



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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## Sacred Places and Spaces

I very much appreciated Julie's message on July 23rd which centered on sharing some of what she and Dennis found and felt on their trip to the Holy Land. Can a land be Holy? Is a place sacred in and of itself or only in the minds and hearts of those who experience it? Are there places where God is either more present or more approachable than other places?

I believe that the imperative need to kneel and pray that Julie experienced in the Dome of the Rock was a result of her own anticipation of being in that space combined with the spiritual richness provided by other people there but, also combined with the innate sacredness of the place, built up by years of people's devotion and prayers. An event can make a place special. An interaction between God and a person can mark it as a spiritual place. The continuing recognition and celebration of that spirituality brings a sacredness to that place and that sacredness can be felt by anyone open to it.

We also have sacred places in our lives. Maybe a special place at Camp La Verne or a particular spot at the beach or even a space in our own house or yard that makes it easier for us to feel connected to God. Many of us had sacred spaces at 875 W.

Orange Grove. Mine were the sanctuary and the chapel, especially the chapel with its stained-glass window of Jesus. I miss those sacred places. I miss those times when I could sit in one of those sacred spaces and pray or sing or even just be. I have not gone back to that place that is now covered with houses. Those that have, tell me a sacredness remains and that it is recognized by some who now live there. I should go back and see if that sacredness helps with my mourning of those lost places.

Part of our moving forward needs to be finding new sacred spaces. As we worship and pray together, as we work and celebrate together, new places will become sacred to us. Where we continue to seek and meet God, where we continue to cry and pray and sing and love each other will become our new sacred places.

Paul Lovelace  
PFCOB Moderator



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:

- Bill Lemon**
- Casey Deal**
- John Nelson**

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Stewards**, Wednesday Tuesday August 8 at 4:30  
**Music & Worship**, Wednesday August 9 at 11:00  
**Service & Outreach**, Tuesday August 15 at 9:30  
**Church Board**, Thursday August 17 at 6:30pm

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

**August Potluck and Programs**

Summer is the time for picnics, vacations, travel, and sharing adventures! We hope you will be in town for our two Wednesday dates in August, the 2nd and the 16th.

**Time:** 6-8 p.m. Eat From 6 -6:45,  
 Program from 6:45-7:30 or so (Sunsets at 8.)  
**Place:** The Courtyard, or the Sophia room at St. Paul's, 242 S. Alvarado St. Pomona  
**What to bring:** Picnic food, finger food, what you would take on a trip; and your table service a  
**Water and Ice will be provided**

**August 2:** Janet and John Short will share some of their recent travels. You are encouraged to invite your friends and theirs, to join us for the evening, or just for the program.

**August 16:** Pat Holt, from St. Paul's will share her journey walking the Camino de Santiago, the Way of St. James. to the city where it is believed that the body of the Apostle Saint James the Great is buried. St. Paul's will be joining us for the evening. This should be a fascinating time to get a broader view of history, faith and culture, as well as know our hosts better.

This is a wonderful way to spend two summer evenings. We hope to see you and a friend there.

**Directory Updates**

- Kathy Gilbert:** Email: katgma43@gmail.com
- Richard & Linda Hart:** Home Phone: 909-392-4184
- Paul & Linda Lovelace:** no longer have a home phone
- John Nelson:** Cellphone 909-918-7698
- Twila Pruitt:** Cellphone 909-456-9926

**PFCOB STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION  
 Through May 2023**

<b>2023 Annual Budget</b>	<b>\$193,235.00</b>
<b>Total Budget Income thru May</b>	<b>83,655.66</b>
Giving '23	\$38,949.00
Interest & Other Income '23	\$44,706.66
<b>Total Budget Expense thru May</b>	<b>\$(63,500.53)</b>
<b>Budget Balance thru May</b>	<b>\$20,056.13</b>
<b>May Special Non-Budget Offerings</b>	
Inland Valley Hope Partners Beta	\$155.00
C.O.B. One Great Hr. of Sharing	\$20.00
C.O.B. BVS	\$20.00
Capital Fund	\$20.00
Women's Fellowship-pennies	\$40.00

**August Worship Schedule**

- August 6,** Julie Wheeler is preaching
- August 13,** Paul Lovelace is preaching
- August 20,** Tom Hostetler is preaching
- August 27,** Jerry Davis is preaching



***Birthdays***

Gary Deal on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Marcheta Pletcher on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Brittany Herndon on the 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Twila Pruitt on the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Chai Zoe Uranga on the 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Hannah Mundy on 30<sup>th</sup>

***Anniversaries***

Janet and John Short on the 11<sup>th</sup>

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Services & Activities

Sunday Worship at St. Paul's Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study over Google Meet Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Paul Lovelace 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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Giving Report**

Thank you for your continuing support of Inland Valley Hope Partners with both food and funds. Summer is an especially difficult time for many families because children are out of school and those school lunches supplemented many a child's daily meals. Thank you also for the generous giving of all kinds of school supplies for Pomona's children as well as to the Newcomers Access

Center. We all know how important Adequate and proper tools are to any endeavor, including learning.

**FROM SERVICE AND OUTREACH**

Thank you for your continued response in our effort to support the local food bank. Our food emphasis for **August is Beans 7 Tomato products (not fresh)**. For all canned food please provide Pop-Top cans. As always, staple items are always needed and welcome.



Our giving emphasis for **August is Habitat for Humanity**.

Habitat for Humanity is one of the local organizations the church supports through our budget, believing that shelter is a basic need for all people. Currently there are two homes being built in the Chino Hills area. When they are finished there is a home planned in San Dimas. There are several ways you can become involved in this work. Volunteers do much of the work, and you get some training before you start a build. You can also shop at their Restore in Pomona for building odds and ends along with home supplies, or donate things left over from your own project; (Some of our excess kitchen ware was donated to them when we moved out of our church on Orange Grove). Their local headquarters are in the bank building at D and Bonita Avenue in La Verne. You can go to their website [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org) to volunteer, support, shop, etc.

## UP-Coming Events

Pomona Valley  
  
**Habitat for Humanity**<sup>®</sup>  
*Charity Classic Golf Tournament*

**WESTERN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**  
**1800 CARBON CANYON ROAD**  
**CHINO HILLS, CA 91709**

### What are you doing on Monday, August 14?

Golf with us at Western Hills Country Club and support local, affordable homeownership opportunities!

#### PRICING

Individual Players \$220  
 Save with a  
 Foursome \$700  
 Extra Guest Dinner \$50

**8 AM Registration/ 10 AM Shotgun Start**  
**3 PM Cocktails/4:30 PM Dinner**  
**5 PM Awards/ Drawings**

#### PLAYER PACKAGE INCLUDES

Green Fees & Cart  
 Driving Range  
 Golfer Giveaways  
 Box Lunch  
 Raffle Tickets  
 and  
 Awards Dinner

#### TOURNAMENT PRIZES

Putting Contest  
 Closest to Pin  
 Best Score  
 Hole in One  
 Raffle Prizes  
 Silent Auction

#### EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

<p><b>Platinum Sponsor</b>                  \$5,000                  Includes Golf                  Lunch/Dinner                  for 2 foursomes, Banner,                  Tee Sign, &amp; Entry into all                  activities for each golfer                  (golf package for 8)</p> <p><b>Silver Sponsor</b>                  \$2,000                  Includes Golf                  Lunch/Dinner                  for 4, Tee Sign, &amp; Entry into                  all activities for each golfer                  (golf package for 4)</p>	<p><b>Gold Sponsor</b>                  \$3,000                  Includes Golf                  Lunch/Dinner for 4, Banner, Tee                  Sign, &amp; Entry into all activities for                  each golfer                  (golf package for 4)</p> <p><b>Bronze Sponsor</b>                  \$1,000                  Includes Golf                  Lunch/Dinner                  for 4, &amp; Tee Sign                  (golf package for 2)</p> <p><b>Tee Sponsor</b>                  \$200.00</p>
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*Proceeds from this event will benefit the work of Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity in our 16-city service area of Chino, Chino Hills, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Glendora, La Puente, La Verne, Montclair, Ontario, Pomona, Rancho Cucamonga, San Dimas, Upland, Walnut, & West Covina.*

**Beverage Sponsor**



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## Agenda For a Prophetic Faith

**“A Tale of Two Economies, and What Can be Done About it”**

**Flier attached in separate PDF**



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Potluck & Program 6pm- 8pm	3	4	5
6 Julie Wheeler Preaching	7	8 Stewards: 4:30pm	9 M & W: 11am	10	11	12
13 Paul Lovelace Preaching	14	15 S & O: 9:30am	16 Potluck & Program 6pm- 8pm	17 Board: 6:30pm	18	19
20 Tom Hostetler Preaching	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Jerry Davis Preaching	28	29	30	31		