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Weekly Newsletter Week of November 14, 2021

Temple Tidings

First Presbyterian Church of Oakland

M a k i n g G o d ' s W e l c o m e K n o w n

This Week:

Sunday, November 14

- 9 am Worship leader preparation
- 10 am Worship, Rev. Matt Prinz preaches
- 11 am Fellowship Time, Reception Room
- 11:15 Food Ministry lunch preparation in the kitchen, led by Bill Coburn.
Sunday lunch preparation consists of sack lunches given out on Sundays and preparation for Monday's meal
- 12:30 Food Ministry Lunch Service
- 4 pm Installation of Rev. Matt Prinz
- 5 pm Reception

Monday, November 15

- 10 am Food Ministry lunch prep starts
- 12 pm Food Ministry lunch service
- 12 pm Worship Planning Team

Tuesday, November 16

- 11 am Food Not Bombs lunch prep starts
- 7 pm Session (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 17

- 7 pm Building the Beloved Community Intersectionality (Zoom)

Thursday, November 18

- 11 am Food Not Bombs lunch prep starts

Friday, November 19

- 12 pm ReCares equipment distribution

Saturday, November 20

- 7 am Food Ministry morning grocery pick-up.

Homecooked Meals Requested for Arrival of New Baby & Family

Baby Edwell arrived November 8! To ensure the family is well-fed and cared for during the first sleepless nights, the congregation is invited to provide them with meals. Starting November 14, Jen and April would very much appreciate the gift of dinner from members of our congregation. They have no allergies or restrictions. Plan to make enough for three and a toddler since Jen's mother will be there through Thanksgiving. Please contact Jen at jen.edwell@gmail.com, to get the address and arrange to drop off a meal. If you have questions, feel free to contact Julia Marquez, jmarquez@fbcl-visa.com

Pop Clinic Needs Hospitable Volunteers

Monday, November 29, 10:30 - 3 pm

Alameda County Health Department and Vituity Care Foundation will host a pop-up clinic at First Church geared primarily toward those without access to conventional health care. Volunteers are needed to assist with hospitality: set-up, patient welcome, patient processing, refreshments on

Building the Beloved Community invites you to explore *Intersectionality*

Wednesday, November 17, 7 pm

"Intersectionality" is the interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender as they apply to a given individual or group, regarded as creating overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage. The event will include a testimony from Cassandra Flipper and additional group discussion on how to be an ally. The event is held on Zoom, with invitation sent to the congregation's mailing list.

If you would like to be added, contact Clerk of Session, Anne Margaret Manay: ammanay@gmail.com



Working on Worship Gathering Plans Church's Advent Practices

A gathering of twenty met at Julia Marquez's home last Saturday to share a meal, play games and discuss Advent – the four week period on the church calendar that commemorates the coming of Christ at Christmas. Advent also anticipates the arrival of Christ as a continual event, with practices that focus on love, joy, peace, and hope. Traditional Advent practices include candle lighting. This year, new practices will be introduced that anticipate Christ's arrival in 21st Century Oakland.

First Church is proud to support its COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Cantare Con Vivo
- College Awareness
- Community Women's Orchestra
- Faith in Action East Bay
- Food Not Bombs
- Habitat For Humanity, East Bay Silicon Valley
- Oakland Early Head Start Preschool
- Oakland Gay Men's Chorus
- Oakland Kids First
- Piedmont East Bay Children's Choirs
- Quinteto Latino
- ReCares
- The Lucy Kinchen Chorale
- Western Service Workers Assoc.

This place was made with you in mind!

Cantare Con Vivo presents: Lift Every Voice and Sing!



Sunday, December 4, 6 pm
Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church

Oakland School for the Arts



Winter Concert

Friday, Dec. 10, 7 pm

First Presbyterian Church

featuring *Alessandra Mohar*

Oakland Gay Men's Chorus

Holiday Concert

Sunday, Dec. 12, 4 pm

First Presbyterian Church



With Gun Violence Soaring, Churches March for Peace

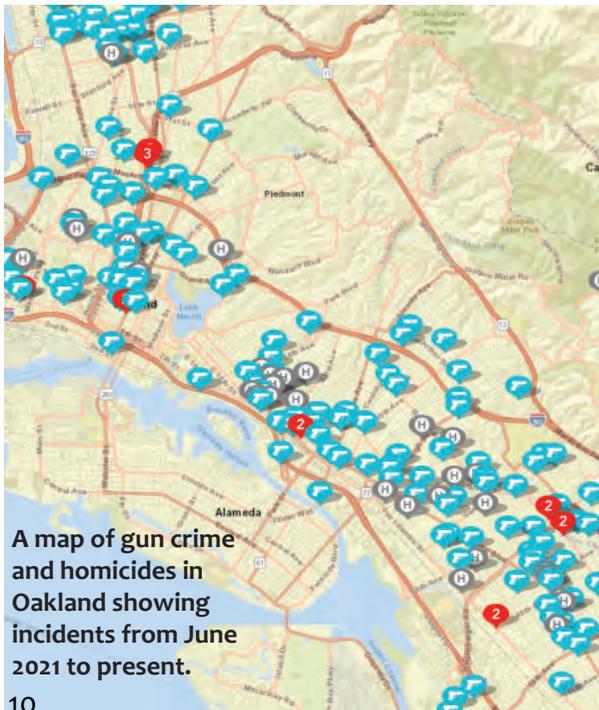
When the City of Oakland experienced its 100th gun homicide in September, the City Council declared a public health emergency. Since then, the toll has risen to 119 shooting deaths, just shy of the 120 shooting deaths reported for all of 2020.

Oakland is not alone in experiencing an uptick in shooting deaths and gun crime. So far, there have been 38,908 gun violence deaths in the US this year, according to the Gun Violence Archive. 17, 986 of them were homicides, a staggering 20,922 were suicides. 620 were mass shootings, while 24 were mass murders. Fire arms and ammunition sales have soared in 2020 and 2021, up 65% from 2019, according to CNN.

Gun crime had been on a steady decline from 2012 – 2019. Ceasefire, the City of Oakland’s violence reduction strategy, had been credited with the reduction in shootings and homicides in Oakland during that period. Ceasefire is a

data-driven strategy that partners with law enforcement, social services, and community groups to reduce violence and intervene in potentially violent outcomes. Causes for the increase in shootings are difficult to determine. Statistically, these crimes predominantly impact lower-income brown and black communities. Poverty, lack of employment, racism, and the pandemic are all offered by various experts as potential contributors.

Faith in Action East Bay organized a “Ceasefire Walk” on Friday evening in East Oakland, hosted by First Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church. About fifty walkers, from ten congregations participated in the half mile walk through the Webster neighborhood, carrying signs and candles. The event is intended to create a public display of unity against violence and for peace. Several First Church members participated in the walk, including Pastor Matt Prinz.





Food Ministry Weekly Report

By Bill Coburn

Friday and Saturday teams, Steve, Bryan, Peter, Henry, Paul and Peter, Rajiv, and Devon, gathered groceries from Western Service Workers, Good Eggs, Whole Foods. We also received groceries from the Food of God program. The Richmond family donated cookies and we received a pasta dish from Temple Sinai. We shared extra groceries with ECAP, Presbyterian Homes in Berkeley and a local household needing food. We thank Chris and Rajiv for the use of their truck.

On Sunday, we prepared 150 lunches (sandwiches, salami, cheese, tomato, and lettuce) chips, boiled eggs, fruit, and cookies. We gave out extra food items at the gate along with coffee. Additionally, we prepared ingredients for the Monday meal. The Sunday team included: Matt, Ann, Mary, Tiffany, Kyong, Bonnie, Jennie, Ricky, Peter, Bryan Navdeep, Dorothy, Victor, and Pauline. We prepared and baked lamb, with mushrooms, onions, garlic and tomatoes. Pauline grilled the lamb and vegetable entree and prepared it for baking. We also put together a green salad and

prepped our squash for grilling. Jennie and Ricky prepped all the vegetables, and we are grateful for their efforts, Ricky also helped with cleaning. Carmelo and team distributed lunches to the streets, along with socks.

Monday, We prepared 150 lunches of lamb baked with onions, mushrooms, tomatoes and garlic, over rice, with summer squash, some donated mac and cheese pasta, green salad, fruit salad, and dessert.

Lexine, having returned from Greece was ill and, at the last minute, was able to find substitutes for her work: Bill Beatty and Navdeep took out 40 lunches to the MLK corridor, then Navdeep and Gay Cobb took out about the same number to West Oakland encampments (which they are doing as this is being written). Matt offered, as well, delighted to have had these offerings of support at the last minute and we hope Lexine a quick recovery!

Our Monday team performed well, as we modified some prep procedures to start the delivery early. In the kitchen, Devon heroically managed the vegetable cooking (we had so much, Devon took some raw, prepared squash and extra salad to community refrigerators). Teri's team did a great job getting desserts ready, Ellen, removed lamb bones to make edible meat chunks. Jan did the fruit salad and Natalie finished off a salad, as we started serving before Bonnie became available. Crissi, Shirley, and Trish came in to help the food packaging. Connie and Gus were at the gate. Paul, Hunter and Ru were available for cleanup and Jan substantially helped wipe down tables and cabinets to clean the kitchen. Gus brought in clothing from his daughter, who cleaned out her closet, completely filling up the clothing table. We are delighted to report we managed with an impromptu schedule and are grateful for having a cluster of people available for emergency use.

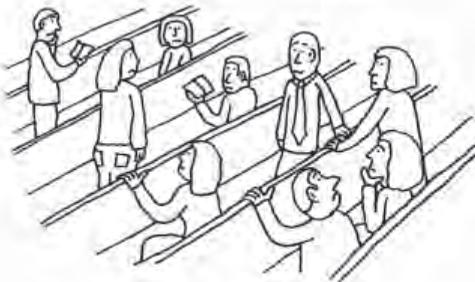
STANDING AND SITTING



SEE WHETHER IT SAYS ANYTHING
IN THE SERVICE BOOK



LOOK OUT FOR SUBTLE HINTS
GIVEN BY THE CLERGY



WATCH TO SEE WHAT
OTHER PEOPLE ARE DOING



IF IN DOUBT ADOPT
A 'MID WAY' POSITION

Need Something Printed in *Temple Tidings*?

The First Church Communications Team meets every other week to discuss events and the life of the church. If you have a special event coming up, contact Pastor Matt, Chris Weber, Shawn Jones or Anne Margaret Manay.

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SUNDAY, November 14, 2021

Who is the
Greatest?

Making God's
welcome known

Welcome to this time of intergenerational praise and worship

Visitors:

- Please fill out a **Prayer Card** if you would like prayer from our pastor and deacons.
- Please also fill out a **Welcome Card** so we can become acquainted with you.
- Need help hearing? Ushers can provide **hearing devices** to assist you.

Visiting Parents:

- Ushers can guide you to the **nursery** for certified childcare for children age three years and younger.
- You may also make use of the **Parent Corners** at the rear sanctuary entrance or up front by the font.
- Children's **worship bags** are available in the narthex or from the ushers with materials that can be used by children during the worship service.
- On the first Sunday of every month we celebrate **communion** and children remain in worship with families to participate.
- **Godly Play** is offered for children all other Sundays. Children are escorted to Classroom 2 during *Passing of the Peace* and can rejoin their families during Fellowship Time.

Help us keep everyone comfortable

- If you have not received a vaccine yet, please consider getting one.
- While you are indoors, please continue to wear a mask, even while singing. Worship leaders will not wear masks.
- Please continue to social distance - you may sit close to friends if you are invited to do so. Sit only in pews with cushions.
- Greetings with touch can be nice - but check that it's okay first.
- Worship leaders will provide special instructions for *Passing the Peace* and Communion (when it is served).
- Refreshments will be served outdoors on the lawn following the service.
- The Sanctuary, Session Room, Reception Room and Courtyard will all remain open following the service for you to spread out and enjoy conversation.

SERVING in WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Matt Prinz

Music Director: Aaron Nee

Liturgist: Chris Weber

Song Leader: Linda Carter

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Godly Play Story Teller: Di Pagel

Godly Play Door Person: Elizabeth Goodwin

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First Presbyterian Church of Oakland is a **More Light** faith family,
on a journey toward becoming the **Beloved Community**.

We welcome and affirm persons of every age,
national origin, racial and ethnic heritage, gender identity, sexual orientation,
socio-economic status, physical ability and spiritual leaning.

ORDER of SERVICE INVITATION to WORSHIP

Prelude

Allemande

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Christ is waiting here for us

All: To welcome us.

One: To show you the path of life.

All: To love us.

One: To hear our prayers.

All: To be present with us always.

One: Come and worship.

All: We are here to praise the Lord!

Gathering Prayer

One: Creating God, we give you thanks for this day, for the breath of life in our bodies, and for the ability to gather here as your faithful followers. During this time, may our prayers be honest and heart-felt. May we support and encourage one another. May our words be kind and compassionate. May we be inspired by your Holy Spirit to do good deeds, and to love without question or boundaries. And may we glorify you with our whole being. In the name of Christ, we pray.

All: Amen

Opening Hymn

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

CONFESSIO N of SIN & ASSURANCE of GRACE

Confession

One: Almighty God, the road of the faithful is hard and filled with challenges. Sometimes we complain. Sometimes we take a different road. Sometimes we allow others to lead us astray. Sometimes we forget to follow your Son, Jesus. Forgive us. Help us meet whatever challenges we face. Help us rise when we fall. Help us turn toward you, our Savior and Redeemer.

Silent Reflection

You are invited into a time of silent, personal prayer

One: In the name of the one who loves us unconditionally, we pray.

All: Amen

Please stand as you are able

Assurance of Pardon

One: “I will remember their sins no more” says the Lord. You are forgiven and you are given a new chance to walk in the ways of Christ. Thanks be to God!

All: Amen

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us offer each other a sign of Christ’s peace

Greet those around you with a sign of Christ’s peace (practice sign language!)

Children are invited to join leaders by the cloister door to go to Godly Play in Room 2

Musical Offering

Adagio
G.F. Handel

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Sharing of joys and concerns

You may share requests for prayer with the congregation aloud, or fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate to privately share your prayer need with the pastor.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**



THE WORD

New Testament Reading

Mark 9 : 30 - 37 (NRSV)

One: ³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him."

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he brought a little child among them; and taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

One: For the Word in scripture, the Word made flesh, and the Word in our hearts

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

RESPONSE to the WORD

Sermon Continued

Pastor Matt will lead the congregation in reflection on the reading and sermon.

Hymn of Response

#727, Servant Song

Invitation to the Offering

Donations, Welcome Cards & Prayer Cards can be placed in the offering plate.

You may also make a donation by using this QR code on your smart phone:

Note: donations made online are subject to a 4% service charge, paid by us.



Offertory

Please stand as you are able

Song of Response

#607, Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

SENDING OUT to be THE CHURCH

Sending Hymn

#41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Benediction

Postlude

*Oblivion
Astor Piazzolla*