



**Sausalito Presbyterian Church
SPINN Newsletter**

on earth and in the cloud

We use the same link every Sunday at 10:00 AM
[SEE MAILED SPINN FOR MEETING LINK](#)

The sanctuary is open every Sunday.
See below for safety protocols.

TOMORROW, Thursday, November 25
**** NEW TIME ** at 10:00 AM**
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The Magic and Wonder of Christmas Music Return

SPC presents a Sparkling Array of Poetry and Carols
Music by Alfred Burt, David Conte, Morten Lauridsen,
Cecilia McDowall, John Rutter and Eric Whitacre
And the Inspiration of Some of Our Greatest Poets

Sausalito Presbyterian Choir
Ralph Hooper, Music Director
Julie Carlson, Poetry Reader

**Free Will Offering - Attendees above 12 years must show proof of full vaccination at the door and will be required to be fully masked for the duration of the program.
Sausalito Presbyterian Church is located at 112 Bulkley Avenue**

On Sunday, December 5, the SPC Choir will present its 14th Christmas Vespers, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please note that this will also be broadcast via Zoom, like our Sunday morning services. But there is nothing like participating in the Vespers *live*, in the sanctuary.

This Vespers is also the return of our full choir to live Sunday services.

The last time our choir sang for a service was our last live service over a year ago, Sunday, March 8, 2020. Over the next year the choir conducted many Zoom-based rehearsals and returned to live rehearsing outdoors, in May on the church patio. Out of major care and caution, the choir continued outdoor rehearsing earlier this fall, and finally resumed rehearsing in Thomson Hall at the end of October.

We are all grateful to our choristers for staying a constantly shifting course over these difficult months. We are preparing an exciting and joyful Vespers in the company of some of the great Christmas poetry.

MAKING A STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

If you haven't taken a look yet, will you please...

Your encouragement, participation and support are the critical element of this precious community. Our Sunday services, our continued mission work, our care for the community, maintaining our staff and beautiful church, our support for the most vulnerable in Marin -- is made possible by your contributions.

By letting us know how much you plan to donate over the coming year (2022), we are able to create a budget for our worship, improved online presence, various activities, mission, and care for this beautiful building.

As we return, reconnect and restore our community and the world around us, we ask for your support and help -- at all levels. Please pledge whatever your budget will allow. If you are able to surpass last year, please do. If you are a new pledger, welcome to a wonderful crusade. All pledges of all sizes are needed and most welcome!

THANK YOU!!

You can pledge by emailing SPCstewardship2022@gmail.com
Please include your Name, Address, Phone Number, and Pledged Gift Amount.

Or pledge online by [CLICKING HERE](#).

To read Pastor Paul's letter to the congregation, [CLICK HERE](#).

Donations are tax deductible within IRS guidelines.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT - Elder Liz Goldstein

Elder Liz Goldstein first came to SPC with her husband, Wes, when she was "very, very pregnant." Shortly afterwards, her son Benjamin was baptized here as was, in due time, his little brother, Nicholas. Liz has been involved in many aspects of SPC life -- most recently as a respected voice on the Reopening Committee. Here she talks about the importance of supporting the work of the church in our current Stewardship Moment!



To hear Liz's wonderful talk [CLICK HERE](#).

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT - Dave Navarrete

Dave Navarrete and his family have a long history at SPC. Listen as our beloved brother shares what drew him to SPC, how his beautiful wife, Lynn, became curious about what the attraction was, and how this family became their family through glorious ups, and heartbreaking downs.



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**SPECIAL SPC TOUR OF GOLDEN GATE VILLAGE, MARIN CITY
Wednesday, December 8, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

RSVP before November 30 -- space is limited

RSVP to carlson.juli@gmail.com

Elders Liz Goldstein and Julie Carlson, SPC Adult Education Co-chairs, have organized a small private tour for SPC of the Golden Gate Village.

On Wednesday, October 15, Marin Interfaith Council hosted a program, Standing Up For Justice, moderated by the Rev. Scott Clark, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo.

Marin Housing Authority proposes to tear down 16 existing units in Marin City, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright's protégé, Aaron Green. The residents want that historic architecture renovated and fear the MHA plan will displace long time residents and gentrify Marin City. Details can be found on their web site at www.ggvrc.org

We were encouraged to become more informed and to take a tour led by Royce McLemore, head of the Golden Gate Village Residents Council. Join us on December 8th with an RSVP to Julie; or schedule your own free tour offered on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM. To learn more and to reserve a spot on a different Thursday, [CLICK HERE](#).



GIVE-THE-GIFT-OF-MISSION-AT-CHRISTMAS

Our-wonderful-tradition-continues-in-2021,..Our-four-Mission-Projects-all-work-with-children-around-the-world-to-empower-and-improve-their-lives-and-give-them-hope-for-brighter-futures,..Your-support-brings-hope-and-light-to-the-children-in-these-communities.¶



Nurture-and-support-Marin-City-students-on-their-path-to-college-with-a-gift-to-Bridge-the-Gap-College-Prep¶



Provide-classroom-support-and-enrichment-activities-to-students-in-Mexico-through-a-gift-to-the-Leon-Scholarship-Fund¶



Give-the-gift-of-healing-and-access-to-art-to-children-in-South-Africa-through-the-Children's-Aids-Art-Programme¶



Empower-young-girls-in-Ethiopia-by-supporting-Tangible-Hope-in-their-work-to-protect-and-provide-for-their-personal-and-academic-success¶



A-Gift-of-Mission-is-a-gift-of-hope-and-a-better-life,-and-a-gift-from-your-heart-to-those-you-love.-¶

CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE WITH GOMAC

You can easily make a donation to one of our Mission Projects by using the giving app GIVELIFY. It is quick to download and allows you to support our mission work with just one or two clicks on your smart phone or laptop or tablet. Visit givelify.com

"WE ARE LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT"

Our Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. George McLaird, and his lovely wife, Linda, are downsizing. That entails selling their home in Mill Valley and finding a place to rent, hopefully in Southern Marin. They are looking for a two or three bedroom home with a garage. If you know of such a place, please contact them at 415-381-0971 or revmclaird@comcast.net



Thank you!

THE REV. YUNG ME MORRIS PREACHED A POWERFUL SERMON

On Sunday, November 14, SPC was wowed and inspired by visiting preacher, the Rev. Yung Me Morris. Rev. Morris is a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo. Her message, *Just As You Are*, was intelligent and intriguing. Fortunately, if you

missed it (or just want to see it again), Robin Sinclair has already uploaded it to SPC's YouTube channel ([CLICK HERE](#)).

Also featured was a beautiful anthem, *Steal Away*, sung by Elder Jennifer Seaman, Marian Snyder, Jill Fugaro, Elder Steve Fugaro, and Jean Patterson. And Elder Liz Goldstein gave a warm and inviting stewardship talk about her family's experience of SPC (like Ben and Nick cooking pancakes for Fat Tuesday online with Pastor Paul and learning all about Lent).



BLAKE HOOPER AIMS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A local son of SPC is aiming high to make the world a better place. Blake Hooper, son of Music Director and Clerk of Session, Ralph, has announced his candidacy in next June's Democratic primary for Sonoma County Supervisor, Southern District. His campaign is in full swing.

Blake has been very active in local and statewide Democratic politics since his college days. He worked for several years for Congressman Jared Huffman and is currently working for the State Senate as a legislative aide. He has been heavily involved in state wild fire, homelessness and affordable housing issues. He is on several Petaluma boards including the Planning Commission. He has a BA in Political Science from UC Santa Cruz and a Masters Degree in Public Policy from the University of San Francisco.



Blake is a progressive who is passionate about achieving local critical goals now, including actually fighting climate change, addressing the causes of homelessness, building affordable housing, protecting our natural environment and agricultural lands, fostering resilience in the face of local natural disasters and enabling our children and their children to live and raise families in the county in which they grew up. He is a staunch supporter of strengthening accountability for law enforcement in the county. And he is a champion for bringing equity and real community engagement to the county.

We have known Blake since his earliest days (his dad began his long tenure here in 1996). We don't want to start a stampede of his many friends here at SPC leaving Marin for Sonoma County, but Sonoma issues and goals do align with critical needs in Marin and the nation. His informative website is blakehooper.com, with a campaign donation form at <https://blakehooper.link/y6t>.

Blake has lined up much support in the Democratic community and has put together an impressive, broad-based campaign team. He is now endorsed by a large number of the elected officials in his district (see his campaign endorsement videos at <https://youtube.com/c/HooperforSuperB>). But this is a real fight. His opponent is an entrenched incumbent supported by many powerful and deep-pocket business interests, who have persistently worked against climate and equity focused initiatives. Any kind of encouragement and support, from sharing his website with friends to volunteering are welcome. Being a new political challenger, Blake is facing a steep funding curve. Any kind of contribution is critical and deeply appreciated.

BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE A PHONE?

We could use another cell phone for the Zoom portion of our weekly service. Because of the technical issues involved, we need a phone that is relatively current, such as an iPhone 8 or later, or a recent model Android (released in the last three

years). If you have traded up and have a phone that meets this criteria, please consider donating it for use as a camera for services. You can call the office at 415-332-3790 or email us at sausalitopres@gmail.com.



PRESBYTERIANS FOR EARTH CARE (PEC) AT THE COP26 CONFERENCE IN GLASGOW SCOTLAND!

COP26 is the 26th iteration of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). This annual meeting brings together the 197 members of the convention to take concerted action on climate change.



The Paris Agreement, adopted in 2015 at COP21, was adopted by all 196 parties present and primarily focused on limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. COP26 will review the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and expand upon ways countries can carry out their roles in the fight against climate change.

Presbyterians for Earth Care will be represented at the conference by three delegates: Neddy Astudillo, Fred Milligan, and Burkhard Paetzold, in partnership with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and GreenFaith (temples, mosques, and churches around the globe).

Be sure to follow along with their experience through daily blog posts, which can also be found on the [PEC website](#).

To read blog entries from Fred and Burkhard from the first day of COP26, [CLICK HERE](#).



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Wednesday, December 15 at 7:30 PM
JOY & LIGHT - A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Limited Seating & Live streaming...

The Sausalito Players presents a holiday show of music, poetry, and vignettes to celebrate the holiday season. Performers this year include Judith Lambton, City Councilmember Melissa Blaustein, and our very own Pastor Paul and Joe Silverman.

The show will be presented at the Sausalito Woman's Club. Limited seating is available and advance reservations are required. (Proof of vaccination required as well as wearing a mask.) The show will also be live streamed. (More information to follow.) To RSVP for an in-person seat, [CLICK HERE](#).



Thursday, December 16 -- time to be announced
CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN DOWNTOWN SAUSALITO

We are all invited to join the merry Sausalito Presbyterian Carolers (in the spirit of the legendary TAVERNACLE CHOIR) as we lift up songs of the season, songs of good cheer to neighbors and shoppers and businesses in downtown Sausalito. This night has always been a heartwarming time when strangers smile and join in singing with us.

Friday, December 24 at 5:00 PM & 8:00 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE

Join us this year, gather in as close as you can, to celebrate the meaning of the season -- Immanuel, *God with us*.

Both services will be on earth and in the cloud... (that is, in the sanctuary and on Zoom)!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3- Carson Smith
4- David Simerly
8- Robert Ross
12- Michael Webb
16- Sterling Lim
17- Alison Deal
18- Marian Snyder
19- Claudia Webb, Jordan Earley
20- Char Maassen
25- Greta Graham
27- Margo Kirkpatrick
29- Janis Cummins



SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Our sanctuary is open and we will always be on Zoom! **This is a transitional time for us** and we want to ensure the safety and comfort of this community moving forward. Here is what to expect, whether attending church via Zoom or in the sanctuary:

If you join us on Zoom:

- You will have the Order of Service emailed to you on Saturday.
- There will be a Zoom host welcoming and greeting you as you log on. The prelude will be live music from the sanctuary and will begin several minutes before 10:00 AM. Microphones will be muted on Zoom around 9:55 AM.
- You will see Pastor Paul at the lectern throughout the service.
- Send your prayers to Alison Deal using the Zoom chat box as you do now.
- In this earliest stage of return, we won't be able to take your comments during the Dialogue. However, we are working diligently to enable you to speak up and participate fully in discussions.
- We don't anticipate using many videos during worship with the exception of the offering.
- On Communion Sundays, we encourage you to have your own bread and wine or grape juice for Pastor Paul to bless.
- You will have the option to go into fellowship "Friendship" breakout rooms at the end of service.

If you join us in person:

- Parking will be available at the Alta Mira as before.
- When you arrive at SPC, you will be welcomed by members of Session who will be asking you to show proof of vaccination at the sanctuary doors. Please arrive a few minutes earlier and be prepared with either (1) your government issued vaccine card, (2) a photo of your vaccine card, or (3) a QR Code CA.gov ([obtain here](#)). **Only those who have this documentation will be allowed in the sanctuary.** In the event that you forget, you are welcome to participate in service via Zoom in Thompson Hall or from the patio directly in front of the church doors.
- Please bring a mask; everyone will be required to wear a mask in the sanctuary.
- You will find a printout of the Order of Service on the pew.
- You will offer your prayers during service by standing and speaking; there will be no paper collection.
- During hymns, the masked congregation is encouraged to sing along.

- During the offering, you can walk any donations to a collection plate located at the back of the church or drop it off on your way out after the service.
- On Communion Sundays, there will be individually packaged Communion elements on the Communion table at the front of the church. People will be invited up, row by row, to pick up a Communion packet. Please return to your seat and wait for Pastor Paul to lead the whole congregation -- on Zoom and in person -- in taking the bread and sipping the wine or grape juice. Both options will always be available and clearly marked on the table.
- You will have the option to mingle with our community during Fellowship outside on the deck with masks. There will be no food or drink available during Fellowship until a later date.

Remember these extra safety precautions are **necessary**, but **temporary**, as we transition back to in-person gatherings. We are monitoring the situation weekly and will move as quickly as the situation allows us. We know that this community will rise to the occasion, as we have for the last two years.

We can't wait to see you -- in person!

Visit our website at sausalitopres.org

Church Of ice Hours

Tuesday - 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Wednesday - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Thursday - 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Friday - 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM



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