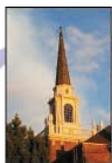


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**COMMUNION SUNDAY / ALL-AGES WORSHIP / SECOND SUNDAY OF PLEDGE SEASON**

Matthew 23:1-12

**9:40**

**First Sunday Hymn Sing, Sanctuary**

**10:00**

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

**Musical Highlights**, Oakland-East Bay Gay Men's Chorus, William Sauerland, conductor

**11:15**

**After Party, Courtyard**

**11:45**

**Learning Hour**, Protestant Reformation Learning Hour, led by Rev. Molly, Loper Chapel

**11:45**

**Intergenerational Singing Session**, led by Interplayer Soyinka Rahim, Sanctuary

## Church Tour, November 12

Interested in a tour of our church campus? All are invited to join **Moe Wright**, long-time member and expert on the inner workings of the church, for a tour on **Sun., Nov. 12**. Meet Moe in the **Hall of Entrance** (parking lot end) at **11:45 am**.

## Preaching Schedule

**November 12** — Kit Novotny

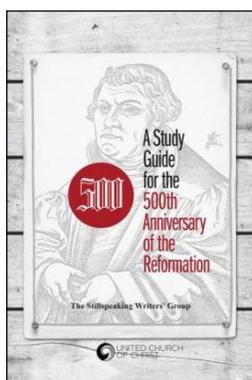
**November 19** — Rev. Lynice Pinkard

**November 26** — Loi Almeron

**December 3** — Molly Baskette

## Protestant Reformation Learning Hour

In this 500th Anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation, First Church



will present a study of this theological and ecclesiastical revolution and the man who brought it on, Martin Luther, led by **Rev. Molly** during the **Learning Hour** this **Sun.,**

**Nov. 5 at 11:45 am** in **Loper Chapel**.

The event will be based on a study guide written by the **Still Speaking Writers' Group**, with their unique UCC flair. Reflection titles include "Guess What? You're a Priest; Which Do You Prefer, an Angry God or a Cheap Gospel?," "Total Depravity" and "Luther's Sins— and Ours." Copies of the study guide will be made available. If you are interested in purchasing your own copy, you can order at <https://goo.gl/HnEkCY>.

## Intergenerational Singing this Sunday!

InterPlayer **Soyinka Rahim** returns to lead an intergenerational singing sessions featuring songs from her album **BIBO (Breathe In Breathe Out) Love** this **Sun., Nov. 5 & Nov. 19** in the **Sanctuary at 11:45 am**.

All are welcome. Parents/guardians are especially invited to join with their children. There may be an opportunity to present some of what we learn with Soyinka at a later date. To sign up or learn more, email **Derek Tam** at [dtam@fccb.org](mailto:dtam@fccb.org).

## First Sunday Hymn Sing

This **Sun., Nov. 5** is the **First Sunday Hymn Sing!** Come a little early (i.e., **9:40 am**) to the **Sanctuary** as **Derek Tam** leads us in both classic and contemporary hymns. And then, of course, stay for the prelude!

## Affordable Housing Conversations: Parking

As the congregation continues to discern whether to building affordable housing on the First Church campus, the **Affordable Housing Subcommittee** of the **Blue Sky Team** will host a series of a conversations on some of the individual issues that have been raised.

On **Sun., Nov. 19, at 11:45 am** in the **Sanctuary**, the conversation will be about parking. It is likely that a project would involve losing some parking spots on the Durant side of the property. The committee will be sharing what they are learning about area parking issues and alternative parking strategies.

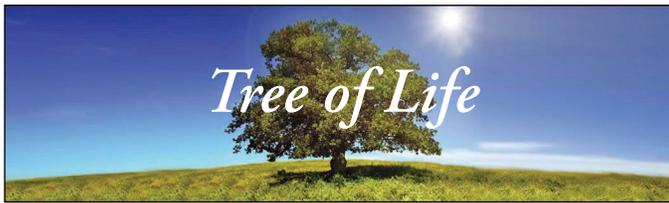
Additional conversations have been scheduled:

- **Dec. 10** — Open Space & Durant House
- **Jan. 7** — The Affordable Housing Crisis and Solutions
- **Jan. 21** — The Economics of Affordable Housing (& church budget meeting)

## Daylight Savings Ends

This Saturday at midnight, Daylight Savings Time will end. **Set your clocks back one hour** ("fall back") when you go to bed on Saturday night.





Prayers for **Loi Almeron** and her family in the Philippines on the recent death of her grandmother.

Because of ongoing construction, we won't be able to use the church boiler (the Sanctuary's heat source) until sometime in November, so for those **chilly Sunday mornings** this fall, please remember to **bring an extra layer of clothing**.

## 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@fccb.org](mailto:lhalsey@fccb.org) or sign up online <https://goo.gl/Dvx9JX>. Child care is available and refreshments will be served.

## A Thanksgiving Opportunity

The **Berkeley Food Pantry** recently learned that the **Alameda County Community Food Bank** cannot guarantee having special Thanksgiving items available for purchase by food pantries at greatly reduced prices this year. This means that the Pantry manager may need to shop elsewhere (at greater expense) for items like stuffing mix, canned pumpkin and cranberry sauce to go with the whole chicken which Pantry guests receive. Can you help with a **tax-deductible dollar donation** of any size? You can donate by check (payable to **Berkeley Food Pantry** and mailed to 1600 Sacramento Street, Berkeley 94702 or brought to church at the "Donate Food Here" area in the Hall of Entrance on Sunday mornings) or online at [www.berkeleyfoodpantry.org/donate](http://www.berkeleyfoodpantry.org/donate).

### Sunday Video

View the video from the **Sun., Oct. 29** 10 am service at: [www.fccb.org/live-sunday-morning-webcasts](http://www.fccb.org/live-sunday-morning-webcasts).

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## The View from Here

**Carolyn Ash**

**Director of Children and Family Ministries**



Getting burned out of Pilgrim Hall a year ago sparked a new chapter in the life of this church: the Space Age. Or, I should say, the Shared Space Age. Who wants to share an office with whom? Who's okay with their office being a closet? Can we turn a shower into a closet? Can we turn a closet into a kitchen? For me the space question has been: how do we transform four rooms into pop-up Sunday school classrooms for an hour a week?

Because one of our goals is to continue to grow the church, the classrooms must communicate to visiting families that we have a permanent, thriving, thoughtful Sunday School program. They must be appealing to kids and organized for teachers, but also quick and easy to repurpose for adult programs after church.

The children and grandchildren of today's visiting families could be the steadfast church leadership for the blessed tomorrow of the next hundred years. Or we could never see them again because they didn't know where to go, their kids didn't want to go to Sunday school in a chilly office space or they couldn't find parking when they were running late (as parents of small children usually are).

Praise God for this church where there's never a lack of ideas! Together, we came up with these solutions:

- Creating a children's activity area in the Hall of Entrance that instantly visually signals that kids are welcome!
- Decorating the Durant House (pop-up preschool classroom) with children's art!
- Displaying the Godly Play sacred stories on shelves with wheels in the Pillar Room (pop-up Godly Play class)!
- Transforming the Tower Room from storage closet to cozy youth space!
- Designating four parking spots for "First time visitors" and four more for "Families with young children"!

Do you have other space ideas? I'd love to hear them! We may have years to noodle on the space question before we complete our new building. We may surprise ourselves in the end by sharing spaces so invitationally with newbies and functionally with members that we don't even need a new building for Sunday school classes!

## Alameda County Food Bank Event

This **Sat., Nov. 4, 1–4 pm**, First Church is having a volunteer day at the **Alameda County Food Bank**, 7900 Edgewater Drive, Oakland for adults, older children and youth (children and youth ages 10 up, one adult for every 5 children/youth ages 10-17 years). To sign up or for more details, contact **Justice & Service Ministry** team member **Leondra Kruger** at or **FamChY** team member **Rachel Sing**.

## “What the Reformation Means to Me” Reflections

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

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For me, the Protestant Reformation is personal. I grew up in the Lutheran Church; my three years (!) of



Melissa Moss

confirmation class were grounded in the Reformation. Whenever I hear “A Mighty Fortress is Our God,” I remember attending worship with my family. I think of my

grandfather because, of course, “Mighty Fortress” was played at his funeral. The hymn may no longer be politically correct, and our own congregation has shifted over the years from singing it to hearing a variation played during the prelude or postlude — but it still resonates with me.

Every year I visit my hometown of Wilmington, Delaware for at least a month or more, and while there I reconnect with St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. It’s a second church home for me. As I planned my trip for this fall, I made sure I would be there for Reformation Sunday. In fact, they will be participating in a special combined worship service celebrating the 500th Anniversary, along with other mainline denominations including our own UCC. My late parents, Carl and Doris Hauger, would have loved to have attended the 500th anniversary — so I will just have to be there for them. I will miss attending First Church Berkeley’s own commemoration, as well as the subsequent Learning Hours, but will be with you in spirit.

### Save the Date!

**Women’s Retreat**  
at Ralston White  
Center, Mill Valley,  
**Feb. 9-10, 2018**



## Process Theology Learning Hours

Alfred North Whitehead wrote, “Process is the becoming of experience.” **Process Theology** describes a worldview formed around the ongoing “becoming” rather than the “being” of God, humanity and the universe. Come for an introduction to **Process Theology** presented by **Christina Hutchins** at the **Learning Hour on Sun., Nov. 12 & 26, 11:45 am, Loper Chapel**.

**Christina Hutchins** is a member of FCCB, a UCC minister and former professor at Pacific School of Religion, teaching Process Theology, Theological Imagination, Beauty and Critique, and Poetry. She holds degrees from UC Davis, Harvard, and the GTU. Her primary vocation is as a poet, and has published several volumes of poetry.

## Attention, November Birthday Babies!

Happy Birthday to those born in November! *Reminder:* Please help us celebrate you by bringing a **treat** or **snack** to share after church once or twice this month! Thanks! Questions? Email [knovotny@fccb.org](mailto:knovotny@fccb.org).

## 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.



## Did You Know...?

...that we’re hosting our first ever **Ukulele Workshop** with Cal student & uke player **Ben Bavonese** this **Sat., Nov. 4, 10:30am-noon**, in **Loper Chapel**? All ages and skills welcome!

... that there will be a “noisy collection” for the **Latina Center** during Sunday’s worship where you’ll throw change into pots that the kids pass around? Be sure to bring all your extra change for some noisy fun!

## Post-Fire Rebuilding Updates—Oct 2017

The **Fire Recovery Committee** is preparing the very detailed insurance claim with the intention of making the



strongest claim possible. The committee is working with a lawyer with special expertise in this area. After the

claim is submitted to the insurers, if there are points of disagreement, there will be subsequent dialogue.

The **Blue Fire Committee (Building Design Subcommittee)**, which includes members of both the Fire Recovery Committee and the Blue Sky Committee, is tasked with taking the next steps on a plan for rebuilding **Pilgrim Hall**. They are waiting for more information about the insurance settlement.

Go to <https://goo.gl/UW8oGv> to learn about post-fire updates on the state of:

- Affordable housing possibilities
- Sanctuary repairs/Little Free Library
- Artificial lawn
- Boiler and heating system
- Tower Room

## Coming Up!

**Nonviolent Communication Training**

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

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## Bits and Pieces

### Kids Night In!

FamChY hosts its first **Kids Night** **In this Sat., Nov. 4, 4:30–8 pm** for First Church kids ages 0–11. **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 ends at **8 pm**.

Registration is required (first come, first served). \$10 per child. Pizza and fruit will be served at **6 pm**. Feel free to pack a supper for your child, if you prefer. Contact **Katie Sparks** or **Carolyn Ash** ([clash@fccb.org](mailto:clash@fccb.org)) for questions or registration information.

### Faith-Rooted Organizing Training Nov. 3 & 4

A Faith-Rooted Organizing training is being held **Fri., Nov. 3 (6–9 pm) & Sat., Nov. 4 (9 am–5 pm)** for clergy, lay leaders and spiritually-motivated social change agents at **First Presbyterian Church** (1965 Colfax Rd., Concord). \$25–\$75 (sliding scale). To register, go to <https://goo.gl/pCY4p5>. The training is sponsored by **Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy**, **The Oakland Peace Center**, **Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity** and **EBHO's Interfaith Communities United**. For more information, contact **Nicole Zapata** at 925/639-7588 or [nicole@workingeastbay.org](mailto:nicole@workingeastbay.org).

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday November 5

#### SONGS OF THE SOUL REHEARSAL

9 am, Room #4, EBSB

#### HYMN SING

9:40 am, Sanctuary

#### WORSHIP

10 am, Sanctuary

#### AFTER PARTY

11:15 am, Courtyard

#### YES YOUTH GROUP

11:30 am, Tower Room

#### LEARNING HOUR: REFORMATION

11:45 am, Loper Chapel

#### INTERGENERATIONAL SINGING SESSION

11:45 am, Sanctuary

#### WINTHROP YOUTH GROUP

4 pm, Pillar Room

### Monday 6

#### MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

6 pm, Loper Chapel

#### BEFRIENDERS MEETING

6:45 pm, Durant House Main

### Tuesday 7

#### STAFF MEETING

1 pm, Durant House Main

#### REV. MOLLY'S OFFICE HOURS

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

#### WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL LIFE

7 pm, Durant House Main

### Wednesday 8

#### OPEN CHAPEL

7 pm, Loper Chapel

#### BIBLE STUDY

7 pm, Durant House Main

### Thursday 9

#### FAMCHY

5:30 pm, Durant House Main

#### BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:45 pm, Pillar Room

#### SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7 pm, Loper Chapel

### Friday 10

#### WINTHROP FRIDAY NIGHT HANGOUT

6:30 pm, Offsite

### Saturday 11

#### NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION TRAINING

9 am, Loper Chapel

### Phillip Moffitt: Awakening Through the Nine Bodies

This **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](http://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**.

### 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**

### Winthrop & YES News

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

### Young Adult News

For more info: [knovotny@fccb.org](mailto:knovotny@fccb.org)

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



Last Sunday, First Church folks gathered to celebrate the Mexican festival of the Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos) by decorating sugar skulls, making Mexican tin art, creating an altar and telling stories of those they mourned. See a slideshow of all the photos at <https://goo.gl/Wd1L2b>.



# Welcome Our New Members



October 2017

## Edwin Gomez



Edwin moved to San Francisco from St. Petersburg, FL in 2010 and since then has visited over

230 state and national parks across seven states. He has been a vegan for six years and, as a result, doesn't get invited to dinner much! In his spare time he makes all-natural and organic soaps and candles.

## Bruce Chamberlain



Bruce is a second generation Bay Area native. His father grew up in Piedmont,

and Bruce grew up in San Mateo. He has worked for over 25 years in sustainability and energy efficiency industries/organizations. He is blessed to have wife/partner Nancy and daughter Lillie.

## Joe Livingston



Joe is a single dad of two amazing boys, Josh and Dakota. He is a first year MDiv student at

Pacific School of Religion. He is a Wedding/Event Planner.