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

“Emmanuel: Christ With Us”

Caryll Houselander, a 20th century English mystic, captures something in her autobiography, *A Rocking-Horse Catholic*, that I want to share with you. I considered writing an article that analyzed her words and the experience she had, but then I thought better of it. Instead, I have elected to share with you this excerpt: a story that has burned into my mind every time I think of Emmanuel, the God who is with us; Jesus the Christ. I encourage you this advent season and into Christmas to take this story, these words, this experience and to explore just what it means for us to follow after Emmanuel.

“I was in an underground train, a crowded train in which all sorts of people jostled together, sitting and strap-hanging – workers of every description going home at the end of the day. Quite suddenly I saw with my mind, but as vividly as a wonderful picture, Christ in them all. But I saw more than that; not only was Christ in every one of them, living in them, dying in them, rejoicing in them, sorrowing in them – but because He was in them, and because they were here, the whole world was here too, here in this underground train; not only the world as it was at that moment, not only all the people in all the countries of the world, but all those people who had lived in the past, and all those yet to come.

I came out into the street and walked for a long time in the crowds. It was the same here, on every side, in every passer-by, everywhere – Christ.

I had long been haunted by the Russian conception of the humiliated Christ, the lame Christ limping through Russia, begging His bread; the Christ who, all through the ages, might return to the earth and come even to sinners to win their compassion by His need. Now, in the flash of a second, I knew that this dream is a fact; not a dream, not the fantasy or legend of a devout people, not the prerogative of the Russians, but Christ in man....

I saw too the reverence that everyone must have for a sinner; instead of condoning his sin, which is in reality his utmost sorrow, one must comfort Christ who is suffering in him. And this reverence must be paid even to those sinners whose souls seem to be dead, because it is Christ, who is the life of the soul, who is dead in them; they are His tombs, and Christ in the tomb is potentially the risen Christ....

Christ is everywhere; in Him every kind of life has a meaning and has an influence on every other kind of life. It is not the foolish sinner like myself, running about the world with reprobates and feeling magnanimous, who comes closest to them and brings them healing; it is the contemplative in her cell who has never set eyes on them, but in whom Christ fasts and prays for them – or it may be a charwoman in whom Christ makes Himself a servant again, or a king whose crown of gold hides a crown of thorns. Realization of our oneness in Christ is the only cure for human loneliness. For me, too, it is the only ultimate meaning of life, the only thing that gives meaning and purpose to every life.”

After a few days the “vision” faded. People looked the same again, there was no longer the same shock of insight for me each time I was face to face with another human being. Christ was hidden again; indeed, through the years to come I would have to seek for Him, and usually I would find Him in others – and still more in myself – only through a deliberate and blind act of faith.” (Rohr, Richard. *The Universal Christ* (pp.2-3)).

With Glad Tidings of Great Joy,
Adam



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.

PCN 'SHARING TREE' AND NORTH MARIN COMMUNITY SERVICES' HOLIDAY SHARE is up and running. If worshipping in person, please stop in the narthex before or after worship to take an ornament off the tree and give a local child a merry Christmas. To participate online please go to www.northmarincs.org and click 'Holiday Share' on the home page. All gifts must be new, unwrapped, and brought to church or the NMCS location at 680 Wilson Avenue by December 12th.

GROCERIES FOR CENTER 4 DOMESTIC PEACE *In lieu of Food Bank holiday food barrels*, please donate unexpired non-perishables (no glass jars) to C4DP. Bring your donations to the office before Wednesday, December 8th, and they will be delivered to C4DP for meals during this season. For any questions, contact Barbara at 415-999-9720, or Carolyn at 415-328-1578.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIRE (A Christmas Christ would recognize). This year we are serving Homeward Bound, Lynwood's Maker's Space, Heifer International, Marin Shakespeare Company, Alchemia, and The Street Chaplaincy with two ways to participate:

- Find the order form for all charities here in the *PresPress* and mail in a check to our Finance Secretary. Be sure to put "Alternative Christmas Faire" in the memo, and make check to PCN.
- Visit the in-person event after service on Sunday, December 12, 2021.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING PCN is a 4 for 4 congregation, meaning we give to all of the PC(USA) special offerings. The final one this year is "Christmas Joy," which serves two crucial denominational efforts. Fifty percent supplements retirements and health care for PC(USA) ordained and non-ordained staff. The remainder of the offering supports denominationally linked boarding schools that serve minority populations, such as African-American, Latinx, and indigenous American. These boarding schools were founded by the Presbyterian denomination, some of them two centuries ago, and are still endowed by PC(USA), giving a chance for a brighter future to thousands of young people.

Please join these efforts with your Christmas Joy offering, in person on Sunday, December 19th, or through the mail to the church finance secretary.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING – PEACE AT ALL TIMES IN ALL WAYS

PCN FAMILY! THANK YOU SO MUCH! Your generous donations tallying \$1,350.00 allows us to send \$540.00, that's 40%, to The Street Chaplaincy for its work in the spiritual health of the homeless population, helping them to reconnect with society and become housed again. Nick Morris, who spoke on World Communion Sunday will be very grateful for our new partnership.

FAITH IN PRACTICE REPORT FROM VICKI MARTINEZ Our team has returned safely from its medical mission to the Peten region of Guatemala. A team of 13 Americans worked side-by-side with our Guatemalan team and volunteers to deliver care to many underserved patients. We could not have done it without the generosity and love from our donors and friends. Here is what we did!

Week statistics:

- Total patients seen: 800
- Referrals with surgeries to follow: 130
- Custom wheelchairs: 100+
- Cervical cancer screenings: 35
- Cryo treatment of cervical precancer: 1
- Reading glasses fitted: 130
- All were treated for parasites

Typically we see 2500 people per week. The government of Guatemala severely limited our capacity by imposing extremely strict Covid protocols. We hope to expand our numbers next year.

Faith in Practice is an amazing organization whose mission is to bring life-changing treatments and surgeries to the poor in Guatemala. In my 18 years, it has evolved into an efficient operation that taps into the skills and volunteerism of US and Guatemala alike to deliver care to more than 30,000 people per year.

Thank you, Presbyterian Mission Committee, for all of your support year after year! Our next trip will be April 2022.

If you would like more details, contact me at vicki@vickisuemartinez.com for a link to my blogs which include photos.

We cannot thank enough the work of Mike Robinson, Pat Innes, Carol Robinson's friend Ann Bento, Barbara Gildea's cousin Mary and friends, and Becky Erba for the time, skills, and compassion they practice to make a world of difference, both practically and spiritually, for hundreds of people whom they will never know. They have all defined the very meaning of mission in the world. Please read of their efforts below.

SAN QUENTIN "ALL DRESSED UP" Since beginning his mission to men reentering the world from incarceration, Mike Robinson has single-handedly packed 940 boxes of clothing and mailed them to San Quentin for "dress outs" to men being released and/or paroled, who would otherwise be given nothing but 'scrubs' when they leave. He mailed 20 boxes in November and has sent 12 so far in December. As COVID protocols and calls for social justice change policy, Mike expects an increased need in December and beyond. Please help whenever possible with this vital ongoing mission.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING FOR CENTER FOR DOMESTIC PEACE (C4DP) One of Vicky Martinez's small Guatemalan dolls on my writing table and the same doll on my cousin Mary's refrigerator, led to these beautiful dresses and jammie shorts landing at C4DP this November. A group of women get together to make these clothes that have been sent all over the world for many years, and this year were meant for Guatemala. The effort is one of the ministries of Christ the King Catholic Church in Pleasant Hill. Due to the unrest in Guatemala, they were waiting for their final home. Forty dresses and 14 jammie shorts went to the youngsters at C4DP and the remainder of the 137 dresses and 21 shorts are here at my home in the largest suitcase ever seen, waiting for their final destination. Thank you to the ministry, Dress A Child Around the World, and for the wonderful support of everyone at PCN for C4DP.

~Barbara Gildea



COVID 19 MASKS ON THEIR WAY TO JUAREZ Copious thanks go out to Becky Erba for her many hours and beautiful handiwork. Dozens of homemade masks for children and adults are on their way to Jeff Pinar's mission work in Juarez.



CAPS AND SLIPPERS RECEIVED IN JUAREZ More than 100 hand-knitted beanies and slippers have been sent to Jeff Pinar to give to families and children in orphanages in Juarez, Mexico. The remainder were given to North Marin Community Services to add into backpacks being made up for Novato's homeless population.



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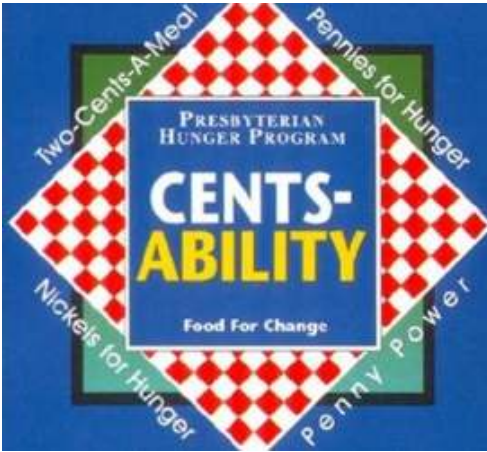
Following is a posting to Facebook by Bob Rice, one of our PC(USA) missionaries. Bob and his wife, Kristi, are serving in South Sudan.

On Friday I had come to see the Academic Dean at Nile Theological College where I teach, but instead I found three pastors and an evangelist gathered in this office, visiting from Abyei and Aweil, two areas bordering Sudan to the north, one area contested with Sudan. As we ate together, along with two of my students, I listened to them recount stories of losing everything and starting over again, multiple times. I was at a loss for words, especially as I saw their joy and listened to stories of faith and faithfulness amid incredible loss, trial, and pain. I spent last Sunday afternoon with a sprightly elderly woman and members of her family who lost everything during the war and who experienced trauma. As I listened to this woman share her passion for reconciling broken communities because of her Christian faith, and how the example of missionary women inspired her to live a life of service and leadership, my friend David and I sat in awe and gratitude for the faithfulness of our dear mother in the faith and for those who have gone before her. So often I have felt unworthy to live and serve here in South Sudan, being surrounded by persons such as these, and by the living witness of those who came decades before. In living and serving in this land, I continually receive blessings and inspiration beyond measure. "Neshkur Rabuna!" We give thanks to the Lord."

Two Cents a Meal* Asks for Your Support

The Presbytery of the Redwoods Hunger Task Force has been hard at work this year, reviewing grant requests and funding 21 timely, creative, and necessary projects. Through your contributions and by

God's grace, we have awarded **\$29,425.00** to date to support hunger alleviation projects in our communities. This represents an increase of more than \$10,000 compared to the amount we granted in 2020 (\$18,675.00) Some of our 2021 grantees are:



Community Presbyterian Church, Vallejo which received \$2,500 on behalf of Rebuilding Together Solano County to provide fruits, vegetables, protein and non-perishables to low-income families, veterans, seniors, and disabled individuals in Solano County.

Church of the Roses, Santa Rosa which received \$2,000 to provide a daily free, hot, nutritious breakfast to Montgomery High

School students in Santa Rosa with intentions of boosting academic performance and curbing low school attendance while providing students a safe place to gather before school.

Presbyterian Church of Novato, Novato which received \$1,000 to provide gift cards for groceries for individuals participating in The Showers at Novato, a mobile shower program for those in Marin County.

Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer, Fortuna which received \$4,250 on behalf of 2 community-based partners (River Life Foundation and St. Joseph's Food Pantry) to provide holiday meals and canned goods to the Humboldt County/Redwood Empire community along the North Coast.

The Hunger Task Force expects to receive additional applications for hunger relief projects in our Presbytery before December 31, 2021, but our current account balance is **\$1,065.83**. We will not be able to fully support requests for these life-changing projects or begin 2022 ready to support requests received in January without your continued financial support.

Please continue to contribute to Two Cents a Meal* as you feel and are able.

Thank you for your continued service to God, to the Church and to the World! May God continue to bless you and yours abundantly as you continue to be Jesus' hands and feet in the world!

Peace and blessings,
Presbytery of the Redwoods Hunger Task Force



2021 Alternative Christmas Faire



This year we are having both a “Virtual Alternative Christmas Faire” and an “in-person” Alternative Christmas Faire. This will allow members of the congregation to choose how they wish to participate. There are many organizations that are in need of help, and we know that the congregation has stepped up to help out for many years to support the organizations sponsored by PCN.

The Mission Committee is organizing a “Virtual Alternative Christmas Faire” event that will be presented from November 22nd through December 12th. The “in-person” event is scheduled for December 12th following the church service(s). The following organizations are included in the Alternative Christmas Faire.

Homeward Bound - provides housing, training and hope to end homelessness. For more information visit their website at www.hbofm.org. You can support Homeward Bound by ordering Halo Holiday Gifts.

Alchemia - Alchemia nurtures the creative expression of individuals with disabilities as a vehicle for personal growth and accomplishment. The vision of Alchemia is for a future in which all people with disabilities are valued and contributing members of society.

Marin Shakespeare Company – On stage, in schools, in prisons, and online, Marin Shakespeare Company brings people together to learn from the past and imagine the future, and spark cultural engagement, learning, and social change through the arts. Marin Shakespeare has a program that helps people previously incarcerated. In addition, they have a program that has been used for elementary children at Lynwood Elementary.

The Street Chaplaincy - The Street Chaplaincy visits homeless persons where they are most often found, on the streets, at the shelters, motels, encampments, hospitals, nursing facilities, and county jail. They accompany the homeless and support them by helping the unsheltered find financial assistance, housing, and medical care by connecting them with city/county programs, healthcare providers and local service organizations.

Lynwood ‘Maker Space’ - The vision for the program is to focus on STREAM activities (Science, Technology, Relationships, Engineering, Art, and Math) that allow time and space for students to create, tinker, learn how to do something new, problem solve, and take risks. Maker Space provides a safe and supportive space that inspires children to be challenged, creative, innovative and collaborative, all skills needed for a 21st century world.

Heifer Project - provides a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets.

Those who wish to participate in this giving opportunity can participate in the ‘virtual’ event using the attached donation form on the following page and/or the Homeward Bound purchasing forms shown on the pages following the donation form or attend the ‘in-person’ event on December 12th or participate in both the ‘virtual’ and ‘in-person’ event.



2021 Alternative Christmas Faire Donation Form



Your Name: _____

Print this Donation Form.

Enter the amount you wish to donate for each organization listed below.

Enter the total of the donations at the bottom of the list.

Organization	Donation Amount
Homeward Bound	_____
Heifer Project	_____
Marin Shakespeare Company	_____
The Street Chaplaincy	_____
Lynwood 'Makers Space'	_____
Alchemia	_____
Total Donations	_____

Write a check for the total amount payable to the Presbyterian Church of Novato. Write "Alternative Christmas" in the memo line on the bottom left corner of the check. Keep a copy of the Donations pages for your taxable deductions if you choose to. Send the check and the Donation pages to the following address.

Presbyterian Church of Novato
P.O. Box 631

HOMeward BOUND



2021 Halo Holiday Gifts



HANDMADE CHOCOLATE HALO TRUFFLES	BOX OF 4/\$10	Quantity
Box of 4 Chocolate		<input type="checkbox"/>
Box of 4 Blackberry Cabernet		<input type="checkbox"/>

CHOCOLATE BARK	6OZ. BAG/\$7	
Dark Chocolate with Dried Cranberry, Almond and Pumpkin		<input type="checkbox"/>

HALO PRODUCTS	\$10 EACH	
Pepper Jelly - 9oz		<input type="checkbox"/>
Apple Butter - 9oz		<input type="checkbox"/>
Peach Butter - 9oz		<input type="checkbox"/>
Garlic Dill Pickles - 16oz		<input type="checkbox"/>
Bread & Butter Pickles - 16oz		<input type="checkbox"/>
Raspberry Jam - 9oz		<input type="checkbox"/>
Strawberry Jam - 9oz		<input type="checkbox"/>
Blueberry Jam - 9oz		<input type="checkbox"/>
Peach Butter - 9oz		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sweet Smokin' BBQ Sauce - 12oz		<input type="checkbox"/>
Oaxacan Mole Sauce - 9oz		<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER HALO PRODUCTS		
Hot 'n' Holy Pepper Sauce 5oz	\$7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Halo Honey from our Novato Hives - 9oz	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/>

WAGSTER DOG TREATS	\$10/BAG	
Apple & Peanut Butter	OR ALL 3 FLAVORS FOR \$25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banana & Toasted Coconut		<input type="checkbox"/>
Peanut Butter & Molasses		<input type="checkbox"/>
3 pack - One bag of each flavor!		<input type="checkbox"/>



Take a Bite Out of Homelessness!

HOMeward BOUND

HOLIDAY GIFT BOXES

Wagster - \$50

1 Bag Each:

Apple & Peanut Butter, Banana & Toasted Coconut
and Peanut Butter & Molasses

+ 6 Pack Custom Doggie Notecards

Quantity

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Sweet Box - \$50

Featuring our Halo HomeMades products from our kitchen
Strawberry Jam, Apple Butter, Bread & Butter Pickles
Dark Chocolate Bark with Cranberries, Almonds
and Pumpkin Seeds
Chocolate Pistachio Biscotti

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Savory Box - \$45

Featuring our Halo HomeMades products from our kitchen
Pepper Jelly, Garlic Dill Pickles, BBQ Sauce
and Artisan Cheddar Cheese-scotti

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Biscotti & Cheese-scotti Tin - \$25

8 Chocolate and Pistachio Biscotti
8 Artisan Cheese-scotti

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Name _____	Sub Total \$ _____
Phone _____	Donation \$ _____
Email _____	Total \$ _____

All Proceeds support Homeward Bound of Marin. Find out more online at hbofm.org.
1385 N. Hamilton Pkwy. Novato, CA. 94949 | 415-382-3363, ext. 214

Life Groups are Coming to PCN!

In November Session gave the Membership and Outreach Committee permission to start Life Groups at PCN. This is an exciting first step in moving forward with the Discernment Team's Vision which Session approved in June.



First steps: Identifying Life Group leaders, training leaders in effective group discussions, and general sign-ups. With support from PCN Elders and you, Life Groups should be on our calendars in January 2022!

Please stay tuned to find out more about Life Group ministry! If you have questions and/or would like to become involved in building this ministry, contact Beverly Winsor at winsor6@gmail.com.

Hospitality Team



Things are about to get friendlier at PCN! You may wonder, "How is that possible?" Pre-pandemic, Membership & Outreach discussed how we might improve on the great job that our Red Ribbon hosts were doing. A 'job description' was created and a training date scheduled and...fizzle – yet another great idea stalled due to COVID-19. We've dusted off our notes, recontacted those who were interested, plus a few others, and are just about ready to roll out the new Hospitality Team. Interested in serving in this ministry? Please contact Beverly Winsor at winsor6@gmail.com.

PCN at Novato Christmas Tree Lighting!



PCN is a sponsor at this year's Christmas tree lighting ceremony in downtown Novato on Saturday, December 4th. For more than 60 years Novato families have enjoyed the wonderful holiday tree lighting tradition. Sherman Avenue comes alive with activity and craft booths. The holiday spirit floats through the air with musical and dancing performances on the stage from 4-8:00 p.m. The magic hits a high note as Santa and his elves ride into town on Novato Fire Department's ladder truck! At 5:30 p.m. the countdown begins and with the flip of a switch, the massive pine tree at the corner of Sherman and De Long Avenues comes to life with more than 40,000 twinkling lights, and the outline of City Hall sparkles with beautiful white lights. Bring the kids, grab a friend, and visit PCN's craft booth. See you there!



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I would like to start by introducing Suzanne Schmidt, our interim finance secretary. She works on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She has just agreed to be with us for another three months through March of next year. Suzanne provides us with a fresh look at our processes, which we are looking to update streamline as we collaborate with the Personnel Committee. She has been a wonderful addition and support to our committee and our entire church.

You might be thinking, what exactly is she working on? Suzanne is very computer savvy and with the help of Steve Revere (who researched and set up the new computer) and Mike Winsor, we have just completed a big transition to QuickBooks online. This makes transaction information more accessible to members of the Finance and Administration and Personnel Committees. This option also allows Suzanne the option to work remotely in case she would not be able to come to the office. We are continuing to streamline our processes to receive as many of our invoices by email as possible and pay our bills electronically, all while saving lots of time and effort.

Our goals for next month are to continue to streamline our efforts and work on reducing the number of hours required for the position. She believes this job would require less hours once this transition is complete. We have also eliminated the need for volunteers to help us count on Sunday. We are also going to do things just a bit differently at the end of the year, since December 31 falls on a Saturday. Here are some important dates to remember.

December 29 (12 noon) – This will be the last opportunity to drop off a pledge to the office. Please take into consideration any time needed for mailing, so mail before Christmas to insure we receive it. If you are in the habit of making pledges on the last day of the year, you can still do that by giving online.

January 10, End of Year Giving Statement Requests – Many of you have expressed the desire for less paper. You will be available to see your total recorded gifts for 2021 online. You can also print the statement as needed, so you have this record when you file your taxes. We will not be routinely mailing these statements out as we used to. If you still need us to print an end of year giving statement, please email Suzanne at finance1@pcnovator.org. She will print and mail out statements by January 15.

The Finance and Administration Committee carefully stewards the money you give. We believe it is paramount to support all the ministries of our church by looking for ways to run efficiently and spend money wisely. We will continue to keep you informed about new processes, and if you have any questions, please talk to anyone on the Finance and Administration Committee. Beth Flynn, Brad Praun, Walt Campbell, and I are happy to serve. If you have a particular call to serve on the Finance Committee, we are looking for two new committee members. We meet on the second Monday of the month starting at 5 p.m.

Thank you for your continued generosity and partnering with us in being the church.

Tonya Church, Committee Chair
Finance and Administration



Session Highlights November 2021

At the November 17, 2021 Session meeting:

- Session welcomed Class of 2024 Elder-elect candidates Robert Coleman (Contemporary Worship), Ellen Breazeale (Mission), Bekah Harmon (Community Life), and Carol Dacquisto (Christian Education).
- Session approved extending the contract for Suzanne Schmidt, temporary bookkeeper, through March 31, 2021.
- Session approved the membership transfer requests for Patty Hurst and Diane Griffeath.
- Received updates on the search for Director of Youth Ministry and Director of Contemporary Worship positions, stewardship campaign and budget planning for 2022, Town Hall survey results and Discernment Report action steps.

Kathy Takemoto, Clerk of Session



Congratulations to our newest church leaders, and thank you for stepping up to serve!

Deacons:

Class of 2022 - EB Hanlein

Class of 2023 - Becky Praun

Class of 2024 - Sandi Class, Larry Dacquisto, Carol Robinson, and Kristen Rush

Elders:

Class of 2023 - Brad Praun, Finance & Admin; Amy Rice, Traditional Worship

Class of 2024 - Ellen Breazeale, Mission; Robert Coleman, Contemporary Worship; Carol Dacquisto, Christian Education; Bekah Harmon, Community Life; and John Reuscher, Finance Elder

There are still two open positions - Class of 2024 Deacon and Class of 2022 Community Life. Please contact Beverly Winsor at winsor6@gmail.com if you are interested in serving PCN.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study Group's last meeting for the 2021 year will be on Thursday, December 2, 2021.

We will resume on Thursday, January 6, 2022. We will be meeting in the Christensen room, but we will be continuing to use Zoom as well. We meet from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. If you need a guidebook (***Life Change: 1 & 2 Samuel***), the cost is \$7.00. Contact Carol to arrange getting your copy.

Women's Bible Class Link:

The link to class is the same every week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81726330698?pwd=a1hvY1JUOFV1OFRXUitr05FaTBZUT09>

We will be studying chapter 9 about the ***"The Kindness of the King."*** The Kingdom of God is unlike any human society. It is a kingdom of perfect justice and righteousness. While David's kingdom was not perfect (far from it, as we shall see), in his reign something of the characters of the kingdom of God was on display. King David "did justice and righteousness for all his people."

However, what we are about to see in 2 Samuel is astonishing. It is not what most of us would expect in a kingdom of "justice and righteousness."

Come and join us and find out what is astonishing in 2 Samuel.

Grace and Peace,
Melodie Baird, Carol Dacquisto, and Margaret Costello



In the next quarter of the Sunday Morning Adult Study Group, we will be studying **“Justice, Law, History”** from books of the Old Testament: Pentateuch, 2 Samuel, Ezra, Job, Isaiah, and Nahum.

Quarterly Preview:

Justice originates in the nature of God and is given to God’s people as a gift under the Law. Unit 1 explores how David demonstrates justice by showing kindness to Mephibosheth. Isaiah describes a reign of justice and righteousness through the Messiah, while Nahum shows God’s justice to Judah’s enemies.

Unit 2 focuses on God’s justice in the face of human injustice, with stories about Cain’s murder of Abel as well as the plight of Hagar and Ishmael. Exodus and Deuteronomy discuss how judges, officials, and priests work together to administer justice for all.

Unit 3 deals with situations in which justice seems absent such as David’s injustice toward Uriah, and when Ezra determines to restore respect for God’s Law. Scriptures from Job question the presence of God’s justice when Job suffered greatly.

We are meeting in the library from 8:30-9:30 a.m., and we are also continuing to use Zoom for those who can’t attend in person. The link is the same every week:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87972311041?pwd=VU9ndGcwM04vRmJSWVgwZ0RWN1lpdz09>

We will be looking forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings – come and join us!

James Baird, Carol Dacquisto, Larry Dacquisto, and Karen Rogers

HANGING OF THE GREENS

A BIG thank you to the Worship Elders, Worship Committee and volunteers for decorating the sanctuary on Sunday: Delane Ramser, Bruce Stahley, Jane and Bill Bradfield, Karen Carlson, Carrie Ford, Sandy and Garrick Fong, Virginia Saysette, Vivienne and Elle Gleeson, and Jennifer, Stephanie, Kimi, Becky and Brad Praun.

As you can see, there was fun for everyone!! Hope you all enjoy this blessed season at PCN!





Pastor Adam is having shoulder surgery on December 1. If you are interested in helping Adam and his family out with a meal after his surgery, please go to www.mealtrain.com/k1w13z to sign up. Questions? Call Becky Praun, Meal Train Coordinator, at (415) 472-1733. Bless you all in advance and prayers for Adam for a successful surgery!



Many thanks to the volunteers for providing wonderful, healthy and creative meals to our youth this past month. Thank you to the Deacons for always providing on the third Sunday: Sandy Fong and Becky Praun, Bethany McMickin, Melanie Pearce, and Pam and John Laidley. We love your continued support and time to make youth group meaningful and fun!

Anyone – PCN member or youth parent – who is interested in providing a meal, PLEASE reach out to Becky Praun, Meal Coordinator at beckypraun@yahoo.com, or phone 415-472-1733. No experience necessary!

With grateful hearts and full tummies,
The Youth Group



ARE YOU FRUSTRATED BY TECHNOLOGY? Do you, or does someone you know, have difficulty in either:

- using YouTube to attend Sunday morning worship?
- using Zoom to join in on after-service Fellowship?

We realize that there are some in our church family who have very limited computer skills and are unable to attend worship services in person. There is some good news for our friends feeling frustrated by technology. We now have available an easy-to-follow set of instructions, complete with lots of pictures of what to look for on your computer/smart phone screen. You can pick up a set of instructions in the church office or have them mailed to your home.

PCN doesn't want anyone frustrated in their desire to join in our Sunday morning worship and after-church fellowship.

SupperClub

FOOD & FRIENDS

This past year we had to limit our social gathering and in-person church attendance. Fortunately, we have had technology but missing were our wonderful times of eating and schmoozing! We will continue with the same groups set in 2019-20 for the remainder of the year. Come 2022 we will have sign-ups for new groups and start again. In the meantime, stay safe, stay well and enjoy your times with church friends when you can.
~E.B. Hanlein and Janalee Holmes



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 6:30 p.m. Use the same Zoom link each month. Contact Janis West at Janisw99@gmail.com with questions.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81107446679?pwd=Yy9ub1pReGdMTHVhbDJpRzhHVVdHQT09>

Meeting ID: 811 0744 6679 Passcode: pcnovato



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Come join us for study and fellowship. We meet every **Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.** via Zoom. We have started a new study called "Abiding in Christ." All men are welcome. To be added to the Zoom contact list, contact Phil Dougherty at (415) 328-6674 or email phild@dhis.com for more information.



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!



If, during this unprecedented time, you find yourself in need of someone to talk to, the Stephen Ministers are here to listen, and all conversations are confidential. Please contact Jane Sime at (415) 497-5158 or Gail Penfield at (415) 897-7929 for more information.



Community Outreach for PCN

We would like your help in spreading the word about PCN's online activities during this time of sheltering in place. Please share PCN info on your social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, NextDoor, etc.). Share links to the music videos, worship services, children's sermons, etc. This will help broaden our outreach. With everyone having to shelter in place, it's a good time to get the word out about our congregation and what God is up to through us!



Merry Christmas from your PCN staff!