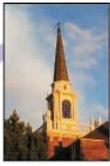


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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ COMMUNION & ALL-AGES SUNDAY

Mark 2:23-3:6

10:00

Worship, Phil Porter, preaching;
Elizabeth Forsyth, organist; Derek Tam,
Music Director, *Sanctuary*

Musical Highlights, "Waltz, Op. 12 No.
2" by Edvard Grieg, Derek Tam, piano

11:00

Congregational Meeting, *Sanctuary*

11:15

After Party, *Terrace*

**Because of street closures
this Sunday near church for
Sunday Streets Berkeley,
please allow more time to
get to church!**

Detention Center Vigil on June 9

Join First Church's **Accompaniment Team** for an **interfaith vigil** on **Sat., Jun. 9 at 11 am**, hosted by the **Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity** at the **West County Detention Center** (5555 Giant Hwy., Richmond) in support of immigrants and refugees. This **Sun., Jun. 3**, the family will be introduced to the First Church congregation during worship. After church, we will make signs in support of the family for the vigil. For more info about the vigil, contact **Rachel Bauman** (rbauman@fccb.org). For more info about the Team, contact **Andrea Trexler**.

Preaching Schedule

Sunday, Jun. 10, Loi Almeron

First Church at Sunday Streets Berkeley

First Church will have a presence in this year's **Sunday Streets Berkeley**, a day when several area streets will be closed to create a lively festival of art, music, food, entertainment, and information this **Sun., Jun. 3, 11 am–4 pm**.

Please note there will be street closures near church on **Shattuck, Durant, and Telegraph Aves.**, so allow more time to get to church.

The church will offer free blessings to go, homebaked bread samples, chalk art, bubble blowing and music. Be sure to wear your **Motley Pew t-shirt!**

Operation Love Notes

The **Ministry of Care, Fellowship and Invitation** is sponsoring another **Operation Love Notes (OLN)** card-writing session after worship on **Sun., June 10** in the **Cloister**, and invites you to join them to write loving notes to those in our congregation who need them.

New Members Class

Please join us for our next **New Members Class** on **Sun., Jun. 10**. **Rev. Rachel** will lead the class at **11:45 am** in **Durant House**. Lunch will be provided; childcare is available if you let us know in advance. There is no obligation to join if you attend the class.

On **Sat., Jun. 16**, there will be a crepe-making dinner at **Kathy Helliesen's** home. **Joining Sunday** will be **Sun., Jun. 17** at the **10 am worship service**. Please contact one of the ministers or **Kathy Helliesen** for more information and to let us know you are coming.

Congregational Meeting to Authorize Blue Fire Committee

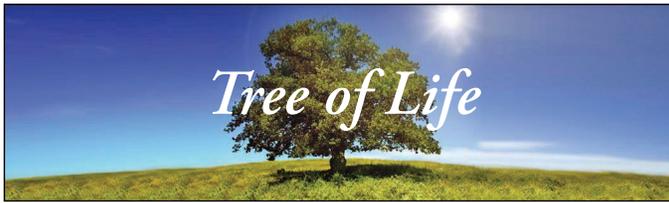
On recommendation of the **Church Council**, **Moderator Kara Korbel-Chinula** is calling a **Congregational Meeting** for this **Sun., June 3**, immediately following worship, to vote to authorize the **Blue Fire Committee**, which will **oversee the design and construction, through occupancy, of Pilgrim Hall**.

Members are **Scott Sporte**, chair, **Leonard Ash**, **Moe Wright**, **Roger Bash**, **Kara Korbel-Chinula**, **Lorenzo Llanillo**, **Molly Baskette** and **Tanya Lawrence**.

The Blue Fire Committee comes out of the evolving post-fire process and includes some members of the **Blue Sky Team** and the **Fire Recovery Committee** (hence the name). The group will focus specifically on the rebuilding of Pilgrim Hall, including the review and selection of architects, the development of design choices, and issues related to budgeting, the permitting process, construction, and occupancy. The committee expects to involve the congregation at key points in the decision-making process.

The Fire Recovery Committee, which has been dealing with post-fire logistics, will continue to deal with the insurance settlement and other post-fire details. The Blue Sky Team, which helped the church imagine what might come out of the kairos moment of the fire, has completed its work.





Congratulations to **Kit Novotny** and **Nate Klug** on the birth of their daughter **Zoe May Klug**, who was born on Sun., May 27 around 7:30 pm. Kit, Nate and Zoe are all doing great — happy, healthy and sleepy!



Congratulations to **Tanya and Doug Lawrence** and their son **Felix** in the birth of **Diego** early Sat. morning, May 26. All are doing well!



Prayers for the family and friends of long-time member **Mitsie McKenna** who died Thurs., May 24 at Lake Park in Oakland.

Continued prayers for **Joanne Brown, Laura Burkhauser** (who is officially in remission), **Don McKay, Frankie Wei** and their families.

From **Joanne Brown**: “My deepest thanks for your cards and good wishes over these last two months. The news is great — it’s early stage, with a very good prognosis! Your prayers buoyed me up. Treatment starts in a few weeks. So would you keep me in your prayers as I continue the journey? If you’d like, you can follow my blog at <http://bit.ly/2J4efzk>. Love, Joanne”

Mental Health Seminar on Mindfulness

What do these three things have in common? 1. “*Be still and know that I am God.*” Psalm 46:10; 2. Paying attention, on purpose, in the present moment, with no judgment; 3. Evidence-based treatments for mental illness. Come find out in our next **Mental Health Promotion Seminar on Mindfulness on Sun., June 10, 11:45 am–1 pm**, in **Loper Chapel**. In this seminar, we will learn about what mindfulness is, and why it is a vital part of maintaining our mental health and preventing and promoting recovery from mental illness. All are welcome.

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The View from Here

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For the past seven years, I have made my living by consulting with churches across the country. It has been an amazing experience to meet lay leaders and clergy who long deeply to change the world through their churches. Unfortunately, a consultant is often like a physician: rarely called upon until there is a significant problem. As a result, too many of the churches I work with have suffered serious declines, conflicts or transitions.

What a relief it was to return to First Congregational Church of Berkeley recently and find that isn’t the case. It was my honor to visit several times while Pat de Jong was your pastor. She is a dear friend, so, when she left, I was concerned about who would lead this wonderful congregation. You can’t imagine my joy and relief when I learned that someone I adore and respect as deeply as I do, Molly Baskette, was chosen. Clearly, you are a wise congregation.

It was distressing to hear about the fire, your season of homelessness and the insurance delays. There was never a doubt, however, that you would survive and rebuild, but the loss of momentum that should have come from having a new and wonderful pastor would be hard to replace. A potential season of great growth and celebration was interrupted by a challenge that might have been fatal to a lesser congregation.

Earlier this year, the leadership of FCCB asked my firm to do what we call a “Health Check,” a physical for churches if you will, and to work with the stewardship team. I confess that, in the wake of a longtime pastor leaving, a devastating fire, a season of homelessness, and the challenges of rebuilding, I had some concerns about the health and state of the church. I shouldn’t have worried.

Yes, there was a budget shortfall last year. A major portion of that was lost revenue from rent. The rest? Well, transitions always come with a price. “Spiritual terrorists,” as congregational systems consultant Peter Steinke calls them, too often react negatively to changes, and, let’s admit it, all of us have enough turmoil to deal with in the rest of our lives.

Ultimately, you will receive a 30- or so-page report with recommendations from Agile Church Consulting. If you are like me, however, you don’t want to wait for the results of the doctor’s exam, so let me say this: First Congregational Church of Berkeley is in remarkably good shape, in capable hands, and has as bright a future as any church with whom I have had the honor to work. I can’t wait to return!

Blessings,

An Invitation from Nick & Annis Kukulan

Dear friends,

As you know, we have been praying for the **Wei family** since **Frankie Wei's** cancer diagnosis a few months ago. Frankie's condition has worsened and although he is still receiving treatment, the doctors have let the family know that it is unlikely Frankie will survive beyond six months. This is, of course, devastating news. Our hearts are breaking for **Frankie & Nikki** and their three children **Nathan** (17), **Shawn** (10) and **Irene** (5).

Nikki joined the church in February of 2000 and Frankie and Nikki were married in July of that year. Frankie began to work for First Church shortly thereafter. Frankie has been a steadfast employee of First Church for nearly 18 years, but some of you may have a hard time picturing him because of the gentle, unassuming way he went about his work. He faithfully and consistently set up and cleaned up for worship and all our various meetings, After Parties and events. He was always willing to come early, stay late and do whatever was needed to provide a sense of God's radical hospitality and welcome to every person who came onto our campus. And he did this on top of being in school and then working at a full-time job as an engineer.

Frankie and his family also lived in the apartment on the second floor of Pilgrim Hall. They lost all their possessions in the fire, which robbed them of their home. They went through several months of displacement as they sought to reestablish their lives. For Frankie to have gotten so seriously ill has added to that tragedy.

Many of you have asked how we, as a church, can support the Wei family during this time of crisis. The biggest need for the Wei's right now is financial. Frankie has had to stop working since the diagnosis (January) and Nikki has also needed to end her part-time employment to be able to care for Frankie full time. Earlier this month the Church Council unanimously approved a \$10,000 gift to the Wei's and we would like to raise another \$10,000 in matching funds from the congregation. We have already raised \$2,700 towards this goal and we are writing to you to invite you to participate in this endeavor.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions or would like more information. If you would like to contribute, you may send a check made out to **Annis and Nick Kukulan** with "**Wei Family**" in the subject line.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request.

— *Annis and Nick Kukulan*

Summer Small Groups — Leaders Wanted!

We are looking for 8-10 people interested in leading or co-leading a **summer small group**. The vision for these small groups is to provide opportunities to deepen our relationships with each other through spending intentional time together outside of Sunday morning worship. Groups can be centered around an interest area such as **hiking, birdwatching, knitting, park-picnics, music, cooking, poetry, painting or sharing a meal together**. Each leader will be provided tools and support in structuring their group to facilitate

conversation and nurture connection among participants. Expectations for leaders include: working with Minister of Community Life **Rachel Bauman** (rbauman@fccb.org) to develop the idea/theme for your group, participating in two leader meetings (one in June, one in September) and leading 4-6 gatherings for your group between July and mid September. Contact **Rachel** by **Sun., Jun. 10** if you are interested or would like more information. Stay tuned for news about the various groups and how to join.

Did You Know...?

...that First Church community member **Eben Perry** has four of his works of art on display at the **Musical Offering Cafe** at 2340 Bancroft Way in Berkeley?

...that **Mindfulness Meditation**, which usually occurs on the first and third Mondays of the month at **6 pm** in **Loper Chapel**, and is led by **Bill Coffin** and **Barbara McHugh**, will be meeting at **Durant House** this **Mon. Jun. 4?**

Mindful Caregiving in June

On **Sat., June 16**, **Roy Remer** and the **Zen Hospice Project** will present an intriguing and challenging day-long workshop on **Mindful Caregiving**. In addition to brief meditations, the workshop will include such topics as cultivating mindfulness for meeting grief, looking at loss at the end of life, cultivating compassion in the experience of loss and contemplating one's own death. Participants will also learn practical tools to support caregivers in applying mindful caregiving techniques. It will begin at **9 am** in **Loper Chapel** and includes a light lunch. Attendance is limited to 30 participants, and a donation of \$40 per person are encouraged. To reserve a spot, email **Bob Stumpf** or call the church office at 510/848-3696.



Sunday Video

Due to technical difficulties, the video from the **Sun., May 27**, 10 am service is not yet available. Keep checking back! www.fccb.org/live-sunday-morning-webcasts.

Coming Up!

Mindful Caregiving
Sat., Jun. 16, 9 am, Loper Chapel

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Bits and Pieces

Attend a FamChY Ministry Team Monthly Meeting this Sunday

Are you curious about the work of the **Families, Children & Youth Ministry Team (FamChY)** and possibly interested in joining the Team? The last FamChY meeting of the program year is on **Sun., June 3, 11:45 am–1 pm** in the **Pillar Room**. Childcare

will be available in the EBSB play yard.

Winthrop News thilton@fccb.org

- **Sun., June 3, 4 pm**, Work Camp planning meeting, *Tower Room*

FCCB Book Group

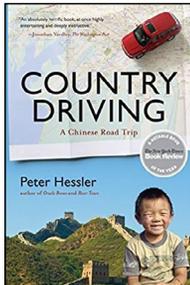
Fri., Jun. 8—

Country Driving
by Peter Hessler at **Mary-Ellis Adams'** home (1721 Tacoma Ave., Berkeley).

Summer reading

— *Nicholas Nickleby*
by Charles Dickens.

Meeting to talk about it will be **Fri., Sept. 14**, place TBD.



Interested in Assisting the Sound Team on Sundays?

Are you curious about sound technology? We are looking for someone who would be willing to assist the sound team on Sunday mornings and learn from our wonderful sound technician, **Zach Miley!** Contact **Derek** at dtam@fccb.org to learn more.

Young Adult News

- **Young Adult FroYo Outing, Sun., Jun. 24** (note date change), after **Worship, Gather on the Terrace;** hosted by *Emma & Yuka*.

Help Rebuild a Home with Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley is bringing their cost-effective, community-minded and volunteer-driven home building to Berkeley. Habitat's **Faith and Community Partnerships Manager Tori Bommarito** invites First Church to join the project, knowing about our history with Rebuilding Together and our commitment to affordable housing.

The Berkeley project, which will be ongoing through August, is the renovation of the home of an elderly Army veteran. It will be funded by a combination of a personal loan, funds from the city of Berkeley and the help of family, friends and other veterans. The homeowner has lived in the house for 40 years and supports an extended family. You can join the project individually or as a group. Contact **Tori** at 510/803-3375 or TBommarito@HabitatEBSV.org for more information and to join. If you join as a group, please also contact the chair of the **Justice and Service Ministry, Phil Adams**, so that we can support you at First Church with this community building service project.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday June 3

GREEN TEAM MEETING
9 am, Sanctuary

WORSHIP
10 am, Sanctuary

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
11 am, Sanctuary

FIRST CHURCH AT SUNDAY STREETS BERKELEY
11 am, Durant Ave.

AFTER PARTY
11:15 am, Terrace

JUSTICE & SERVICE MEETING
11:45 am, Durant House

Monday 4

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION
6 pm, Durant House

BEFRIENDERS MEETING
6:45 pm, Durant House

Tuesday 5

REV. MOLLY'S OFFICE HOURS
5:30–7 pm, Raleigh's Pub
2438 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley

STAFF MEETING
1 pm, Durant House

Wednesday 6

BIBLE STUDY
7 pm, Durant House

Friday 8

WEST COUNTY DETENTION CENTER VIGIL
11 am, Offsite



(from top) Our children celebrated their last day of program-year Sunday school classes last Sunday with special crafts and treats, and a graduation from Sunday school mini-party for our sixth graders. Winthropite Terry with his Certificate of Confirmation.

