



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

A Special Time

Hello everyone. This is a unique month, involving spiritual moments among our other activities. To begin, my first list for you is the highlighted days in the calendar.

March 6 – World Day of Prayer. Theme this year: “*I will give you rest. Come.*”

March 8 - *Daylight Saving Time* (Saturday, March 7th – set clocks *forward*)

March 17 - St. Patrick’s Day (and you be wearin’ the green?)

March 20 - First Day of Spring; International Women’s Day; Mr. Rogers Day*

March 22 - World Water Day (“reflect on the importance of water”)

March 25 - Coffee with a (Corona) Cop (and Sheriff) at Chick-Fil-A; 9 am to 1 pm

(A “Cops & Clergy” Announcement)

March 29 Palm/Passion Sunday; beginning of Holy Week

March 31 - Transgender Day of Visibility – glad.otg/tdov

*“Fred Rogers was an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament for the PC(USA). He was/is a notable public figure whose work around peace, reconciliation and children’s education are worth remembering.

WOW! That’s a lot to keep us busy this month.

Still, I pray you will be able to find some time for *Bible reading* and reflection as we move toward **Easter Sunday** (April 5th this year). To give you an assist, here are scriptures you could **pre-read for each Sunday in March**.

As you are thinking about what you read, write down any questions or thoughts you might have for me. The March 1st Sermon Message is titled “Thinking Spiritually.” If you missed it and would like a full copy of

the long Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr which was included, send me an e-mail. (For that matter, if you would like a copy of the *full* Sermon Message, that’s okay, too.)

Third Sunday in Lent, March 8. John 4:5-26, Matthew 20:17-28.

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 15. John 9:1-41

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22. John 14:1-12

Palm Sunday, March 29. Matthew 27:11-54

I have been busy. I attended the early morning monthly meeting of Cops and Clergy, this time at the Corona Police Dept. - driving in the rain that day. For once there were more Cops in the room than Clergy! I previously attended the Riverside Cops and Clergy meetings on Magnolia Boulevard while I was Pastor at Victoria Pres. Each with a different agenda based on the area’s location. I am grateful for the information provided and sharing time with the Clergy in the area. (I even was shown an ancient Biblical Scroll and how they preserve the scrolls, after a meeting a few months ago when the Meeting was held in a local Corona Synagogue.)

Another meeting in February was the Quarterly PWP Co-ordinating Team, which covers the Presbyterian Women (PW) activities in our churches. It’s always interesting. San Bernardino First Presbyterian PW has a fantastic sponsored group for students at the nearby school, called Life Skillz. The Student Interns actively assist at church events and activities. The churches do bake sales and community activities as well. Calvary gives support to the charity Family Promise. *ALL women in our Riverside Presbytery* are invited to the Spring Gathering Luncheon on **April 25th** at Calvary. I’ll tell you more about it in April’s Newsletter, but you need to save the date.

I just completed a 3-year term on our Riverside Presbytery’s Finance and Assets Committee. Still, I have one more year on a committee...the Judicial Committee. Perhaps I will be fortunate and nothing will come up requiring my involvement.

Special this past month was attending two Pastor Installation ceremonies ... new ministers at San Bernardino First Presbyterian Church and the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church. Musically both were especially appreciated. San Bernardino had a bagpipe played to open the service, a soprano solo, and a five-piece string instrument ensemble throughout. Palm Springs had a jazz band that was really smooth. As a pastor it was nice to be hearing a sermon instead of giving one, for a change.



I am looking forward to March, this Holy time leading to our glorious Easter. I am finally reading portions of a two-volume book, "The Death of the Messiah," by Raymond E. Brown. It is a Commentary on the Passion Narratives as shown in each of the four Gospels. "Four stories, one event; both the history and the drama, in the real events in Jesus' life." The set was a gift from my son, , and it has been set aside for too long!

As the activities of the month go along, may you also find a little time to read and spend a few moments in silent reflection. Thinking Spiritually" is an aid in receiving Jesus' peace.

May the Lord be with you.

Pastor Nancy

Holy Week Services

Easter will soon be here. Palm Sunday, March 29, marks the beginning of Holy Week, with worship at 10:00 a.m.

We invite you to join us on Easter Sunday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m. for a joyous service of worship and communion as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing provides Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering serves the most vulnerable around the world, offering aid to people lacking access to life's basic necessities. The causes supported by this offering include: disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, immigration, migration, and refugees.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is typically received during the season of Lent. Special inserts and offering envelopes will be in your worship bulletin beginning Sunday, March 8. Those who use our numbered boxed envelopes will find an envelope for that purpose in the box. We encourage you to give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing to help people less fortunate than us.



GENERAL FUND	Jan. 31, 2026	Year to Date Totals
Income	7,309.00	7,309.00
Expenses	5,198.27	5,198.27
Net Income	2,110.73	2,110.73

GENERAL FUND	Feb. 28, 2026	Year to Date Totals
Income	5,965.00	13,274.00
Expenses	8,299.37	13,497.64
Net Income	-2,334.37	-223.64



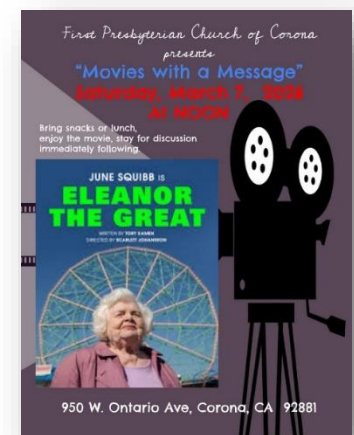
From your session

From our February meeting:

- The heating and A/C system has been repaired. Some contributions were gratefully received to help cover the cost.
- Our backflow devices passed inspection by the City of Corona.
- Session voted to approve a new study for the Women's Bible Study group.
- Furniture was donated to Family Promise of Riverside by a member of the church..
- The 2026 leases for the Vietnamese and Clarity churches were approved by the PFIFD Committee of the Presbytery of Riverside.

Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8. Be sure to move your clocks ahead 1 hour.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- 4 *John Nyeango*
- 5 *Matty Ng*
- 6 *Egbe Ndipagbor*
- 17 *Elizabeth Bostian*



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

None



PRAY FOR THESE FAMILIES

- Awu Ncha Sr., Egbe Ndipagbor, Awu, & Ako Ncha*
- Mitch & Matty Thomas*
- John & Qi Liu Nyeango*
- Alison Osborne*
- Lynda Rodisch*
- Kathy Shepardson*
- Hanafi, Natalia, & Naomi Tanojo*
- Silvia Thorne*
- Virginia Watson*
- Marjory Welch*



MARCH 2026

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March 1



March 26



March 8



March 27



March 17



March 29



Worship Sunday at 10:00 am
at church & via live
streaming Facebook



Vietnamese Church every
Sunday at 12:00 pm



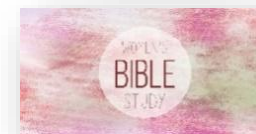
Clarity Church of Corona
every Sunday at 4:30 pm



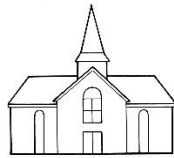
Mar. 7
12:00 PM



March 21
10:00 AM



March 28
10:30 AM



Our mission is to live out the good news of Jesus Christ

Our Church Staff

Guest Pastor	Nancy Richmond
Administrative Assistant	Judy Hanson/Marilyn Mittelstadt
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10:00 AM Worship Service
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