



We are a sharing, loving fellowship of Christian believers, rooted in biblical faith, that actively seeks and celebrates God. We desire to praise, love and serve with all our hearts in our faith community and to reach out to our neighbors, continuing the work of Jesus peacefully, simply, together.

In God we find the source of all our joy. Hallelujah!

July 2019

Pomona Fellowship Church of the Brethren

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From our Pastor...

It's almost July, which means a favorite Pomona Fellowship tradition is back: July potlucks! On Wednesday evenings in July, starting on July 10, join us for a shared meal at 6:00 p.m. followed by various programs. The Service & Outreach Commission has put together a great lineup of programs this year:

- July 10:** "Tenting in Tanzania:" Laura and Chuck Burt will share photos and stories from their recent trip to Tanzania.
- July 17:** "Game Night:" Join us for group games that are sure to be fun and entertaining. A Favorite of our congregation.
- July 24:** "Pomona Updates:" Rubio Gonzalez, Pomona City Councilor, will join us for a discussion about what's new in the city of Pomona and answer any questions we have.
- July 31:** "Vespers & BBQ:" Pastor Lauren will lead us in a simple Vespers service and we will enjoy BBQ cooked by Cristo Sion as well as ice cream (a Brethren staple!).

The Service & Outreach Commission asks that you plan to bring one main dish and a salad or dessert item with the exception of July 31, when Cristo Sion will provide the BBQ and we need to only bring sides. And as always, please provide your own place settings in order to cut down on disposable plates and utensils.

These gatherings, while they are wonderful occasions to socialize and spend quality time with members of our congregation, can also serve as great opportunities to practice inviting your friends and neighbors to join us. As we anticipate our upcoming property sale and move, an ongoing challenge for us will be to learn how to be not just a welcoming congregation, but an inviting one. **Will you consider extending an invitation to a friend, family member, or neighbor this July?**

You will find a flier for our summer potlucks in this newsletter. Please feel free to use it as you invite folks to join us!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Lauren



...those limited or confined for health reasons: **Cathy Banks, Faith Eikenberry, Marcheta Pletcher.**

We also uphold these members, friends and family members of our congregation who have prayer concerns:

Joe Brasil

Linda Lovelace's father, Richard

Rochelle Lovelace

July Host, Ushers, etc.



Hosts: Richard & Linda Hart

Ushers: Larry & Diane Deal

Offering: Bill Lemon

Hymn Leader: Linda Lovelace



Fun Facts from the Pages of Our History

In 1936, a fire permanently damaged the Pomona church building on Gibbs & Monterey and the congregation worshiped in the YMCA until a new building could be purchased. We have experience worshipping in temporary and unorthodox locations!



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2) Guila Ladwig
- 3) Jamie Herndon
- 4) Candace Cook
- 5) Gary Shappard
- 7) Ryan Deal
- 9) Rob McKellip
- 22) Kelley Ladwig
- 23) Linda Hart

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 21) Jerry & Berkley Davis 1951

District Prayer Calendar – July

- July 7 Modesto Church of the Brethren
- July 14 Church of the Living Savior Church of the Brethren (McFarland)
- July 21 Principe de Paz Iglesia de los Hermanos (Santa Ana)
- July 28 Papago Buttes Church of the Brethren (Scottsdale, AZ)

FROM SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Thank you for your continued response in our effort to support the local food bank. Our food emphasis for **July is Lunch Box Foods, School Supplies and Hygiene Items.** As always, staple items are always needed and welcome.



Our giving emphasis for **July is Camp La Verne.**

News from Service and Outreach

Summer weather is finally here, and with it all the activities of summer. The Wednesday evening potlucks and programs during July are featured elsewhere in this newsletter, as is the list of school supplies and hygiene items. Tuck the list in your purse or wallet so that you know what to pick up when you are shopping. You will get a jump on seeing that our local school kids have the supplies they need to do their best in school.

School lunches take a vacation too, so let's load up the yellow wagon with staples and lunch foods. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, anyone?

The organizational monetary offering this month is for Camp La Verne. Many of us remember the good times and inspirational moments at camp, and our church has been a major supporter of Camp La Verne in terms of leadership as well as money. Dwindling numbers of campers means we still need to continue our support for this program.

The date for the next Walk for the Hungry will be Saturday, September 21. Details will soon be available, but it is not too early to dust off those walking shoes and line up your sponsors. See Sander Eller for walk forms.



More Opportunities for Helping IVHP

Inland Valley Hope Partners, along with providing food for their clients, also distributes hygiene packs to individuals and families. Each pack typically includes travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, water and toilet paper. These items are always needed,

Although school is out for the summer, classes start again in early August. It's not too early to start assembling school supplies to help these youngsters off to a good start. Some of the most needed items are: pens, #2 pencils, spiral notebooks, 3-ring binders, planners, highlighters, copy paper, college-ruled loose-leaf notebook paper, glue sticks/glue bottles, folders with pockets, boxes of crayons, calculators, backpacks, index cards, rulers, scissors, and pencil cases or pouches.

These items can be put in the yellow wagon along with the food, and they will be sorted at the Beta Center. Thank you for this extra bit of caring.





The Closets, Cupboards, & Things Team met for the first time this week. This is the team that is overseeing our decision-making on what items, furniture, etc. in our building we might want to keep, donate, or get rid of. As we consider what of our church's inventory may be

needed as we move to a new location, we realize that we will be parting with many of our "belongings"! Some will be sold, some will be given away, and some will necessarily wind up in the trash. Before any of these options, we would like to consider our own congregation's feelings. If there is something in the church that holds a special place in your heart, please see Acia before Rummage Sale time. She will be keeping a list of names and items, and should we find that we won't be taking "your" item with us, you will be able to claim it. Should more than one person desire the same piece, lots will be drawn to decide the taker.

Property Sale Updates

On June 20, Pastor Lauren, Jerry Davis, George Spicer, and Richard Hart met with Riley Lewis of Lewis Acquisition to receive an update on the sale of our property. Since March we have been in a Feasibility Period, in which Lewis is required to exercise due diligence (including meeting with the city, performing various tests on the property, etc.) in order to determine if their plan for the property is feasible. We are pleased to report that much progress has been made on Lewis' end, and it is looking quite positive that both the tests and the needed city permits will go smoothly.

While this is subject to change, we were informed that Lewis's goal is to acquire all permits and titles necessary in order to close on the property by February, 2020. Of course, many factors come into play with this timeline, and it is possible that the process could take longer. However knowing their

hope is to close by February, with our needing to leave the property 90 days later, helped to give us a tentative timeline.

Riley Lewis also shared with us a projected plan for the property which includes constructing 40 single family homes on the 3 acres, homes that will be priced affordably for first-time home buyers. Overall the meeting was very productive and we left feeling grateful for the open communication of the Lewis group and hopeful for the future of this property after our time on Orange Grove Avenue has ended.



Have you driven through the city of Pomona on a Tuesday or Saturday morning and noticed a group of people picking up trash and litter, sometimes wearing bright orange shirts? If so, you've seen "Pomona Beautiful" in action! Pomona Beautiful is a grassroots movement in the city, originating with Mayor Tim Sandoval, that is made up of volunteers who meet twice a week to beautify Pomona neighborhoods and streets. Volunteers include college students, retired citizens, business leaders, and many others.

Pastor Lauren has recently started participating in Pomona Beautiful's Tuesday morning cleanups. These days have been great opportunities to learn more about the city, meet neighbors, and make a tangible difference. You are welcome to join in this effort, either on Tuesday mornings with Pastor Lauren, or on Saturday mornings. Meet at Pomona City Hall at 8:00 a.m. to gather with other volunteers and learn where the group will be volunteering that day. Visit www.pomonabeautiful.com or talk to Pastor Lauren for more information.

Pacific Southwest District shares support to those affected by Camp Fire

By Russ Matteson

Executive Minister of the Pacific Southwest District.

More than six months have passed since the destructive Camp Fire burned through most of the northern California town of Paradise and the surrounding area. The work in the community at recovery efforts and the making of plans for rebuilding the town continue to move forward, but the pace has been slow--in part because of a rainy winter and spring.

Pacific Southwest District has been blessed to be able to pass along funds to seven families who lost their homes and possessions in the fire, thanks to the generosity of Church of the Brethren congregations and individuals. More than \$103,000 was donated to support those Brethren affected by the Camp Fire and this has been distributed to those in need. About 80 congregations and 80 individuals sent funds in support. The funds have been used to replace belongings, from something as simple as a pair of scissors to purchasing clothes and furniture that were needed to start again.

For the few Brethren and the church property, things to do right now are waiting and filing paperwork. Individual Brethren have been going through what is left of their homes to see what memory items may be salvaged. Crews are busy clearing trees that have been burned but not fallen, and cutting trees that are deemed to be too near to power lines.

The first step in clean up was a hazardous material inspection and removal performed by county crews, which has been completed. Property owners, including the church property, now wait for the next phase of debris removal by crews. Following that work, owners will be responsible for the removal of retaining walls, foundations, and other structural pieces that remain.

Plans to rebuild the community are being worked on, but much work is needed on improving roadways and exit routes, determining how utilities will be upgraded and replaced, and putting in place plan reviews that include the California Wildlife-Urban Interface requirements for all of the reconstruction. Many homeowners are still waiting on settlements with their insurance companies. Those receiving support from the church have been most grateful for the generous response of sisters and brothers in Christ who do not know them but shared love through their relief support.

PFCOB STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION Through May 2019

2019 Annual Budget	\$217,946.00
Giving '19	\$43,568.00
Interest & Other Income '19	\$33,230.23
Total Budget Income thru May	\$76,798.23
Total Budget Expense thru May	\$(102,046.50)
Plus Budget overage from 2018	\$29,304.84
Budget Balance thru May	\$4,056.57
May Special Non-Budget Offerings	
Capital Fund	\$210.00
IVHP Hunger	\$25.00
Bethany Seminary	\$25.00
Social Committee	\$50.00

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Services & Activities

Sunday Worship	Sunday, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School	Sunday, 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Lauren Seganos Cohen	Pastor
Janet Short	Moderator
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JULY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
		7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's 9:00 am Knit Wits	OFFICE CLOSED 		
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
		7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's 2:30 pm M&W 4:00 pm S&O 6:00 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Praise Team	4:00 pm CCT		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's 6:00 pm Potluck			BANNER ARTICLES DUE
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's 6:00 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Praise Team	6:45 pm Church Board		
28	29	30	31			
		7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's 6:00 p.m. Potluck			

Sunday Schedule: Worship 9:15 a.m., Sunday School 10:45 a.m.



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