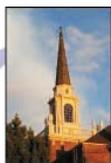


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100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WWI ARMISTICE / NEIGHBORS IN NEED SUNDAY

Rev. 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

10:00

Worship, Rachel Bauman, preaching; Amar Khalsa, musician; Elizabeth Forsyth, organist; Derek Tam, music director, *Sanctuary*

Musical Highlights, "Pie Jesu" from *Requiem* by Andrew Lloyd Webber, "Esurientes implevit" from *Magnificat*, *RV 610* by Antonio Vivaldi; Angela Arnold, soprano; Susan Russell, mezzo-soprano; Derek Tam, piano

11:15

After Party, *Terrace*

11:15

Second Sunday Sandwiches, *Cloister*

11:45

Learning Hour, Introducing the WISE Covenant, *Loper Chapel*

Learning Hour: WISE

This **Sun., Nov. 11**, join us at the **11:45 am Learning Hour in Loper Chapel** to further explore the possibility of First Church becoming a **Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged (WISE) Congregation for Mental Health**. Members of the Mental Health Ministry will present our proposed WISE Covenant to read and discuss together. Join in this opportunity as the church moves toward seeking official recognition in the UCC as a "WISE Congregation."

The WISE movement was initiated by the UCC **Mental Health Network**, a group of volunteers who work on these issues within the UCC. Two First Church members, **Robin Kempster** and **Kerrie Hein**, serve on the organization's Board of Directors.

Staff Transitions Announced

A letter was sent to the congregation this week announcing with sadness and joy the news of two significant staff transitions coming in 2019.



Rev. Rachel Bauman, Minister of Community Life, has accepted a call to become the Pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ on Madeline Island in Wisconsin. After spending six wonderful years at First Church, loving us, growing us spiritually and teaching us, she is

accepting a new challenge that fits her growing sense of her own holy calling. Her last Sunday will be **Dec. 30**.

Phil Porter, Minister of Art & Communication, has a new opportunity, given shifting UCC guidelines, to become formally ordained in the United Church of Christ in honor of his 24 years of service to First Church and the wider church. We are likely to ordain Phil this spring, and sometime soon after he will move on, to continue his work as co-founder and co-director of InterPlay, as well as exploring other ministry opportunities that may present themselves.

Neighbors in Need Offering

This **Sun., Nov. 11**, First Church will participate in **Neighbors in Need (NIN)**, an annual offering to support the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US.

Two-thirds of this offering, which is collected by UCC churches nationwide, is used by the UCC's **Justice and Witness Ministries** to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects through grants. NIN grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. **This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.**



One-third of the offering supports the UCC's **Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM)**, which supports 20 UCC congregations on tribal reservations. CAIM also serves as a resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the US.

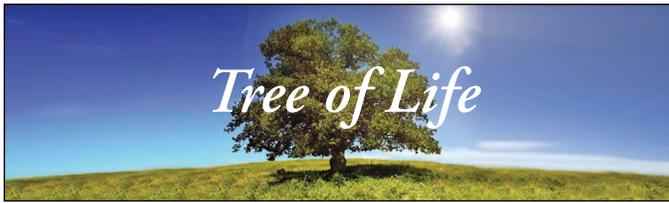
Our support, along with the support of our UCC neighbors around the country, will help make these activities possible.

Preaching Schedule

Sun., Nov. 18, Phil Porter

Sunday Video

You can view the video from the **Sun., Nov. 4**, 10 am service [here](#).



Prayers for **Dane Isaac**, who is recovering from surgery.
Prayers for **Carol Copeland** for recovery from a recent illness. Cards may be sent to her at her home at Lake Park.

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Forsyth** on the birth of her grandson **Abram James Forsyth**, born on Wed., Oct. 31 at 11:50 pm to proud parents **Ian** (Liz's son) and his wife **Sienna**.



Continued healing prayers for **Larana McVay**, **Judy Norberg** and **Soyinka Rahim**.

Dick Erickson's memorial service will take place on **Sun., Dec. 9 at 2 pm** at the Cal Alumni House (1 Alumni House, Berkeley). Cards may be sent to the family, in care of Sally Erickson Mehaffey.

Transgender Day of Remembrance

Join us in observing the **Transgender Day of Remembrance** on **Tues., Nov. 20 at 6 pm**, with a vigil and reading of the names of our transgender siblings who have been killed in the past year. All are welcome, regardless of your faith tradition. There will be candles, singing, prayer, poetry and silence. The event will take place in the **Sanctuary**.

Since this is a hard day for many trans folks, a livestream of the event will be available for those who would still like to be among community while staying in.

And in recognition that we must celebrate trans life as well as honor those we've lost, our worship the following **Sunday (Nov. 25)** will be a celebration of the **Trans Day of Resilience/Resistance**.

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The View from Here

Molly Baskette/ Kit Novotny
Senior Minister/Young Adult Minister



There's always an inherent risk in connecting with our fellow humans: one day, you may have to say goodbye. Or, on this side of eternity at least, "see you later." When our dear fellow pastors Rachel and Phil shared with us their news, that the Holy Spirit has been concurrently stirring new directions in both of their lives, we had (to use millennial speak) all the feels.

Now that their plans have been shared more widely this week, we imagine many of you may be feeling a lot, too. Such a mixture of feelings is sometimes called poignancy: smiles mixed with tears, sadness rooted in profound gratitude for all the ways in which these two have so meaningfully shaped our life together at First Church. That special prick of poignancy seems to be the calling card of the presence of God. Just think of that welling up of tearful joy as Rachel welcomes all people to the Communion table. Or think of that pregnant silence that follows laughter after Phil embodies a story from scripture, bringing an old parable to new life. We also recognize the extra impact of losing our two queer-identified settled clergy on our Open and Affirming congregation.

One of the hardest things about modern ministry is transience — not only the transience of members moving away in an increasingly mobile society, but the transience of staff. The average tenure of an associate pastor in mainline churches is now less than 3 years! How lucky are we to have had Rachel among us for 6 years, and Phil for 24 as a staff member. Reluctant as we are to see them go, we can be glad for other churches as well as the big-C Church that will benefit from their spiritual gifts — and proud of ourselves, that we are a place that gives so many people the grounding and courage to answer God's calling, even when it leads them to leap away from what is familiar and comfortable.

Part of our calling as the Body of Christ is that we also celebrate the exciting new opportunities that are opening up for both Phil and Rachel. For when one member of the Body of Christ is honored, we all rejoice together with it. (1 Corinthians 12:26) We rejoice in the new adventures towards Ordination and Solo Pastoring, respectively, and the new adventures of open space, whether the open space of semi-retirement or the open space of Lake Superior (ask Rachel about the winter "ice road" and "windsleds" to Madeline Island)!

In the meantime, stay tuned for ways to honor Rachel before the end of December, and Phil in the spring. Thankfully, before we say goodbye (or see you later), we will have plenty of time and many opportunities to celebrate the gifts that Rachel and Phil have brought to us and been for us for these many years!

Molly Kit

Resonance Concert: Ars Minerva Performs “Ifigenia in Aulide”

Resonance @ First Church presents *Ifigenia in Aulide* on **Fri., Nov. 9** at **8 pm** in the **Sanctuary**. Savor the modern world premiere production of Giovanni Porta’s 1738 opera, as recreated by **Ars Minerva**, one of the Bay Area’s most exciting opera companies. Along with

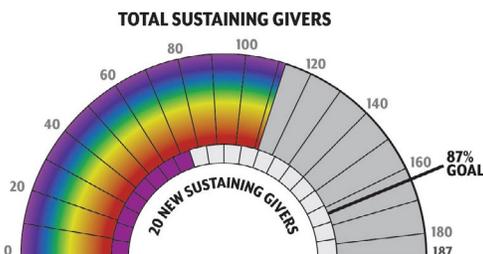


The cast of “Ifigenia in Aulide” rehearsing at the Bay Area Ballet Conservatory

a cast of superb singers, a full period orchestra will be led by conductor **Derek Tam**. The concert is presented by First Church’s **Resonance**. For more information and to buy tickets, go [here](#).

Sustaining Givers: How Are We Doing?

We are making great strides toward our goal of having 87% of our pledgers sign up to be “sustaining givers” through Realm, the church’s new database. As of Sun., Nov. 4, we had **97 contributors** who had signed up for sustaining giving (shown by the rainbow) and **8 new sustaining givers** (shown in the arc below the rainbow). During the Sunday morning service, another **15 people** promised to sign up, bringing the total to **112**. We will continue to encourage folks to sign up. Watch for more reports to come! You can still become a sustaining giver by going [here](#).



All Church 2019 Budget Meeting

— *Nathan Hood, Chair of the Ministry of Stewardship, Finance & Administration (SFA)*

Halloween? Thanksgiving? No silly it’s Church Budget Season! As the congregation voted on the 2018 budget, they also voted to form the **Strength in Numbers (SiN) Committee**, a cross-section of our membership charged with tackling church growth and finances head-on on an ongoing basis.

SiN met throughout 2018 and rolled out big picture solutions to be put into practice, when developing the 2019 budget and planning for the future, to **Stewardship, Finance & Administration (SF&A)** and its budget subcommittee. The 2019 budget will reduce the budget deficit at least 75% through a combination of cost savings via reevaluating personnel, ministry/program and debt expenses. This leaner, lighter budget will give us the runway we need to prepare for future growth.

The preliminary budget will be presented to the congregation at an **informational meeting on Sun., Nov. 18** at 11:45 am in the **Sanctuary**.

Please come hear where we are, where we’re headed and offer your input. SF&A will vote on the budget on **Sun., Dec. 4**, followed by a **Church Council** vote on **Tues., Dec. 18**. The final budget will be presented to the congregation in January.

Don’t forget: the biggest way to participate in the budget process is to follow the Gratitude Cycle, sign up for our new church database Realm, become a sustaining giver in our last pledge campaign as we know it, and invite your friends to church!

Berkeley Half Marathon on Sun., Nov. 18

The **Berkeley Half Marathon** will take place on **Sunday morning, Nov. 18** starting at **7 am**. This may affect your route to church. Please go to www.firstchurchberkeley.org/news/berkeley-half-marathon-route for more information about road closures.

Did You Know...?

...that our organist, **Elizabeth Forsyth**, will be performing the Saint-Saens *Symphony #3* (the “Organ Symphony”) with the **Stockton Symphony** at **6 pm** this **Sat., Nov. 10**? Also on the program (also with an organ part) is “Blues and Beyond” by **Chris Brubeck**, Dave Brubeck’s son. Chris will be soloing on trombone.

...that **Angela Arnold** is the soprano soloist in Haydn’s *Lord Nelson Mass* with the **Bay Choral Guild** on **Sun., Nov. 18, 4 pm** at **St Mark’s Lutheran Church** in San Francisco?

Call for Nominations

Committees are an important part of the life of First Church. The **Committee of Involvement** is beginning to consider members for various church leadership positions. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in February. Every member is welcome to let the committee know of their interest in any position on any of our six ministries; terms are typically two years. All ministries meet after church on the **first Sunday of the month**.

If you would like to serve on a ministry, or in another position, please tell a member of the Committee of Involvement or one of the ministers.

Committee of Involvement members: **Richard Brabham, Mike Casendino, Mary Fujii, Louise Halsey, Kathy Helliesen, Laura Leaverton, Rod MacKenzie, Janet McDonald, Becky Smith, Bob Stumpf**.

Coming Up!

Transgender Day of Remembrance 2018

Tues., Nov. 20, 6 pm, Sanctuary

Advent Craft Workshop

Sun., Dec. 9, 11:45 am, Pillar Room.

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Bits and Pieces

Parent Circle of Sharing & Support

Because we are a church who recognizes the challenges of parenting children of all ages, we continue our **Parent Circle for Sharing and Support** around our individual efforts at **Compassionate Communication** on **Sun., Nov. 18, 11:45 am–1 pm** in the **Pillar Room**. **Rachel**

Bauman will facilitate and **FamChY's Sustainable Families Work Group** will host. All are welcome! Prior participation in **Compassionate Communication** workshops is not required. Childcare will be provided in the play yard.

Deckers November Event

The Deckers will attend a performance of *Messiah* by **Chora Nova** on **Sun., Nov. 18**, in the **Sanctuary** at **4 pm**, with a gathering afterwards at **Ann and Joe Jensen's** home for a **potluck supper**. Please plan on bringing dishes to share that can be enjoyed at room temperature.

Tickets (\$25 regular, \$20 senior) can be bought at the door. To RSVP or ask questions, contact Ann.

The **Deckers** is a fellowship group of folks mainly in their 60s-70s. All are welcome!

FCCB Book Group

The **FCCB Book Group** is meeting on the following **Fridays** at **10 am**. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book!

- **Nov. 16.** *The Hare with the Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal at **Anne Rowe's** home.
- **Dec. 14.** *The Ghost Writer* by Phillip Roth at **Mary-Ellis Adams's** home.

For more information, contact **Katie Brookes**.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday November 11

WORSHIP

10 am, Sanctuary

AFTER PARTY

11:15 am, Terrace

SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICHES

11:15 am, Cloister

LEARNING HOUR: WISE COVENANT

11:45 am, Loper Chapel

GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

11:45 am, Sanctuary

YES YOUTH GROUP

11:45 am, Tower Room

WINTHROP YOUTH GROUP

4 pm, Durant House

Tuesday 13

REV. MOLLY'S OFFICE HOURS

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

KNIT, CROCHET & PRAY

5 pm, Durant House

Wednesday 14

BIBLE STUDY

7 pm, Durant House

Thursday 15

YOUNG ADULT YOGA

5 pm, Loper Chapel

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7 pm, Pillar Room

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7 pm, Sanctuary

Friday 16

WINTHROP HANGOUT

6:30 pm, Offsite

YES & Winthrop News

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YES

- **Sun., Nov. 11, 11:45 am**, Tower Room

Winthrop

- **Sun., Nov. 11, 4 pm**, Tower Room
- **Fri., Nov. 16, 6:30 pm**, Friday Night Hangout, location TBD

Young Adult News

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- **College Student Lunch, Sun., Nov. 11, 12 pm**, *Super Duper Burgers, 2355 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley*
- **Rev. Kit's Office Hours, Mon., Nov. 12, 11 am–12 pm**, *1951 Coffee Company, 2410 Channing Way, Berkeley*
- **Young Adult Yoga, Thurs., Nov. 15, 5 pm**, *Loper Chapel*

Save the Date!

Advent Craft Workshop

Sun., Dec. 9, 11:45 am, Pillar Room



Left: Children participating in All-Ages worship last Sunday; right: new members being introduced and welcomed