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Sacramento Pride Parade— You're Invited

by Kathy Lewis, CPC Inclusion Task Force

CPC members and friends have the opportunity to participate in the Sacramento Pride Parade on Sunday, June 14. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m. at Southside Park (near 8th and T Streets) and



ends at the State Capitol (less than a mile). There is also the op-

portunity to participate in communion at 10:00 a.m. at Southside Park, led by Trinity Cathedral, before the parade.

The Sacramento Pride March will include walking contingents, vehicle contingents, and more. *(Continued on page 3)*

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Join Keith Atwater, a retired professor of humanities and religions, (in addition to CPC's fabulous music director) for presentations for curious folks of all ages on second Sundays this summer. Starting with:

American Inspirations: Where Music and Arts Meet

Sunday, June 14 at 11:15 a.m.

McMillen Hall

Enjoy a multimedia pairing of great music, painting, sculpture, and photography inspired by key American people, places, and events. From New York to San Francisco, from Bernstein to Bennett and Rockwell to O'Keeffe, this experience will entertain and enlighten. Bring coffee and a cookie, partake of American popcorn, and enjoy the show.

And mark your calendar for the next Summer Second Sunday, July 12 as we explore world religions.

From Pastor Ivan Faithful Pride

My younger son is a competitive swimmer. He works hard, putting about 15 hours per week into training in the pool and working out in the gym. He tracks his sleep, recovery, and strain metrics. He's learned how to plan meals, fuel for races, and protect himself from the sun during long swim meet days. He's coachable and supportive of both teammates and competitors. I love him and I'm proud of him. The medals, ribbons, and accomplishments are not the reason I'm proud of him. I'm proud of him for who he is and how committed (or faithful) he is to what he loves to do.

Pastor and queer theologian Kali Cawthon-Freels reads the story of Jesus' baptism in Matthew 3:13-17 and wonders about the voice from the heavens that says, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well

pleased." (NRSVUE) No parent would say it that way today! What would the voice from the heavens say in today's English? "This is my

"If, however, we understand pride as a form of esteem for faithfully fulfilling one's potential and calling, then we begin to see how the Divine Beloved sees each one of us as beloved children."

son. I love him and I'm proud of him!" Jesus' baptism story is his coming out story as he embraces his Incarnational identity. This is the kind of pride that parents should have for their children. It is not arrogant pride, but faithful pride. It is pride in seeing who they are becoming and how they are facing their challenges and opportunities in order to

faithfully become who they are supposed to be.

The month of June is often marked as Pride month, and "pride" is a source of misunderstanding because of the term's connection to arrogance, one of the "deadly sins." If, however, we understand pride as a form of esteem for faithfully fulfilling one's potential and calling, then we begin to see how the Divine Beloved sees each one of us as beloved children. God is proud of us when we discover how to be who God created us to be.

Looking at scripture through this queer lens reveals good news not just for queer folx, but good news for all people! No matter who you are, you are a child of God. Remind someone today, "God loves you. God is proud of you." Happy Pride!

Session Spotlight

by Mary MacDonald, Clerk of Session

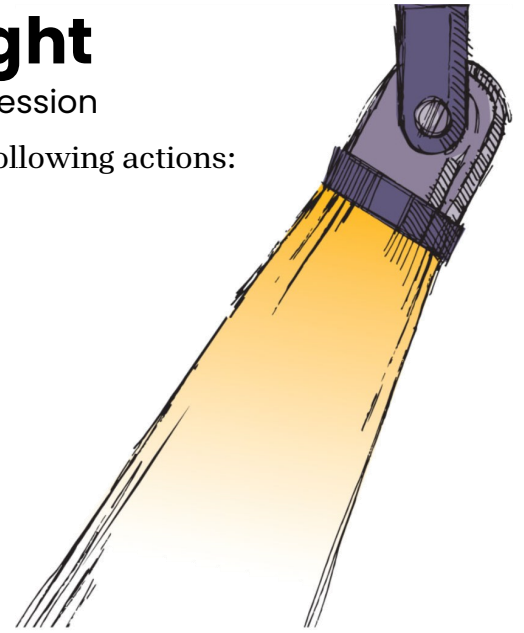
At their regular meeting on April 22, your Session took the following actions:

- Received the February and March 2026 financial reports.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Income	\$48,663.59	\$97,817.44
Income YTD	\$139,983.51	\$237,800.95
Expense	\$73,922.26	\$66,475.86
Expense YTD	\$146,145.61	\$212,621.47

21st Century Fund

Income	\$25,665.91	\$21,207.47
Income YTD	\$46,069.83	\$67,277.30
Expense	\$7,151.19	\$3,731.24
Expense YTD	\$65,728.72	\$69,459.96



- Approved study leave for **Pastor Ivan Herman** May 11-14, 2026 to attend the Justice Conference at Zephyr Point (4 days).
- Approved the Sacrament of Baptism for May 3, 2026.

...Pride Parade ...

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gents, and large floats.

This event is both a demonstration of activism in the pursuit of equity and social justice as well as a celebration of diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and two-spirit communities and culture.

CPC participants will walk as part of the Sacramento Rainbow Faith Alliance (SARFA) to demonstrate our support for the LGBTQIA+ community. SARFA is a group of representatives from Sacramento area faith communities—including CPC—advocating for safe, supportive, and affirming spaces for LGBTQIA+ people. We will

meet at least by 10:00 a.m. to carpool to the parade. You are encouraged to wear your CPC



T-shirt. SARFA is exploring providing SARFA visors for our group (for a nominal cost).

In addition, if you would like to join members of other congregations in making posters to carry in the Pride Parade, come to St. John's Lutheran Church at 1701 L

Street (parking lot right next to the church) on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m. Bring markers and poster board. You are also welcome to bring your own food or snacks to share.

In order to participate in the parade with CPC, please contact **Kathy Lewis** at kathyblewis@att.net no later than Tuesday, June 9 so that we can plan carpooling and meeting up with SARFA. If you want to share in communion before the parade, carpool to the poster making event, or have any questions, contact Kathy.

We hope to have many of you join us in our pursuit of equity and justice for ALL God's people on June 14!!!

CPC Art Committee

A Tale of Two Visions

Enjoy browsing the new art show in the DeVries Gathering Place Gallery. “A Tale of Two Visions” showcases the “Old Masters” style of local artists **Karen Cahill** and **Paul Dessau**. Meet the artists on Sunday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m.

Karen Cahill is an oil painter known for her richly atmospheric still lifes and expressive portraiture inspired by the tradition of classical realism. Influenced by the dramatic light and shadow of Old Masters such as Caravaggio and Rembrandt, she employs layered glazing techniques and bistre-style underpainting to achieve depth, luminosity, and emotional resonance.

Cahill has been painting since childhood and spent more than three decades teaching drawing and painting in Northern California. Her work has been exhibited internationally, including at the Matsumoto Museum of Modern Art in Japan, and is held in private collections throughout the United States, Canada, and England. Through her

paintings, Cahill seeks to create moments of quiet reflection and human connection.

Karen strives to capture the nuanced beauty and emo-

portantly, he was always attracted to crafts, mainly musical instrument building like those used in music from before 1650.

Paul received his Bachelor and Masters of Science in mechanical engineering. He is on the autism spectrum and has ADHD, although he was not diagnosed until he was in his forties.

Paul returned to his childhood passion for old masters art and art history after 2012. He began creating art, first in magazine collage then found his current passion in colored pencils. Departing from some modern

trends of art productions, Paul works “gadget-free” beginning with freehand drawings, both from life and photographs. He also builds pipe organs and, in the past, built violins.

Paul has shown his art in a number of regional galleries including Crocker Kinsley art show and at the California State Fair.



The paintings of **Karen Cahill** and **Paul Dessau** are currently on display in the DeVries Gathering Place.

tional depth of her subjects, inspired by the dramatic lighting of master painters.

Paul Dessau was born in Seattle and raised in Carmichael. His mother encouraged art activities from an early age. Art was often his favorite subject in schools, from grade school to high school. He was always especially fascinated with the old masters. Im-

Congratulations Graduates!



**Congratulations to these students in our CPC family who are
graduating from high school this year:**

Lily Dron, El Camino High School

Emmerson Leslie, El Camino High School

Alex Moborez, El Camino High School

Elise Treon, Mira Loma High School

Josh Fuson, grandson of Arnold Fuson, Folsom High School

Dain Kelly, grandson of Ann Kelly, Centennial High School in Franklin, TN

Alexander John Myers, grandson of Barbara Hussey, Jesuit High School

Alia Perrou, granddaughter of Tony & Glenda Perrou, Bella Vista High School

Trey Turner, grandson of Alan and Barbara Bishop, El Camino High School

**We also proudly recognize these college and continuing education
scholars and their academic accomplishments:**

Addison Bauer, grandson of Dave and Barbara McVey, B.S. in Aeronautical
Engineering from Purdue University

David Gray, A.A. in Commercial Music: Recording from American River College

Kayla Allison Hussey, granddaughter of Barbara Hussey, B.S. in Political
Science from University of Oregon

Tyler Keller, grandson of Darlene Little, M.S. in Computer Engineering from
Colorado School of Mines

Giselle Lachini, granddaughter of Margo Scandella, B.S. from University of
Washington

Ethan Leek, son of Jay & Laura Leek, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command
"A" School

Maya Perrou, granddaughter of Tony & Glenda Perrou, University of North
Carolina School of Nursing

Benjamin Simpson, grandson of John & Mary Simpson, B.S. in Oceanography
from University of Oregon

Katie Tozier, granddaughter of Len Tozier, B.S. in Communication Design from
California State University, Monterey Bay

What's Up in Children's & Youth Ministry?

by Michael Lombrano, Children's & Youth Ministry Director

Youth Room Open Hours:



Over the summer, Michael Lombrano

is opening up the Youth Rooms on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.! There are snacks and La Croix, board games, and Nintendo Switch. There is no set agenda. If you are looking for a place to hang out and avoid the heat, come on over! We would love to see you there! You do not need to register or let Michael know that you are coming. You can just show up!

Bringing friends would be awesome! They have to fill out our waiver, which can be found at the bottom of the weekly email. Or email Michael and he can send you the link!

Vacation Bible School:



Register your favorite kids and grandkids for Vacation Bible

School! Our theme is Rainfor-

est Falls: Exploring the Nature of God. We will be meeting at the church July 13-17 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day! Students in Pre-school up to 6th grade are

welcome. And, there are volunteer spots available for 7th-12th graders. Kids will have time to sing and dance, worship God, hear stories from

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SUMMERTIME YOUTH SCHEDULE

Youth Group Every* Wednesday 6-8pm - Pizza Provided

YOUTH ROOM OPEN HOURS (YROH)

11 am - 3 pm

snacks provided

BYO Lunch

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Fast Food Formal CPC McH 6/7 @6pm

VBS no YROH

July 13-17 this week

CAMP

@ Westminster Woods

Register for Session 5

no YROH this week and

***no youth group**

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Presbyterian Women United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other

by Terry Sakuda

In September of 2026, The Presbyterian Women will start a new Bible Study: *United in Christ, Bound for Each Other*, by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. Lesson 1 of the Bible Study will be led by **Pastor Keith** in September. Starting in October, Lessons 2 through 9 will be led by one of our pastors via Zoom on the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. through May of 2027.

In the nine lessons of the Bible study, we will explore: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 13:4,7; 12:27; 11:23-26)

"Love is Patient; love is

kind...It bear all things, believes all things, hopes all things."

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

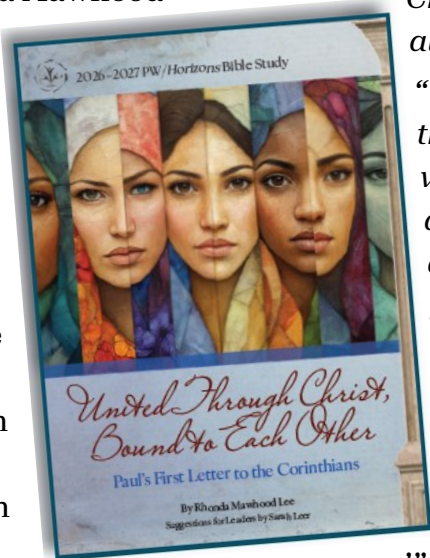
"The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'this is my body that is for you. Do this in re-

me."

We will discuss the doubts the Corinthians had regarding Paul's letter and their hopes that he could clear up these doubts.

If you are interested in the Bible study and would like a

study book, please contact **Terry Sakuda** at terry.sakuda@yahoo.com. The price per book is expected to be \$16. Terry will be ordering the books in July. All women and men as well are invited to enjoy this Bible Study. If you have any questions about the study or about the Mary Martha Circle, please contact **Kathy Daigle** or **Lisa Beldom**.



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the Bible and bring them to life, do crafts that tie into God's magnificent creation, and of course, enjoy snack time! The cost is \$20 per child, and scholarships are available upon request.

Register at <https://carmichaelpresbyterian.breezechms.com/form/0789c36531> or scan the QR code.



Questions? Contact **Michael Lombrano** at michael@car-michaelpres.org

MISSION BELL DEADLINE

10th of each month
for the following
month's issue



Submit articles to
Karen Gray at
karen@carmichaelpres.org
or mail/drop off a hard
copy in the church
office.

Dorcas Circle Gifts Lap Robes

by Jimmi Mishler

For several years, Dorcas sewing circle has been working with the Sacramento County Independent Living Project. This program was es-



ladies fold, tie, box and deliver these lap robes to the social services offices to be distributed as a part of this graduation process.

This year, Dorcas has made over 160 lap robes. Thankfully, a line item in the Presbyterian Women's budget helps purchase batting and fabric. As costs increase, this has become a major expense. PW would welcome any donations to help with that.

established to provide guidance to young people graduating out of the foster care system. Those young people who choose to be a part of the Independent Living Project are given help with writing job resumes and learning to budget. They also learn of services that are available to them as they move out of the system.

Each year, when these young people reach the age



when they must leave foster care, social workers endeavor to find housing for them. Part of this transition is the gift of a lap robe to take with them.

In May each year the circle

Even though our ladies never meet these lap robe recipients, we are told these gifts are received with thanks and some tears. Some have said that is the first new gift they have ever received.

This lap robe ministry has enriched the lives of the Dorcas ladies along with the foster youth.

In Our Church Family

Please lift up in prayer these members of our church family who have recently lost loved ones:



- † **Kristina Knoll Niemi** and family on the loss of her mother, **Paula Knoll**, on April 30.
- † The family of **Mel Huth**, who passed away on April 23.
- † **Richard Koger** and family on the loss of his stepbrother, **Pat Coma**, on April 4.
- † **Bonnie Pearson** and family on the loss of her husband, **Ed Pearson**, on May 3.
- † The family of **Karla Curran**, who passed away on May 22.

Scuttlebutt

News from CPC's Marinerships

Companionship

The Companionship met on May 2 at the home of Nancy and



Bow ties and festive hats marked the Companionship's annual Kentucky Derby celebration.



Dave Studer for the Annual Kentucky Derby celebration!

The ladies arrived wearing fabulous hats adorned with flowers and the men wore appropriate ties or hats. After admiring each other's Derby decor, we snacked on Derby-type snacks and drinks. Following our business meeting, we competed in a Derby Quiz. Dave then gave a brief introduction by reminding us of more details of this historic event. And then it was time to place our bets and watch the race!

Only three minutes long the surprise winning horse was



Golden Tempo! Priscilla Maurer was the big time winner being the only one to bet on the winner: she received a magnificent trophy honoring her savvy

choice. This event is always a lot of fun!

At our June 6 meeting, Keith Atwater will come to visit us and share some of his stories. If you'd like to visit our ship please contact our Lookout Sharlene St. Clair.

Nautilus

The Nautilus ship met on Saturday, May 9 in the DeVries Gathering Place for a magic show hosted by Judy and Terry Sweeney. Fifteen of the crew were treated to an hour of fun and awe by magician Dale Lorzo. A business meeting was followed by the show.

Skipjacks

Instead of the 5th of May, Skipjacks celebrated Cinco de Mayo early on May 2 at the home of Terry Sakuda.

Colorful Mexican cloths topped the dining room tables, where we feasted on tamale pie and refried beans made by the hostess. Others brought corn chips and guacamole dip, Mexican salad, and ice cream and cookies. Our two tables of four each enjoyed a relaxed lunch and interesting conversation, running the gamut of horses & Kentucky Derby, needle work, childhoods, Terry's 19-year-old cat, books, trips to countries of ancestry.



The Nautilus crew enjoyed an amazing magic show at their May meeting.

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In the absence of Chaplain **Glenda Perrou**, Terry read a devotional from David Jeremiah “Take the Gift,” about the difficulty many have of accepting gifts which they consider undeserved and not earned.

Prayers of healing were raised by Skipper **Debbie Cameron** for Glenda, **Dick Jacobi**, **Charlotte Frink**, and a prayer of praise for Debbie’s daughter Jeanene,



Skipjacks celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a festive meal.

Business revolved around money matters mostly. Our cargo items were reviewed amid much discussion, which will be continued at the next meeting.

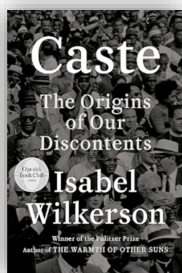
Cheers went up at the news that our Planting Seeds of Faith Auction item was bid on vigorously and won at a high figure. We are eager to get into action to come through with a fabulous dinner for the lucky eight.

Our next meeting will be on June 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Bingo, with prizes!

who got a job that met her requirements.

Library Corner

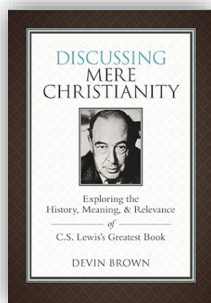
by Doris Beckert



Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson. Random House, 2020. (306.5) Did you know that Ameri-

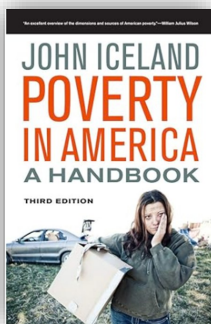
ca has now and had in the past a caste system? Maybe not exactly like that in India, but according to Wilkerson we are socially stratified on principles that are similar throughout civilizations. This is a serious discussion with copious notes and lengthy bibliography.

Discussing Mere Christianity: Exploring the History,



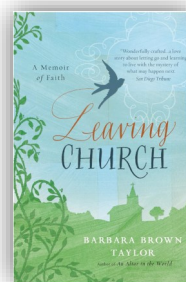
Meaning and Relevance of C.S. Lewis's Greatest Book, by Devin Brown. Zondervan, 2015. (239) This is a

study guide in 8 sessions, intended to be used with C.S. Lewis’s *Mere Christianity*.



Poverty in America; a Handbook, by John Iceland. 3rd ed. Univ. of Calif. Press, 2013. (261.8) The chapters cover history, methods of measuring, characteristics,

causes, policy, and the great recession.



Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith, by Barbara Brown Taylor. Harper, 2006. (283) Formerly ordained Episcopalian Tay-

lor describes her faith journey from urban to rural parish priest, then to college and university professor of religion, and now to guest speaker and author. She has written more than ten books. Besides the two listed here, her other title which CPC has is *Always a* (Continued on page 11)

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Our Mission

Responding to God's love
 through Jesus Christ, we:

- Welcome all
- Nurture relationships
- Grow in faith together
- Connect with and serve our community and the world



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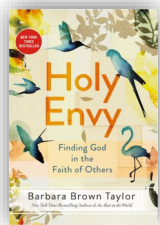
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Guest: *Speaking of Faith Far From Home*. WJK, 2020. (252)

Holy Envy; Finding God in the Faith of Others, by Barbara Brown Taylor. Harper, 2019. (261.2) As a teacher of comparative world religions, Taylor experienced an envy of other religious traditions. She tells her story here.



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In-Person & Live Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.

A blend of traditional and contemporary music styles bring new life to the Word. Worship in the Sanctuary or join online. Go to youtube.com/@carmichaelpres or search for “carmichaelpres” on the YouTube app or your Smart TV.



Children's Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

All children are welcome and encouraged to attend worship. Following the Time for Young People, kids age 4-5th grade are dismissed to their classes.

Preschool through 2nd grade students experience Bible stories through Godly Play. Kids in 3rd-5th grade learn together using lectionary-based Whirl curriculum.

Summer Sunday School begins June 14

Nursery care for infants through age 3 is available throughout the morning.



Coffee Fellowship Waterfall Singers & Youth Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Visit and enjoy a cup of coffee and a cookie while you browse the art exhibit in the DeVries Gathering Place or chat with friends old and new following worship.

