

July 22, 2022



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THIS SUNDAY, WE WILL MEET ON



We are committed to keeping the sanctuary open and taking reasonable precautions to ensure everyone's health and safety. No matter how many people come to worship in the sanctuary, a certain number of people are required every Sunday morning to hold service. Currently, we have had several cases of COVID (including Pastor Paul and his family), plus some volunteers

traveling out of town, and we are just shorthanded for an in-person meeting and delivering the service on Zoom. So, for this Sunday (and as needed in the future), we are ZOOM ONLY!

PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWS WITH YOUR FRIENDS! Not everyone reads SPINN when it comes out and we hope to avoid anyone coming to the sanctuary this Sunday morning.

THE SANCTUARY WILL BE OPEN FOR MARJORIE HOKENSTAD'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE. The service will also be on Zoom.

DID YOU MISS THE LAST SPINN?

We are experimenting with running stories, blurbs, fun or inspiring images, only once. Upcoming events, service links and birthdays are the exception.



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TOMORROW - SATURDAY, JULY 23
MARY MARJORIE HOKENSTAD
A Celebration of Life - July 23rd at 3:00 PM

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To read Marj's obituary, **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

A NEW MEMBER OF THE SPC STAFF Search is underway for an A/V Operator



SPC has been blessed with some amazingly committed and talented technical volunteers! Back in the 1980s, when Don Koc started accompanying his girlfriend, Marty Hartrick, to church to see what all the fuss was about, SPC didn't have amplification. Don, who had a rich history in music and sound, took it upon himself to build a system that could make sure everything said was heard, and to create an opportunity to record the audio from sermons and special services. He then spent virtually every Sunday for decades, operating that system!

With the advent of the Internet and Facebook and YouTube, Robin Sinclair began recording the sights and sounds of SPC to share with friends near and far. Pastor Paul was fond of saying that Robin uploaded our recordings onto the web before most of us had returned home from the event!

And with the advent of COVID-19, when we closed the doors to the church for the first time in our 100-plus year history, Joe Silverman stepped up to learn Zoom, find equipment, and provide technical (and moral) support to Pastor Paul as we transitioned our worship experience into a "virtual" experience.

It soon became clear that with or without a pandemic, providing a link to the sanctuary on Sunday mornings for those who live far away, or who can't travel easily, or need to protect their health, was going to be an important, permanent addition to our worship life. Immediately, the Session, the Worship Committee, Music Director Ralph Hooper, and the tech team agreed unanimously that it was important to create an online experience that would strive as much as possible to equal the in-person experience. This is a complicated vision and rather unique as far as we can tell in online worship experiences!

Our Zoom Hosts (Elder Carson Smith, Ali Oswalt, Dave Hirzel, and Robin Sinclair) have seen their role change and grow, from more of a technician to run videos during worship, to something more akin to Super Ushers, or Worship Guides, greeting online guests and providing key information as the service progresses.

After two-plus years of learning, growing, experimenting, and researching, our in-sanctuary worship team (Ali, and Gianni LaCarrubba) headed by Joe and Don, with a commitment from the Session, and the generous donations of SPCers who want to see this aspect of our ministry grow in expertise and quality, we have upgraded our cameras and camera software and have a plan in place for a major overhaul of our aged sound system. (There are supply chain issues that have delayed implementation of the new sound system.)

This has been a major undertaking! The in-sanctuary production team dedicates a lot of time to learning and practicing how to run the microphones and cameras. This year, it became clear that the amount of work was too strenuous to rely on a very small group of volunteers, especially given that just a couple absences could mean we would not be able to share the service on Zoom. Don and Joe, in particular, have carried a tremendous weight in making sure SPC is on earth and in the cloud every single Sunday.

It was thus agreed that a new staff position would be created to service the audio and video components of our Sunday gatherings. This will relieve a great deal of stress borne by our indefatigable tech volunteers and provide a reliable employee who can focus on our Internet production. We also envision assigning this position with responsibilities for our social media presence, a major goal of the Membership & Outreach Committee, chaired by Elder Lynne Parade.

The search has begun and we have received resumes and letters of interest that are being vetted and pursued. We hope to introduce you to someone in this new position before the end of the summer. In the meantime, our deep gratitude goes out to our wonderful tech volunteers for all they do to create the SPC connection both on earth and in the cloud!

If you would like to consider being trained as a Zoom Host (done from your home) or on the in-sanctuary production team, please email the church office at sausalitopres@gmail.com

**DO YOU LIKE SAYING "HELLO" TO PEOPLE?
Be an usher and make SPC a friendly place**

Since our return to worship inside the sanctuary, the usher's job has been streamlined and simplified. The most important task is greeting people with a warm smile and welcoming them to call SPC home.



We need ushers!

Please write to Barbara Geisler at bgeisler@sbcglobal.net if you would be interested in trying it out one Sunday. We need you!

PASTOR PAUL @ CONGREGATION RODEF SHOLOM

Pastor Paul gave the *drosch* (the Hebrew word for sermon, teaching) at Rodef Sholom, the largest Reform synagogue in Marin County, on June 24.

If you would like to see it, [CLICK HERE](#). (Pastor Paul's talk begins at 50 minutes.)



NOW WE ADD ONE MORE...

The Thorn Family Announces Blessing with New Math

Heralded by Sausalito's only known, locally sourced garage band (living room band?), the Thorn Family is giving Jetson a special Christmas present this year -- a sibling!

Mom and Dad, Jayna and Jason, discovered SPC in the midst of the pandemic on Christmas Eve. Not long after,

Jetson joined the family -- 1+1 makes 2; and 2 +1 makes 3!
Jetson was baptized at the church on May 23, 2021 ([CLICK HERE](#)) with his godparents participating via Zoom from London (Uncle Alex) and Cleveland (dear friend Donna).



Now, the newest Thorn will make the clan a foursome in February!



Our congratulations and prayers for this lovely, sweet family! To hear their new song announcing the newest Thorn, [CLICK HERE](#).



CATCH ME IF YOU CAN **Gianni LaCarrubba burns rubber**

On July 17, Gianni LaCarrubba, one of our Tech Team members, successfully ran the popular Napa-to-Sonoma Half Marathon!

The 13.1-mile race is described by Runners World as a "life experience" — traveling through the world-renowned Napa and Sonoma Valleys. Runners begin at Cuvaision Carneros Winery and wind through the picturesque Carneros wine region on the southern tip of Napa and Sonoma valleys. It finishes in the historic Sonoma Plaza.

Gianni was cheered on and celebrated by family and friends. Congratulations, Gianni, for flying like the wind!



MARRY ME... **Dave asks; Jen says "I do"**

It seemed like a typical Sunday morning; perhaps an extra celebratory cheer as we thought about our fathers and the fathering-figures in our lives. The sermon was done, the dialogue complete, and up next: the anthem. But instead of singing *Oh! My Pa-Pa*, as promised in the Order of Service, Ali Oswalt, with Don Koc on guitar, sang *Marry Me*, by the musical group Train.

Most people were surprised, perhaps even confused, by the musical mix-up. Until, slowly walking up the aisle came Dave Navarrete and his children, Jack and Zoe. They each carried a sign that said, collectively, Will You Marry Us?

Elder Jennifer Seaman, at this point crying tears of joy -- and completely surprised -- joined with them in front of the chancel, while Dave professed his love, and nearly everyone dabbed tears from their eyes.



Among our Zoom friends that morning were the Rev. Candy and Dave Seaman, Jennifer's mom and dad, logging in from Ohio. And arriving in the sanctuary with Dave and Jack and Zoe were assorted friends and relatives, including Dave's mom, Doris, and loving Auntie and Uncle, Sam and Mike Leo. Sam is sister to our beloved Lynn Farzaroli.

To see photos of the wonderful celebratory fellowship after the service, [CLICK HERE](#).

To see this uplifting and inspiring moment (or to re-live it), [CLICK HERE](#).

Congratulations, Jen and Dave!! (And Jack and Zoe!!)

JANIE SPAHR

has made it her life's mission to move the Presbyterian Church (USA) towards a more inclusive and LGBTQia-affirming community! Celebrate her 80 years with some good times and good causes!



Celebrate Good Times...Come On!

**Janie Spahr
is turning 80!**

And you are invited to a
***Fabulous Fundraising
Birthday Party***

to celebrate our amazing Janie
and to raise
\$80,000 for:



Saturday, July 30 • 1-4 pm

Indoors/Outdoors at St. Luke Presbyterian Church
10 Bayview Drive, San Rafael, California

Program starts at 2:15 pm

Please RSVP by July 15 to Karyn at: ThAdmin@transheartline.org

No gifts please, other than contributing, as you are able, to
Trans HeartLine. To donate, whether you can attend or not, go to:

<https://transheartline.org/donate/>

For more information, contact Beth Brown: revbeth@lppchurch.org



"No, no, that's not a sin, either. My goodness, you must have worried yourself to death."

Thanks to Sam A. Mowry for sharing this week's heavenly humor!



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THIS SUNDAY -- ON ZOOM ONLY!

Pastor Paul Returns to the Virtual Pulpit

Join Pastor Paul, Elder Denni Brusseau, and Elder Mary Grogan, with special music by Robin Sinclair, for a brief return to a **Zoom-Only Sunday** service this week at 10:00 AM!

The sanctuary is NOT open this Sunday! But **WILL** be open on Saturday for Marj Hokenstad's Celebration of Life at 3:00 PM.

Join us online with this Zoom link,

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**MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION
with the Rev. George McLaird
Every Tuesday at 11:00 AM**

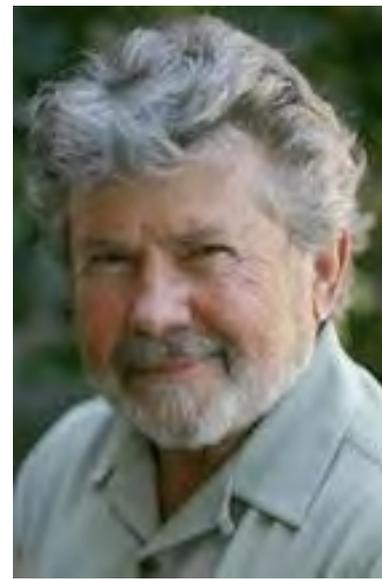
If you wish to Meet & Greet friends, come between 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM. The Meditation begins at 11:00 AM.

Often a special piece of music is played prior to our 10-minute meditation. Sometimes it is a Guided Meditation; sometimes it is a Silent Meditation.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO JOIN

Meeting ID: 861 1954 3242
Passcode: 981076

If you need to learn a few meditation techniques/practices, send an email to revmclaird@comcast.net



**PRAYER GROUP RETURNS
TO THE CHURCH
Tuesday, August 2 at 5:30 PM**

As we gather again and anew, and as we re-embrace traditions and practices that sustain and lift us, the Prayer Group is ready to gather together once again.



We collect prayers during worship every week. We are now resuming group prayer time, to pray the prayers of our sisters and brothers aloud, and to lift up the loved ones of our community in healing prayer.

The group meets at the church, in the alcove off of Thomson Hall.

All are welcome!

FOLLOW SPC ON INSTAGRAM

Our account name is **sausalitopres**



Instagram

Click anywhere on the above image to be taken to our Instagram page.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2-Linda Woodbury
- 3-Simone Adams
- 4-Ellie Mowry-Silverman
- 8-Martin Gustavson
- 10- Jerry Rampelberg, Leif Kos
- 11-Candace Berthrong
- 12-Ross Corbett
- 16-Larry Whyman
- 17- Paul Meade
- 18-Sherwood Cummins
- 21-Patricia Ascher



26-Mryl Despot
27- Robin Sinclair
29-Barry Hovis
30- Kathy Hooper, Dana Wadsworth, Afton Thatcher

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1-Tom Clark
2-Miles Berg
3-Douglas Woodbury
4-Paul Mowry
5-Karen Laffey
9-Cynn timer Anderson
10- Mimi Riley
11- Lynne Parode
12-Barbara Smiley
13-Skip McCormack, Janice Graham
16-Beverly Berrish
17-Wayne Hoffmann
23-Charles Cunningham, Kathi Williamson
24-Mary De Mund
26-Christin Hokenstad, Marti Roush
29-Patricia Reed

PROTOCOL UPDATE

Recent data indicates an uptick in cases.
Please note the following changes:

- **We are temporarily returning to a MASK REQUIREMENT inside the church**
- The choir will sing in small groupings
- Pastor Paul, Ralph, liturgists and singers will test every Sunday morning



We will relax these requirements as soon as the number of cases shift, which they will do. We just want to keep everyone safe, especially those whose health is more vulnerable.

The Reopening Committee meets regularly to assess our protocols. Please email questions to the office.

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