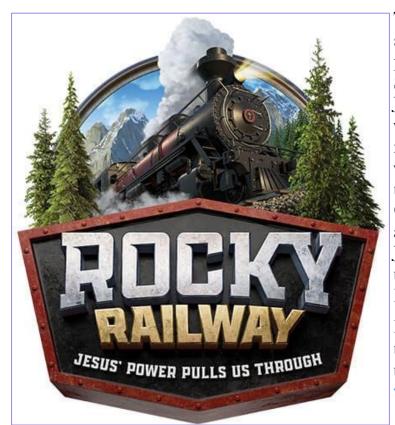
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sundays • July 5, 12, 19, 26 • 11:30 am • Online



This year's vacation bible school will be offered in place of Kid's Cove every Sunday for the month of July via ZOOM. A package with all of the materials needed for our fun activities will be mailed out prior to the first Sunday in July! Come find out how through all of life's ups and downs, Jesus' power pulls us through! See you at the Rocky Railway!

Please contact Violet Fenton if you would like to participate: violet@firstpresorange.org.

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BIRTHDAYS



FOOD PANTRY NEWS Pam Presnall

On behalf of the Mission Committee, I want to thank everyone who has made it possible for the church to maintain the operation of the food pantry. First Pres Orange continues to serve our community, meeting the needs of many families who are struggling during these difficult times.

We are continuing to serve between 45 and 60 households each Wednesday. We have made Sunday distribution from 2pm to 4pm permanent until further notice, serving between 25 and 30 households each afternoon.

Through Second Harvest Food Bank, we are now able to distribute fresh produce, dairy and sometimes, frozen meat. We have a weekly standing appointment on Friday mornings to pick up as much product as we can transport. In addition, thanks to financial donations, we are now purchasing toiletries and we provide to those who request them.

Thank you to all who have donated food, funds and grocery bags. Your contributions have been a big help.

CURRENT NEEDS:

FOOD: Our most recent non-perishable food delivery from Second Harvest was not substantial. Should you be able to donate bags of rice, dried beans, or pasta, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. The Dollar Tree has bags of rice and dried beans for \$1.00 each. If you happen to be shopping for yourself, and can grab some for the food bags, please consider doing so.

TOILETRIES: We can purchase shampoo and deodorant in bulk from The Dollar Tree, but continue to have to purchase toothpaste and bar soap in-store. If you are at the Dollar Tree or the 99 Cent Store, these are available for \$1.00.

THICKER, REUSABLE GROCERY BAGS: With the addition of produce and dairy distribution, we continue to have a need for bags.

You can drop off your donations at McAulay Hall on Wednesday mornings between 9am and noon, or you can email me at pampresnall@aol.com and I can pick them up from your porch.

William J. Huff	July 1st
Andy Zanca	July 3rd
Dale Sollee	July 4th
Margaret Carson	July 6th
Steve Hill	July 6th
Andrea Calvo	July 7th
Emily Phillips	July 8th
Karen Fuchs	July 13th
Paul Janke	July 14th
Carter Sharp Jr.	July 14th
Rick Cota-Robles	July 15th
Barbara Mantor	July 18th
Trevor Vandercapellen	July 21st
Jim Geisert	July 25th
Stella Lambert	July 25th
Ruth Fotch	July 26th
Robert Kolar	July 26th
Ruth Kutcher	July 26th
Barbara Carter	July 27th
Abigail Parera-Bolang	July 28th
Sarah Tannas	July 28th
Brenna Bell	July 29th

ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce & Karen Scott Kenneth & Barbara Calvert James & Jean Blume David & Laura Compton Ronald & Connie Noren July 7th, 1984 July 11th, 1987 July 29th, 1967 July 30th, 2011 July 30th, 1960

COMPASSION & PRAYER LIST

Brian Bush & Family, Jim Blume, Esther Berg, Zeteo Missions, Jeff Rogers, Nicholas Rogers, Terry & Jean Ann Duckworth & Family, Betty McAulay, Kate Berg, James Mosley, Steve & Tracy High, Kate Stanley, Tom Khazoyan & Family, Walt Khazoyan, Jim Kroesen, Katherine Wilkes Harville, Tom Godfrey, Joe Woollett, Judy Smith, John Keniston, Jan Fleming, Ed & Carol Culbert, Jim Smith, Karin Chaney, Pat Gunderman, Jean Paxton, Elisa Guajardo, Fred Baja, Beta, The Sinclair Family, Rick Wilson, The Kroesen Family, Ed & Corinne Scheibel, The Huff Family, Jenny Dickens & all Health Care Workers, April Taylor, Paul Geisert, Leanne Strommen & Family, Darlene Johnson, The Birmingham & Chaney Families, Judi McCoy, Aileen Marsile, Judy Li & The Li Family, Lisette Piper, Keith Yusko, Jim Mahoney, DJ Moxley, Gail Telkamp, Cliff Nelson, The Vincent & Colonna Families, Francisco Calvo, John Von Szeliski, Lindsay Keniston, R. Winston Presnall, Laura Hapke, Martha Moyers, Karen Scott, Karen Godfrey, Cindy Egan, Alex Chaney, Pam Munoz, and all serving military personnel. List is current at time of publication.

*Contact the pastoral care team for any pastoral needs at: (657) 333-2341

PASTOR'S LETTER Pastor R. Winston Presnall

Dear Church,

Congratulations! A good ZOOM Congregational Meeting under our belts! Technology, once scorned is now adorned with faces and voices and congregational behavior. Church being church in this new period of isolation. See? We can adapt!

Plans are for a Congregational Pastoral Care ZOOM meeting last of June. Our Deacons will update our Prayer List that day. You will be given instructions for signing up and signing in. By explanation, we are guarded in what we share in our FB



Streams about congregational members' health. Laws protect much of that personal health information.

You may be turning the calendar in July to the sale of the GSC. We anticipate the sale in the first part of July. If this doesn't happen, the scream you hear will be one of our Church Management Committee members or representatives from our 191 Orange Development group!

This July 4th my thoughts naturally have turned to the nature of liberty. Once more the political landscape has erected a simple object such as a face mask as an elevated symbol of left or right politics. Think not? You can buy a red, white and blue one, a Biden One, a MAGA one and even a Mickey Mouse one. The face mask is much more a symbol of caring for others than some litmus test of party politics, or governmental overreach or loss of liberty.

I am disheartened by the notion that liberty is defined by an individualistic pursuit. I am at my liberty to drive as I please, eat as I please, dress as I please...Thus, to be asked/told to wear a face mask, a seat belt, not smoke in restaurants, libraries, elevators and drive the speed limit to make the community safer/healthier/happier assaults one's personal liberty. Wow!

Thus, the demise of American Democracy where the republic formed on group determination teeters on the individual's willingness or unwillingness to participate in such a small way toward the health of others. I am not surprised that COVID-19 is considered tame by people whose age or condition may save them from its worst ravages. I am surprised that our American "ethic" of liberty has fallen so low as to claim the lowest, common denominator of self-determinism. As one suggested, our elderly parents and grandparents should be willing to give up their lives to open the economy to full productivity.

I suggest an antithesis to this thinking would be to remember that so many Americans sacrificed their own liberty (drafted) in war to make sure we could say the Pledge of Allegiance on the Fourth of July, whether we mean "to the Republic on which it stands" or not. "All gave some. Some gave all." I feared the days when we would wrench the guts out of liberty in a tragic argument about wearing masks out of concern for our neighbors. One's personal liberty had taller fences to jump in the New Testament. All those commands about loving the neighbor! A Samaritan had to bend down one day, bind up the wounds and carry the beaten person to a hospital. So much for the liberty of even a day off!

Go ahead. Let it be your choice. Forget you were asked. Just wear it. You can smile or frown under it and the world will never know. You are at liberty to wear it. Sounds American.

Happy Fourth!

Your Pastor,



FELLOWSHIP & EVENTS

CHURCH OFFICE RE-OPENING JULY 1ST



We plan to staff the church office once again on a slightly reduced schedule beginning Wednesday, July 1st. On alternate mornings and afternoons between Monday-Thursday there will be a single staff member present to assist you. Visitors to the office will be required to wear a face mask or fabric face covering - which we will provide if necessary.

Staff will continue to work from home when not in the office. The hours will be as follows:

Monday:	9:30 am-12:00 pm / closed afternoon
Tuesday:	closed morning / 1:00-4:00 pm
Wednesday:	9:30 am-12:00 pm / closed afternoon
Thursday:	closed morning / 1:00-4:00 pm (closed July 2)
Fridays:	closed

**Please note that this schedule has changed since initial publication to accommodate Presbytery guidelines.

DEACON CONGREGATIONAL CARE EVENT VIA ZOOM

Sunday • June 28th • 11:00 am • Online



Our Deacons invite you to participate in a special time of Congregational Care and Fellowship via ZOOM. This will be a time to receive more detailed updates on church members who may be sick and on our prayer list, as well as to hear or share news with your church family.

An RSVP is required in order to receive the access information. Please confirm your wish to attend by 10 am on Thursday, June 25th. Information will be sent to recipients after this time.

Those who may not have access to a computer may dial-in on the telephone and have received information. If you need help please contact James in the church office: 714 538 2341 / james@firstpresorange.org.

Preschoolers: Looking forward to meeting again!





WE NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER!

Although we are not physically meeting on the church campus right now, we are dependent on your ongoing support for our Worship, Music and Mission programs, as well as for staff working from their own homes. All our expenses are still ongoing: utilities, insurance, and payments to vendors and accounts. We want to maintain as seamless an operation as we possibly can and your support is vital for that to happen. Your pledges can still be mailed to the church office, or you can switch to giving online through our secure portal with Faithstreet. It's easy to set up an account and manage your tithing right from home. From the main homepage at www.firstpresorange.org click the 'Give' link at the top right to get started. Please contact the church office if you need help or have any questions: 714 538 2341 / lynn@firstpresorange.org.



BOOK CLUB

For July and August, the Book Club will not have anything specific to read. Please get caught up on some books that you have put aside to read later, and enjoy the summer!

If you need any book recommendations, please call Lynda Stewart at 714 639 5076.

AVENS James Keniston

At the Tower of London live the Tower Ravens - and legend has it that should they ever take flight and leave, the Tower will crumble, the monarchy will fall, and a great tragedy will harm the Kingdom of the British Isles.

It's thought that this legend dates back to the superstitious King Charles II, who reigned from 1660-1685, after he was advised of this, and ordered that the Ravens at the Tower be preserved permanently. Ravens, Crows, Magpies and other species of birds in the Corvid family have always been present in London, though at one time the population of Ravens in particular was much higher, in part due to the various unsavory (to us!) food sources in the River Thames: such as carcasses - both animal and human.

The order states that 6 Ravens must be kept at the Tower at all times, however, there are currently 7 - just in case. The birds are





looked after by the Yeoman Warder Ravenmaster. Each day the birds are let out of their cages and free to roam the grounds of the Tower as they please. This includes amongst the many thousands of tourists that pass through each day. Their flight feathers are trimmed, which does no harm to the birds but keeps them close to the Tower. They are known for their opportunist nature - sometimes making off with an unsuspecting tourist's sandwich. I can testify to their uneasy disposition - having a friend who was pecked on the finger by a Raven during a birthday outing to the Tower as a boy. A good reminder to not put your fingers through the bars of animal cages. Ravens conjure up many dark associations, due to their seemingly cloaked appearance, and chilling croak or 'gronk'. They have also been popularized by literary figures such as Edgar Allen Poe, who wrote the famous poem The Raven, and Charles Dickens, who during his lifetime had 3 Ravens all called Grip, and featuring in his work of 1841 Barnaby Rudge.

The Tower itself is a very popular tourist attraction and is a much larger complex of residences, chapels, armory and administrative buildings, which have all served in some way or another since the fortress was established and constructed by William the Conqueror in the 1070's. The Crown Jewels are here. Two of Henry VIII's six wives were executed (Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard) at the Tower. Anyone who was considered an enemy of the state was imprisoned here and right through the second world war the Tower was the site of a number of executions of foreign spies. Historically, those tried and found guilty in Westminster were sailed down the Thames to meet their fate at the Tower, arriving through the eerie 'Traitor's Gate'.

HEALTH MINISTRY

July is UV Safety month. One of the problems associated with too much sun exposure is skin cancer. The following are risk factors for skin cancer: fair skin, a history of sunburns, excessive sun exposure, sunny or high-altitude climates, many or abnormal moles, precancerous skin lesions, and either a family or personal history of skin cancer. Take precautions to avoid skin damage. Staying in the shade is one of the best ways to protect yourself. A useful catchphrase to remember is "Slip, Slop, Slap, and Wrap". 1. Slip on a shirt. 2. Slop on sunscreen with SPF values of 30 or more. (Follow the directions on the label. Usually it takes about 1 ounce of sunscreen to cover an adult's arms, legs, neck and face. It should also be reapplied after 2 hours.) 3. Slap on a hat with a brim of 2 to 3 inches. 4. Wrap on sunglasses that block 99 - 100% of UVA and UVB. (Read the label that comes with your sunglasses to see if this is true.) If you would like to test your knowledge of sun safety, you can visit https://www.cancer.org/healthy/be-safe-in-sun.html.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE UPDATES

Karen Scott is recovering well after successful surgery to remove fluid on the lungs and she is currently undergoing dialysis on a daily basis. Her condition at the present time is described as 'critically stable', but she is comfortable. Bruce and the entire Scott family appreciate your continued prayers.

Gail Telkamp continues to make progress in her recovery. She is eating better, sleeping less, and gaining strength.

We continue our prayers for all those who are in need in our church family.

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Sat	4 - Independence Day	11	18	25	
Fri	3 10:00 am Preschool Circletime	10 10:00 am Preschool Circletime	17 10:00 am Preschool Circletime	24 10:00 am Preschool Circletime	31 10:00 am Preschool Circletime
Thu	2 - Church Office Closed 10:00 am Preschool Circletime	9 10:00 am Preschool Circletime	16 10:00 am Preschool Circletime	23 10:00 am Preschool Circletine	30 10:00 am Preschool Circletime
Wed	1 10:00 am Preschool Circletime 5:30 pm Word & Wine 7:00 pm Session	8 10:00 am Preschool Circletime 5:30 pm Word & Wine 7:00 pm CSR 7:00 pm Worship Committee	15 10:00 am Preschool Circletime 5:30 pm Word & Wine 7:00 pm CMC	22 10:00 am Preschool Circletine 5:30 pm Word & Wine	29 10:00 am Preschool Circletime 5:30 pm Word & Wine
Tue		7 10:00 am Preschool Circletime	14 10:00 am Preschool Circletime	21 10:00 am Preschool Circletime 1:00 pm CE	28 10:00 am Preschool Circletime
Mon		6 10:00 am Preschool Circletime 6:00 pm Preschool Advisory Meeting	13 10:00 am Preschool Circletime	20 10:00 am Preschool Circletime	27 10:00 am Preschool Circletime
Sun	Please note that we are running on a reduced schedule at this time until it is safe for us to gather again on campus.	5 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am VBS	12 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am VBS	19 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am VBS	26 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am VBS



July News

While the preschool has remained closed we have continued with our daily livestream Circle Time on Instagram! The preschoolers have sure been busy washing cars, going on nature walks, creating leaf people, doing STEM activities like building a toothpick and fruit snack house and more! We are so blessed to have such a great group of families that take part in our virtual activities!

We are excited that the preschool will be reopening soon! We have a new look with new flooring, ceilings, roof and new outdoor carpeting and shades for our classroom patios! A big thank you to Mr. Bruce who helped spruce up our space!



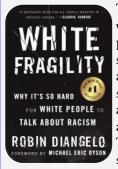
We have had to push back our re-opening one month but we are on track to welcome our families again on August 3rd.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram to see what we've been upto: @oppreschool.



EDUCATION

WHITE FRAGILITY BY ROBIN DIANGELO



The church is inviting the first 10 people who sign up to form a study of this very important work exploring the difficult conversation about race. It is important to maintain a small class-size, engage in personal-guided sharing, and commit to the self-discipline of a weekly reading schedule. You are encouraged to journal your thoughts in the process. There are 12 chapters. There are 12 Sessions. The classes will be via ZOOM. After

the class concludes, if you wish to teach a small class of five people, we would be delighted. The CE Committee has ordered 12 copies of the book which can be purchased from the church, and it is also available as a Kindle edition. Please email James Keniston at the church office to register for this class: james@firstpresorange.org. Meeting day/time TBD. Further information is available on the book's Amazon page, and there are also reviews posted on a number of websites.

WORD & WINE

Wednesdays • 5:30 pm • Online



Pastor Winston is also offering his weekly Word & Wine class as a Facebook broadcast during this period of isolation. Why not pour yourself a glass and settle in on the sofa?

www.facebook.com/firstpresorange

You do not need to be logged into Facebook to watch as we have a public

page - you just need an internet connection! Every week Pastor Winston offers a behind the scenes look at the upcoming lectionary passage that will be used in the sermon. Contact him to join our Word email list: rwinston@firstpresorange.org.

VIRTUAL KID'S COVE

Sundays • 11:30 am • Online



The Kids Cove really misses all of our children! We are offering virtual Sunday School each week right now so you can log your kids on for some fun, games and learning. Contact Violet Fenton to be included on her special email access link to this event: violet@firstpresorange.org.

CHURCH CLOSURE UPDATE



The Session are reviewing the situation regarding our closure due to Covid-19 on a monthly basis. The situation currently is that the church will remain closed for in-person services **at least through July**, with updates to follow. We are appreciative of all the under-

standing and well-wishes that have been received during these difficult circumstances.

We are monitoring statewide mandates and restrictions carefully and will return to our normal activities as soon as we feel able, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. In the meantime, the church has a conferencing application, so if you would like to arrange a 'virtual meeting' with each other from your home computers we can help with that and help anyone learn the technology that would like to. Contact james@firstpresorange.org to find out more

Check our Facebook page for updates: <u>https://</u> www.facebook.com/firstpresorange/

Church staff are currently working remotely from home and minimizing time spent on the church campus, however, they can still be contacted through the usual channels including our main office phone number: 714 538 2341 during business hours.

The Preschool is also closed and will be re-opening August 3rd, however you can still reach the Preschool office by contacting <u>violet@firstpresorange.org</u>.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Our church operation is hoping to operate as a hub, especially at this time, if there are any needs or errands that our older church members have in light of current guidance for those over the age of 65 (and those with health issues or compromised immunity) to remain at home for a period of time. Pastor Winston, Caitlin Giusta, Ilco Vandercapellen and James Keniston have all offered to make themselves available if anyone needs a prescription collected or an errand run outside the home. Our Deacons may also be able to help. We recommend contacting all four of us by email (see the back page) so that we can be sure and see your message. Alternatively you can contact the main church office at 714 538 2341. Keep up with the latest official sources for news on the current Coronavirus pandemic:

Official California Covid-19 Response Site: https://covid19.ca.gov/

Centers for Disease Control: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/</u>

World Health Organization: https://www.who.int/

FINANCIALS

FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR MAY 2020

Rick Cota-Robles, Treasurer

CHURCH OPERATIONS		٢	Mol	nth of May	y			ay,	y, 2020			
		Actual		Budget	1	Variance		Actual		Budget		Variance
Offerings	\$	18,995	\$	18,625	\$	370	\$	98,161	\$	93,125	\$	5,036
Other Income	\$	2,969	\$	8,158	\$	(5,189)	\$	14,101	\$	22,392	\$	(8,291)
Special Envelopes	\$	20	\$	25	\$	(5)	\$	1,915	\$	2,650	\$	(735)
Special Benevolences	\$	25	\$	-	\$	25	\$	25	\$	1,500	\$	(1,475)
Income Sub-Total	\$	22,009	\$	26,808	\$	(4,799)	\$	114,202	\$	119,667	\$	(5,465)
Transfers - GSC	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Transfers - Pre-School	\$	23	\$	20	\$	2	\$	70,224	\$	58,000	\$	12,224
Transfers - General Fund Reserves	\$	-	\$		\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Transfers - Endowment Reserves	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$		\$	-	\$	
Transfers Sub-Total	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	70,224	\$	58,000	\$	12,224
Total Income	\$	22,009	\$	26,808	\$	(4,799)	\$	184,426	\$	177,667	\$	6,759
Expenses	\$	39,989	\$	41,196	\$	(1,207)	\$	219,863	\$	228,024	\$	(8,161)
Net Operating Results	\$	(17,980)	\$	(14,388)	\$	(3,592)	\$	(35,437)	\$	(50,357)	\$	14,920

COVID-19 restrictions has had a fractional impact to Church Operations both on the Income side and on the Expense side. Income has been unaffected. Staff working remotely, and Utilities, Maintence and Repairs continued as needed.

GRAND STREET CENTER OPERA	Mon	th o	of May	Five Months ending May, 2020						
	Actual	Budget		Variance		Actual		Budget		Variance
Income (Facilities)	\$ 6,633	\$ 8,650	\$	(2,017)	\$	38,887	\$	43,250	\$	(4,363)
Income (Other)	\$ 15	\$ 410	\$	(395)	\$	23	\$	2,050	\$	(2,027)
Expense (Facilities)	\$ 2,778	\$ 3,670	\$	(892)	\$	14,015	\$	17,650	\$	(3,635)
Expense (Interest)	\$ 2,480	\$ 2,500	\$	(20)	\$	12,304	\$	12,500	\$	(196)
Loan Principal	\$ 3,941	\$ 3,941	\$		\$	19,800	\$	19,800	\$	-
Net Operating Results	\$ (2,551)	\$ (1,051)	\$	(1,500)	\$	(7,209)	\$	(4,650)	\$	(2,559)
GSC sale is set to close July 2.										

PRE-SCHOOL/ICC OPERATIONS	1	Moi	nth of May	1		Five Months ending May, 2020					
	Actual		Budget	1	Variance		Actual		Budget	Variance	
Income	\$ 250	\$	58,460	\$	(58,210)	\$	141,839	\$	286,815	\$(144,976)	
Expense	\$ 3,082	\$	51,600	\$	(48,518)	\$	164,252	\$	256,025	\$ (91,773)	
Net Operating Results	\$ (2,832)	\$	6,860	\$	(9,692)	\$	(22, 413)	\$	30,790	\$ (53,203)	

CHURCH PHONELINE



We have a cellphone that calls to the church office are being diverted to, and that calls are now being made from. You may want to add the number to your list of trusted contacts so you know it is us calling: **657 221 8790**. You can still use the main church line for all your church business: **714 538 2341**. Note that individual staff extensions are not currently operational but all calls are being answered during business hours (a message can be left after hours) and we will be sure that the appropriate staff member gives you a callback as soon as they are able.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

10:00 am Kid's Cove

10:00 am Worship Services: Traditional & Contemporary 11:00 am Fellowship

11:20 am Education Class

Visit us on the web at: www.firstpresorange.org