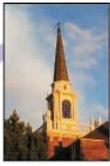


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REFORMATION SUNDAY / PLEDGE CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

Genesis 32:22-31

10:00

Worship, David Vásquez-Levy, President of Pacific School of Religion, guest preacher; Amar Khalsa & Elizabeth Forsyth, musicians; Derek Tam, music director, *Sanctuary*

Musical Highlights, Two pieces by J.S. Bach, Sanctuary Choir, community members & First Church Festival Orch.

11:15

After Party, *Courtyard*

11:45

Learning Hour, A Look at the Palestinian Issue, presented by Stan Boghosian, *Loper Chapel*

2:00

Beer & Hymns, *Freehouse Berkeley*, 2700 Bancroft Way, Berkeley

3:30

Day of the Dead Celebration, *Loper Chapel*

Beer & Hymns to Celebrate Reformation's 500th

Do you like beer? Do you like hymns? If you said "yes" to either, join **Derek Tam** for an afternoon of hymn singing, casual conversation and all around good cheer in the patio of **Freehouse Berkeley** (2700 Bancroft Way) this **Sun., Oct. 29, 2-4 pm** as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. We will have some appetizers, but you are welcome to purchase food and drinks on your own as well! (*Note: Under-21 folks are allowed but may not sit at any table where alcohol is served.*) This event is co-hosted by First Church and Pacific School of Religion.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

This **Sun., Oct. 29**, we begin our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with



guest preacher **Rev. David Vásquez-Levy**, President of Pacific School of Religion, and special music of J.S. Bach performed by our **Sanctuary Choir**, community

members and the **First Church Festival Orchestra**. At **2 pm**, there will be celebrating of a different kind at the **Beer & Hymns** event at the **Freehouse Berkeley** (see article at left)! In the coming weeks, there will be special Reformation-related **Learning Hours** and new Reformation reflections by church folks in the *Carillon*.

Palestinian Talk

In March of this year, **Stan Boghosian** traveled to parts of Israel, Jordan and Lebanon at the invitation of a relative who used to live there. This **Sun., Oct. 29**, at **11:45 am** in **Loper Chapel**, Stan will talk about his trip, including his understandings of the Palestinian situation, his attendance at a conference put on by a Palestinian Christian organization and his visit to the Negev region and a Bedouin village, as shown in the photo below. **Phil Porter**



will also talk about the UCC involvement at the national level with the Palestinian issue.

Imagining Affordable Housing: Video

Last Sun., Oct. 22, **Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA)** presented some ideas for what an affordable housing project might look like on the First Church campus. Strong support was expressed by the congregation for exploring this option at the June 10 Blue Sky meeting and we are in a process of discernment about this important need in Berkeley. You can view a video of the presentation at <https://goo.gl/IHN6w8>.

SAHA presented examples of what affordable housing could look like on the north end of our parcel, taking into account code restrictions and current campus usage and needs.

The presentation generated thoughtful questions and robust discussion that help inform our next steps in the discernment process. Over the next couple months we will be holding a series of conversations on individual topics related to exploring affordable housing on campus, including parking, open space, Durant House and responding to the Bay Area housing crisis.

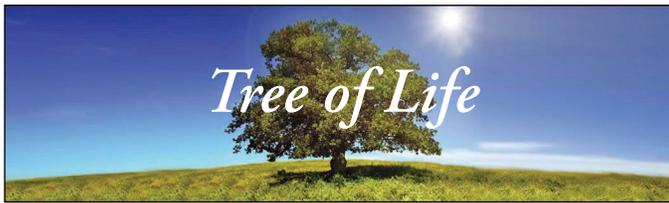
Please contact any committee members (**Scott Spote**, **Dan Leaverton**, **Emma S**, **Brian Hauck**) to share questions or thoughts. They want to hear from you!

Preaching Schedule

November 5 — Molly Baskette

November 12 — Kit Novotny

November 19 — Rev. Lynice Pinkard



Continued prayers for those affected by the Napa and Sonoma fires.

Continued prayers for **Dorothy Doudna**.

Blessed Tomorrow Pledge Campaign

We are getting ready for our new fiscal year by rolling out the **2018 Pledge Campaign** this **Sun., Oct. 29!** Listen for powerful and transparent testimonies



FIRST CHURCH PLEDGE CAMPAIGN 2018

from lay members of the congregation, following up last year's disclosures by our four pastors. Watch for your pledge card, hand-delivered at worship this Sunday and by snail mail the week following. Pray

about how you can invest in something so much bigger than yourself, a people and a purpose that can change the world and the future. Pledge cards come back to church to be blessed on **Sun., Nov. 19** with dancing in the aisles!

Nonviolent Communication Training

There's still time to register for the **Nonviolent Communication (NVC)** training on **Sat., Nov. 11, 9 am–1 pm** in **Loper Chapel** led by **Executive Director of BayNVC Roxy Manning**. Register after worship this **Sunday, Oct. 29**, email **Louise Halsey** at lhalsey@fcb.org or sign up online <https://goo.gl/Dvx9JX>. Child care is available and refreshments will be served.

Sunday Video

View the video from the **Sun., Oct. 22** 10 am service at: www.fccb.org/live-sunday-morning-webcasts.

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The View from Here

Molly Baskette
Senior Minister



Tuesday evening I spent a little time at the homeless encampment in South Berkeley, near the Here/There sign on Martin Luther King Jr. Way. They were about to be evicted again by the BART police, and some of us gathered to support these unhoused folk who were about to become even more homeless.

500 people are living in tents in Berkeley; 2,700 in Oakland. These are just the visible homeless, the toughest cases in an ever-growing horrific housing crisis. We all know people — or are ourselves — reeling from the high cost of living in the Bay Area, forced to move every year as landlords cash out (our own Kit Novotny!), living in substandard or overcrowded conditions, relying on the generosity of parents or making hard choices between rent and other needs.

As I left the affordable housing presentation on Sunday afternoon, I came upon a small knot of folks talking in the Hall of Entrance and asked to join them.

They were full of good questions as well as some anxiety. One person felt that we were moving the conversation about putting affordable housing on our campus too quickly. Another wondered if the proposal represented the most efficient and effective response to the housing crisis. Would it be better to work with other congregations, find a larger parcel of land somewhere else, perhaps Hayward or Oakland? Another said he needed the dots connected, the numbers proven. “Bring the people along,” he urged me.

I listened carefully. And I kept listening — at staff meeting on Tuesday, at my office hours that afternoon, at Church Council that evening — as thoughtful people, one after another, asserted their support for the idea of doing something so bold, with such a clear benefit to our desperate neighbors, not to mention the benefits that would accrue to us morally, spiritually, financially and in the form of goodwill from a wider community that sees us acting like Christians.

How will we get from Here to There? To borrow an image from Phil's sermon, we will take a steadfast, plodding pace. The Affordable Housing subcommittee of Blue Sky is committed to creating a process for exploring affordable housing that does not have a predetermined outcome, addresses every major issue raised and moves at the right pace (see article on pg. 1). It will be a pace that for some people seems too darn fast, and for others painfully slow. That is how we will know it is the right pace!

Will you come? Even if you aren't an expert in affordable housing, have a lot going on or worry that you don't have the “right” to speak, will you show up to our upcoming forums over the next few months and be part of this journey with us? Will you help us get from Here to There? We need every voice, in order to hear the voice of God.

“What the Reformation Means to Me” Reflections

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, our third reflection comes from **Reuben Shank**.

Isn't God still speaking? Aren't church communities always undergoing some re-formation? Is the church not challenged to renew and transform itself ever again in the face of God speaking afresh amidst the particular troubles, suffering and gifts of our times and communities? How are we recreating ourselves after the church fire and in response to increasingly unsafe and inhospitable public spaces? How are we changing to meet the needs of our hurting community members, both within and outside the church? How are we being transformed in seeking healing from the material, social and spiritual ramifications of institutionalized and legitimized histories of colonization and genocide? Of white, male, heterosexual? Of cycles of violence and trauma? Today, in opposition to “conservatives,” many UCC congregations have appropriated the label “progressive” (to replace “liberal”). Rather than conserving some past that is seen as a source of stability and strength, we claim, or at least seek, to be progressing beyond a past that is wrought with suffering and injustice. Aren't we also too often as self-righteously progressive as any conservative who claims that God is on their side? Yet this increasingly entrenched conservative vs. progressive opposition is not only tearing us apart but is most costly for the most vulnerable among us. What may progressive people learn from 500 year-old reformers, who certainly could be as self-righteous and oppositional as any of us today, and whose struggles to change their church and world certainly cost the lives of many of the most vulnerable throughout nearly two centuries of conflict?

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If these questions intrigue you, read the rest of the article at www.firstchurchberkeley.org/events/500th-anniversary-reformation.



Alameda County Food Bank Volunteer Event

On **Sat., Nov. 4, 1–4 pm**, First Church is having a volunteer day at the **Alameda County Food Bank**, 7900 Edgewater Drive, Oakland.



**ALAMEDA COUNTY
COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK**

This is a great service opportunity for adults, older children and youth (children and youth ages 10 up, one adult for every 5 children/youth ages 10-17 years) as we head into the holidays, especially in this time of natural disasters and rising income inequality. To sign up or for more details, contact **Justice & Service Ministry** team member **Leondra Kruger** or **FamChY** team member **Rachel Sing** at.

FCCB Test Kitchen Potluck

On **Sun., Nov. 12**, you are invited to bring a dish from your kitchen that you have never cooked before but have always wanted to try, and to test it out on your church family during the After Party! This will be an excellent opportunity to kick off the holiday season and set your kitchens abuzz by dusting off some cookbooks or the interwebs and discovering something new. Not only

may you find a new favorite dish, you may also (re)discover the enjoyment of cooking for its own sake and the joy of nourishing our beloved church, awakening our senses and our souls. To quote Penzey, a renowned spice company: “Love people. Cook them tasty food.”



Reminder

To register for the Companionship Training in January (see last week's *Carillon*), go to <https://goo.gl/1JC86f>.

Did You Know...?

...that First Church organist **Elizabeth Forsyth** will play a new piece this **Sun., Oct. 29** in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation? Composer **John Karl Hirten**, a Bay Area organist/composer and friend of Elizabeth's, describes the piece: “*Ein feste Burg, was commissioned by organist Jonathan Dimmock, who premiered it at St. Mark's Church in Berkeley, on June 11. Written on commission by Mr. Dimmock to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, this six-minute concert piece takes Luther's famous chorale and overlays it on a moto perpetuo ostinato accompaniment which is ever so slightly changed during the course of the piece, in a stylistic nod to the music of Steve Reich and Philip Glass.*”

...that **Aftercare** is offered every Sunday in the **Play Yard, EBSB** so that parents can attend learning hours, meetings and other church-sponsored events?



Coming Up!

FamChY Kids Night In!

Sat., Nov. 4, 4:30 pm, Loper/Pillar Rm.

Food Bank Volunteer Day

Sat., Nov. 4, 1 pm, Offsite

Nonviolent Communication Training

Sat., Nov. 11, 9 am–1 pm, Loper Chapel

First Church Test Kitchen Potluck

Sun., Nov. 12, After worship

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Bits and Pieces

Participate in All-Ages Worship!

Sun., Nov. 5 is **All-Ages Worship** when youth are invited to participate in the service. All youth are invited to bring their musical gifts, acting skills and voices to share in the fun. If you would like to contribute, let **Laura Leaverton** know by **Mon., Oct. 30**. To participate in

skit announcements, find **Rev. Kit** in the **Pillar Room** at **9:15 am** that morning.

FamChY Kids Night In!

FamChY hosts its first **Kids Night In** (so parents can have a night out!), **Sat., Nov. 4, 4:30–8 pm** for First Church kids ages 0–11. Supervised by our trustworthy, certified and loving childcare staff and a few youth assistants, **children ages 0–3** will be in **Loper Chapel** and **children ages 4–11** will enjoy crafts, games and a kids movie in the **Pillar Room**.

Drop off begins at **4:30 pm** and pick up is no later than **8 pm**. Registration is required (first come, first served). The fee is \$10 per child. Pizza and fruit will be served at **6 pm**. If you prefer that your child not eat pizza, feel free to pack a supper for your child. Contact **Katie Sparks** or **Carolyn Ash** (clash@fccb.org) for questions or registration information.

Day of the Dead Celebration



Our second annual **Day of the Dead Celebration** will be held in **Loper Chapel** from **3:30–5:30 pm, Sun., Oct. 29**. Come decorate sugar skulls and do other fun Mexican crafts. Bring something to share for our altar that represents a loved one who has passed, maybe a grandparent or a beloved pet, etc. We will gather at the altar for a time of sharing, remembrance and prayer. There will be music and refreshments. Mexican attire encouraged. Everyone is welcome!

Phillip Moffitt: Awakening Through the Nine Bodies

On **Thurs., Nov. 2, 7:30 pm**, **Adult Education Ministry** presents **Phillip Moffitt** who will speak about his new book *Awakening through the Nine Bodies* (www.NineBodies.com) in the **Sanctuary**. Admission is \$10 (no one will be turned away for lack of funds). Doors open at **7 pm**; event starts at **7:30 pm**.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday October 29

SONGS OF THE SOUL REHEARSAL

9 am, Room #4, EBSB

WORSHIP

10 am, Sanctuary

AFTER PARTY

11:15 am, Courtyard

YES YOUTH GROUP

11:30 am, Durant House

LEARNING HOUR: STAN BOGHOSIAN

11:45 am, Loper Chapel

BEER & HYMNS

2 pm, Offsite

DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

3:30 pm, Loper Chapel

Tuesday 31

STAFF MEETING

1 pm, Durant House Main

REV. MOLLY'S OFFICE HOURS

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

Wednesday November 1

OPEN CHAPEL

7 pm, Loper Chapel

BIBLE STUDY

7 pm, Durant House Main

Thursday 2

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:45 pm, Pillar Room

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7 pm, Loper Chapel

ADULT ED PRESENTS: PHILLIP MOFFITT

7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Friday 3

WINTHROP FRIDAY NIGHT HANGOUT

6:30 pm, Offsite

Saturday 4

ALAMEDA COUNTY FOOD BANK EVENT

1 pm, Offsite

FAMCHY KIDS NIGHT IN!

4:30 pm, Loper Chapel/Pillar Room

Winthrop & YES News

- **Sun., Oct. 29** — YES will brainstorm service project ideas at **11:30 am** in **Durant House**
- **Fri., Nov. 3** — **Winthrop Friday Night Hangout** at **6:30 pm** at **Margie and Mateo's place** (1072 Evelyn Ave, Albany)
- **Sun., Nov. 5** — **Winthrop Confirmation class** at **4 pm** in the **Pillar Room**
- **Sun., Nov. 5** — YES, Whole Lives session, **11:30 am, Tower Room**

FCCB Book Group Gatherings

- **Fri., Nov. 10** — *The Fire Next Time* by **James Baldwin** at the home of **Anne Rowe**
- **Fri., Dec. 8** — *The Underground Railroad* by **Colson Whitehead** at the home of **Melissa Moss**
- **Fri., Jan. 12** — We will share poetry of our own choosing at the home of **Dorothy Streutker**
- **Fri., Feb. 9** — *Daughters of the River Huong* by **Uyen Nicole Duong** at the home of **Mary-Ellis Adams**

Young Adult News

For more info: knovotny@fccb.org

- **Frozen Yogurt Outing**, hosted by **Yuka**, **Sun., Nov. 5, 11:45 am–12:45 pm**