



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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From Pastor Ron...

No Touch Ministry

Late in the last century, revelations were made about horrible instances of sexual abuse in the church and education. Pastors and teachers were advised to avoid hugging and touching in general to avoid being accused of something “untoward.”

My wife was teaching a Kindergarten-First grade class and was advised if a child hugged her, she should not hug back.

As a pastor during this time, I thought about all the times Jesus touched people: healing lepers, healing a blind man’s sight with mud, ministering in crowds, etc. Without some touch, I began to wonder if Christian ministry was possible.

During the pandemic, ministry has necessarily been at a distance. In the ‘90s, I could not have imagined preaching or being in a Bible study by Zoom. Still, I miss anointing for healing, laying on hands for prayer, providing a reassuring word accompanied by a reassuring touch on a shoulder.

We can dream of a future time when caring touch can be reintroduced to ministry. In the meantime, I am grateful for the safe ways we can interact.

I hope that my few weeks of “no touch, distance” ministry has touched your heart in some way. I know your prayers and careful listening to my sermons have touched mine.

Update on my Dad: Henry K. Faus, Jr. is recovering in the ICU following successful bypass surgery. After a few days, he will be transferred to a rehabilitation center. Pastor Ron will travel to Pennsylvania October 12th to be there for his Dad’s birthday and help him transition back home.

Pastor Ron Faus



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

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

Please Pray for:

- Judy Brooks**
- Bill Lemon**
- Rochelle Lovelace**

District Prayer Calendar – October

- Oct. 3 The global church on this World Wide Communion Sunday
- Oct. 10 For our pastors and ministers who serve the church and world
- Oct. 17 Bethany Theological Seminary (our Seminary), its students and faculty
- Oct. 24 San Diego Church of the Brethren
- Oct. 31 South Bay Community Church of the Brethren (Redondo Beach)



October

BIRTHDAYS

- 3) Rachel Landrum
- 11) Gary Hart
- 17) Karen Stewart
- 18) Richard Uranga
- 21) Laura (Deal) Russi
- 22) Leslie Deal
- 26) Bobbi Hemsworth
- 27) Rylan Good
- 31) Cathy Banks

ANNIVERSARIES

(none)

October Worship Schedule

As a reminder that we are rotating between in-person and Zoom worship, here is the schedule for upcoming worships: (1st & 3rd in person, 2nd, 4th, & 5th over Zoom)

October 3, in-person at St. Paul's, Communion Sunday

October 10, ZOOM worship, Russ Matteson guest speaker

October 17, in-person at St. Paul's

October 24, ZOOM worship, Pastor Lauren is back!

October 31, ZOOM worship

If you have any questions, please call Acia in the office.



October Meetings over Zoom

Stewards, Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 p.m.
Service & Outreach, Wednesday, October 13,
10:00 a.m.
Music & Worship, Thursday, October 14,
11:00 a.m.
Executive Committee, Thursday, October 21,
6:30 p.m.
Church Board, Thursday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.

Banner articles are due on October 20

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Services & Activities

Sunday Worship over ZOOM Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study over Google Meet Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Lauren Seganos Cohen Pastor
Janet Short Moderator
Acia Jernigan Admin. Assistant

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PFCOB STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION Through August 2021

2021 Annual Budget	\$220,891.00
Giving '21	\$64,251.71
Interest & Other Income '21	\$26,907.27
Total Budget Income thru Aug.	\$91,158.98
Total Budget Expense thru Aug.	\$(111,749.688)
Plus Budget overage from 2020	\$4,224.32
Budget Balance thru August	\$(16,366.38)
August Special Non-Budget Offerings	
Capital Fund	\$85.00
Women's Fellowship Pennies	\$55.00
Items Sold	\$50.00
Inland Valley Hope Partners Beta	\$125.00