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Dear Sisters in Christ,



Welcome to Fall! Where I grew up it was always obvious when the season began to slowly peek its head. I am reminded of a time a few years ago when I was departing the rehab center where my husband was residing, I spotted a lone elm in full color array, and I said to myself, "Look!! Fall has arrived!" (In one tree, anyway!!) Fall and its beautiful colors is but a reminder that the winter season is nearing when things go dormant for a while so that new beginnings can take hold and spring up! This is also the time of the year when we celebrate with thanksgiving all with which God has richly blessed us, especially during these COVID times. I have much to be grateful

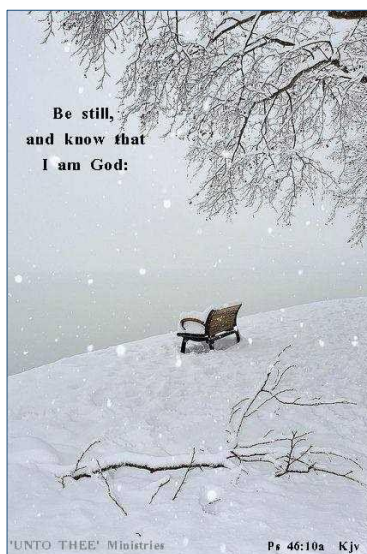
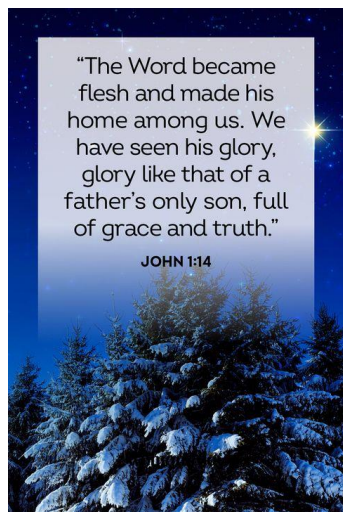
for. For me, I have discovered much more about myself. How about you? Have you begun new practices, new habits?

As we move now through this season of Thanksgiving and into the season of Advent, may we remember that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, came into this world as a gift from God to demonstrate not only how we can have the beautiful Gift of Life, but also how we can share that gift with others as Jesus teaches us. *Make this a season to be remembered.*

Bless you all,

Anne Sivley, Moderator

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos



Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish.

Michelangelo

Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous.  
Albert Einstein



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Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers. — **Garth Brooks**

Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right. — **Abraham Lincoln**

Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face. — **Ronald Reagan**

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## Quotes

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I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free.  
— Michelangelo

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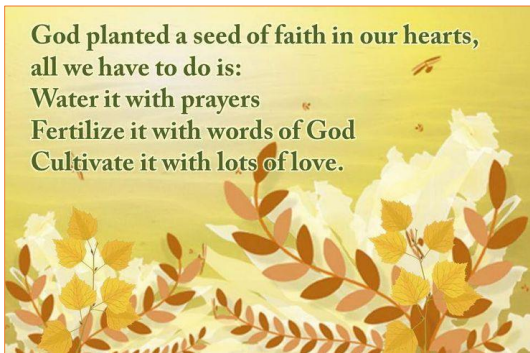
*"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."* – **Mother Teresa**

*"It always seems impossible until it's done."* – **Nelson Mandela**

*"Everything is theoretically impossible, until it is done."* – **Robert A. Heinlein**

*"The word impossible is not in my dictionary."* – **Napoleon Bonaparte**

*"Impossible only means that you haven't found the solution yet."* – **Anonymous**



*"We would accomplish many more things if we did not think of them as impossible."* – **Vince Lombardi**

*"The only place where your dream becomes impossible is in your own thinking."* – **Robert Schuller**

*"There is nothing impossible to him who will try."*  
– **Alexander the Great**

*"It's kind of fun to do the impossible."* – **Walt Disney**

*"If you can dream it, you can do it."* – **Walt Disney**

*"It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen."* – **John Wooden**

*"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together."* – **Vincent Van Gogh**

*"Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs."* – **Henry Ford**

*"Step by step. I can't think of any other way of accomplishing anything."* – **Michael Jordan**

*"The world is not moved only by the mighty shoves of the heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker."* – **Helen Keller**

*"If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters."* – **Anonymous**

*"You need to let the little things that would ordinarily bore you suddenly thrill you."* – **Andy Warhol**

*"Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."* — **Benjamin Franklin**

*"Forget plan B. To test yourself and grow, you have to operate without a safety net."*  
– **Arnold Schwarzenegger**

*"Life is a series of commas, not periods."* – **Matthew McConaughey**

*"Give thanks. Appreciate what you DO have ... the more we give thanks, the more we receive to be thankful for. Gratitude is the gift that always gives back."* – **Matthew McConaughey**

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The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark.  
— Michelangelo

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## Fall Creativity

### Succulent Pumpkin Event

First Presbyterian Church, Orange

**Women Connected**

October 2

1. Glue Gun
2. Moss
3. Pumpkin
4. Cuttings



**Deacon  
Goodwill  
Outreach**



Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church

*Delivered to those unable to attend worship*

1. Glue Gun
2. Moss
3. Mini Pumpkin
4. Succulents

## Musings

“My Daily Walk With God”



One of the things I enjoy doing each morning is going on “My Daily Walk With God”. Sometimes it’s an early morning walk and sometimes it’s closer to noon. Each time I venture out my front door, I am inspired by God to walk and be led to a certain path to capture what is placed before me. I cannot help but smile with delight to see the treasures that God lets me discover. And with God leading me, I’m also inspired to post my pictures with added inspirational words on Facebook to uplift my friends and family.

On this new day,  
May you walk with God

As He guides your step.  
And may it be a daily occurrence.

By DianaLaw, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Long Beach

## Musings



Closeup Photography of a Snowflake  
Egor Kamelev , Saint Petersburg, Russia

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\$.10 and \$.99 plus WALKIE-TALKIE

The Covid Virus and Christianity? How does it all go together? My First Presbyterian Church of Orange helps over 120 families a week with bags of food. That happens on Wednesday 10-12 and 2-4 and Sunday 1-3. Right now strong bags are needed, and toiletries and household items. Oh, I know. I'm always ticked with myself as I go to pay for my groceries, and my tons of bags are in the car. So, all those bags can go to the church for packaging food for the hungry. Oh super! All those \$.10s are not wasted. Oh, they suggest the \$.99 store for all the special needs that aren't covered. I can do that; I can do that.

But what else Lord? Let's look at my record. Cards weekly to those with health problems-yes! Cards and notes to those who have lost a loved one-yes! How about your Walkie-Talkie giving. Oh yes! Not only am I helping myself, but I'm also helping others. "How?" you say. You can really help others by calling them by phone and showing you care. Some I call regularly, some once-in-a-while. What I found was some really need to talk and talk and talk. It's needed for their survival. So, as we talk, I walk in the house. One day it was even an hour of talking, but the walking and talking helped me get my 7,000 steps. Did you know that that's the number of steps we should do daily for good health and well-being? Yes, I do wear a pedometer daily. So, a Walkie-Talkie is suggested. Did I pass, Lord?

**POSITIVE THINKING for the VIRUS ATTACK:** It was March, 2020, when our world fell apart in many ways. No more gathering at church or those special church meetings for learning and growing. No more meetings here, there, and everywhere. No more large gatherings anywhere including our home. But let's look at the positive. More time to have our morning devotion, more time to think of others and do something from a distance: cards, notes, phone calls, or looking through the glass with a smile and a wave. Think about all that money saved. With a mask on whenever you go out, no more makeup is needed including lipstick, special coverage, rouge-what a saving! No golf for weeks and then it was too hot! Another saving. Then there's all those luncheons in restaurants while playing bridge. You are getting richer by the day. What? You missed weeks of no special hair care or nails or toenails? Positive saving of funds is clearly showing in your bank account. Think of all the gallons of gas not used. Oh, so many positives. Yes, you learned to message so you could contact those family members. You learned to Zoom so you could be involved in church, with important meetings, and family special times. Maybe you don't think it a positive but there's time for cleaning those drawers, giving those clothes you no longer wear to the Thrift Shop.

We shall all survive as loving, caring Christians!

Bonnie Sharp  
First Presbyterian Church, Orange





On Aug 16, 2021, at 12:24 PM

My dear friend shared the following with me:

THIS IS SPEAKING VOLUMES TO ME TODAY..... ♡ AB

Good Morning! Today's devotional is entitled "A New Way to Live" by Jennie Allen.

*Keep your heart with all diligence, for from it flow springs of life.* — Proverbs 4:23

The heart here can be defined as "the seat of our thoughts, will, and emotions." Who we are, our very intangible essence that makes us uniquely us, lives somewhere in the recesses of our mind. So we, as maturing Christ followers, guard our minds because flowing out of it... comes every aspect of life. What we think will directly become who we are.

So why do you have to become great at forgetting?

Because you are a new creation, with a new identity, and a new motivation. And Jesus is just that good.

Some of you need to forget because your past is filled with how awesome you are, and you have built your identity on your ability and the applause of man, and you wonder why you don't feel like you need God or why you don't want to grow in maturity.

Some of you need to forget because you built your identity on your lack of awesomeness, and all you can do is think of yourself as well, but not in a good light. You can never imagine being confident enough to pour your life into another person.

Some of you have a past full of shame. Whether you were a victim or actively ran from God, your past still defines you and holds you in bondage, and your greatest fear is still being found out.

Forget what is behind... race toward what is ahead.

I know for some of you this sounds too simplistic. Seasons of difficulty in my life have required a lot of counseling till the gaping wounds have begun to heal. But the point is, we have to fight down the distractions and bondage that keep us from wholly advancing the gospel with every part of our lives. Let's become free people — because free people are able to free people.

Submitted by Audrey Brooks, New Hope Presbyterian Church

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AND IN RESPONSE FROM ME, ANNE SIVLEY, DIRECTLY AFTER READING THE ABOVE:

Thank you so much for sharing. I love this. I can see a writing in response formulating....

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In Relationship ..... with God and Jesus Christ

My Journey and a New Way to Live

I am finally at a point in my Journey of Life that I no longer look to fear, anger, shame and awkwardness. In its stead, I feel pride, gratitude, love, thankfulness, and joy (now), because it has been through my relationship with God and His son, Jesus Christ, that I know who God created ME to be.

The past has all been lessons one at a time for me to grow, reach my full potential as a unique child of God, and know my purpose here on Earth and be able to plant my feet firmly on the ground. As I continue to step forward on my journey with head held high with esteem rather than low with bits of shame through some I have experienced, I remember with thanksgiving that these ways and times have helped shape who I am. I am ever so grateful for my parents and all my experiences, adverse or not.

Head held high, yes, because I know that I am a loving and loved child of God who matters with all whom I meet and relate... strangers or friend ... in all that I try to do ... each and every day. And this I know to be ever so true... EACH DAY, EACH MOMENT IS A GIFT FROM GOD. WHAT I DO WITH MY DAY IS MY GIFT TO GOD!!! I LOVE LIFE and WHO I AM.

An afterthought... I feel free of any burdens that I have allowed myself to hold me hostage in bondage. This is a freedom from which I have felt trapped under for a portion of my earlier years. However, as I continue to grow and mature in my faith, I continue to evolve because I will be on this Journey of Life until God lifts me up to be with God, Jesus, and all my loved ones who have preceded me. I will be unafraid of leaving my loved ones behind because I know that I will be patiently waiting until God calls them up to rejoice in joining our Heavenly Father, me, and those who have predeceased me.

Thank you, my dear friends, for providing me the moment and the material to remind myself of just what being IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND JESUS really means. Hallelujah, Amen. I love you.

Anne Sivley  
Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church

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# Musings

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WHO ARE YOU? WHO AM I?

We know who you are. You are a woman of the Lord, or you wouldn't be reading this.

"In all ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths." There is so much about you we don't know. But let's have some fun, and see if you know me.

There are pieces of artwork or special designs on many of these signs, but can't have it all. You will find these throughout our home; do you know me?

"A happy heart makes the face cheerful." Proverbs 15:13

As we go up on the **Porch** we see three **Welcome signs**, one including **Welcome Friends**. Oh yes, there's a great sign **Dull Women Have Immaculate Houses**. A small sign by the door **God Bless America**. Then there's **Welcome Birds** and **This Place Is for the Birds**.

**Entry way** - no words but **the Living Room** in front of us. The bench coverlet on the baby grand says **MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC**. On the wall is a long tapestry with all the months of the year January through December and each with a lovely picture.

As we enter the **Family Room** we see, hand carved by her father, **JESUS**. The only other is a beautiful hanging with special words – but let's end with that.

**The Kitchen:** Over the sink we see **No Husband Was Ever Shot While Doing the Dishes**. **I Love to Cook with Wine; Sometimes I even Put It in the Food**. How about that balloon that says **LOVE**?

**Laundry Room:** **Time Spent Teaching Is Never Lost** and hanging down from that **A Sharp Teacher. You'll Have a Special Place in My Heart Forever**. **Duck Duck Goose** **Friendships Are Tied Together with Heartstrings** **When We Shortchange Girls, We Shortchange America** **Believe**

There it is, my favorite on a cardboard woman in the Half Bath off the laundry room, **I May Not Be Totally Perfect but Parts of Me Are Excellent**. Over the toilet is a wonderful picture with the following words:

**It Matters Not Your Age Or Size  
Life's Too Short To Worry Or Sigh  
For The Race That's Run,  
For All's The Same.**

**And the Friends we Keep  
Are the Greatest**

Then on to the **Guest Bedroom** - **BELIEVE** **AMAZING GRACE**, how sweet the sound and **ASHLAND**. Aha! What does that mean?

**My Office:** **Drink Wine in Your Yoga Pants** **Don't Make Me Use My Teacher Voice** **Old Teachers Never Die; They Just Lose Their Class** **When You Can Bend and Move and Dance and Feel Free, That Is Called Flexibility** **As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15**

Oh, the **Hall**. We must not forget the hall. There hanging on a door handle is **A Veteran Lives Here...with His Commander-in Chief**.

There is my **Husband's Office**. Oh my! Can I see through all the papers for a sign? There's the sign – **YOU ARE PERFECT TO ME**. Awesome!

At last, the **Master Bedroom and Bath and Walk-in Closet**. Can you believe it? The only sign is in the closet, and it says **FAITH**.

Also picture in your mind what you don't read **Crystal Cross, Gold Cross, China Church**, small crosses scattered here and there. Yes, a Christian Family lives here. But back to the large hanging on the stone fireplace wall in the family room...

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## Musings

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[Imagine The following panels flowing down below 'The Weaver' one after the other as one continuous panel]

### The Weaver

**My life is but  
a weaving  
Between my Lord  
and me,  
I cannot choose  
the colors**



**Oft times He weaveth  
Sorrow, and I  
In foolish pride  
Forget He sees the  
Upper and I  
The underside.**



**Not till the loom is  
Silent  
And the shuttles  
Cease to fly  
Shall God unroll the  
Canvas and explain  
the reason why.**



**The dark threads  
Are as needful in the  
Weaver's skillful hand  
As the threads of  
gold and silver  
in the pattern  
He has planned.**

The END. But it matters not who I am, but let's look at your home. Do we know you are a Christian? Are you also fun?

Prayer: **Savior of all**, thank you for your forgiving love. Guide me to freely share your saving grace, inviting others to share our faith journey according to your will. Amen

Can You Guess Who Submitted This?

First Presbyterian Church, Orange

[She has a 3000 square foot house and does have lots of signs and sayings around. She wants humor always and this is about having a relationship with God.]

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### National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

As I write this in September it is National Suicide Prevention Awareness month in time of the COVID pandemic, and I think of those suffering from mental health conditions. From the past 18 months of imposed quarantines, loneliness of being homebound and isolated, social distancing in public spaces, business closings, job losses, economic recession to deciding whether to vaccinate or not, mask up or not, and even experiencing loss of friends and family members due to Covid-19, all of our lives have been upended and we face specific challenges during the pandemic which can be stressful or overwhelming. With uncertainties in everyday life, the pandemic negatively affects the mental well-being of so many people. Vulnerable populations such as seniors living alone and those with mental health and substance abuse disorders are particularly affected. Statistically, about 4 in 10 adults in the US have reported increases in symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder during the pandemic up from 1 in 10 adults in 2019 [1]. For Americans age 10 to 34 suicide is the second leading cause of death, which is staggering as we consider that for every suicide there is an estimated 100 to 200 others in suicide attempts, ideations, and behaviors [2]. This is amplified by season of change during the pandemic as teens and young adults experience significant stresses when they gain more responsibilities and independence in life transitions.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is a non-profit agency that conducts educational programs, meetings, and support groups throughout the entire county addressing every aspect of mental health from teens to older adults and seniors. The NAMI Orange County chapter ensures that individuals and their families are not alone on their mental health journey but have direct access and support to mental health care. Come Saturday November 20th, NAMI Orange County will be holding a community 5K Walks fundraiser at Angels Stadium in Anaheim ([www.namioc.org/namiwalks-2021-1](http://www.namioc.org/namiwalks-2021-1)). It is a family friendly event that continues to welcome walkers at this time to help in their fundraising efforts. A personal matter to me, I have signed up to be a participating walker to raise awareness and to contribute to NAMI OC's mission. Donors can help me in my fundraising goal at [www.namiwalks.org/participant/367676](http://www.namiwalks.org/participant/367676). We need to support each other as we emerge out of the economic slowdowns and your gifts to NAMI OC to the collective well-being of the community make real differences in people's lives.

[1]. <https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/issue-brief/the-implications-of-covid-19-for-mental-health-and-substance-use/>

[2]. <https://www.cdc.gov/suicide/facts/index.html>

Susan Wei  
Shepherd's Grove Presbyterian Church



## Holidays



*Sunday, October 31*

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in) when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago, mostly in the area that is now Ireland, the

United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.



## Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25

*Why does Thanksgiving fall on the fourth Thursday of November?*

Every year, Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday of November. However, Thanksgiving used to be celebrated on the last Thursday of the month. In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln gave the Thanksgiving proclamation and asked for Americans to set aside the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving. After that, it became the norm to hold the holiday on that day.

However, in the 1930s, there were two years when Thanksgiving fell on the fifth Thursday of November, reports NPR. Business owners complained to President Franklin D. Roosevelt that this would hurt retailers because there was less time to shop for Christmas. To remedy this, Congress passed a law in 1941 that officially made Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday of every November.

Don Moen - Give Thanks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blbslHDgceY>



## Merry Christmas

Saturday, December 25



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 KJV

Handel's Messiah: For Unto us a Child is Born, Tabernacle Choir  
Hallelujah Chorus, from Messiah - Mormon Tabernacle Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJ9wS2J0GOs>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBZ7AfZR9xs>



# Holidays

## Veterans Day Thursday, November 11



What many Americans may not realize is that Veterans Day was originally celebrated as Armistice Day. World War I, known across the world as “The Great War”, officially ended with the Treaty of Versailles, which was signed on June 28, 1919. The fighting, however, had ended seven months prior with a ceasefire, or armistice, which went into effect at 11 o’clock on November 11, 1918. It was the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month. In Europe, November 11 is still known as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in Canada.

At 11 o’clock, there is a moment of silence to remember those who have fallen in service to their country. To commemorate Armistice Day, people wear a red poppy.

### The Red Poppy

The Red Poppy is a symbol of both remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.

It was chosen as a symbol due to the fact that, during the horrendous fighting in the European trenches, the land was blasted and bombed into a muddy, barren, bleak landscape where little to nothing could grow. The bright red Flanders poppies were the notable exception and flourished in the fields where so much destruction had occurred, creating a striking juxtaposition of fragile beauty against the destroyed scenery.



In the Spring of 1915, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, shortly after losing a friend to the fighting, was moved by the sight of the poppies and composed a now famous poem, ‘In Flanders Fields.’

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.	We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie, In Flanders fields.	Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.
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The war created prime conditions for poppies to flourish in Flanders and north-west France (and Gallipoli). Continual bombardment disturbed the soil and brought the seeds to the surface. They were fertilized by nitrogen in the explosives and lime from the shattered rubble of the buildings.

The species of poppy that grew on Flanders fields was the *Papaver rhoeas*, a Mediterranean wildflower found across southern Europe.

- Veterans Day does not have an apostrophe (it is not Veteran’s Day or Veterans’ Day) because the holiday does not belong to one or multiple veterans which the apostrophe would imply. It is a day for honoring ALL veterans.
- Veterans Day is not the same as Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a day to remember specifically those, “who gave the last full measure of devotion” to quote Abraham Lincoln. Veterans Day is a day to remember all who served, in war or at peace, dead or alive.

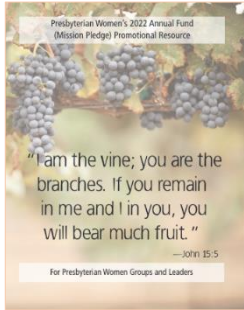
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Tears come from the heart and not from the brain.

Leonardo da Vinci

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## 2022 Presbyterian Women Annual Fund



*Every program and ministry of Presbyterian Women—at all levels of the organization—is rooted in and supported by Presbyterian Women's Annual Fund. The 2022 Presbyterian Women's Annual Fund promotional resource visually interprets the financial foundation of PW and what our gifts make possible. Share at circle meetings and gatherings, on bulletin boards, or by video conferencing. Additional resources (including information specifically for PW treasurers) are available to support and interpret this most important ministry. You may also order group giving (pledge collection) envelopes and/or individual giving envelopes.*

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/product/2022-presbyterian-women-annual-fund-promotional-resource/>

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### • News Flash!

The Synod of Southern California and Hawaii has completed its move to a fully virtual office.

*Please note:*

1. The **mailing address** is, effective now:  
**Synod of Southern California and Hawaii**  
**8939 S Sepulveda Blvd. Ste 110 #250**  
**Westchester, CA 90045**  
*(It is necessary to include the Synod's name in the address )*
2. The **Synod phone number** is the same (818-810-6137), but the **staff extensions have changed**.  
Executive/Stated Clerk Rev. Mark Hong: **ext. 1**  
Business Manager Rev. Paula Mann: **ext. 2**  
Bookkeeper Ms. Joanne Bortfeld: **ext. 3**
3. If you need to send a FAX to the Synod please contact the Rev. Paula Mann for assistance.
4. The Synod Staff will continue to remain firmly and creatively connected to the Synod's congregations and presbyteries, both virtually, and when possible, through in-person meetings held in mutually-convenient locations.

### • October 16 Video of 2021 Virtual Fall Gathering & Bible Study Is Available for Viewing

The video from the gathering of October 16 is a very large file which needed to put be in Dropbox; we were unable to post it to our usual spots (Vimeo or Facebook). There is a pop up that asks you to create a Dropbox account, or sign in if you have one already, but you can just click the X in the right-hand corner to exit that pop up. While we recommend viewing through your browser, you may also download our video through the "Save As" drop-down option. This is our Zoom recording in its entirety. The beginning of the 2021-2022 Horizons Bible Study, What My Grandmothers Taught Me, led by Rev. Magdalena Garcia, author of the Suggestions For Leaders, begins at 13:55.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/4vp6bvn5bj6g7lg/PWS%202021%20Virtual%20Fall%20Gathering.mp4?dl=0>

### • Upcoming Events and Updates

#### Beyond Pink and Blue: Family & Spiritual Care

IN SUPPORT OF TRANSGENDER, GENDER NONCONFORMING, NONBINARY CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES, this full-day conference — from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Pacific on **NOVEMBER 6** at Claremont Presbyterian Church **with livestream option** — is designed to expand our knowledge and understanding of gender and gender identity by offering interactive educational presentations.

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**Rev. Annanda Barclay** of Oakland, California, will be guiding us through the day helping us explore what it means to be an ally to the trans+ community. **Rev. Jess Cook** of Richmond, Virginia, will teach us about language use, pronouns and about nonbinary identity. **Rev. Dr. Erin Swenson** of Atlanta, Georgia, is a marriage and family therapist who specializes in transgender care. She will help us understand spiritual care for trans+ persons and their families.

**Myles Markham**, a recent graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, has kindly shared with us his/their presentation about normative body logic. I encourage all of you to watch this 25-minute-long video. Myles was part of the creative team for the documentary "Pray Away" on Netflix about the conversion therapy movement which also targets gender nonconfirming persons.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kiw-TnLfMm7yvMmJZzN-Tod-jlWKTt67?usp=sharing>

We are committed to the health and safety of all participants. Because of public health guidelines with regard to Covid-19 and our host church, Claremont Presbyterian Church, please be prepared to have your face mask, your personal water bottle and your own lunch with you.

**Thanks to the generosity of the Feminist Agenda Network (FAN), Presbyterian Women, and the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, we are able to offer this conference experience at no cost to participants, either in person or online.**

PLEASE DOWNLOAD AND RETURN the **registration form** included in information flyer

[https://www.synod.org/PDF2021/Beyond\\_Pink-Blue.docx](https://www.synod.org/PDF2021/Beyond_Pink-Blue.docx) to **the Rev. Bear Ride**, our conference registrar.



## 225th General Assembly (2022)

*"Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen."*



from **Lament to Hope**  
Hebrews 11:1

## Welcome to the 225th General Assembly

The 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is less than a year away, but plans are well under way for the denomination's hybrid gathering. The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) is knee-deep into working on how to combine in-person committee meetings with online plenaries and how to conduct those at the Church's Louisville office.

<https://ga-pcusa.org/>

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### Questions?

Contact GA Meeting Service

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## Fullerton Dedication Day

*5 families fulfilled a lifetime of dreams...*

On **Saturday, September 25, 2021**, we welcomed families into their Habitat OC homes during our Fullerton Dedication Day. Each family received the key and mortgage to their new Habitat OC home – marking the beginning of a new chapter in their lives. Thank you to all our donors, sponsors, volunteers and staff members who made this event possible.

### *Meet our families...*



#### ***Jonna and Janine***

Due to high rent prices, mother and daughter, Jonna and Janine were pushed to move four times in the last year. This caused substantial disruption and serious financial burdens due to expenses that come with moving. Just a month ago they were paying more than half of their salary towards rent.

Now, with their new sense of stability and financial security, Janine and Jonna plan to start thinking of their long-term financial goals like saving for an emergency fund, paying off student loans and saving for retirement. Janine and Jonna are excited to settle into their new home, and are most looking forward to getting to know their new neighbors!



#### ***The Crespín Family***

The Crespín's were tired of renting. The uncertainty around whether or not their rent would go up year to year was beginning to take its toll. After having heard about Habitat OC from her employer, Mrs. Crespín saw it as a sign, and leapt at the chance to apply. As caregivers to Mrs. Crespín's 84-year-old mom, having a home big enough for them to share with her, and to have their own space was most important. They are looking forward to finally being able to call themselves homeowners, something they say is a dream come true!



#### ***The Flores Cruz Family***

After owning their gardening business for ten years, in 2017, unforeseen circumstances caused the Flores Cruz family to have to close up shop. It was at that time, that they made the decision to move in with family to save money. The family of five began sharing one poorly insulated room, while Mr. Flores Cruz began looking for work. Life became stressful as the single room quickly became inadequate for two adults and three children.

After years of sacrificing space and long days at work to make ends meet, the Flores Cruz family found Habitat, and realized they had been able to save enough to make the necessary down payment for Habitat OC's Homeownership Program. Now, as they venture into owning a brand new three-bedroom home of their own, they appreciate the struggle and everything it took to get them to this moment. They say having this home will give them and their children the stability and security they've always dreamed of.



#### ***The Guzman Family***

The Guzman family had been living in one small room with just one bed. As a single mom, Ms. Guzman was faced with the reality that, although she had a good job, this was all that she could afford in Orange County. Finding out about Habitat's Homeownership Program was the opportunity Ms. Guzman needed to show her kids the meaning of sacrifices and what it takes to achieve a goal like home-ownership. The Guzman's are excited for this chapter of their life and are ready to make new memories. As a family, they say they are most looking forward to the holidays in their new home! Decorating, baking, and celebrating all occasions with their family and friends.



#### ***The Harwell Family***

While being forced to work from home this past year, Ms. Harwell and her young son quickly realized that their 450 square foot apartment was no longer adequate for their family. With dreams of more space for a home office, and an outdoor space for her son to enjoy, Ms. Harwell was faced with the unimaginable cost of homeownership in Orange County. Saving for a traditional down payment continued to be her biggest barrier. When she found Habitat, she knew it would be a good fit for her!

Purchasing a home of her own is something she has been looking forward to for a long time. With this opportunity she is excited to enjoy the extra space, raise her son within the community, and save for the future!



October 2021



*It's October and before you know it the Holidays will be here so let's start planning for the upcoming **ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MARKETS!***

## NETWORK PARTNERS

Are you hosting an **Alternative Market** where people make donations as gifts?



If so, Angel Interfaith would like to be a part of it! Last year, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alternative Christmas Gift Markets went virtual (see pic below) and Angel Interfaith Network participated at: **Oneonta Congregational Church, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church, All Saints Church, Claremont Presbyterian Church; Our Lady of Assumption Church and San Marino Community Church.**

Instead of tables in the halls, there were videos on church websites, complete with a checkout form and payment online or by check! Amazing!!! This year we hope to participate in the "Non-Pandemic" version so we can get to meet many of you in person and thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## PROGRESS IN THE GATEHOUSE!

A big shout out to **Cal-State LA Nursing** under the direction of **Dr. Renee Johnson** and in collaboration with **LAC+USC Volunteers Program!** They came out to the Angel Interfaith Gatehouse and helped sort and bag clothing donations. They compiled 6 bags of men's clothing that was sent to be distributed to patients in need.



***As a reminder, we are currently not taking any donations of clothing and household items at this time. We will resume accepting donations once we have completely distributed all the items currently at the Gatehouse.***

***Thank you for your continued support of Angel Interfaith Network.***



## ACTS OF KINDNESS:



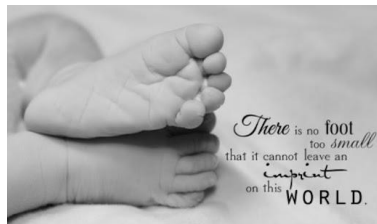
The blankets are coming in!!!! Thank you **GLENDALE QUILT GUILD** for your contribution of beautiful, handmade blankets for this year's **ACTS OF KINDNESS** celebration. Every year in December, Chaplains with the Spiritual Care Department share handmade blankets with patients at LAC+USC Medical Center. It's not too late to create! If you knit, crochet, quilt or sew, we would love your colorful contribution! The minimum size is 36 x 48. <https://stcamilluscenter.org/acts-of-kindness-acto-de-bondad>

For more information you can contact the Spiritual Care Department at 323-409-4715 or via email at [SpiritualCare@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:SpiritualCare@dhs.lacounty.gov)



## THOSE WE SERVE:

When we are called to deliver an infant car seat, we think of the joy and excitement the parents experience bringing their newborn home for the very first time. In this situation, Angel Interfaith was called to provide a car seat for an infant being sent home for hospice care. As we do in any urgent need, we respond, but this request was heartfelt for the family going through an emotional crisis. This may not have been our typical delivery, but it was one that truly touched our hearts as we ask for prayers of strength and comfort not only for the family, but also the social worker assigned to assist this family.



As we prayed for the healing of one baby, Angel Interfaith Network was contacted to assist in another emergency situation. Baby Sophie was born at 24 weeks, weighing 1 pound, after 2 months, she had progressed to weigh 6 pounds. Mom had been unable to return to work due to her infant's medical condition.

Her Social Worker reached out to Angel Interfaith Network and thanks to your donations, we were able to provide her with this Infant Care Package!



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**Urgent Needs:****Financial****Support****Food****Gift Cards*****You have our deepest THANKS!***

Your generosity keeps us going. Now more than ever, our neighbors need assistance. Your funding for grocery cards, utilities & rental assistance help us respond to the most pressing needs by ensuring that a family will not be displaced or experience food insecurity.

To help, donations can be made online at

<https://stcamilluscenter.networkforgood.com/projects/87161-angel-interfaith-network>

**or by check payable to St. Camillus, the financial sponsor of Angel Interfaith, with AIN in the memo section.**



**Become a Sustaining Angel:** <http://angelinterfaith.net/sustainers.html>

*Sustaining Angels are donors who donate weekly, monthly, or annually, with automatic payments from their credit cards.*

*As always, your support is what makes our work possible. **THANK YOU!***

Angel Interfaith is a project of: **St Camillus Center for Spiritual Care**  
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***We welcome your comments and ideas for future newsletter issues or topics of interest to you our readers.***

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# Treasurer's Report

2021

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS			
TREASURER'S REPORT			
1st Quarter 2021			
Beginning Bank Balance January 1, 2021			\$9,106.83
Receipts			
Memorial Honor	50.00		
PW Missions	2,068.83		
Operations	10.00		
Total Income		2,128.83	
Subtotal			11,235.66
Disbursements			
PW Missions includes Memorial Bank adjustment	2,193.00		
Total Disbursements		2,193.00	
Ending Bank Balance March 31, 2021			\$9,042.66
Bank Account Distribution:			
Minimum Bank Balance	\$5,000.00		
Operations	1,556.00		
Designated Churchwide	2,005.00		
Designated Prentice Fund	481.66		
Designated Bogie Mission	0.00		
Total		\$9,042.66	
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATIONS (BOGIE FUNDS)			
January 1, 2021	\$ 48,255.57		
March 31, 2021	\$ 49,350.26		
June 30, 2021			
September 30, 2021			
December 31, 2021			
Submitted: Jo Sutton, Treasurer amended 10/13/2021			

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS			
TREASURER'S REPORT			
2nd Quarter 2021			
Beginning Bank Balance March 31, 2021			\$9,042.66
Receipts			
PW Missions	1,589.70		
Operations	836.00		
Total Income		2,425.70	
Subtotal			11,468.36
Disbursements			
PW Missions	1,589.70		
PW(USA) ad for Worldwide gathering	100.00		
Total Disbursements		1,689.70	
Ending Bank Balance June 30, 2021			\$9,778.66
Bank Account Distribution:			
Minimum Bank Balance	\$5,000.00		
Operations	2292		
Designated Churchwide	2,005.00		
Designated Prentice Fund	481.66		
Designated Bogie Mission	0.00		
Total		\$9,778.66	
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATIONS (BOGIE FUNDS)			
January 1, 2021	\$ 48,255.57		
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December 31, 2021			
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2022

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS			
TREASURER'S REPORT			
3rd Quarter 2021			
Beginning Bank Balance June 30, 2021			\$9,778.66
Receipts			
PW Missions	2,950.00		
Operations	0.00		
New Covenant Funds (Bogie)	5,000.00		
Total Income		7,950.00	
Subtotal			17,728.66
Disbursements			
PW Missions	2,950.00		
Bogie Rising Tide	1,000.00		
Bogie Angel Interfaith	Void		
Bogie Wise Place	1,000.00		
BogieSo. Co. Outreach	1,000.00		
Bogie Mensaul School	1,000.00		
Bogie St. Camillus (Angel Interfaith)	1,000.00		
Bank Adjustment	0.07		
Total Disbursements		7,950.07	
Ending Bank Balance September 30, 2021			\$9,778.59
Bank Account Distribution:			
Minimum Bank Balance	\$5,000.00		
Operations	2291.93		
Designated Churchwide	2,005.00		
Designated Prentice Fund	481.66		
Designated Bogie Mission	0.00		
Total		\$9,778.59	
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATIONS (BOGIE FUNDS)			
January 1, 2021	\$ 48,255.57		
March 31, 2021	\$ 49,350.26		
June 30, 2021	\$ 51,512.70		
September 30, 2021	\$ 46,491.67		
December 31, 2021			
Submitted: Jo Sutton, Treasurer 10/13/2021			



2022 PWP LOS RANCHOS BUDGET WORKSHEET			
	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Proposed
<b>INCOME</b>			
Operations Pledges	550.00	800.00	Operations Pledges 0.00
PW Missions	2350.00	6,732.00	PW Missions 0.00
Winter Gathering/video	600.00	0.00	Winter Gathering 600.00
Spring Gathering	600.00	0.00	Spring Gathering 600.00
Spiritual Retreat	600.00	0.00	Spiritual Retreat 600.00
Fall Gathering	600.00	0.00	Fall Leadership Seminar 0.00
Prentice Mission	72.00	481.66	Fall Gathering 600.00
Bogie Mission Grants		5,000.00	Prentice Mission 72.00
Operations Carryover	1,835.00	2,291.00	Bogie Mission Grants 5,000.00
PW Churchwide	500.00	500.00	Operations Carryover 1,835.00
Misc Donations	0.00	0.00	PW Churchwide 500.00
Total Income	\$7,707.00	\$15,804.66	\$9,807.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Synod Pledge	200.00	200.00	Synod Pledge 200.00
Winter Gathering	600.00	0.00	Winter Gathering 600.00
Spring Gathering	600.00	0.00	Spring Gathering 600.00
Fall Leadership Seminar	200.00	0.00	Spiritual Retreat 600.00
Fall Gathering	600.00	0.00	Fall Leadership Seminar 200.00
Leadership & CT Conf.	400.00	0.00	Fall Gathering 600.00
Churchwide	500.00	0.00	Leadership & CT Conf. 400.00
Global Exc/USA Experience	300.00	0.00	Churchwide 500.00
Prentice Mission	72.00	0.00	Global Exc/USA Experience 500.00
Bogie Mission Grants	5,000.00	5,000.00	Prentice Mission 72.00
CT Meeting Expenses	100.00	0.00	Bogie Mission Grants 5,000.00
Moderator	100.00	0.00	CT Meeting Expenses 100.00
Leadership/Mission Resources	75.00	0.00	Moderator 100.00
Miscellaneous donations	0.00	100.00	Leadership/Mission Resources 75.00
Horizons	60.00	0.00	Horizons 60.00
Director/SEEDS Expenses	125.00	0.00	Director/SEEDS Expenses 125.00
Misc Supplies	25.00	0.00	Misc Supplies 25.00
Bank Expense-checks	0.00	38.50	Bank Expense 50.00
Total Expenses	\$8,957.00	\$5,338.50	Total Expenses \$9,807.00
<b>BOGIE FUNDS - NEW COVENANT FUNDS</b>			
January 1, 2021	\$ 48,255.57		
March 31, 2021	\$ 49,350.26		
June 30, 2021	\$ 50,512.70		
September 30, 2021	\$ 46,491.67		