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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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A Word From Our Pastor

Hello, Church Family,

I wanted to tell you about two events I attended last month. Nora Jacob (Just Us 4 Youth) invited me to a National Crime Victim's Rights Conference in the Chino Men's Prison. It was eerie to walk across the yard and see the large cages that each unit had outside their dormitory. I saw some people with walkers and canes. I hadn't thought about aging in prison. What was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me was a lifelong experience for others. Once in

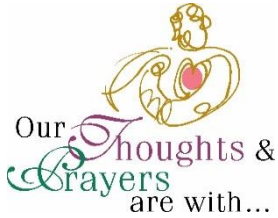
the gym, we heard great speakers, but the highlight of the conference was being put in circle groups to do the restorative work with these men. The stories of their childhoods were chilling, unfathomable, and gruesome. It occurred to me that if I had experienced those circumstances, I might be behind bars, too.

The second event was a conference in Boise that our District Executive, Russ, suggested we attend. (I did, with Laura, office admin., and Cody, music director) One of the conference's sponsors was Fresh Expressions, a group Pomona Fellowship has worked with in the past to look at the new ways church may be expressed in our time and place.

The conference was personally transforming for me, and I believe it will change how we go forward to create Pomona Fellowship in the future. I am eager to share with you the myriad of ideas and concepts that were shared with us. As we unpack some of this goodness, I hope we can envision how this might be best implemented in our neighborhood.

I ask for your prayers that the guiding hand of Spirit will lead us into green pastures and make us a salve to a hurting world.

Pastor Julie Wheeler



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

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

**PFCOB STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION
Through April 2024**

2024 Annual Budget	\$186,267.00
Total Budget Income thru April	\$56,904.31
Giving '24	\$32,996.00
Interest & Other Income '24	\$23,908.31
Total Budget Expense thru April	\$(52,955.45)
Budget Balance thru April	3,948.86
April Special Non-Budget Offerings	
Inland Valley Hope Partners Beta	\$55.00

Upcoming Meetings

- Stewards**, Tuesday June at 3:00pm
- Service & Outreach**, Tuesday June 11 at 9:30am
- Music & Worship**, Tuesday June 18 at 6:15pm
- Executive Committee**, Thursday June 20 at 5:30pm
- Church Board**, Thursday June 20 at 6:30pm

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



Summer

*When young-leaved June is summoned by the sun,
And new-mown grass breathes fragrance through the air,*

*When work is over, holidays begun,
May peace and pleasure in themselves be prayer.*

*And in your leisure may you hear the one
Who is your blessing and by whom you're blest
Still calling you: Come unto me and rest.*

~ Malcolm Guite



Birthdays

- Harvey Good on the 4th
- Sander Eller on the 7th
- Rick Landrum on the 8th
- Sharon Overholser on the 11th
- Rebecca Landrum on the 13th
- Pastor Julie Wheeler on the 16th
- George Spicer on the 20th
- Joseph Hemsworth on the 30th

Anniversaries

- Virgil & Marcheta Pletcher on the 13th
- Harvey & Connie Good on the 16th
- Julie Wheeler & Dennis Wallstrom on the 17th
- Rob & Laurie McKellip on the 23rd
- Rick & Sandy Landrum on the 29th

Service & Outreach News & Updates

Giving Emphases for June

Thank you for your continued response in our effort to support the local food bank. Our food emphases for **June are Cereal and Powered or Canned Milk**. Cereal is an easy breakfast, snack or a perfect dry food for toddlers and helps keep the child in us alive with the cartoon mascots and bright colors. Instant Oatmeal is also a wonderful option for those cold mornings. For all canned food please provide Pop-Top cans if possible. As always, staple items, including spices, baking items like flour baking soda, yeast, diapers, formula, socks and feminine product are always needed and welcome.



Commission News

Bethany Theological Seminary

On May 11, 2024, Bethany awarded 11 master's degrees and 17 postgraduate diplomas and certificates during its Commencement Ceremony. Bethany Theological Seminary continues to grow during a time when many seminaries are steadily diminishing.

We support Bethany in our annual budget in the amount of \$400. Besides support from churches Bethany depends on gifts from individuals.

Over the last decade Bethany has dramatically increased its enrollment, while decreasing annual Student borrowing to a fraction of the total student debt a decade ago.

The Seminary is seeking additional gifts to remove all financial barriers from those who are answering a call to ministry and

service and seeking the exceptional
graduate theological education that
Bethany provides.

If you would like to contribute to Bethany
over and above the amount in our budget
you can make a gift to our church
designated for Bethany Theological
Seminary. You can also mail gifts direct to
Bethany Theological Seminary,
Institutional Advancement Dept., 615
National Road West, Richmond, IN
47374-4019. Jerry Davis, our Bethany
Contact person, has additional
information.

Written by Jerry Davis

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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

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