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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

By Jan Farley, Interim Pastor

“Summertime and the living is easy....” Then September, and there seems to be a jolt to our system with the end of Labor Day and all the activities in the fall launch with a frenzy! For so many summers I remember being out in a hot muggy day and suddenly, a breeze comes and the air clears. From the haze of humidity to the crisp air, fall is arriving albeit with some hot, dry days ahead. Although school began for many in late August, there seems to be almost a light switch after Labor Day. Every school is now in session, NFL starts anew, our choir begins practice, weekly Bible Talk begins again in mid-September, and the delightful plans of all our fall activities begin to take shape! In a blink of an eye it will be Advent and all the wonder and delight of celebrating Christ’s entrance into the world.

The church calendar is often more aligned to the school calendar than the new year. It is a great time to reconnect with the church community and all it has to offer. When school begins, we think about doing something new, including engaging or reengaging in church life. In the book of Romans, chapter 12, Paul writes “...*be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.*” (Romans 12:2.) Paul goes on to talk about spiritual growth as well as caring for and serving others. When we engage in a life with Christ at the center we allow a change in our hearts towards God and others. Fall is a great way to reconnect with a variety of ways to be renewed through the life and ministries at Christ United.

Later in the newsletter you will see many opportunities to study, fellowship and serve. I hope you will connect with CUPC in new and deeper ways this fall. Here is the challenge, pray and discern where you can connect in growth (Bible study), fellowship, and service/outreach; and then do it!

Blessings

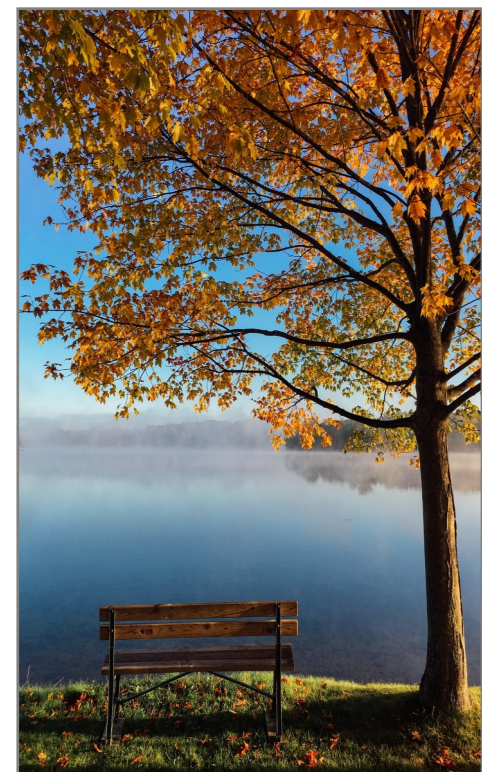
Pastor Jan

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WEEKLY BIBLE TALK starts back up September 20th. It's held every Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm via zoom. Please contact the church office if you would like to join!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of the San Diego Presbytery Fall Gartering is September 22 from 9:30am-1:00pm at Chula Vista Presbyterian Church. For more information, see Ardelle Matthews or flyers are available in the narthex.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY is Sunday, September 24th following worship. Pastor Jan will lead.

CRAFTY LADIES Next gathering is September 26th, 11:30am-2:00pm at Carole Foster's house.

GEORGE WALKER SMITH EDUCATION CAMPUS Dedication is Wednesday, Sept. 27th from 9:00am-10:00am. Central Elementary School at George Walker Smith Educational Campus 3878 Orange Ave. San Diego, 92105.

SPECIAL OFFERING - October 1st. Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Offering envelopes will be included with the bulletin on October 1st. This is also World Communion Day!

OUR ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS takes place October 1 at 1:00 pm. This is the nearest Feast Day for Saint Francis of Assisi, lover of the created order. Please send a picture of your pet! We are posting them on our website! Send to: office@cupcsd.org. Plan to bring your pets!

CUPC COMMUNITY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE! Saturday, October 7th from 8:00am -1:00pm- 3025 Fir Street, San Diego, 92102. This is a community event where you can sell or buy crafts, antiques, or hidden treasures and delicious home baked goods! Tables are available for your use (for a donation of \$15 each). Call [619-239-2346](tel:619-239-2346) to reserve your table. BREAKFAST will be provided by the Boy/Girl Scouts Troup #12 (8:00am-10:00am), donations accepted. PAPER SHREDDING for FREE (10:00am-1:00pm). Don't miss this great community event!

NEXT JAZZ ON THE PLAZA - October 7th 4:00pm-6:00pm. Bring a friend!

THE REV. FRANCES LIN will be our Guest Preacher on Presbyterian Women Sunday, October 15th.

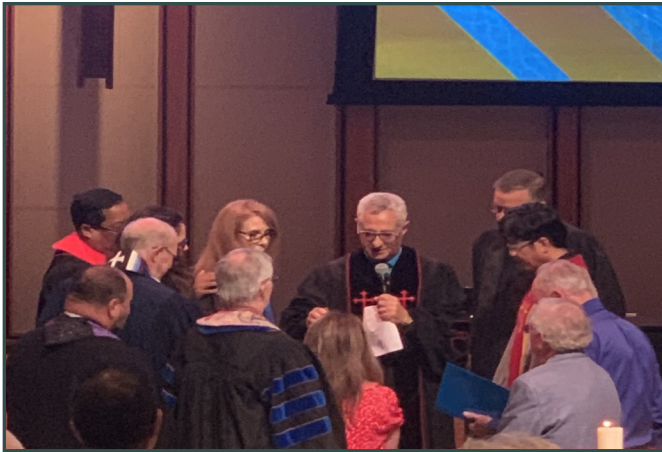
BACK TO SCHOOL IS HALLOWEEN TIME! We need your cars and you to attend on October 31. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up your car with Tina in the office (office@cupcsd.org).

MESSIAH SUNDAY - December 10th. Save the Date!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT led by our children and youth will be on December 17 during our 10:30 worship service. Rehearsals begin September 30 in the sanctuary. All youth are invited to join! Rehearsals will be on Saturdays from 10:30-12. For more information please speak with Sheila Brown or Dana DiCamillo.

Ordination of Frances Lin!

On August 11, several members of CUPC, including the choir, attended and participated in the service to ordain the new teaching elder, The Rev. Frances Lin! The Rev. Lin has served our presbytery for many years as Clerk of Presbytery of San Diego and also served an internship at CUPC. She has been called to serve as the Executive Presbyter of Riverside. On October 15 we will welcome Pastor Frances to the pulpit for Presbyterian Women Sunday with fellowship to follow!



AUGUST JAZZ ON THE PLAZA



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CUPC hosted the Village Church Chancel Choir on August 27th.



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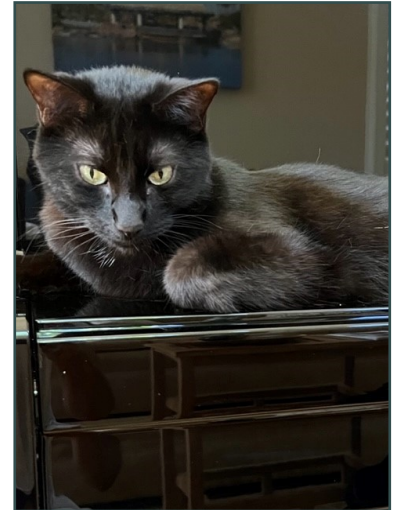
Meet a few CUPC Pets!



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Nika Rees



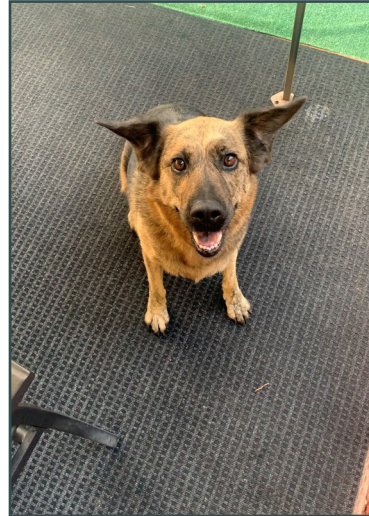
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