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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES
NEWS AND EVENTS

A Diverse and Loving Christian Community Accepting of All



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SERMONS:
April 7: John 20: 19-31 Really?
April 14: Luke 24: 36b-48 Scared to Life
April 21: 1 John 3: 16-24 Worldly Goodness
April 28: John 15: 1-8 Branching Out



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Faithfully Yours

The time has come. The time has come. Easter is past but the real time has come for us to live the answer to the question...What now? How do we live the power and glory and the wonder and promise of the resurrection in our lives?

In his Gospel John begins to answer the question for us. After Jesus died the disciples went fishing, back to the life they had known before. I am sure they were wondering, right along with all of us...What now? What's next? Then, they see a man on the beach and it is Jesus! At first they didn't recognize him...but when He invited them to have breakfast with him they realized that indeed Jesus, who had died, was alive again.

Jesus then turned to Peter and asked him "Do you love me?" "Of course I do," Peter answered. And then Jesus said "feed my lambs."

Which is what we are to do and who we are to be as we live in the light of Easter. Do we love Jesus? Of course we do...then...it is time for us to "feed the lambs."

It is our time to live in the reality that light bursts through darkness, that life conquers death, that love casts out hatred and fear--it is our time to live with the joy that will color our world brightly. We will feed the sheep with the Good News of Christ. We will feed the sheep by watching out for the lambs who need food, shelter and protection in a sometimes wicked and often weary world.

Let us live so that all God's children can join us in singing "Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ has risen, Christ has risen indeed!!"

SPRING BOOK STUDY

When Bad Things Happen to Good People by Rabbi Harold Kushner.

We would like to have a discussion to talk about why bad things happen to good people from our faithful perspective. The class would be 4-6 weeks, and we could meet in person, or by zoom. If you are interested, please contact the church office to let us know how you would like to meet, and when you are available. Suggested times would be Monday evenings, or Sundays after worship and fellowship hour. As soon as I have established the best day and time I will let you know and order the books.

APRIL 2024 HAPPENINGS

- **COUNCIL MEETING:** TUESDAY, APRIL 2 at 6:30pm via Zoom
- **RUMMAGE SALE:** SATURDAY, APRIL 6th from 8:30am - 1pm
- **MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE:** SUNDAY, APRIL 7th from 11:30am to 2:30pm on the Hazeltine Lawn
- **BOUQUET CIRCLE:** WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 at 11:30am in Dreier Hall. All women are welcome to join us for our monthly gathering. If you can join us this month, call Barbara @ 747-355-6077 or 818-762-0187.
- **WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING:** SATURDAY, APRIL 13th at 10:00am in Dreier Hall. Anyone interested in participating on this Board may contact Natalie Karp, our Board Chair (nataliefkarp@mac.com).
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** TUESDAY, APRIL 16 at 6:30pm in Dreier Hall.
- **VESPERS:** THURSDAY, APRIL 18 at 6:30pm. All women of the church are invited to gather for dinner and conversation at a local restaurant typically on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. Please contact Natalie Karp (nataliefkarp@mac.com) if you would like to join in.
- **NEW CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall.
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 12noon in Dreier Hall:
- This is 45 minutes of lively discussion of the scripture passage for the coming Sunday. We munch our lunch, get background and context for the lesson, and talk about what it means.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** MEETS WEDNESDAYS at 7pm via Zoom. All women of any faith are invited to our gathering of caring, sharing and loving women. We are currently studying the book "Twelve More Women of the Bible" by Sherry Harney. For more information contact Jane Poole via email at jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net.
- **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** The Men's Group is hosting a Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Sundays (APRIL 14 & 28)) in Dreier Hall at 11:45 am. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to join in anytime for lively and interesting discussions!



MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE
FAMILY FUN!
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ALL MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD!

"As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

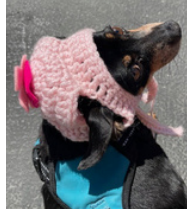
According to Webster's dictionary, comfort means to give strength and hope; to ease grief or trouble. Let me tell you, no matter what difficulty you may be facing today, God wants to bring you comfort. He longs to give you the strength, hope and confidence to succeed. When considering your next move, make the decision to put Him first in every area of your life. Let go of those things you know are holding you back. Let Him be Lord over all! The more you surrender to His grace, the more you will be filled with His peace and joy. **YOUR DELIVERANCE IS PROPORTIONATE TO YOUR FAITH.** The more you believe and trust Him, the greater your victory over circumstances and people.

Never underestimate the power of FAITH — you'll be empowered to overcome every obstacle, and you will live in victory all the days of your life. When you face challenges, (and we all do) seek comfort by surrounding yourself with positive people and things that are familiar to God: His Word, (read your Bible), His Relationship (prayer and meditation) His People (fellowship with God-fearing people) and His Purpose (do what He calls you to do). You will find that negative people and things will become part of your past and only used as a stepping stone into your future. All things are working for your good. True, lasting comfort is available, and it's only found in a personal relationship with God the Father through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS
DISNEYLAND GIVEAWAY WINNER:
Lauren Goodfreid!



Thank you Keith Metz for sharing your beautiful art at the Magnolia Marketplace!



HAPPY Birthday Michele Marot & Marlene Zucker



Adorable easter bunnies by the crafting ladies

WOMENS ASSOCIATION

Natalie Karp

The Women's Association is pleased to have donated the new front doors on Staves Chapel, replacing the old ones which were damaged beyond repair. Thank you to the Trustees for their cooperation on the project. The Women's Association has also donated funds to Valley College for additional scholarships this year, continuing with our efforts to assist young women who are struggling financially acquire an education. We thank you all for attending our fundraising events like the Rummage Sale and Holiday Boutique - it's largely your support that makes our donations possible. Vespers celebrated Marlene Zucker's birthday in March, if you look carefully you may see a royal guest crashing the party! And mark your calendars for April 6, the first Saturday after Easter for our next Rummage Sale!

PURSE PROJECT

Michele Marot

Once again, the Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study, in conjunction with the Tuesday Craft Group, is sponsoring the Purse Project! We plan to collect twenty gently used, good-sized purses to fill with toiletries and other items to give to women in need. Look for our display in the narthex, which will be set up mid-April, which will include a list of specific items needed to "stuff" the purses with! Questions? Ideas? Want to help? Please contact Jane Poole or Michele Marot. May God bless you for being a blessing to others!

DEACONS NEWS

Greg Abbott, Chair

The Deacons fund is used for those in our congregation community that are undergoing particular financial hardship. The Deacons met on Palm Sunday after worship and had a report on the Deacons fund. There have been several demands on the fund recently which have brought the balance down. Therefore, over the next few Communion Sundays, we will be handing out Communion Envelopes. These contributions are separate from your regular donations. Please make your donations to the regular fund first and the Deacons Fund second.

GETTING TO KNOW

Jaquie Jones

Jaquie Jones, born and raised in Reno, Nevada, has worked at many fun and varied jobs including Build A Bear, a t-shirt shop, Claire's, See's Candies, a body jewelry shop, a cupcake shop, Things Remembered and being a nanny. She currently works as a legal assistant. When Jaquie's not cheering for the San Francisco Giants, you might find her pursuing one of her many hobbies including cello, violin, ukulele, rugby, crocheting, baking, and acting.

Here's what brought Jaquie to our church: "During Covid, when the world shut down, watching 'The Office' was a great comfort. My best friend and I started doing a tour of locations in the Valley where 'The Office' had been filmed. We came to the church at night, and took pictures of the little (Stave's) Chapel." Later, driving by our church, Jaquie saw a sign that read, "We are a diverse and loving Christian Community, accepting of all." So she started watching our church services online and decided to check us out in person. Walking from the parking lot to the sanctuary, Jaquie suddenly realized that the little chapel from "The Office" belonged to the same church she had been drawn to - a "God Wink!"

We welcomed Jaquie warmly, and she has become an integral part of Church of the Chimes. Besides serving as vice president of CWS, you'll often see Jaquie filming the Sunday service, attending the Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study, and sometimes portraying a wacky character during church announcements!

When she gets to heaven, Jaquie would like to hear God say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" AND she also wants to give Jesus a big hug!

Michele Marot



JANE'S CORNER

Jane G. Poole, CE Director

On our walk this morning ...
The smell of freshly cut grass.
White puffy clouds with sun surrounding them.
A cluster of birds seemingly talking amongst themselves.
The beautiful smell of bloomed calla lilies in a yard.
Viewing two bird nests high up in a tree with little one's beaks poking above one nest.
An open window with curtains billowing.
A tree's new leaves.
Someone playing a guitar with the music coming through their front door.
Laughter of children playing in a backyard.
Neighbors arm in arm catching up as they take their morning walk together.
A child playing in a treehouse with the tree trunk running right through the middle of it.
An open window with birthday cards lined up on a windowsill.
Two squirrels chasing each other up a tree.
The creaked closing of our screen door after our walk.
Spring has arrived! God is good.

Blessings and hugs, Jane

P.S. please take time to be quiet with God.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

By the time this issue is mailed, we will have had: The kids waving palm branches and the Garden Holy Week Prayer Walk, hosted the Tenebrae Agape dinner and had our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We thank everyone who helped make all this happen and for candy donations for the egg hunt! Coming up, we hope to host blessing bag compilation in May and have an all-church movie night. Stay tuned for details!





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