

Banner

We are a sharing, loving fellowship of Christian believers, rooted in biblical faith, that actively seeks and celebrates God. We desire to praise, love and serve with all our hearts in our faith community and to reach out to our neighbors, continuing the work of Jesus peacefully, simply, together. In God we find the source of all our joy.

Hallelujah!

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Pomona Fellowship Church of the Brethren

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Peace

*I am an idea and a hope
I am a thought and a prayer
I am a wish and a way of life
I am what I am*

*I feed the hungry
I shelter the homeless
I comfort the sick and calm the angry
I stop war and help enemies become friends*

*I am a want and a longing truth
I am a word that stops violence
I am what children of violence cry for
I am peace
The answer to all thoughts and prayers*

Written by Laura Lovelace

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...
Bill Lemon

those limited or confined for health reasons: **Cathy Banks, Marcheta Pletcher.**

We also uphold these members, friends and family members of our congregation who have prayer concerns:

PFCOB STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION Through December 2023	
2023 Annual Budget	\$193,255.00
Total Budget Income thru December	\$141,315.81
Giving '23	\$93,131.35
Interest & Other Income '23	\$48,184.46
Total Budget Expense thru December	\$(128,516.28)
Budget Balance thru December	\$12,799.53
August Special Non-Budget Offerings	
Inland Valley Hope Partners Beta	\$180.00
Newcomers Access Center	\$100.00
Just Us 4 Youth	\$25.00
God's Pantry (Christmas Card Tree)	\$240.00
Pennies	\$38.00
Messenger	\$7.50

February Worship Schedule

February 4, Jerry Davis is Preaching
February 11, Paul Lovelace is Preaching
February 18, Julie Wheeler is Preaching
February 25, A Guest Speaker is Preaching

Upcoming Meetings

CBM, Sunday February 4 after worship, potluck
Stewards, Tuesday February 6 at 3:30pm
Service & Outreach, Wednesday Feb 14 at 10:20am
Music & Worship, Wednesday Feb. 14 at 11:00am
Church Board, Thursday February 15 at 6:30pm
CBM, Sunday February 18 after worship

Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., **Bible Study** over Google Meet. Contact Sander Eller for details.



St. Jude Prayer for Lent

St. Jude, walk with me this Lent. Open my heart to the wisdom of God in His Word, and give me the strength to share that wisdom with others. Through this time of reflection, may I arrive at Easter energized to celebrate Christ's Resurrection and more ready than ever to receive God's love. Amen.

Happy Valentine's Day!!

"May the Lord bless you when Valentine's Day is here

May He keep you in His Loving Care every day throughout the year

And may He grant you happiness in everything that you do

For in everything you seek and share His love is always with you"

A Valentine's Day Blessings



Birthdays

Connie Good on the 5th
 Karen Herndon on the 9th
 Frank Ness on the 10th
 Laurie McKellip on the 14th
 Spencer Smith on the 14th
 Wanda Lacy on the 18th
 Franklin Hemsworth on the 21st
 Jan Spicer on the 24th

Service & Outreach News & Updates

Giving Emphases for the month of February

Thank you for your continued response in our effort to support the local food bank. Our food emphasis for **January is Soup for the Souper Bowl**. The powdered milk and your favorite sides to add to or eat with soup are also a great idea. For all canned food please provide Pop-Top cans. As always, staple items are always needed and welcome.



Our giving emphasis for **February is Heifer International**

Commission News

A generation or two ago there was a goal of relief organizations to end extreme poverty in that generation, but disasters, both natural and human, have only made the

global situation worse. Now there are more homeless, unsettled and desperately hungry people than ever.

Heifer International continues to send appropriate animals to communities around the world to give food and hope. In countries where local customs do not allow women to own land but must do the farming, they can own livestock. The gift of chickens or rabbits helps immediately with fertilizer for the crops. Food is soon available, and the gift is passed to a neighbor. Thank you for your interest and donations

Lent falls right in the middle of the month, and Easter is not far behind. That means that the time for the Easter Egg Hunt will soon be here. We are planning it with St. Paul's Episcopal Church the Saturday before Easter, so it's not too early to begin looking for the early sales of candy and such to fill the eggs.

There are people looking for help or food that come by the church, so we are working with St. Paul's to provide assistance and information - a work in progress.

Thank you for your participation, support and prayers.

Written By Phyllis Eller



Heifer was founded by Dan West in 1944 after he returned from volunteer service during the Spanish Civil War. During that experience he saw what long term solutions worked. Dan was a farmer in the Midwest of the United States and used his connections and knowledge to partner with farmers with different livestock and crops. This is how Heifer began. He enlisted ranchers and farmers as Seagoing Cowboys to ship the live sock, cattle, pigs, chickens, goats, etc., and crops from the United States to other countries

The Seagoing Cowboys were Ranchers and Farmers who volunteered to help Heifer by using their knowledge of Animal Husbandry and Agriculture. They would use their knowledge as they accompanied the animals across land, sea and air. As they did this their faith was tested and renewed by what they experienced and discovered. More than 7,000 men and women volunteered for Heifer and gained a unique experience they will never forget.

Today Heifer primarily serves partnering families using local channels in the countries they serve.

Heifer has five focuses in the work they do: Economic Development, Women's Empowerment, Environmental Sustainability, Risk Mitigation and Food Security and Nutrition. For more information about Heifer International, how they serve the world, and opportunities to volunteer or donate please visit their website at heifer.org

Written by Laura Lovelace

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Services & Activities

Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Bible Study on Google Meet Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Janet Short

Moderator

Laura Lovelace

Admin. Assistant

The *Banner* is published once a month. Articles and announcements to appear in the next issue of the *Banner* are due in the church office by the 20th of each month.

FEBRUARY

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4 Jerry Davis Preaching CBM	5	6 Stewards 3:30pm Bible Study on Google Meets 19:30	7	8	9	10
11 Paul Lovlace Preaching	12	13 Bible Study on Google Meets 19:30	14 Serv. & Out. 10:20am Music & Wor. 11:00am Ash Wednesday & Valentine's Day	15 Church Board 6:30pm	16	17 St. Paul's church work day 9:00am- 12:00pm Pastoral Meet and Greet
18 Julie Wheeler Preaching CBM	19 Presidents Day	20 Bible Study on Google Meets 19:30	21	22	23	24
25 Guest Speaker Preaching	26	27 LA Food Bank in St, Paul's Parking Lot 9:00-11:00am Bible Study on Google Meets 19:30	28	29		