

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR... REV. BARBARA PERONTEAU



June.

There are new beginnings throughout the year.

September holds the end of Summer and the beginning of a new school year.

Thanksgiving, at the end of November, marks the beginning of a new holiday season with all its festivities including Christmas and ending, of course, with a brand-new New Year. Easter rolls away the stone of a dark and cold winter allowing more sunlight and a fresh renew of life.

At the end of May, Summer begins with the unofficial opening on Memorial Day. The door is open to Summer which begins in June. June is yet another time of new beginnings. School is out for the Summer. For those

graduating, a new phase of life is just beginning.

There are different ways to understand when summer begins. The Astronomical Summer begins on June 21 and lasts until September 23. The Astronomical Summer is when the Earth and the Sun meet at the Tropic of Cancer in the Northern Hemisphere. There Earth begins its wobble as it spins its way back toward Autumn and the Winter Solstice when the Earth and Sun meet at the Tropic of Capricorn only to begin the astronomical trek back to Summer once again.

There is also the Meteorological Summer which is based on weather and temperature conditions. Using this method, Summer begins on June 1 and ends on August 31. Although, using weather and temperature as a guide, for us living here in the Bay Area, Summer doesn't really arrive until September and October.

No matter what method you use, it's June. Summertime has arrived. The temperature begins to warm up. It's fog season. Hopefully the Giants won't do their usual June swoon because they've already done that. June is a time of relaxing, cooking on the grill, and more outdoor activities.



Just because it's June doesn't mean the Church gets to relax. My calendar is full. The first Sunday of June is Trinity Sunday. I'll be contemplating God with you. It's also Communion Sunday. Council meets later in the week. Start stocking up on pillows because Sunday, June 11 is

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The Northern California Nevada Conference meets from June 15-17 for her Annual Gathering. I will be addressing the Conference on Friday, June 16. The 18th is Father's Day. Then June 25 is the 66 Anniversary of the United Church of Christ which I plan to celebrate on July 2 because June 25 is also Pride Sunday. June is a full month that spills into July.

I'll see you in Church!

Peace and Wonder!

~ Pastor Barbara

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

During worship on Sunday, April 16, visiting speaker Jacqui Salyer discussed an opportunity for us to participate in helping make minor repairs to homes for seniors.

The event takes place in Rohnert Park on Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10.



1st Annual
ROCK THE BLOCK



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS
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Email: RocktheBlock23@habitatsoco.org

WHEN: Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10
TIME: 9am-3pm
PLACE: Rohnert Park, location disclosed at sign-up
WHAT: Minor repairs for 14 homes, replace 4 fences

*Event approved by City of Rohnert Park



PRAYER PARTNERS

Please remember the following members of our church family in prayer. Pray for their welfare and growth in faith and discipleship.



May 28 - June 3

Kelly Anderson

June 4 - 10

Christine and Bob Bandettini

June 11 - 17

Roger Barber

June 18 - 24

Ed Briggs

June 25 - July 1

Eric and Cara Caindec



Come and
Worship
w i t h u s !

***We will be worshipping at 10 AM inside the sanctuary.
The service will also be available streaming on YouTube (see next page).***

Below are the scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary for June. The first set of readings from the Old Testament and Psalms is called semi-continuous. These readings loosely follow each other for several weeks. The second set of Old Testament and Psalm readings is called complimentary (paired). In this set of readings, the connection to the Epistle and Gospel is a more obvious.

June 4 First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday

Theme: This is Good Holy Communion

Genesis 1:1-2, 4a and Psalm 8
or
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 and Matthew 28:16-20

June 11 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: The Call of Abram

Genesis 12:1-9 and Psalm 33:1-12
or
Hosea 5:15-6:6 and Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:9-13 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18 Third Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day

Theme: Sarah Laughed

Genesis 15:1-15, (21:1-7) and Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
or
Exodus 19:2-8a and Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

June 25 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Pride Sunday

Theme: Daring Discipleship

Genesis 21:8-21 and Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
or
Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Psalm 69:7-16
Romans 6:1B-11 Matthew 10:24-39



ZOOM MEETINGS LET US GATHER TOGETHER SAFELY

We are also providing our Sunday worship service streaming on YouTube at 10 a.m. You can use either your computer, your cell phone, or your tablet. See below.

Link to join all church Zoom meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2011092691?pwd=c2V0RXEvdWxkF4STNNSTlxbWFFTENuZz09>

Meeting ID: ID: 201 109 2691

Password: FCCSR!

Call in number **1-669-900-6833**

SUNDAY WORSHIP IS NOW LIVE ON YOU TUBE

We broadcast live Sunday mornings on YouTube. Our channel address is:

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbqlXLjsBEmjdGuoOKnOykA>
- Then click on videos->live
- Subscribe and each week you will get a direct link.

We will also post a direct link each week in the What's Happening? email.

The whole service unedited will be available for a few days; then an edited version to include just the sermon will be posted.

If you are having trouble getting connected, email Knopf.david@gmail.com

MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS -- VIA ZOOM

June 7: The Church Council meeting will be on Wednesday, Jun 7 at 5 PM.

June 14: The Board of Mission will meet on **Wednesday**, June 14, at 1:00 PM.

June 13: The Board of Ministry will meet on **Tuesday**, June 13, at noon.

June 15: The Board of Trustees meeting will be **Thursday**, June 15, at 7 PM.



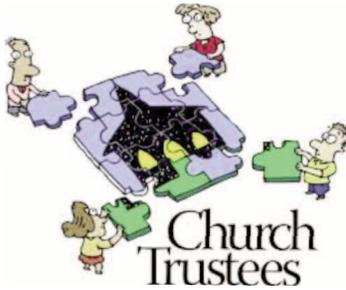
CHURCH COUNCIL REMOVES THE MASK MANDATE



At their April meeting, the Church Council of the First Congregational Church of San Rafael discussed eliminating the mask mandate.

Going forward, masks are recommended but optional at this time. Please continue to be respectful of others.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S REPORT



Renters

Food Anonymous, a support group for people struggling with food issues, has added a second meeting day, Wednesday evenings, in the Oak Room.

Facility Upkeep

During May we had a variety of minor tasks to keep everything going smoothly. The restroom lock needed replacing as did several smoke alarm batteries. Firemaster checked our fire extinguishers and replaced those needed recharge. We also tried to keep the weeds under control. On the list for June will be more weeding, repairing a couple of folding tables, and having the drains de-rooted, which is necessary about twice a year.

Unfortunately, the door to the nursery classroom (The Seedling Room) appeared to be locked, but wasn't, and the tea cart and several boxes of cookies are now missing. We have since tightened the slightly sagging door, so the door lock engages better.

Financial status

We continue holding our own financially. Our income as of May 15 was \$266 dollars more than we expected to date for 2023. Thank you, members, for keeping up your pledges! Our expenses so far have been below expected, but we usually have several large end-of-the-year expenses in December. Also, our PG&E charges have been up by about \$1500 so far this year.

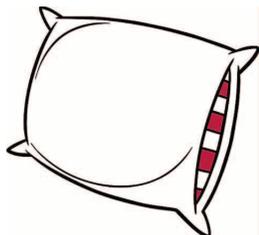




BOARD OF MISSION MISSION MATTERS



PILLOW SUNDAY JUNE 11



This year Homeward Bound is in need of clean, comfy pillows. We will have the collection on June 11. You may want to do your shopping soon due to vacation plans, family visits, etc.

This is something that has been so much a part of our congregation’s commitment to outreach for many years. It brings joy, both to the givers and to receivers.

If shopping for pillows presents a hardship, please let a Mission Board member know. Thank you for your continued commitment to Homeward Bound’s mission.

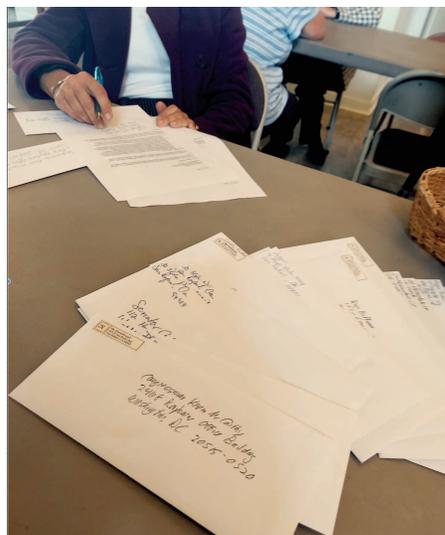
Let’s see how many pillows we can provide for some of these beds!

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS A BIG SUCCESS!!

On Sunday, May 21, many people stayed after worship to participate in our offering of letters.

All together, we sent at **least 55 letters** to our US Senators and Representative in support of the Farm Bill, which helps support domestic nutrition programs like SNAP, as well as funding for critical international food assistance programs. We hope our letters will help to build healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems.

Thanks to everyone who participated!



REMEMBER THE MARIN FOOD BANK



Please keep helping us stock the pantry at the Marin Food Bank. Please continue to bring in non-perishable food items - peanut butter, canned goods, rice, cereal, canned meat. Please deposit them in our Food Bank barrel. Remember that people need food all year round!

BOARD OF MINISTRY REPORT

The Board of Ministry Team's key role in the church is to coordinate with the Pastor and Music Director in providing meaningful worship services throughout the liturgical year. We address the spiritual life of the church through the following areas: welcome and outreach, worship and prayer, fellowship, and education.



Celebrated in May



May 14th Mother's Day Thank you to Annie for an exquisite Communion Table and to a neighbor for sharing his sweetheart roses so all congregants to take a bouquet home or to share in memory or to honor a nurturer in their lives.

May 28th Pentecost Sunday We celebrated the birth of The Church as told in Acts. We celebrate the birthday of the Church. Happy Birthday! May the Holy Spirit inspire in you the fire of LOVE!

Coming in June:

- June 11 - Pillow Sunday: Guest Speaker from Homeward Bound
- June 18 - Juneteenth
- June 25 - Pride Sunday "Open and Affirming Sunday" June 25

We will be having our second "Nonagenarian Birthday Celebration Luncheon" to celebrate a number of congregants who have or will be turning 90 this year!

Next Board of Ministry meeting: Tuesday, June 13 at noon on Zoom

Pentecost by Malcolm Guite

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings

Today the hidden fountain flows and plays

Today the church draws breath at last and sings

As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.

This is the feast of fire, air, and water

Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.

The earth herself awakens to her maker

And is translated out of death to birth.

The right words come today in their right order

And every word spells freedom and release

Today the gospel crosses every border

All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace

Today the lost are found in His translation.

Whose mother tongue is Love in every nation.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



- 4 — Nancy Sangster De Haan
- 7 — Sean Kaufman
- 27 — Amy Hodges Kaufman
- 28 — Randall MacKenzie
- 30 — Bob De Haan
- 30 — Christine Bandettini

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER !

Lynn Grant has finally gotten an iPhone! She can even send and receive texts now.

Her cell phone number is: 415 367-5298
She also still uses her landline phone: 415 883-1865

Her email is only trackergrant@gmail.com
(The old email no longer reaches her.)

She says: “Thanks for being patient while I came into the current century!”



TIE DEADLINE for JULY-AUGUST 2023 issue - Mon., June 25

The deadline for articles and news for the July/August 2023 issue of The TIE is Monday, June 25. Please email your articles to lucindaray@aol.com by Monday, June 25.



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FCC Calendar JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28</p> <p>10 am</p>  <p>Worship, Church School & Child Care</p> <p>10 am - 11 am</p> <p>Our service is on YOUTUBE at 10 AM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5 am</p>  <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>5 am</p>  <p>TIE Deadline for MAY 2023 Issue</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>June 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
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This calendar is also available on the church's website in interactive form. There you can click on any event to see more details. Check it out at www.FccSanRafael.org.