



Pastor's Ponderings

Last May I shared about a statement from Laura Fishburn of Duke Divinity School that "if you want to know what Christians believe, study what they say and do in worship." Our worship should form us as community of people and prepare us for ministry in the world.

She wonders "in a world that is increasingly polarized and detached from moorings in faith and meaning, God might be calling the church to consider anew through worship to be witnesses in the world – a witness not just to the teachings of faith, but to the way of faith, engaging with others and offering to others an alternative to the dominant self serving profit-seeking narrative of the world and culture, helping others to find meaning and goodness."

She suggested ways we could do this and I think that we can say that "we do them pretty well."

We see and hear one another. While we haven't rearranged the chairs so that we face each, or sing a cappella so that we hear each other, we definitely get high marks for greeting each other and share expressing "we are so glad you are here."

We pray for each other and for the world.

Another recommendation is that congregations not try to make perfect worship services and be a little more free flowing. Within the bounds of the Presbyterian reformed order of worship that we follow, I think that Dr. Fishburn would approve of our willingness to laugh and to make space for forgiveness for errors and appreciate our family feeling.

We were not successful in making Food for Thought a community outreach of FPC Corona. Yet, the concept continues. The Corona senior center and Crossroads church have adopted the model. They have the resources and are continuing a program that the community needs.

We are continuing Thursday programming with "Movies with a Message." The proposed auto biography and portrait program is on hold until our leadership team receives more training and is ready to restart.

Dr. Richard Bane is unable to teach the Sunday morning study on the book of Jeremiah.

Instead, I will be leading a study on "What the New Testament says about women – and especially women in ministry." Each week we will look at a different portion of Scripture. If you have to miss a week, come back the next. I believe that you may be surprised by how central and positive the role of women was and, especially, how much the Apostle Paul supported, even depended, on women in ministry.

We may not be the largest congregation in Corona, but I believe we are one faithful and alive – and moving in the right direction.

Henry

WE ARE A
COMMUNITY

Faith
is not hoping
God can
it is knowing
He Will

From your session



At our September meeting:

- ◇ Approved having Rev. Peter Hintzoglou provide pulpit supply for Sunday, October 21.
- ◇ The Teen Challenge drama team will share in worship on October 28.
- ◇ Voted to remove 3 people from the membership roll.
- ◇ Terrie Burbank and Teri White will begin working on the budget for 2019.
- ◇ Pastor Henry will contact Salvation Army about participating in their Angel Tree program at Christmastime.
- ◇ Voted to approve a raise for Delia Martinez-Samojluk.
- ◇ Voted to call a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 18, for the purpose of electing elders and deacons.
- ◇ Voted to set Sunday, January 27, as the date of the annual congregational meeting.

GENERAL FUND	September 30, 2018	Year to Date Totals
Income	14,829.10	85,362.18
Expenses	21,892.89	81,362.42
Net Income	-7,063.79	3,999.76



DEACONS FUND	September 30, 2018	Year to Date Totals
Income	180.66	2,702.52
Expenses	468.68	1,976.74
Net Income	-288.02	725.78

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, November 18, for the purpose of electing elders and deacons. Your vote is important. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.



Help for North Korea's Disabled thru Kinsler Foundation

The article is available via email. If you wish to read it, please email Judy



*Happy
Birthday!*

**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

8..... *Walt Williams*
18..... *Squeak White*

**OCTOBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

None



**PRAY DURING OCTOBER FOR
THESE FAMILIES**

- * *Criss & Rochelle Heller*
- * *Janice Horner*
- * *Mike & Brittany Jager*
- * *Margaret Jameson*
- * *Gerry Lister*
- * *Stan & Elaine Lively*
- * *Jean Marsh*
- * *Don McNeil*



October 2018



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2 CBS 9:30am  COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY	3 Sacred Space Prayer Group 9am	4 Movies with a message 10am	5	6
7 Worship 10:30am	8	9 CBS 9:30am Deacons 6pm	10 Sacred Space Prayer Group 9am	11 Movies with a message 10am	12	13
14 Worship 10:30am	15	16 CBS 9:30am Loving Needles 6:30pm	17 Sacred Space Prayer Group 9am	18 Movies with a message 10am Session @ noon	19	20
21 Worship 10:30am	22	23 CBS 9:30am	24 Sacred Space Prayer Group 9am	25 Movies with a message 10am	26	27 Women's breakfast, Loving Needles
28 Worship 10:30am	29	30 CBS 9:30am	31 Sacred Space Prayer Group 9am	 <small>shutterstock - 156033374</small>		

Vietnamese Church every Sunday at 1:30pm



4th Saturday of each month,
Women's breakfast,
Original Pancake House,
Norco, 8am
Loving Needles, 9:45am



Last Sunday of each month is Food Donation Sunday.

Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM





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CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP,
DISCIPLESHIP, FELLOWSHIP,
MINISTRY AND MISSION*

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:30AM Adult Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service
Sunday School (nursery care available)
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