

THE TIE that binds

October/November 2023

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A Season of Nostalgia

A Thanksgiving Prayer

"I lift my heart to Thee, O God,
In gratitude and praise.
For all Thy blessings of the past,
And those of future days...
For well I know if I shall live,
Thy blessings still shall flow
Across my soul in greater joy
Than I could ever know ...
I thank Thee for my faithful friends,
For sunshine and the rain,
And every blessing hid or seen
Though some may come through pain
O God, accept my thanks to Thee
Each time I come to pray,
And grant each day that I shall live
Will be Thanksgiving Day."

Gather Together

Falling Leaves

Autumn Memories

Pastor's Page

The Church Calendar in Ordinary Time

A Month of October...

A time to focus on the global family:

World Communion with God's word in many languages.

CROP Walk to raise funds and awareness for world hunger.

Apple Festival and Tag Sale for our Community.

Gathering for New Members as the church grows.

The Month of November....

A time to remember blessing and celebrate gifts:

All Saints' Day Service of Remembrance and Communion

Women's Retreat at Camp Wightman

Stewardship Sunday and Pledge Commitments

Season of Joy, Gratitude and Thanksgiving

The Month of December...

A time to prepare for the new Advent year:

*Congregation comes together to share a 6 –week Journey
of bible study, fellowship and spirit-filled conversation.*

*Pastor and participants meet Wednesday mornings at 10 am
beginning in November (8th 15th 29th)
finishing in December (6th 13th 20th)*

*Our Faith exploration will focus on Amy Jill-Levine's
“gospel of Mark” DVD series and our sessions will be called,
“Filling in the Gaps” of the Christmas story.*

Church Humor

off the mark

by Mark Parisi

www.offthemark.com





OCTOBER MINISTERS

Lay Leaders:

01– Jonathan Liu
08 - Pete Wong
15 - Joe Greene
22 - Dennis Piscatello
29 - Holly Boyle

Serving Communion:

Serving Communion: Barbara Brant & Candy Zeppieri
Portia & Charley Freeman

Preparing: Barbara Brant & Charley Freeman
Assisting Pastor: Pete Wong

NOVEMBER MINISTERS

Lay Leaders:

05 - Dianne Augeri
12 - Barbara Brant
19 - Janice Maranda
26 - Jonathan Liu

Serving Communion:

LondA & Drew Wesche
Sandy Vocolina & Becky Freeman
Preparing Communion: Drew & Londa Wesche
Assisting Pastor: Carol Gatlin

OCTOBER

02-Nathan White
07- Marvin Wong
11- James Lew
17- Sallie Land
20- Sophia Liu Keeton
21- Joe Greene
23- Carol Rowley
23- Patti Tootell
23- Li Ling Liu
24- Dale Rehberg
24- Nick Basset
25- Rey Amuan
25- Kristen Negaard O'Brien
28- Alex Lewis
30- Maddison Harasyn



NOVEMBER

04-Andrea Dellarco
05- Alex Lew
05- Barry Morton
07- Peg Straub
08- Britni Tourjee
09- Carolyn Land
10- Eva Tourjee
11- Vance Lamb
14- Dave Rowley
18- Belle Jordan
19- Silas Keeton
21- Steve Hughes
24- Megan Taylor
25- Marilyn Baird
30- Cathy Lewis Myers
30- Peter Dellarco





Two crusted and crumb topped Apple Pies!
All kinds of apple cookies, tarts, squares will be
available as well.
Put your order in today.
They would love to have advanced orders for pies.
Call the church office.
Remember the holidays are right around the
corner!

There will also be a Mini Tag Sale that same day
with all sorts of treasures for you...don't miss it!



November 3/4

Women's Retreat at Camp Wightman

Pastor Claudine will be leading the program

The Theme will be: "Tying the Knot...of Faith"

We will be staying at Reynolds again this year.
You will need to bring a sleeping bag and your favorite pillow.
We will bring (things are still being planned) snacks for the
Friday night
The cost will be \$85

Saturday morning people will be expected to arrive at 8 am
for breakfast, crafts, free time then lunch and a program, ending
with learning (all over again) to sign "You Raise Me Up"
The cost for Saturday only will be \$45

Please let the church office know if you plan to attend!

We always look forward to a wonderful time to relax and be
renewed both in mind and spirit!

Please join us.



We have set up an exchange program in the Lounge.



It has puzzles...

Books...



and movies ...



Just stop by and pick up what you like and after you have enjoyed it ...bring it back for others to share!

Saturday, Novvember 4th



The Pastor will be away for two Sundays in October
On the
We will welcome the Rev. Bonita Grubbs





Coming in December...

Our Annual Holiday Bazaar will be
Saturday, December 3rd
9am-1pm

With the winner of the quilt being drawn—have you
gotten your tickets yet?

Looking for like-new Christmas items or antiques for
Gramma's Attic—see Belle

Carol Gatlin is Chair this year so if you can help in any
way—please see her!

Tools of Hope Offering 2023

***In Memory of Louis Starr and John Scroggins
Given by: Sandy Vocolina***

***In Memory of Ed Dickson and Harry Tootell
Given by: Pat and Darrell Tootell***

***In Memory of Irving Hiller
Given by: Catherine and Family***

***In Memory of Earle Rowley
Given by: Dave and Carol Rowley***

***In Honor of Bob Land
Given by: Carolyn Land***

***In Memory of Dad (Ted Ackley)
Given by: Yvette and Peg Ackley***

***In Memory of Edward Boyle Sr.
Given by: The Boyle Family***

***In Honor of Fred Wesche
In Memory of Albert Kinney
Given by: Londa and Drew Wesche***

***In Memory of Ching Tai Lin
Given by: Lin Family***

***In Memory of Garold Benson, Harley Osgood, Lynn Osgood and
John McGraw
Given by: Marilyn Benson***

***In Honor of all the wonderful men in my life
In Memory of Rev Burt Crooks
Given by: Becky Freeman***

***In Honor of all the men in our family
Given by Gail Neff and Peggy Straub***

***In Memory of the Rev. Merle Spring
Given by: Portia and Charley Freeman***

***In Memory of Tony Augeri, Lester Jordan
Given by: Dianne and Dave Augeri***

***In Honor of all the men in our lives
Given by: Marilyn and John Rodearmel***

***In Honor of Sonny Lew, Alexander Lew, James Lew
In Memory of Jeffrey Lew
Given by: Cecilia Lew and Family***

***In Honor of my dad and my uncles
Given by: Jeff Land***

***In Memory of Robert Cook
Given by: Jane Jmdahl***

***In Memory of Kip and Matthew Brant
Given by: Barbara Brant***

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