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FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

FAITHFULLY YOURS

By now in October we thought the battle'd be won We thought we'd finally break out and have fun. But that Delta variety kept spreading around Too many got sick, and were hospital bound.

We thought that our nation would come back together That the sun would outshine the terrible weather. We thought that the world might finally be peaceful And our days and our nights would not be so stressful.

But even as shadows keep dimming our light And the future doesn't look nearly so bright Though we sometimes are washed in sadness and sorrow There is still, I am sure, hope for tomorrow.

For in the midst of it all God's love is still here In grand gestures of kindness, in moments so dear. A home for an unhoused, for the hungry a meal, A listening heart all make that love real.

So even though shadows are bound to appear And we know that all trouble cannot disappear Let us journey with Jesus and make his word known Knowing that with Him we are never alone.

With deep affection, Beth

SERMON TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER:

October 3:	All in One (Philippians 2: 1-13) ~ Communion Sunday
October 10:	Giving Up (Mark 10: 17-31)
October 17:	And the Answer Is (Job 38: 1-7; 34-41)
October 24:	Rev. Peek will be preaching
October 31:	Chicken or Egg (Galatians 2: 16-21)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Barbara Downs, Chair

SUNSHINE & SHADOW QUILTS

The BE Bold youth and Super Kids gathering groups have designed some wonderful quilt squares that Jane Poole and Michele Marot are utilizing in the creation of two uniquely beautiful Sunshine & Shadow quilts.

After the GWF, on Rally Day, the CE kids will present to the congregation these two rather fabulous Sunshine and Shadow quilts for a live auction. All proceeds will go to the children/youth's outreach mission project, "Shoes that Fit". Let's rally round on Rally day, and make an impressive showing for a good cause!

After Rally Day, our two groups, Super Kids and BE Bold, will resume gathering every other week to talk and share their ideas on what God's world is all about. Think about it... **Barbara**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

Diane Delaney, Chair

Lana Young, Ginger Wright, Diane Delaney and Beth Bingham, our Senior Minister, gathered on Sunday, August 26th for our first 2021-22 Nominating Committee meeting. We reviewed our purpose, which since we are past our 2021 Annual meeting, is trying to fill 17 vacancies on our Boards and Officers. There are openings on all Boards, except CWS, as well as Media Director and Member-At-Large Officers. We will be reaching out to Church Members that are not currently serving to see if they will be willing and able to volunteer to serve in some capacity. We hope many will accept!

There is no Member-At-Large Report in this Chiming In, as the position is vacant, so we're sharing details about it below. If anyone is interested, please let us know! Thanks! **Diane**

Member-At-Large (MAL) ~ Position Description

The Member At Large is elected annually by the congregation to serve on the Personnel Committee, a four-person committee, consisting of two Board of Trustee members, Moderator and Member-At-Large. It is the responsibility of the Personnel Committee, together with the Minister, to develop policies and procedures regarding employees of the Church. They shall consult with the Minister on annual staff reviews.

> THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" AND I SAID "Here I am; send me!" ISAIAH 6:8

FROM OUR EDITOR'S POINT OF VIEW

Michele Marot, Co-editor

"I Don't Believe in Reincarnation. But if I Did ... "

...I'd come back as one of the many squirrels that call COTC home! When I heard that they not only sometimes get fed, but in fact have names, well, that just got me thinking. How nice would it be to hang out 24/7 in such a loving and peaceful place: basking in the sun, resting in the shade, and finding raw peanuts that humans had left out for me to take freely.

Our squirrels are very active! I found out from Lindsay that one is named "Chipmunk", another "Stumpy" (missing part of his tail), and that there are so many, some just have numbers (is there a 007?). You'll see them scampering around campus, playing and unafraid of all the people coming and going.

As a squirrel, I'd nest in that glorious oak between the swimming pool and Hazeltine where, after service, some parishioners congregate at the outdoor tables in the cool shade. I might even throw an occasional acorn or two at the humans - just one crazy nut saying hello to another - to remind people to expect the unexpected, and that it's okay to be a little nutty in life!

I'd also hang out near Dreier Hall on Tuesdays when the Craft Ladies meet, so I could catch up on the latest gossip. Then I'd linger to hear words of wisdom from the Brown Baggers.

There would be intermittent busy days of filming. As a squirrel, I wouldn't care if I ran into Christina Applegate, Roma Downey or a stage hand. But what I'd really want to see is where the catering is set up, and if they'd inadvertently left me a little treat!

Every other Friday night you'd again find me at Dreier Hall, when the "Be Bold" group gathers to learn biblical truths, partake of snacks, fellowship, and unleash their joy and energy in so many creative ways! Uh-hum, very entertaining indeed!

And at night, when it's quiet, with just a few lights on around campus, Hamilton House looks so cozy and inviting. But the garden would be my favorite place on Sunday mornings. There I'd be refreshed not only from the cool water of the fountain and sunlight filtering through the trees, but also by the beautiful music and the sight of humans reverently gathered to worship God. You might notice squirrel-me, one day, leaning with my ear at the base of the massive front window just below the stained glass cross, to hear the wondrous truths about my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

And my name as a squirrel? Well, you could call me Michele. But a better name might be "Smarty" because I was smart enough, in life, to know where I liked to hang out.

(Michele Marot is planning to start a monthly writing group at CCOTC. All are welcome.) **Rev. Curtis Peek**

IS MY LIVING IN VAIN?

I, the Lord, search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. Jeremiah 17:10

I don't know about you, but I'm glad my fate is not in the hands of man, but in the hands of a Sovereign God.

It is God who has the final say in our lives. He knows who is really on His side and who is faking and making a lot of emotional noise that means nothing.

The Word of God (I Corinthian 13:1-5) says,

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing."

So if you know someone who fits into this category, don't worry about it because God has said all they are doing has no worth if they truly do not possess the love of God in their heart.

If you are rolling around speaking Jesus but do not have the love of God in your heart then your living is in vain, and your effort and energy is nothing but noise to our Father.

So make sure your heart is with the Father. If it is, then don't worry about what man says, just keep living your life for Christ. In the end you will be able to hear Him say, *"Well done my good and faithful servant."* Matthew 25:23

These words coming from my Father will be all I need to hear because then I will know that my living was not in vain and He accepted what I did for His Glory. Don't waste your energy thinking about what people think, just keep your focus on the Savior and what He thinks of you. *Believe it!* Curtis

Join us in the Sanctuary or Streaming Live

Sunday Worship Service* – 10:30am Every Sunday Morning 10@10* – 10 minute devotional at 10am every weekday Lively and relevant chats with Beth (MW*F) & Curtis (TTH)

*Wednesdays' 10 at 10 offer a mini-Bible study in preparation for Sunday's Sermon. *VIDEOS of past Sermons and Devotionals are on Facebook and YouTube.

JANE'S CORNER

Jane G. Poole, CE Director

"What we think, we create. What we feel, we attract. What we imagine, we become." (M. Eye-Nd/Instagram)

I was pondering what to write this month, when I read the above quote on Instagram. I saw it at the exact moment I needed inspiration. This happens to me somewhat often. I'll be writing a lesson plan for our church kids or my Sunday story, or my CI article, and I'll hear something on the radio or read something that sparks a thought or literally, puts words into me for action. It's amazing how when we are in need, God puts us in the right place at the right time to make things happen. Mulling over the above three ideas:

"What we think, we create." When we truly put our thinking caps on, and dig deep into the thought process, we CAN create the thingamajig or idea we're in need of.

"What we feel, we attract." When we feel deep down in our hearts and put those feelings out into the universe, the door, more often than not, opens to the action or person we need in our life!

"What we imagine, we become." This is a big statement. I've always tried to focus on the power of becoming what I form a mental image of. It's all about concentrating on what we would like to do, or become, in a given moment in time!

Let's create, attract and imagine a world where, as the song says; One love, one heart, let's get together and be alright!"

Love & Peace, **Jane** P.S. Spend quiet time with God!

TRUSTEE NEWS

Curtis Leseman, Chair

The Trustee Board held it's meeting on September 21, 2021 by zoom. The treasurer's report once again showed a negative cash flow for the month of August and for the year to date. We have had good steady income from the use of the pool, filming and parking. The Dept. of Social Services sent a check to the preschool which will help. There is interest for the future by the film industry which could yield good income in the months ahead. We are most grateful for any pledges received, however, we are still below our anticipated budget.

The Trustees are reviewing a list of campus maintenance items and establishing priorities for completion. We have received one bid and are awaiting a second for a topping for the asphalt parking lot.

We look forward to a wonderful Golden West Fair on Saturday, October 9th. Respectfully submitted, **Cartis**

OCTOBER 2021 HAPPENINGS

- ⇒ GOLDEN WEST FAIR PREP DAY : SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND BEGINNING AT 9AM
- ⇒ GOLDEN WEST FAIR: OCTOBER 9TH 9AM TO 4PM: EVERYONE WELCOME!!
- ⇒ ZOOM COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH at 6:30pm
- ⇒ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19тн at 7pm
- ⇒ VESPERS DINNER: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21st at 6:30pm All women of the church are invited to gather for dinner typically on the 4TH Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Natalie will send out an email with info as to where we are gathering. Please join us!

⇒ NEW CRAFT CREATIONS: TUESDAYS at 9:30am in Dreier Hall

⇒ BROWN BAG BIBLE: TUESDAYS at 12noon in Dreier Hall

Come to Dreier Hall every Tuesday at noon for 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 then talk about what it means. Join us!!!!

⇒ ZOOM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAYs at 7pm

All women are invited to the virtual gathering of this caring, sharing, loving group of women on Wednesday evenings at 7pm PST via **zoom** to gain insight as we study the book of ACTS. If you would like to join us, e-mail Jane Poole at jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net. See you then.

- ⇒ SWIMMING HOURS: M-F 12Noon to 2pm & 6pm to dusk + S&S 1pm to dusk until the heat ceases in the fall. Please note that our pool hours may overlap with AquaBuddies' lessons; whenever this overlap occurs, feel free to go on in and enjoy the pool, and please make the office aware of are any issues resulting from this cooperative sharing.
- ⇒ THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY: The Food Pantry thanks our congregation for all the donations made to sustain this much needed organization's mission of feeding those in need in our community. They are still in need of Extras (small bags of chips, cookies, granola bars, power bars, etc.). If you are able to donate these items, please bring them to the church and Jane will take them to the Pantry. Check out their web site (NHIFP.org) for more information and/or contact Jane Poole at jane@nhifp.org. Thank you!

DREAMASTER...An event you will not want to miss!

Step into a magical dream world of dance, music, contortion, martial arts and powerful percussion rhythm. Be amazed by the new generation of young performing artists living their ultimate dreams on stage!

Coming Soon to *Church of the Chimes'* Bower Hall Stage

THOUGHTS TO PONDER



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...singing in a choir.

When you come to the edge of all the light you have known and are about to step out into the darkness, FAITH is knowing one of two things will happen... There will be something to stand on or You will be taught how to fly.

My entire life can be summed up in one

O PAPLIC

sentence...

'Well, that ⁽ didn't go as planned.' Teach the World to Sing

I'd like to build the world a home And furnish it with love Grow apple trees and honey bees And snow white turtle doves

I'd like to teach the world to sing In perfect harmony I'd like to hold it in my arms And keep it company

I'd like to see the world for once All standing hand in hand And hear them echo through the hi For peace throughout the land

I'd like to teach the world to sing In perfect harmony I'd like to hold it in my arms And keep it company

A song of peace that echoes on And never goes away

A song of peace that echoes on And n-e-v-e-r g-o-e-s a-w-a-y





WE ARE EARTH

NFCIA.





Procrastination is totally a good thing. You always have something to do tomorrow, plus you have nothing to do today.

THINGS TO PONDER 🤭

If the No. 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still No. 2?

2. Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

3. Why are you "in" a movie, but "on" TV?

- 4. What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?
- Why do we drive on parkways & park on driveways?
 Why do "fat chance" & "slim chance" mean the same thine?
- 7. Why do British people never sound British when they sing?
- 8. At a movie theater, which arm rest is yours?
- 9. When does it stop being partly cloudy & start being partly sunny?
- 10. When French people swear do they say "Pardon my English?"

11. Why do people say "heads up" when you should duck?



Jevaye & Gennaro

We are so grateful for our Church of the Chimes family... and want to express our gratitude to everyone for everything done to make our wedding day so wonderful. It will be a memory we will treasure forever. Our thanks to you all!

OUR STEWARDSHIP DRIVE: Reach in to Reach out!



We thank each one of you for your support of our Stewardship Drive: "Reach in to Reach out." Reaching into your pockets so we can continue to reach out with our worship, educational programs, and gifts to missions and other organizations is a blessing indeed! Estimate of Giving cards are available in the office. Knowing the potential level of giving helps the church immensely as we continue to serve the needs of our church community. Thank you for the blessing of your generosity!

Band of Prayer

A church that prays together, stays together especially during these challenging times when the need for social distancing often separates us... What is certain is that God is with us, filling in the spaces between us, and He hears our prayers. Band of Prayer requests may be sent via email to Sylvia McCormick; miss_daisy1226@yahoo.com or feel free to call or email the Church Office;

Let's Keep In Touch

If you know someone who would like to receive a card or note, please send their name, address & phone number to the church office: office@churchofthechimes.org 818-789-7124

We believe in no one being left out; it's always nice to receive a note... "Just Because"



Church of the Chimes Blood Drive <u>Tuesday, November 2nd</u> in Bower Hall Sign up online atwww.churchofthechimes.org Blood donation is essential to ensuring community health.

GET AMUSED...



Guy lives next to airport. Painted this on roo to confuse passengers as they fly overhead. He lives in Milwaukee.

You come from dust, you will return to dust. That's why I don't dust. It could be someone I know.

She Didn't Realize Tapping Him On The Shoulder Would Make Him Do This...Wow.

Last Wednesday a passenger in a taxi heading for Midway airport, leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said, "Are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylights out of

The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so

sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for **Never leave home** without a kiss, a hug and an "I love you". Then remove

> the dog hair from your mouth as you walk to the car.

Heard that baking soda will clean the oven. Hope this works



Like i was saying, the circus is just one of my careers. The real money



I think my dog always follows me to the bathroom because I always follow him outside and he thinks that's the way it works.



Sitting on their Chargers

HISTORIAN NEWS

Robert Jones. Historian

STAVES CHAPEL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The Chapel was dedicated on February 1952; at that time, the windows were of plain glass. The stained glass windows depicting the history of Congregationalism from our roots in England to the founding of Church of the Chimes replaced the plain glass over the years through designated memorial gifts.

Below are the first and second of the Chapel's fourteen stained glass windows with an overview of the significance of the second one. Last month we highlighted the first one and in November the third one will be featured for your enjoyment and edification. Bobbie



Staves Chapel



1: "ROBERT BROWNE"

2:"Imprisonment of the Faithful":

Concurrent with the Brownist movement, a small congregation in Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, England, made the Covenant of 1606, stating that every individual had rights and that the decisions of the congregation must be made by mutual consent, instead of through tyranny and oppression from the Church of England as well as the monarchy itself. The resulting oppression of a group, became so intolerable that they fled to Holland in 1609.

3: "Pilgrims in Holland" will be featured in the November Chiming In...

GOLDEN WEST FAIR NEWS

John Sullivan, Chair



RACIAL EQUITY AND THE CHURCH

Chair TBD

Our Racial Equity and the Church group just celebrated it's 1 year anniversary! Our first meeting was in September 2020; it included a discussion on a video interview with Dr. Bernice King from Central Church in Las Vegas. We've met almost every month since then, via Zoom on Sunday afternoons. We've read and discussed books like "Why Are All the Black Children Sitting Together in the Lunch Room", by Beverly Daniel Tatum, we watched a Capstone project video on "Addressing Vaccination Hesitancy in BIPOC Populations" by Delaney Jack (Diane & George's niece), we talked about current events related to racial equity including stopping Asian hate, and we created a diversity statement for our church, **"A Diverse and Loving Christian Community Accepting of All",** which is on our website and shared each week in our Sunday service. We are proud to be part of the Congregational Church of the Chimes

Our attendance has averaged 10 people. All are welcome to join us, you can come and listen or contribute to the discussions, as you feel comfortable. Our next meeting will be on November 7th from 1-2pm via Zoom (link will be sent out via the church e-blast a few days beforehand). If you want to find out more about this group, please contact, Beth, Curtis or Diane Delaney. Thank you!

DEACON NEWS

Greg Abbott & Ralph Migliori Co-Chair

The Deacons met on September 18. We are still trying to make contact with the Children's Bureau. We have an alternative with Hope of the Valley. We will need to make a decision at next month's meeting as to who we go with. Our corresponding secretary is continuing to send out birthday and other cards. If you or a household member has had a birthday and didn't get a card, please let the office know so we have your up-to-date info. We are slightly altering our Communion procedures: A Deacon will walk through the Sanctuary and make sure everyone has a cup and wafer. A big thanks to Robert Dunn, who has been making everyone feel so welcome. Till next time, **Greg**

COMMUNITY & WORLD SERVICE NEWS

Robert Dunn, Chair



CWS BOARD ART AUCTION 'A Cross for All' By Artist: Keith Metz Medium: Acrylic on 24" by 48" canvas About this artwork: "A Cross for All" serves as a reflection of the artist's personal life with Christ. The painting is most highly in regard to the basic Christian notion of knowing and having someone who has died just for you. The cross is a constant reminder that Christ is always there for you. The black graphic style makes for a rugged simplicity, along with the hints of red.

Current bid \$400

Please call the Church Office to place your bid for this unique piece of art. Thank you!



Please join us for the 46th Annual San Fernando Valley CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, November 7, 2021.

Once again, our walk will be virtual, due to COVID-19. A virtual walk means you can walk anytime, anywhere, any distance and with anyone you want! Please start your CROP Walk Day with us on Facebook Live at 9am PST as Beth kicks off our walk! Sign up here:

https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/sanfernandovalleyca







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