

# *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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## *A Word From Our Pastor*

Here is a short reflection on our latest love feast. Our church is the body of Christ – fully functioning and interrelated. Jesus calls us into a mysterious body of Christ and at the table we partake of it. My body, your body, the church body, Christ's body; where does one end and the other begin?

***The B/body***

We trickle into the hall

Some bearing candles and plates

Some bearing soup

Some moving tables and hoisting the cross

The body of Christ, evident

One voice reading

Many voices responding

The bodies moving to wash hands, wash feet

The melodious voices rise while

Creaky bodies kneel

The body of Christ, evident

Bowls of steamy soup gladly accepted

The Body of Christ joyously eaten

The Blood of Christ eagerly drunk

The Body of Christ, evident

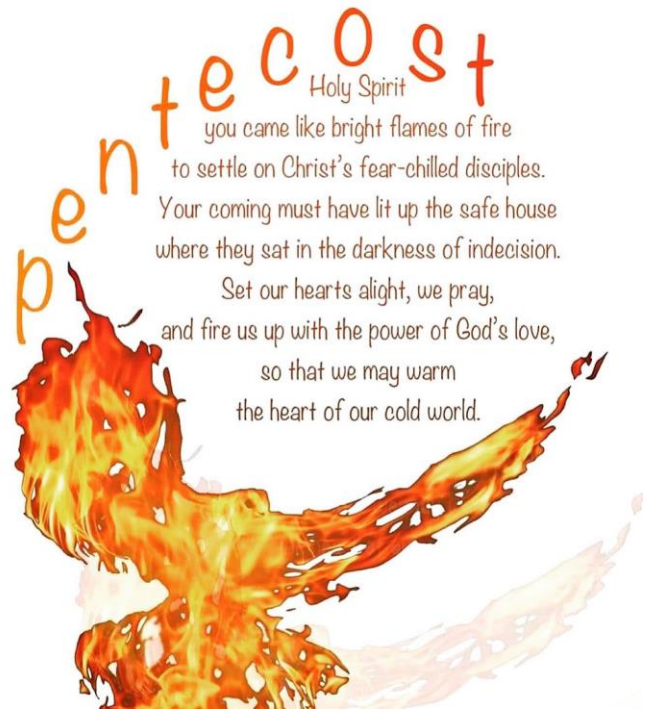
Pastor Julie Wheeler



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 March 2024	
<b>2024 Annual Budget</b>	<b>\$186,267.00</b>
<b>Total Budget Income thru March</b>	<b>\$48,253.31</b>
Giving '24	\$26,845.00
Interest & Other Income '24	\$21,408.31
<b>Total Budget Expense thru March</b>	<b>\$(26,589.61)</b>
<b>Budget Balance thru March</b>	<b>21,663.70</b>
<b>February Special Non-Budget Offerings</b>	
Inland Valley Hope Partners Beta	\$55.00
Newcomer's Access Center	\$100.00

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Stewards**, Tuesday May 7 at 3:30pm  
**Executive Committee**, Thursday May 9 at 6:30pm  
**Service & Outreach**, Tuesday May 14 at 9:30am  
**Music & Worship**, Tuesday May 21 at 6:15pm  
**Church Board**, Thursday May 23 at 6:30pm

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



***Birthdays***

Jakeh Landrum on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Peggy Redman on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Bill Lemon on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Rochelle Lovelace on the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Casey Deal on the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Avery Decker on the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Kathy Gilbert on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Cody Smith on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Winter Dellenback on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Samual Mckellip on the 28<sup>th</sup>  
Shirley Ness on the 28<sup>th</sup>

***Anniversaries***

Linda & Paul Lovelace on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

# Service & Outreach News & Updates

## Commission News

### May Food Emphasis for the Beta Food Center

#### Giving Emphases for May

Thank you for your continued response in our effort to support the local food bank. Our food emphases for **May are canned vegetables and rice**. Wild rice, brown rice, Mexican rice, and Rice-a-Roni are all good options. Canned squash, peas, corn, tomatoes, bamboo, catus, chilis, peppers and bean sprouts are wonderful cultural inclusionary options for our diverse neighborhood. For all canned food please provide Pop-Top cans if possible. As always, staple items, including spices and baking items like flour baking soda, yeast, diapers, socks and feminine product are always needed and welcome.



Canned vegetables and rice are the Service and Outreach Commission suggestions for food purchases for the Beta Food Center in May. All canned or dried foods are welcomed. Our suggestions are to provide a variety to help stimulate our interest in including food purchases for the hungry in Pomona in our food shopping lists. The Beta Center always thanks us for our donations.

And Inland Valley Hope Partners also thanks us for our cash donations to their programs and for our participation in their Adopt A Family program last Christmas.

We do not have any information for a financial giving emphasis in May. Catch up on whatever charity you are regularly supporting.

Written by. Jerry Davis

## **House of Ruth**

“In the late 1970’s, a small group of students from the Claremont Colleges were tasked with an assignment that required them to create a viable solution to a prevalent issue in their community. Claremont, California being one of those places that looks and feels relatively safe, was a challenge to find an any issues. A few ideas got tossed around until finally, the words “domestic violence” came up. It was relevant and important. After all, domestic violence has never made an exception for who it afflicts. It seemed a near impossible topic to tackle, considering the daunting statistics. On average 1 in 3 teens, 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 7 men will be abused by someone they love in their lifetime. How could a small round of 20-year-olds’ ever keep up with something so massive?” (houseofruthinc.org)

In 1977 the Claremont students and volunteers launched a hotline that had great success and showed how big the

problem was and how needed this service was.

In 1978 House on Ruth Inc was officially established as a nonprofit. House of Ruth Inc’s services expanded beyond the original phone number to include: community referral services, and crisis intervention counseling. They also expanded who they assisted to include Eastern Los Angeles County and Northern San Bernardino County.

In 1981 they opened their first shelter in Ontario with plans to open more. In 1988 they opened a shelter in Fontana and Started a transitional housing program called My Sister’s House in Pomona.

In 2000 the Pomona Outreach Office was able to add services that included long term transitional housing, counseling, children’s aid and disability resources. They also launched a prevention project in Montclair.

House of Ruth Inc has continued to expand in order to help more survivors and prevent future survivors of domestic violence. For more information please visit [houseofruthinc.org](http://houseofruthinc.org).

Written by Laura Lovelace with help from [houseofruthinc.org](http://houseofruthinc.org)

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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.

Julie Wheeler

Pastor

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



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<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Stewards 3:30pm  Google Meets Bible Study 7:30pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Executive Committee 6:30pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Happy Mother's Day	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Service & Outreach 9:30am  Google Meets Bible Study 7:30pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Office Closed Pastor Julie, Laura & Cody at Conference	<b>17</b> Office Closed Pastor Julie, Laura & Cody at Conference	<b>18</b> Office Closed Pastor Julie, Laura & Cody at Conference  St. Paul's Work Day 9:00am-12:00pm
<b>19</b> Office Closed, Laura on Vacation  Tongues of Fire Chili Cook off 12:00pm	<b>20</b> Office Closed, Laura on Vacation	<b>21</b> Office Closed, Laura on Vacation  Music & Worship 6:15pm  Google Meets Bible Study 7:30pm	<b>22</b> Office Closed, Laura on Vacation	<b>23</b> Church Board 6:30pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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