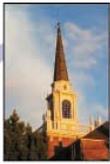


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## 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Colossians 1:9-13*

10:00

**Worship**, Molly Baskette, preaching; Amar Khalsa & Elizabeth Forsyth, musicians; Derek Tam, Music Director, Sanctuary

**Musical Highlights**, "I Know" by Soyinka Rahim, First Church Intergenerational Choir; "Gloria ad modum tubae" by Guillaume Dufay, Susan Russell, alto; Derek Tam, baritone; Elizabeth Forsyth, organ

11:15

**After Party**, Courtyard

11:15 (right after worship)

**Informational Budget Meeting**, Sanctuary

11:15

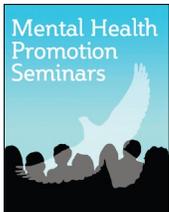
**2nd Sunday Sandwiches**, Cloister

11:45

**Learning Hour**, Mental Health Promotion Seminar: "Mental Health: What Is It and Why Should I Care?," led by Kerrie Hein, Loper Chapel

## Mental Health Promotion Seminars

This **Sun., Jan. 14**, First Church member **Kerrie Hein** will present the first of a series of six monthly sessions on **Mental Health Promotion**. The title is "Mental Health: What Is It and Why Should I Care?" and will take place **11:45 am–1 pm** in **Loper Chapel**. Kerrie will share information on what mental health is, how it can be maintained, individual and national concepts of well-being and what mental illness is. For more information, go to <https://goo.gl/wjSebG>.



## 2018 Budget Meetings

Two meetings will be held to review and then vote on the First Church budget for 2018.

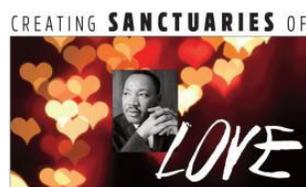
This **Sun., Jan. 14**, an informational meeting will be held at **11:45 am** in the Sanctuary where members of **Stewardship, Finance and Administration (SFA)** and the **Budget Committee** will share details about the upcoming budget.

On **Sun., Jan. 21**, an official **congregational meeting** will be held in the **Sanctuary** following the 10 am service to vote on the budget and endowment recommendations.

Also, save the date, **Sun., Feb. 4**, for the **Annual Meeting** to be held at church. This is an official congregational meeting.

## "Creating Sanctuaries of Love" Concert this Monday

First Church is teaming up with **City of Refuge UCC** to celebrate the legacy and future of African-American culture



through song. The concert called **"Creating Sanctuaries of Love"** will take place this **Mon., Jan. 15 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)** at **7 pm** in the **Sanctuary**. The evening will include a wide variety of music (by many local groups) and poetry. All of this year's proceeds will go to support Oakland's **Regina's Door** and **Mother of Peace orphanage** in Zimbabwe.

Suggested donation is \$20 (free-will offering). You can reserve your spot at <https://sanctuariessoflove.bpt.me>.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Did you know that the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday has been officially designated as a **Day of Service** since 1994? The **First Church Green Team** is joining forces with the **Justice and Service Committee** to send a crew to honor Dr. King and help **Save The Bay** this **Mon., Jan. 15** from **9 am–12 pm** at **Martin Luther King, Jr. Shoreline Park** in **Oakland**. (See shoreline clean up event



for families on pg. 4 under Children & Youth News.) We will

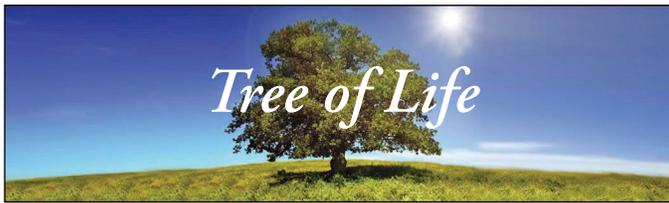
pick up trash, clear out non-native plants and possibly plant new ones. In a short amount of time, we can expect to see a mountain of trash removed from our waterways and enjoy the spectacular views from the shoreline.



The **Martin Luther King, Jr. Shoreline Park** is part of our crucial marsh lands that help combat the effects of rising sea level and climate change. It's a great place to spend a few hours and the improvements are immediately visible! Join us! Contact **Carolyn Cox** at 510/684-7454 or [ccox2006@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ccox2006@sbcglobal.net) to sign up or ask questions.

## Preaching Schedule

**January 21** — Molly Baskette  
**January 28** — Kit Novotny



Prayers for First Church member and beloved former Emerging Leader **Laura Burkhauser**, who has recently been diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a bone cancer, and began her first chemotherapy treatment Christmas Eve. **She welcomes healing prayers and cards.**

Continued prayers for **Frankie Wei** and his family as he undergoes surgery for tongue cancer later this month. Cards are welcome.

Prayers of healing for **Jeff Becker** who underwent wrist surgery Tues., Jan. 9.

## Second Sunday Sandwiches this Week

This **Sun., Jan. 14** is **Second Sunday Sandwiches** time! An anonymous sandwich distributor wrote about their experience:

*“As we wandered our usual routes to deliver 2nd Sunday sandwiches we found nobody around to receive them. So we went to a grocery store in an underserved neighborhood. A man was squatting near the store entry. Usually I ask a person’s name and offer a blessing. Before I got farther than ‘would you like a sandwich lunch from my church?’ the man carried the rest of our encounter. He said quite loudly, ‘Your church made a sandwich lunch for me!’ And so went several minutes of blessings to all at First Church before he said, ‘Give me your hand. Now close your eyes.’ He offered a prayer of gratitude, blessings to all of us and our families. Blessings to Richard Brabham who brought us to this opportunity!”*

After worship this Sunday, help make sandwiches and/ or deliver bag lunches. You’ll be glad you did!

### Save the Date!

Our next **New Member Class** will be **Sun., Feb. 25**. A crepe dinner for those joining will be on **Sat., Mar. 3** and **Joining Sunday** will be **Mar. 4**. More information to follow.

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## The View from Here

**Loi Almeron**  
*Emerging Leader*



### To All Who Love

“I love you and I will give you all the stars in the sky...” or at least we named two for my parents. This week, my parents are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary. My siblings and I decided to have stars assigned under their names and entered it into the International Star Registry. I may not know how to follow the stars like the biblical Magi did, but I believe that my couple of stars lead my way even without my knowing.

The two stars randomly assigned to my parents are within the Cygnus constellation, or The Swan. My siblings and I tried to locate them in the sky and were left with an approximation of where they are. We haven’t yet made an effort to actually look into a telescope to find them. It’s fascinating how we can be so captivated with searching for something we don’t know how to find but know exists. Forgive my being a hopeless romantic, but I truly believe that’s what love does to us. Faith.

My parents grew up in the same village in a province two hours south of Manila. My dad started courting my mom in sixth grade. My mom moved with her family to another province seven hours away and he continued pursuing her even then. It wasn’t until after eight years of courtship that they finally decided to be together. Several years later, they got married in a humble United Church of Christ chapel. That was January 9th of 1988.

Over video chat recently, my dad greeted me enthusiastically, wearing his Cal shirt, while my mom showed me the Filipino traditional dress that I was supposed to wear on Saturday’s anniversary celebration. I decided to delay my trip to settle some issues here, so I won’t be at their celebration. I haven’t been home in two years this month. It’s as if the life of an overseas Filipino is already written in the stars.

Have you ever wondered how, when you clasp your own hands, your fingers interlace in such perfect fit? The warmth feels just right. Who knew that it only takes such unnoticeable tension from your fingertips to subtly move your palms closer to each other? Willingness.

That’s how my parents are. Two opposite personalities who had different strengths and ways and yet they matched in spite of it. They struggled together, to say the least. I wonder how someone could have such strong feelings to decisively want and ask another person to spend an entire lifetime of ups and downs. Still unreal to me. Yet, I wonder what that’s like.

To all who love.

## Resonance Presents Brahms' Requiem

On **Fri., Feb. 2**, enjoy an evening of **Brahms**, part of the First Church performance series **Resonance**, at **8 pm** in the **Sanctuary**.



For generations of music lovers, Johannes Brahms's *Ein Deutsches Requiem* (A German Requiem) has offered

comfort and solace. Enjoy one of the great monuments of the choral literature as performed by the **First Church Festival Chorus**, accompanied by the **First Church Festival Orchestra** and conducted by **Derek Tam**.

To join the **Festival Chorus**, an ensemble composed of choral singers from all across the country, go to <https://goo.gl/LHgmæ>.

## Green Team Encourages Support of SB100

The **Green Ministry Team** encourages First Church folks to write to state political leaders to ask them to pass **Senate Bill 100 (SB-100)**, which would set a goal of **100 percent renewable and zero-carbon electricity in California by 2045**. This bill will be considered by the state legislature this month.

The Team shares a letter that members can copy and send at <https://goo.gl/xwTXmB>. You can read the text of SB-100 at <https://goo.gl/NhQSfQ>.

The letter should be sent to:

- **Governor Jerry Brown**, State Capitol, Suite 1173, Sacramento, CA 95814
- **California State Senate**, c/o Kevin de León, Senate President pro Tempore, State Capitol, Room 205, Sacramento, CA 95814
- **California State Assembly**, c/o Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the Assembly, State Capitol, Room 219, Sacramento, CA 95814

### Sunday Video

View the video from the **Sun., Jan. 7** 10 am service at: [www.fccb.org/live-sunday-morning-webcasts](http://www.fccb.org/live-sunday-morning-webcasts).

## Affordable Housing: Where Do We Go from Here?

Last June our congregation voted in an informal poll by a significant margin to explore the development of **affordable housing** on the **Durant House** site. Since October, the **Blue Sky Committee** has hosted a series of informational sessions to carry out this exploration.

The last of these sessions, **The Economics of Affordable Housing**, will take place on **Sun., Jan. 28** (date has changed). The presentation will explore the financial side of affordable housing development, including possible compensation to First Church for use of part of its property.

In February, the Blue Sky Committee will share a **document summarizing the information contained in the presentations**. The congregation will have the opportunity to participate in a short non-binding survey (to be conducted online, with a paper version also available) to choose between three options:

1. **Continue with the exploration**
2. **Table the exploration** until after plans for Pilgrim Hall are clearer
3. **Stop the exploration** entirely

The Church Council, in consultation with the Blue Sky Team, would be charged with interpreting the results of the poll. Although a specific threshold for this informal vote has not been established, discussion among church leadership indicate that the level of consensus would need to be high.

A decision to move forward either now or later on would not commit the church to a particular course of action. Formal congregational votes would still need to take place in the future.

## Companionship Training

**Companionship Training** is on **Sat., Jan. 20, 9 am–4 pm** at **First Presbyterian Church Berkeley** in the **Mears Room**. **Rev. Craig Rennebohm** will lead us as we explore practices of Companionship and our natural capacity for human connection and community. Sponsored by our **Mental Health Ministry**, all are welcome. RSVP at <https://goo.gl/1JC86f>. For more info, contact **Robin Kempster, Parish Nurse**.

## Did You Know...?

...that there was a big increase in donations to the **Berkeley Food Pantry** from First Church in 2017? The increase coincides with making the donation bags a part of the weekly offering. A big thank you to **Anne Rowe** for her tireless efforts, as well as to **Mary Fujii** and **Victoria Purcell-Gates**. See the donation stats below:

Donations to Berkeley Food Pantry from First Church			
Year	Peanut Butter	Cereal	Miscellaneous
2015	474	601	340
2016	400	705	120
2017	842	1099	102

## Women's Voices Retreat

All women are warmly invited to attend this year's **Women's Voices Retreat**, **Fri–Sat., Feb. 9–10**, at **Ralston White Retreat Center** in Mill Valley, a beautiful setting in which to enjoy great food, opportunities to rest, play, reflect, hike, worship, sing, dance and immerse yourself in the warmth of a loving circle of women. This year's theme is **Speaking the Truth in Love: Explorations in Nonviolent Communication**. Register after worship the **next three Sundays: Jan. 14, 21, or 28** or email **Louise Halsey** at [lhalsey@fccb.org](mailto:lhalsey@fccb.org) by **5 pm, Wed., Jan. 31**. Registration is limited to 48 participants, so please register early and before the **Jan. 31 deadline**. The fee is \$160; partial scholarships are available. For more information, contact **Louise** or **Holly Coates-Bash**.

## Coming Up!

**Resonance: Brahms' Requiem**  
Fri., Feb. 2, 8 pm, Sanctuary

**Annual Meeting Sunday**  
Sun., Feb. 4, Worship at 10 am, Sanctuary, lunch and meeting to follow

**Women's Voices Retreat**  
Fri.–Sat., Feb. 9–10, White Retreat Center, Mill Valley

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## Bits and Pieces

### FCCB Book Group Gatherings

**Fri., Jan. 12** — We will share poetry of our own choosing at the home of **Helen Wadman**.

**Fri., Feb. 9** — *Daughters of the River* *Huong* by **Uyen Nicole Duong** at the home of **Mary-Ellis Adams**.

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday January 14

**SONGS OF THE SOUL REHEARSAL**

9 am, Room #4, EBSB

**WORSHIP**

10 am, Sanctuary

**AFTER PARTY**

11:15 am, Courtyard

**INFORMATIONAL BUDGET MEETING**

11:15 am (right after worship), Sanctuary

**SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICHES**

11:15 am, Sanctuary

**MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION SEMINAR**

11:45 am, Loper Chapel

**GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

12 pm, Sanctuary

### Monday 15

**MLK, JR. HOLIDAY**

Church office is closed

**MLK, JR. DAY OF SERVICE W/SAVE THE BAY**

9 am, Offsite

**MLK, JR. DAY OF SERVICE W/FAMCHY**

10 am, Offsite

**MINDFULNESS MEDITATION**

6 pm, Loper Chapel

**"CREATING SANCTUARIES OF LOVE" CONCERT**

7 pm, Sanctuary

### Tuesday 16

**REV. MOLLY'S OFFICE HOURS**

9–10:30 am, 1951 Coffee Company, 2410 Channing Way, Berkeley

**STAFF MEETING**

1 pm, Durant House Main

### Wednesday 17

**OPEN CHAPEL**

7 pm, Loper Chapel

**BIBLE STUDY**

7 pm, Durant House Main

### Thursday 18

**BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

7 pm, Pillar Room

**SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL**

7 pm, Sanctuary

### Saturday 20

**COMPANIONSHIP TRAINING**

9 am, Offsite

## Winthrop & YES News

[tbilton@fccb.org](mailto:tbilton@fccb.org)

### YES

- **Sat.–Mon., Jan. 13-15**, UCC Mid Winter Camp. Learn more and sign up at <https://nccucc.org/yomcreg>
- **Sun., Jan. 21**, OWL, Tower Room, **11:45 am–1 pm**
- **Sun., Jan. 28**, Spirit Time, Tower Room, **11:45 am–1 pm**

### Winthrop

- **Sat., Jan. 13**, Confirmation service project; **Berkeley Food and Housing Project**, **4–8:15 pm**.
- **Sun., Jan. 21** Confirmation class, Tower Room, **4–5:30 pm**
- **Sun., Jan. 28** Confirmation class trip to Berkeley Buddhist Temple, **9 am–12 pm**

## Children & Youth News

**This Sun., Jan. 14, 2 pm** — All children and youth are invited to join the **Ernest Larkins**-led combined **City of Refuge** and **First Church pick-up children's choir** to sing in the **Creating Sanctuaries of Love** concert. This is the only rehearsal (at **2 pm** at the **City of Refuge**, 8400 Enterprise Way, Oakland). All interested children can prepare in advance by googling "People in Me" by Abbey Lincoln. Please let **Carolyn Ash** ([clash@fccb.org](mailto:clash@fccb.org)) know if your child needs a ride to the rehearsal.

**Mon., Jan. 15, 10–11:30 am** — **Come join the MLK, Jr. Day of Service Shoreline Clean Up** sponsored by the **East Bay Regional Parks (EBRP)**. Children of all ages are welcome. Younger children will need close supervision since the activity is litter pick up. Another First Church group will be volunteering with **Save the Bay**, which First Church families did last year. The **EBRP** arrangement is more flexible — families can arrive and leave anytime and children can roam more freely, so FamChY is joining the **EBRP** effort this year. If possible, please RSVP to **Paula Poremba** so we know to look out for you. Feel free to join us spontaneously.



One of our children accompanying the children's rousing Gloria last Sunday on bongos!

## Young Adult News

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- **Rev. Kit's Office Hours, Thurs., Jan. 18, 3:30 pm–5 pm**, Philz Coffee, 1600 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley