



Pastor's Ponderings

On Sunday, January 12, 2020 we enjoyed a visit from Dr James Lee, President of International Theological Seminary and three students from Cameroon. We discussed some “what if “options for ITF students working with us. Our members from Cameroon and Ghana prepared a great feast that we all shared after worship. Dr Lee has expressed interested in making developing internship possibilities. Pastors at San Marino Presbyterian Church have expressed willingness to explore opportunities for students from Africa that they support.

Sharing meals is important. Something powerful and sacramental happens when we are at a table together. In a world that is moving much more toward the use of digital media and less opportunity for interpersonal contact, differences in beliefs can create deep fractures in the very foundations of community life. Our denomination, political, and cultural lives are in great need of times when we can sit down to share a meal and time together.

In the conclusion to her book “We Will Feast” Kendall Vanderslice reminds us:

When Jesus established his church, he did so around the table. He asked his followers to eat together in remembrance of him, knowing that the process of sharing a meal communicates something vital about who we are and how we relate to God..... We eat and drink understanding that our meals upset the divisions that keep us apart.

Think of all the times we can read about when Jesus shared a meal with people:

Tax collectors and sinners at Levi’s home

With Simon the Pharisee

Feeding the five thousand

Mary and Martha’s home

With Zacchaeus.... to list a few, and

At the Last Supper, on the road to Emmaus, by Galilee.....

Robert Karris summarizes Luke’s gospel: “Jesus is either going to a meal, at a meal, or coming from a meal.”

Over the next few months, the Session will explore options and make grant requests that would enable a time – perhaps Thursday nights – when we may begin a multi-generational, multicultural time of “eating and drinking with Jesus.”

Henry



From your session

At our January meeting:

- ◆ Elected Anne Purcell as assistant clerk of session for 2020.
- ◆ Voted to approve the annual statistical report for 2019 for submission to General Assembly.
- ◆ Will have a session retreat at the home of Terrie Burbank on February 9.
- ◆ Sue Bain will try to post something about the church on social media at least once a week.
- ◆ Becky Bane is considering ways to make Sacred Space more communal.
- ◆ Will consider changing our phone/internet provider and will get bids from other providers.
- ◆ Will consider a request from Sprint to install an additional cell tower on our property. Need additional information before making a decision.
- ◆ Discussed several prayer needs in length.



What is Per Capita?

Per Capita is how we fund our system of governance and interconnection in the PC(USA). The amount of per capita is set each year based on the requests of the Office of General Assembly (OGA), the Synod, and the Presbytery. The amount per congregation is determined by a previous year's statistical reports. For example, the 2019 per capita is paid on 2017 statistical reports.

The congregation sends the per capita offering to the Presbytery. The Presbytery of Riverside pays per capita to the Synod and Office of General Assembly based on the statistical reports of all its congregations regardless of if and when congregations pay.

The 2020 Per Capita for the Presbytery of Riverside will remain at \$36.00 per member. It is payable any time during the year, but it is helpful if it is paid early in the year. If you are using numbered envelopes, you will find a special Per Capita envelope in the front of the box. If not, please mark your check Per Capita or PCA. Thank you.



This was printed in the newsletter 2 years ago, but is worth repeating.

Every church is a little different, so it's natural for a first time visitor to be cautious. The list below provides some basic information to give you an idea of what you can expect when you visit First Presbyterian Church of Corona, California.

Open Admission: Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a Christian.

Service Fees: No ticket is required and there is no cover charge.

Appropriate Attire: The atmosphere is friendly and relaxed. Dress is casual.

Personal Comfort : Although we'd love the opportunity to meet and connect with you, we want visitors to feel comfortable, so we never will single you out publicly.

Music: We have a mixture of praise music and traditional hymns. Typically they are accompanied by piano and clarinet. Most people participate by singing and sometimes clapping. You can participate at whatever level you feel comfortable.

Reverent Prayer: There will be prayer. No one will call on you to pray out loud.

Biblical Education: There will be teaching out of the Bible, focused on Jesus. If you have a Bible, bring it. If not, we'll have one you can use.

No Pressure Giving: There will be an offering during the service. You will not be pressured to give.



Flower Chart

The flower chart is now posted on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary. Please check to see if there is a date on which you can provide flowers for our Sunday worship. Perhaps there is a date that is special to you i.e. birthday, anniversary, etc. or for a holiday or just because.

If you are giving flowers for a special occasion and have a dedication you wish to have printed in the bulletin, please let Judy or Marilyn know.



Fellowship Table

Our deacon board this year is small, and because of that, they are asking for your help with the fellowship table on Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, so please check to see if there is a Sunday on which you can sign up to provide refreshments for after worship. The deacons are thankful for any help you can give.



Church Directory

We are working on a new church directory and plan to have it available sometime in February. If you have had any changes to your contact information, or wish to add an email address, please let either Judy or Marilyn know as soon as possible.





*International Theological Seminary visit on
January 12*



New Member Solomon



New Member Lillian



Awu Installed as a Deacon

*Happy
♥
Birthday!*

**FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

- 2..... *James Ian Jager*
- 7..... *Rudy Burbank*
- *Enu Ndipagbor*
- 17..... *Becky Bane*
- 24..... *Haley Hanson*

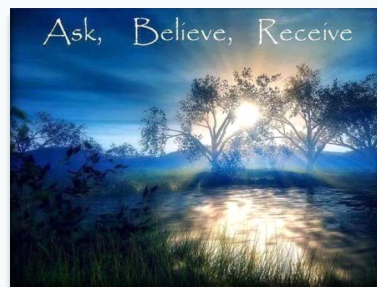
**FEBRUARY
ANNIVERSARIES**

None



**PRAY DURING FEBRUARY
FOR THESE FAMILIES**

- John & Qi Liu Nyeango*
- Alison Osborne*
- Anne Purcell*
- Alice Reille*
- Rita Riotta*
- Lynda Rodisch*
- Mike Say*
- Bonnie Smith*



February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY				1
2 Worship 10:30am, Cong. Meeting 12pm	3	4 CBS 9:30am	5	6 Movies with a message 10am	7	8 Session Retreat 9:30am at Burbank home
9 Worship 10:30am, Deacons 12pm	10	11 CBS 9:30am	12	13 Movies with a message 10am		15
16 Worship 10:30am	17	18 CBS 9:30am, Loving Needles 6:30pm	19	20 Movies with a message 10am	21	22 Women's Breakfast, Loving Needles
23 Worship 10:30am, Session 12pm	24	25 CBS 9:30am	26	27 Movies with a message 10am	28	29



Vietnamese Church
every Sunday at
1:30pm



4th Saturday of each
month, Women's
breakfast, Original
Pancake House, Norco,
8am



Food Drive

Last Sunday of
each month is
Food Donation
Sunday.

Adult Bible Study
Sunday at
9:30am





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CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP,
DISCIPLESHIP, FELLOWSHIP,
MINISTRY AND MISSION

Our Church Staff

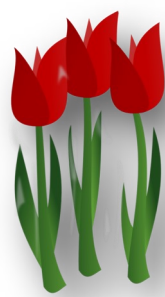
Pastor (Transitional)	Henry DeGraaff
Administrative Assistant	Judy Hanson/Marilyn Mittelstadt
Accompanist	Delia E. Martinez-Samojluk
Church Treasurer	Terrie Burbank
Bookkeeper	Teri White
Parish Associate for the Arts & Spirituality	Becky Millhollin
Director of Social Media	Sue Bain



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:30AM Adult Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service
Sunday School (nursery care available)
First Press deadline – 22nd of every month



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