

FIRST PRESS



Pastor's Ponderings

Summer or Fall

Perhaps you will agree – at the moment we can't tell if we are in a long summer or it's Fall Season! All the magazines and some of the newspaper articles loudly proclaim we have entered the Season of Autumn with a color change of oranges and burnt brown – and plaids. (One thing is certain, we are still in a season of wild fires. One good-size fire was in the meadow adjacent to my home's backyard this week! Not to mention all the small and not-so-small earthquakes *everywhere*.)

In "Church Speak," we need to shake the laziness of summer and begin considering our Fall-Winter Church Calendar. I am delighted seeing our Sunday services increase in attendance, and wanting still more. As a consequence, I am wondering, what activities this Fall and Winter will Corona First Presbyterian Church create to attract the community to our church and its location? Will we have something special for neighborhood children for **Hallowe'en**? What has been done in the past? Is there anything "**special**" in the Corona community activities in October or November? For that matter, has this church ever had a **Christmas** Craft Sale? Or perhaps a "Driveway Patio Sale? (Both types of activity let people know we are here and, as a bonus, brings in some needed funds. It does require advance planning.) Any thoughts?

Liturgists in August: Terrie Burbank, Alison Osborne, and Kathy Shepardson (who has recovered well from a stroke).

Sermon topics in August: *Unity in the Body of Christ, Ephesians 4; Trust in the Lord With All Your Heart, Proverbs 3, Psalm 121 (in the Psalms of Ascent); This Treasure in Jars of Clay, 2nd Corinthians 3; and Part I*

of The Human Activities of Jesus in His Life on Earth," various New Testament references. September 1st is the Part II, ending with His Passion Week and beyond.

I ordered a new Religious Book which arrived this past week. (I already have too many, but still interested in new thoughts.) To my dismay, I completely disagreed with the theology and explanations of the Christian Faith. The more I read, it appeared to contain nothing but "flowerly" phrases and generalities. No depth and nothing even *specific!* *The book will be returned. First time for me, returning a book!*

This proved an experience we find in our world – that each one of us has our own unique understanding of the writings of the New Testament. Sometimes it is because we "assume" meanings, or even perhaps guess at what the Scholars are trying to say to us. Nevertheless, I keep trying to obtain more understanding – and you should, too. The Scriptures are holy, inspired by the Holy Spirit in addition to one's life experiences. But, written by humans to the best of their ability, their education and their training.

Each worship service, and each time we hear *or read the Scriptures, we grow our faith. Add to this your personal conversations with Jesus, our Lord, and strengthen, thereby, the Holy Spirit in your heart and soul. Together, this will increase the Peace of Christ in your life.*

May the Lord be with you. Pastor Nancy



PC (USA) Presbyterian Women Report



September 2—Labor Day

(Special to Presbyterian News Service)

The following is from a prayer from the Rev. Christian T. Iosso, who serves the Presbyterian Mission Agency as the coordinator for the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP) and the senior editor of [Justice Unbound](#).

O God,

You are the Maker of all things visible and invisible, and before your eyes nothing is hidden. Indwelling God, you know these burdens and how unevenly they fall.

How hard it is for us to apply the idea of your calling to so many grinding, grimy and repetitive occupations. You call us to a fullness of life that includes some creativity, companionship and adequate compensation. Forgive us when we worship the rich and famous through admiration and do not question the medieval levels of inequality between the billions who make \$2 a day, and billionaires who make — or take — too much.

Indwelling God, you meet us in our moral imaginations and the visions you inspire.

Great God, the Earth is your dwelling place, and we have seen your incarnation in a working man. Just as Jesus worked in his day to the fullest, let us work while it is yet day. And let us be part of your economy of salvation, where labor is never simply a commodity, and where no one works for cash alone, but out of genuine desire to serve. Amen.

Native American Day September 22nd

Native American Day is celebrated in the Presbyterian Church, USA on September 22nd or 23rd (Fall Equinox). You may celebrate the day on the Sunday before or after or on another appropriate day. Worship resources follow. Since 1994, Native American Day appears on the Presbyterian Calendar as the day to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Native Americans/American Indians to the life of the church and community. The date of September 22nd or 23rd was selected and established the date for Native American Day. Ironically, Fall Equinox is noted on one or the other date. The Fall Equinox has marked “harvest time” for many Native American tribes for centuries and is a time of celebration and preparation for winter.

The ninety-five Native American congregations and chapels are located on reservations, in rural areas and two urban congregations. There are twenty-one presbyteries and seven synods which have Native American constituents in them. Some of the churches are isolated due to location.

The Lord’s Prayer (Native American version)

O Great Spirit, Creator of the universe, You are our Shepherd Chief in the most high place. Whose home is everywhere, even beyond the stars and moon. Whatever you want done, let it, also be done everywhere. Give us your gift of bread day by day. Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us. Take us away from wrong doings. Free us from all evil. For everything belongs to you. Let your power and glory shine forever. Amen. This version was written by Hattie Corbett Enos, Nez Perce, great grandmother of Rev. Irvin Porter Gifts of Many Cultures , 1995, Maren C. Tirabassi and Kathy Wonson Eddy, United Church Press, Cleveland, OH.



GENERAL FUND	August 31, 2024	Year to Date Totals
Income	6,953.45*	59,008.65*
Expenses	7,008.39	55,576.67
Net Income	-54.94	3,431.98

DEACONS FUND	August 31, 2024	Year to Date Totals
Income	-0-	654.00
Expenses	-0-	3,000.00
Net Income	-0-	-2,346.00

*Includes \$1,829.54 transferred from Pass Through Account to General Account.

*Sunday worship service is available via livestreaming at:
www.facebook.com/coronafirstpresbyterian
 If you missed a Sunday Service, you are able to watch past services on the Facebook site.*





BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

5.....*Lillian Atia*
7.....*Tabé Ndipagbor*
21.....*Elaine Lively*
24.....*Judy Hanson*

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

None



PRAY FOR THESE FAMILIES

Marjory Welch
Squeak & Teri White
Margie Wilkerson
Walt & Deneva Williams
Cathy Aronson
Lillian Atia
Susan Bain
Rudy & Terrie Burbank
Judie Deupree
Gerald & Ryan Marie Gonzalez



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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29	30					



Sept. 1



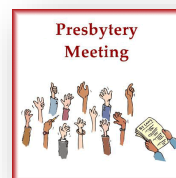
Sept. 2



Breakthrough Church of Corona every Sunday at 9:00am



Worship Sunday at 10:30am at church & via live streaming Facebook



Sept. 14 10am Via Zoom



Vietnamese Church every Sunday at 1:30pm



Session Sept. 21 10am



Last Sunday of each month is Food Donation Sunday.



Women's Bible Study Sept. 28 12pm



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

Our Church Staff

Guest Pastor _____	Nancy Richmond
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