's group has long had a charter against racial prejudice. Our actions are ongoing and necessary well beyond one month. An interesting and educational activity is to look online for Black-founded or Black-owned businesses in our area and visit them the next time you shop.

Our El Camino Real District UWF is happy to announce the Spiritual Retreat for 2023 will be in-person at Mission Springs, in Scotts Valley, April 14-16. Registration deadline is March 15. For more information, contact Nancy Olson. See also <u>elcaminorealumw.org/retreat-2023/</u>.

California-Nevada Conference Interim Bishop Sally Dyck has issued a lengthy statement about the tragedy of gun violence in our state. She added, "As the President of the General Board of Church and Society, here are a couple [of] resources for study and action, including a Bible study:

www.umcjustice.org/documents/51 and

www.umcjustice.org/what-you-can-do/advocacy/resource-kingdom-dreams-violent-realities-bible-study."

I am including this here because these terrible acts of gun violence directly affect women, children, and families. I intend to print the 50 page Bible study. It is a three session study based on Micah 4:1-4, and is something perhaps we can pursue together.

Remember to send your pledge to mission for 2023 to our Treasurer Lucy Tompkin. (You can hand it to her at church on Sunday mornings.) Make checks payable to UWF and be sure to put 'pledge' on the memo line. You may submit monthly, quarterly, or annually.



by Nancy Olson

Some good news, some bad news:

England has announced it is banning single-use plastic food packaging. It is a big step—one that will dramatically reduce the country's estimated 1.1 billion single-use plates and 4.3 billion single-use utensils used and discarded every year!

Right now, the United States is the world's largest contributor of plastic waste. We generate 42 million metric tons of plastic waste every year—more than any other country in the world.

If people in England can manage without single-use plastics, so can we.

Fourteen states have already passed a ban on at least one type of single-use plastic. We are fortunate to live in one of those states. And even more fortunate our church is located in a city that has already banned single-use plastic products being used as food takeout containers from cafes/restaurants, grocery, and produce stores. Containers must be recyclable or compostable.

At the national level, a Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act is being promoted in the U.S. Federal legislation is proposed that would ban many types of single-use plastics, require corporations to take financial responsibility for the waste their products become, and more. Honestly, this will be a difficult battle to win.

It sounds like common sense. Something should only be labeled as recyclable if you can actually recycle it. But plastics and fossil fuel companies have launched a new "widely recyclable" label, and they are using it on plastic that is recycled less than 3% of the time.

A group of companies, including ExxonMobil and Nestle, announced last summer that they would consider products made from polypropylene to be eligible for their "widely recyclable" label. But only 2.7% of polypropylene plastic is ever actually recycled, and most Americans don't live in a place where recycling that kind of plastic is an option.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has opened a public comment period as it weighs how to update the rules around recyclability advertising. This is an opportunity for us to write a letter or make a phone call to the FTC.

This year, the average American household will spend \$1,500 purchasing electronics. These are big investments, and we rely on our cell phones, laptops and appliances to work, to stay in touch with family and friends, and to learn at school.

We are holding onto our phones for longer than ever, making repairability an important concern, but a high price doesn't necessarily mean a fixable device. All too often, despite the high price tag, these electronics are virtually impossible to repair if they break.

The USPIRG (U.S. Public Interest Research Group) has produced a new report, Failing The Fix, which digs into which companies are making their products repairable, so we can make informed purchases. I have printed a copy of this report if you would like to borrow it. Or you can access the report online: pirg.org/edfund/resources/failin g-the-fix/.

The prevalence of unfixable stuff is a mounting problem for both consumers and the planet. The Environmental Protection Agency reports that electronic waste is now the fastest growing

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part of our domestic municipal waste stream.

However:

"We're excited to see manufacturers moving toward more-repairable designs after many years trending in the wrong direction. Manufacturers have even started asking us for repairability advice—and better yet, acting on it. We see this scorecard as evidence both that the repairability bar has been raised and that manufacturers can't rest on their laurels."

—Dr. Elizabeth Chamberlain, Director of Sustainability for iFixit ❖



March	Birthdays 🛑	3/22		Bunnenberg		
3/4	David Perry	3/22	Cod	y Wiebe		
3/8	Wesley Rose	3/23	Joe I	Buxton		
3/8	Ane Dauster	3/24	Ama	anda Fifita		
3/8	Zuriel Bailon	3/26	Chri	s Friesen		
		3/27	Pam	n McKee		
3/9	Steve Wood	3/28	Ken	Clifford		
3/9	Christina Fifita-	3/28	Pete	Webb		
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3/9	Miles Keep	3/29		een Crangle		
3/10	George Carpenter	3/30		leen Branyon		
3/10	Julie Lopez	3/30		gory Owen		
3/12	Diane Allen	3/30		n Duncan		
3/13	Nelson Stafford	000000000000000000000000000000000000000				
3/13	John Fifita	3/31	Snai	nnon Perry		
3/14	Katie Webb					
3/14	Stacy Paz	larch Anniversaries				
3/15	Nancy Olson	3/19/1	954	Jim Gibbons,		
3/17	Pat Shelly		JJ-1	Lynn Gibbons		
3/18	Emma Newton			70		
3/18	Peni Savou	3/4/19	85	Daniel Fifita,		
3/19	Simone Bikai			Asotolu Fifita		
3/21	Matthew Branner	3/31/2	2001	Jeff King, Emily		
3/21	Kai Larson			King		
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The Finance Committee thanks you for your generous and gracious support and requests that you continue to keep your pledges current. Please direct inquiries to Lou Bellardo: lou@bellardo.com

January 2023 Income and Expense Summary (DRAFT)	January 2023 Actual	Actual YTD 2023	Budget YTD 2023	Budget Annual 2023
Income				
Total Member Giving	69,222	69,222	48,095	386,556
Total Income All Other Sources	19,313	19,313	12,467	220,500
	88,535	88,535	60,562	607,056
Expense				
Conference Tithe	9,155	9,155	13,913	52,000
Council on Ministries	1,351	1,351	3,139	41,650
Staff Parish Relations	29,368	29,368	37,047	418,563
Office and Finance	984	984	1,579	20,100
Board of Trustees	20,060	20,060	26,139	200,700
Total Expenses	60,918	60,918	81,817	733,013
Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expense	27,617	27,617	-21,255	-125,957



- Second Sunday in Lent. Sermon: Mystery and Wonder of Birth
 Couples group, noon
 Great Decisions: War Crimes, 7 p.m. (Hybrid)
- 7 SPRC, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)
- 9 United Women in Faith, BYO lunch meeting, noon
- Third Sunday in Lent. Sermon:
 Mystery and Wonder of Water
 "Animals for All," prelude and postludium
 presented by Fiume di Musica, 10:45 a.m.
 Membership Orientation, 12:15 p.m. (RSVP)
 Great Decisions: Economic Warfare, 7 p.m.
 (Hybrid)
- 14 Trustees, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- 15 Concert by The Purdue University Men's Glee Club, 7 p.m. (Free)
- Fourth Sunday in Lent. Sermon: Mystery and Wonder of What God SeesGreat Decisions: Politics in Latin America, 7:00 p.m. (Hybrid)
- 20 Insights deadline for April issue
- 21 Finance, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- 25 Anna Lapwood Organ Workshop, 6:30 p.m. (Free)
- 26 Fifth Sunday in Lent. Sermon: Mystery and Wonder of DeathGreat Decisions: Global Famine, 7:00 p.m.
 - Freat Decisions: Global Famine, 7:00 p.m. (Hybrid)
- 28 Anna Lapwood Organ Concert, 7:00 p.m. (Reserved seating. Purchase tickets in advance.)

Our electronic giving page is always open! Give with a few clicks at <u>firstpaloalto.com/giving</u> or text

Give to 1-650-376-6784 for a link with instructions. Your generosity makes our mission possible. Thank you!



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- → Masks are required for in-person activities. Some activities meet online via Zoom, as noted. Hybrid activities can be attended in person or via Zoom.
- → Church office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Doors are kept locked. Please phone the office or ring the electronic door bell to be admitted. **Masks are required.**

Sundays

10:00 a.m. Sunday School, ages 3–11 10:45 a.m. Worship, in person and live-

streamed. Check <u>firstpaloalto.com</u> or Friday e-news for the link.

11:45 a.m. Snack 'n Chat (after worship)

5:30 p.m. Covenant Class (Zoom)

Mondays

7:00 p.m. Social Justice movie discussions

(Zoom) See e-news for details.

7:00 p.m. Fiume di Musica Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesdays

Noon Current Affairs Fellowship (Zoom)

1:00 p.m. Stretching Our Faith

2:00 p.m. Bible Study, Channing House

Wednesdays

Noon Sermon Scripture Study (Zoom)5:00 p.m. Upstream Contemporary Worship

Thursdays

12:30 p.m. Meditation and Music7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Information for the next issue of the Insights newsletter is due March 20.

Photos of church events are accepted at any time. Include photographer's name, date of the photo, and a brief description of the event. Everything is subject to editing. Please send your submissions via email to Insights Editor Michele W. Conway: insightsfirstpa@gmail.com or bring them to the church office. Thank you!

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