



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!

October 2019

Pomona Fellowship Church of the Brethren

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From our Pastor...

Did you know that up to 40% of young clergy leave congregational ministry in their first five years? This is a staggering statistic but sadly, due to factors like loneliness, isolation, conflict, debt, and burnout, it is true. That's why I have been so grateful that Pomona Fellowship Church of the Brethren supports my participation in Bethany Fellows, a mentoring and spiritual leadership fellowship for young clergy in their first four years of congregational service.

Bethany Fellows is a program that is funded and run by the Disciples of Christ denomination (not Bethany Theological Seminary—I know, it's initially confusing! I suppose Christians really like to use some of the same biblical names). Originally started 20 years ago for DoC ministers, the program has now expanded to include an ecumenical group as well, which is the program into which I have been welcomed. (I am the only Church of the Brethren Bethany Fellow... at least for now!)

Participants in Bethany Fellows attend a series of retreats, strategically scheduled every 6 months, for a total of 8 retreats over 4 years (40 days total!). Each retreat experience contains worship, prayer, a day of silence and sabbath, small groups and time with mentors, and educational sessions tailored to the emerging needs of our congregations.

I have been so nourished by my participation in two retreats so far, my first back in April in St. Louis and my second just this past September outside of Minneapolis. My experience has been so enriching, both for my ministry with PFCoB and for my own identity as a pastor. During the retreats I am able to worship (without needing to preach and/or lead those services!), pray with others AND be prayed for, make connections with young clergy across the country who are serving as associate pastors, senior pastors, solo pastors, and church planters, and simply have time for sabbath and rest.

PFCoB graciously contributes \$2500 a year for my participation in Bethany Fellows, and supports my taking 10 professional growth days each year to attend the retreats. But this funding is not just benefiting me as your pastor; it's also benefiting this congregation as a whole. Because the mission of Bethany Fellows is this: Bethany Fellows serves congregations by assisting newly ordained pastors in their transition from seminary to sustained congregational ministry with a strengthened, healthy pastoral identity. Did you catch who this program serves? It serves YOU: Pomona Fellowship Church of the Brethren. Because only healthy and supported pastors can lead healthy and vibrant congregations.

I am deeply grateful for your support of this life-giving fellowship.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Lauren

P.S. To learn more about Bethany Fellows, visit their website: www.bethanyfellows.org



...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:

Leila Brown's family
Larry Deal's family
Phyllis Eller
Rochelle Lovelace



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Sarah & Hannah Mundy
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La Verne, 91750

Shirley Ness
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October Host, Ushers, etc.



Host: Jerry & Berkley Davis
Ushers: Frank & Shirley Ness
Offering: Bill Lemon
Hymn Leader: Peggy Redman



Dear church friends,
Our family would like to express our gratitude for all of the loving thoughts, cards and prayers. Each of you were dearly loved by our mom, Leila, and she always felt our love and support.

Love,
Jim, Sandi, Mary and families



Fun Facts from the Pages of Our History

In 1956, the Pomona congregation worked with the Brethren Service Commission to arrange the repatriation of 6 Dutch-Indonesian persons. After Indonesians gained independence from Holland, any persons with more than 50% Dutch blood were to be sent back to Holland, except that Holland didn't want these people to return. Many moved to the United States looking for a new home, and members of the Pomona congregation helped some of these folks find jobs and also housed them temporarily.



NOV	3	Cong. Business Mtg, 10:30 a.m.
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	10	PSWD District Conf, Arizona
	16	Larry Deal Memorial, 11:00 a.m.
	17	Listening Conversations
	24	Love Feast after worship
DEC	30	Hanging of the Greens, 9:00 a.m.
	1	Listening Conversations
	9	Chili Cook-off, 6:00 p.m.
	15	Choir Christmas Program, 9:15 a.m. followed by Family Christmas Celebration
	24	Christmas Eve Svc, 4:00 p.m.
	28	Leila Brown Memorial, 11:00 a.m.



Leila Brown went to be with the Lord on September 3, 2019. She was born on February 20, 1923, on a farm near Auburn, Nebraska to Bryan and Mamie Jewel Erisman. She moved with her family to Pomona, California in 1937 and graduated from Pomona High School in 1941. She married Jesse Brown and lived in Pomona for 58 years before moving to Alta Loma. They were active members of the Pomona Church of the Brethren since 1938. She and Jesse were members of the Calico Rompers Square Dance Club for many years and Montclair Walkers for over 30 years. She and her sister Florine were known as “The Sisters” by many, as they were always together. She clerked at Buffum’s Department Store for 9 years and Ontario Lamp & Shade Shop for 5 1/2 years. Leila is survived by her three children, Jim Brown (Brenda), Sandi Brooks and Mary Hines (Dan). Leila had 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Jesse of 61 years, her three brothers, her sister and one grandson. She loved the Lord and faithfully served in her church and community. Leila was a wonderful example of love and devotion for her family and all who knew her. She was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held December 28, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Pomona Fellowship Church of the Brethren, 875 W. Orange Grove Ave.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pomona Fellowship Church of the Brethren Women’s Outreach.



IN LOVING MEMORY



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2) Janice Young
- 3) Rachel Landrum
- 9) John Datuin
- 11) Gary Hart
- 21) Laura (Deal) Russi
- 22) Kevin Diaz
- Leslie Deal
- 26) Bobbi Hemsworth
- 27) Rylan Good
- 31) Cathy Banks

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

(none)

FROM SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Thank you for your continued response in our effort to support the local food bank. Our food emphasis for **October is baby food and supplies, and canned meat.** As always, staple items are always needed and welcome.



Our giving emphasis for **October is On Earth Peace.**

From Service & Outreach

The Church of the Brethren is considered one of three historic peace churches in the United States, along with Mennonites and Quakers. One of the ways that the Church lives out our peace witness today is through the important work of On Earth Peace. An agency of the Church of the Brethren, On Earth Peace is a non-profit organization dedicated to working for justice in peace in faith communities and the world. They envision a world in Beloved Community free from violence, oppression, and war -- and work toward this vision through the spiritual and practical disciplines of active nonviolence, community building, and conflict transformation.

Our giving emphasis for the month of October is On Earth Peace. Your gifts to OEP support programs such as Agape-Satyagraha training for school-aged youth, the Dunker Punks podcast and community, district Shalom Teams, International Day of Peace programs, and so much more! Thank you for giving to this vital organization, especially in a time when peace, justice, and shalom are needed more than ever!

"Trunk or Treat" is coming up on October 31. Donations of candy and trunks of cars will be needed. This has turned out to be a good time to meet the neighbors, admire the children's costumes and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or cider. Stop by and see that Halloween can still be a fun time.

District Prayer Calendar – October

- Oct. 6 The global church on this World Wide Communion Sunday
- Oct. 13 For your pastor and her/his family
- Oct. 20 Bethany Theological Seminary, its students and faculty
- Oct. 27 San Diego Church of the Brethren

Harvest Dinner

Our Harvest Dinner and Country Store is Saturday, October 26, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. We hope you can join us for a good time and a delicious Swiss Steak dinner or a tasty Italian Spaghetti dinner served from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m. Get out your recipes and start baking those delicious breads, pies, cakes, cookies, etc. I am sure we will be having "Buckeyes" and other candy for sale. See you there!

News from the Church at Large

Bethany Seminary Welcomes New International Scholar in Residence

Dr. Nyampa Kwabe of Plateau State, Nigeria, is serving as international scholar in residence at Bethany Theological Seminary during the fall 2019 semester. An Old Testament scholar, he is currently acting head of the Department of Biblical Studies at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria (TCNN). He will be a resident of the Bethany Neighborhood, adjacent to campus, until his departure in mid-December.

Prior to arriving, Kwabe cotaught Bethany's August intensive course, Gospel of Peace, from Nigeria as Dan Ulrich, Weiland Professor of New Testament Studies, taught from Bethany. It was the first course for the new cohort of Nigerian students in the Seminary's partnership with Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN). North American students joined the EYN students in taking the course via synchronous video.

While at Bethany, Kwabe anticipates attending classes and working on articles that explore a particular method of interpreting scripture: "a hermeneutics for transformative biblical interpretation that will bridge the gaps between academia and the church and between exegesis and spirituality. I thank God and Bethany Theological Seminary for the opportunity to pursue this interest." Hermeneutics was an area of concentration in Kwabe's MATH from the International Christian College in Glasgow, Scotland (2004), and his PhD from the University of Leeds, England (2015). He also holds an MATH (2001) and a BD (1994) from TCNN.

A member of EYN, Kwabe served as a church leader in Jalingo, Taraba State, in 1994, then was transferred to teach at Kulp Bible College (now Kulp Theological Seminary) in 1995. He began teaching at TCNN as a graduate student in 1998. Ordained by EYN in 2000, Kwabe fulfills preaching and teaching engagements and serves on the EYN Pastors Advisory Council. He also runs Nyampa-

Frontline Rescue Ministry, a nondenominational organization that promotes the gospel message and supports holistic church growth through biblical interpretation, preaching, discipleship, and charity. The ministry primarily serves EYN and other Christian churches in northeastern Nigeria, a region heavily affected by Boko Haram.

PFCOB STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION Through August 2019

2019 Annual Budget	\$217,946.00
Giving '19	\$66,031.00
Interest & Other Income '19	\$61,085.98
Total Budget Income thru August	\$127,116.98
Total Budget Expense thru August	\$(149,091.76)
Plus Budget overage from 2018	\$29,304.84
Budget Balance thru July	\$7,330.06
August Special Non-Budget Offerings	
Capital Fund	\$260.00
IVHP Hunger	\$25.00
Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale	\$1,004.75

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Services & Activities

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

Rev. Lauren Seganos Cohen	Pastor
Janet Short	Moderator
Acia Jernigan	Admin. Assistant

The *Banner* is published once a month. Articles and announcements to appear in the next issue of the *Banner* are due in the church office by the 20th of each month.

District Conference Service Project

– Refugee Aid –

www.pswdcob.org/distconf/reg/service



The District Conference Program Committee has selected Refugee Aid as our service project this year. Refugee Aid is an organization started in Phoenix and is supported by the Papago Buttes congregation in Scottsdale, Arizona. Specifically **our offering will collect:**

- New socks and underwear for children and adults (small and medium sizes only, please)
- Gently used clothing for children and small adults is also appreciated
- Monetary donations can also be made with checks to PSWD and the funds will be passed along.

Refugee Aid is a volunteer group of concerned individuals who assist refugee families seeking asylum in the United States. “We are disturbed by the mistreatment of refugee families, particularly refugee children. We believe all people deserve to be treated humanely. The refugee families we serve have permission from our federal Government to remain in the U.S. with their sponsors while their asylum case is pending. Their sponsors provide them with air or bus tickets to cities across the U.S. Many families will travel for days with little or no food or money, and would travel in the clothing they have worn for weeks or months without some local intervention.

Refugee Aid supports a network of churches, mostly small, Spanish-speaking congregations with few resources. There are a growing number of churches involved in this effort, but the network we support is now coordinated through Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW), the main refugee resettlement organization in the Phoenix valley. There are no local or state government funds available in Arizona to assist in providing for these families.

Refugee Aid volunteers help serve about 1500 persons each week, providing hot food, a shower when available, a change of clothing, a place to sleep for the night, some travel food and a few dollars, a ride to their plane or bus, and a large helping of God's love and comfort. Refugee Aid volunteers are organized into teams, each team to address one of the diverse needs of the families.



Your support in helping to care for these families is welcome and appreciated!

Karen Haynes Shankster

Papago Buttes CoB, Scottsdale, AZ



Running For Their Lives: People and Nature in the Fight for Safety and Survival

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Join us for a 2-part discussion of the challenges facing the human and non-human world in the face of violence, poverty, and climate change:

Session 1:	Potluck Meal:	Session 2:
Migration, Refugees & Fleeing Home	Bring a dish & your own place setting	Environmental Destruction & The Consequences for All of Us
10:30-12:00	12:00-12:45	12:45-2:00

The workshop will be led by David Radcliff of the New Community Project, a small nonprofit organization with a Big Goal: to change the world.



Pomona Fellowship Church of the Brethren
875 West Orange Grove, Pomona

11th Annual Interfaith Walk and Rally for Peace "One World Community/One World Family"

An Event to Promote Friendship and
Understanding Among Faiths in the Pomona Valley

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Develop Relationships That
Can Help Bring Us All
Closer to Peace

An Opportunity to Share That "We
Do Care" About Building
Relationships That Lead Our World
Toward Peace and Harmony



Support Interfaith
Dialogue, Respect and
Understanding

Communal Meal Served
at
Walk Conclusion

All Are Welcome!
Bring the Family to
Meet the Family

3:00 p.m. Opening Program at City of Knowledge Islamic School
(3285 N Garey Ave, Pomona, CA 91767) (Walk departs 3:30)

3:45 p.m. Islamic Center of Claremont (3641 N. Garey Ave., just north of Foothill Bl.)

4:30 p.m. Arrive Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (1700 N. Towne Ave., just south of Foothill), Claremont)

5:15 p.m. Arrive Temple Beth Israel, (3033 N. Towne Ave., Pomona)

Light Meal Served, followed by TBI's Simchat Torah celebration to which all are invited (6:45 p.m.)

Special Note: The Interfaith Working Group reminds participants that the purpose of the Walk is to promote Peace and Understanding in a way that transcends specific world events, and that we are committed to promoting the positive, and focusing on shared values. To that end, we ask attendees to please refrain from bringing or displaying signs or other material supporting particular factions, groups or policies, in favor of the general message of unity.

Join us on Facebook- www.facebook.com/InlandValleyInterfaithWG
Contact us at InlandValleyInterfaithWG@gmail.com or 909-542-8150

Sponsored by the Inland Valley Interfaith Working Group for Mideast Peace
(Those unable to walk comfortably are welcome to drive between locations.
Limited transportation available back to City of Knowledge at conclusion)

OCTOBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
		7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's 9:00 am Knit Wits 7:30 pm Choir	6:30 pm Stewards		10:30 am David Radcliff Workshop & Potluck
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
10:15 am 3-Church Worship & Potluck		7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's 4:00 pm S & O 6:30 pm M & W 7:30 pm Choir	6:45 pm Executive Comm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's 7:30 pm Choir	Pastor Lauren out of the office	Pastor Lauren out of the office	Pastor Lauren out of the office
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Pastor Lauren out of the office BANNER ARTICLES DUE	Pastor Lauren out of the office	7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's 5:00 pm Advent Team 7:00 pm Praise Team	6:45 pm Church Board		11:30 am Harvest Dinner
27	28	29	30	31		
10:30 am Listening Conversations		7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's 7:30 pm Choir	5:00 pm Trunk or Treat		

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



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