

# Grapevine

Worship God. Equip Disciples. Love and Serve the World.



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**“Even if the fig tree does not blossom and there are no grapes on the vines, if the olive trees fail to give fruit and the fields produce no food, if the flocks die far from the fold and there are no cattle in the stalls; then I will still rejoice in the Eternal! I will rejoice in the God who saves me! The Eternal Lord is my strength. He has made my feet like the feet of a deer; he allows me to walk on high places.”**

**Habakkuk 3:17-19, The Voice**

## STILL CHURCH

“Yet I will rejoice in the Lord!” These words come from someone living in difficult times. The author describes the worst-case scenario of the feared economic impact of Israel’s defeat and the exile of its leaders to Babylon. And yet, even in times of worry and uncertainty, this faithful soul is determined to continue to worship God and give God praise.

## HIS HOUSE

There is much in the world today that isn’t the way we would like it to be. We miss gathering with our church community and seeing each other face to face. We’re concerned about the long-term economic impact COVID will have. We see the effects of the pressures of this time piling up in the news and we feel it in our own hearts.

## BIBLE STUDIES

*And yet!* We can still rejoice in the Lord. We have so many reasons to be grateful. God has been faithful to us, sustaining us through these last months. God is good and gracious, and the Spirit is at work, sustaining us and even challenging us to learn new ways of being faithful.

## FINANCIAL REPORT & SESSION NOTES

On Saturday evening, September 19, we will hold an outdoor worship service. It will be based off the service of evening prayer. Evening prayer has been a part of the larger church’s worship life for hundreds of years. Think of it as a fancy version of “Now I lay me down to sleep.” As the day closes and the sun fades, we give thanks for the light of Christ that has come into the world, a light that shines still, even in the darkness of these days. These prayers originated in a time when life and health was much less certain than what we’ve grown accustomed to, and they take on a deeper meaning for us today.

You’ll be able to participate in the service from your own lawn chairs, set up outside, or from the comfort of your car (we’ll be transmitting over FM radio!). We’ll all be wearing masks and practicing physical distancing. Our hope is that this outdoor worship will be safe and comfortable for all our members. It will be so wonderful to gather in Christ’s name and experience this new way of worshiping together!

With you in ministry,  
Lynn.

# Still Church

Join us on Saturday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. for our first socially distanced drive in Worship Service.

## Upcoming Meetings:

Sundays @ 7:00 p.m.	Youth group by Zoom
Wednesday, September 2 @ 6:00 p.m.	Deacons' meeting by Zoom
Wednesday, September 2 @ 7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee meeting by Zoom
Monday, September 7	YLPC Office Closed
Monday, September 14, 21 & 28 @ 6:30 p.m.	Safe Gathering Team
Tuesday, September 8 @ 9:30 a.m.	Priscilla Circle by Zoom
Tuesday, September 8 @ 7:00 p.m.	Esther Circle by Zoom
Wednesday, September 9 @ 9:30 a.m.	Mission Committee meeting by Zoom
Wednesday, September 9 @ 4:00 p.m.	Caregiver's meeting by Zoom
Wednesday, September 9 @ 6:00 p.m.	Stewardship meeting by Zoom
Thursday, September 3, 10, 17 & 24 @ 9:30 a.m.	TLC Bible study by Zoom
Saturday, September 5 & 19 @ 8:00 a.m.	Men's group
Tuesday, September 15 @ 7:00 p.m.	Session meeting by Zoom
Saturday, September 19 @ 9:30 a.m.	PW Fall Gathering by Zoom
Saturday, September 19 @ 6:30 p.m.	Outdoor Evening Worship

## Thank You, Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church!

*Taken from the HIS House Summer Update*

We Salute our VOLUNTEERS!

The volunteer team led by Karen Frazier and Anne Sivley at Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church told us how much they enjoy being able to provide meals for the residents of HIS House for nine weeks during the COVID shutdown. They said, "It has been a blessing to all of us who have worked together on this! Everyone has enjoyed the opportunity to cook and bake and then to gather for a few moments to chat, at a safe social distance, as they delivered food to my home. I have been so happy to share with them about the joy that my family has seen on the faces of those receiving the meals we've delivered to HIS House."

But now we need another volunteer group to "fill in the gap" as this dedicated team of volunteers is taking some much-needed time off. Anne and Karen shared this message as they prepared to deliver their last meal to our residents: "As we head into the summer months, we find it necessary to step back and allow another organization the opportunity to be part of this wonderful program of making and delivering meals. We recognize that HIS House has an ongoing need for meals, and we hope to be able to provide meals again, at some point in the future." "Thank you again for allowing us to be a part of the HIS House meal program. It has truly made a difference in the lives of everyone who has participated over these past few months!"

Our clients tell us "thank you," but their gratitude is really for those who prepare and provide the food. We couldn't do this work without our amazing volunteers!

If you'd like to be a part of this fulfilling ministry, please contact Anne Sivley.

### Camp Out Under the Stars Fundraiser!

Great job Team YLPC! We exceeded our fundraising goal, with more than 25 folks contributing to this worthy cause.



# Bible Studies

## PW Circle Studies

Meeting monthly the second Tuesday via Zoom, Pricilla Circle (9:30 a.m.) and Esther Circle (7:00 p.m.), will be discussing the 2020-2021 Horizons Bible Study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* by Lynn Miller. Anne Sivley and Becky Sproal are the Pricilla Circle leaders; Sandy Wooldridge leads the Esther Circle. They will answer any questions regarding joining their circle. Zoom meeting information will be sent out prior to each meeting. Study books may be [purchased online](#).



## TLC Bible Study

Together Living in Christ, is led by our Pastor, Lynn Stone. We will be continuing our study of Philippians and then we will move into a study of the end times. We meet by Zoom on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.



## Email Bible Study

The Monday email Bible Study is led by Rev. Jim Hickman. We plan to continue the study of the Gospel according to Matthew. The lessons are sent by email on Mondays and can be used in a single setting to read and think about the material; or it can be read on a daily basis as a Bible reading and thought. The group is free to respond with questions or comments to Jim. The study will begin in mid September. If you are interested, please contact Jim at JEHckmn@aol.com to sign up. An email will be sent to past attenders in early September to confirm participation.

## Men's Fellowship

We meet outside on campus. Bring a chair, your coffee (or whatever you drink first thing on Saturdays), a mask, and join us socially distanced. We are starting to discuss a new book: *A Gospel of Hope* by Walter Brueggemann. Please join us on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m., First, third, and fifth weeks of the month. Contact Dave Wassenaar at wassenaar.d@gmail.com



## Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii 2020 Virtual Fall Gathering Saturday, September 19, 2020

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Virtual Zoom Gathering - Bible Study and Paint & Pray

To Register e-mail your name and Presbytery and/or Church to PWS at [pwsocalhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:pwsocalhawaii@gmail.com) by Friday, September 11, 2020  
Zoom Meeting ID and Password will be emailed to the address you register with.

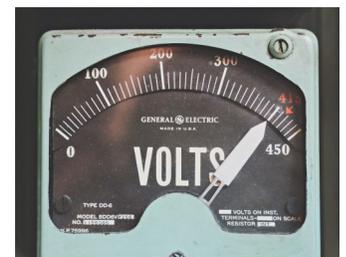
# Power Outage

By Mike Jacobs

As most of you are already aware, our campus literally suffered a "hit" a few weeks ago, when a car accidentally made contact with the power distribution panel in our parking lot. Our power has been out since that time, and several members of Session along with our Facilities committee and office personnel have been working diligently with contractors and city authorities to get us up and running in the shortest amount of time. A contractor has been selected and it looks like we will have temporary power restored by September 7 with permanent power taking a bit longer due to the nature and complexity of the replacement panel.

A watering team has been pressed into action to keep our campus watered and green, along with our Campus Watch team to insure our campus is secure.

Thank you for your patience as we make the necessary repairs to restore power and move towards having a fully functional facility again.



# August Session Notes

\*\*Session met on August 18 by Zoom video conference call.

- Deacons reported many parishes held meetings via Zoom. Fair attendance was reported with many asking when it can be done again.
- Lynn shared the sermon series on Ephesians is about learning to live together despite differences. How we live in a world divided but long for the peace that God promises.
- Christian Ed reported that 60 people, including many friends and those from out of town, participated in Summer Arts camp. Youth are still meeting via Zoom on Sundays. Lynn shared that Ministry Architects has been slow to find progress with our previous representative. They now have two new reps at no additional cost and the VPs will be keeping a close eye to make sure we are receiving a good product. The Renovation Team will be meeting with new staff on 8/19.
- Facilities reported that Precision Electric has begun the project of restoring electricity to our campus. We hope to have temporary electricity by the end of August. Tables on the patio have been disassembled and trashed and will be replaced.
- Mission Committee reported they are still working with a variety of Mission projects including the Food Bank, HIS House "Camp Out Under the Stars", and United to End Homelessness all will be highlighted during Mission Month.
- Nominating Committee shared that all positions of leadership are filled.
- Personnel reported they are updating personnel files and annual reviews will be scheduled. They are also looking at updating job descriptions. Janet will be on vacation at the end of August.
- Stewardship reported that YLPC is still doing well financially but there is concern that things may be slowing down. Expenses are lower than projected and pledged income is mostly on track. At the request of a member, the committee discussed returning the PPP. After careful discussion, the committee elected not to return the funds. If we continue to do well, the committee will provide a recommendation to use the funds to benefit our community. The fall pledge campaign is being discussed and committee budgets will be due November 1.
- Worship Committee shared their appreciation for online worship.
- The Safe Gathering Team is investigating FM broadcasts up to 300 feet to cars or chairs. Logistics are being reviewed for a possible worship service in September, once electricity is restored.
- Invited guests, Janet Thorson and Jeff and Andrea Braun were welcomed into the Zoom meeting at 8:28 p.m. The Braun's shared a concern with the Session and the Session asked questions to gain more understanding. Guests were excused at 8:59 and the Session discussed these concerns. Lynn contacted the Braun's regarding the results the following morning.

Chris Hills - Clerk of Session

## September Birthdays

Chuck Hayford	9/1
Zachary Thrasher	9/1
Dave Wassenaar	9/1
Gregg Henderson	9/7
Chris Hills	9/8
Jennifer Hebein	9/10
Betty Elsing-Bard	9/14
Jacqueline Green	9/14
Marlene Ventresco	9/14
Andy Hess	9/15
Cheryl Hoban	9/15
Carolyn Croom	9/16
Frank Stevens	9/17
Chad Hamersma	9/17
Brent McCracken	9/21
Madeline Neufeld	9/21
Jeff Dotson	9/23
Carol Hulsey	9/23
Jodi Elmore	9/25
Audrey Almeida	9/30

# July 2020 Financial Report

**OPERATING FUND Summary Results** Through July, we expected to receive \$289,688 and actually received \$299,423. Also through July, we expected to spend \$294,063 and actually spent \$293,250. And reserved \$21,709 for funds budgeted but not spent.

	Operating	Mtg. Reduction	Total
Cash Position	\$620,881	\$9,290	\$630,171
Less: Restricted Funds*	\$293,243	\$-	\$293,243
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>\$327,639</b>	<b>\$9,290</b>	<b>\$336,929</b>

\* Restricted funds are restricted to use for a specific purpose. These include designated gifts, program reserves, payables, reserves for building maintenance, and reserves for unspent program budget.

**MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND** Through July, we have received contributions of \$10,000 and paid \$15,290 in principal. The current mortgage balance is \$182,336