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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

STORIES of NEW LIFE

A principal, a crane operator, and a college professor walk into a bar...

Sounds like an intro to a good joke, right?

Well, those three characters did walk into the church offices and assembled our new hospitality cart. I'd like to report that there are only two bruised fingers, three mistakes, and not one curse word!

This cart will breathe new life into our ability to welcome new folks (and old folks) alike!

Keep your eye out for it.

I got a call right after church on Sunday; one of my mentees was in the hospital, having just had an emergency "C" section for her 23-week-old baby, Jaylene. I've walked with this young woman since the pandemic and have been working hard to get her to attend church because I know it takes a village to raise a baby, and we could be helpful with that. Please pray that you will see her soon, and when baby Jaylene gets released from the NICU, you'll meet her, too. New Life!

I also got a call from Compassionate Pomona asking if the church could host some ULV interns from the philosophy and religion department for some projects. (You know my answer!) New Life!

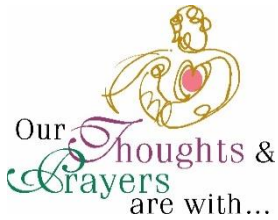
And last Sunday- did you feel it? New Life! Forty-one people and seven children. Wasn't that fun?

You know, we've been praying for God to bless and grow us – and we've seen some miracles!

Let's follow God's breadcrumbs and seek the New Life around us!

Pastor Julie





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, Norma Lovelace

**PFCOB STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION
Through July 2024**

2024 Annual Budget	\$186,267.00
Total Budget Income thru May	\$114,933.78
Giving '24	\$49,588
Interest & Other Income '24	\$65,345.78
Total Budget Expense thru May	\$(110,066.64)
Budget Balance thru May	\$4,867.14
May Special Non-Budget Offerings	
Inland Valley Hope Partners Beta	\$25.00
Women's Fellowship- FINCA	\$30.00

Upcoming Meetings

Stewards,

Tuesday September 3 at 3:00pm

Service & Outreach,

Tuesday September 10 at 9:30am

Music & Worship,

Tuesday September 10 at 5:00pm

Executive Committee,

Thursday September 12 at 6:30pm

Church Board,

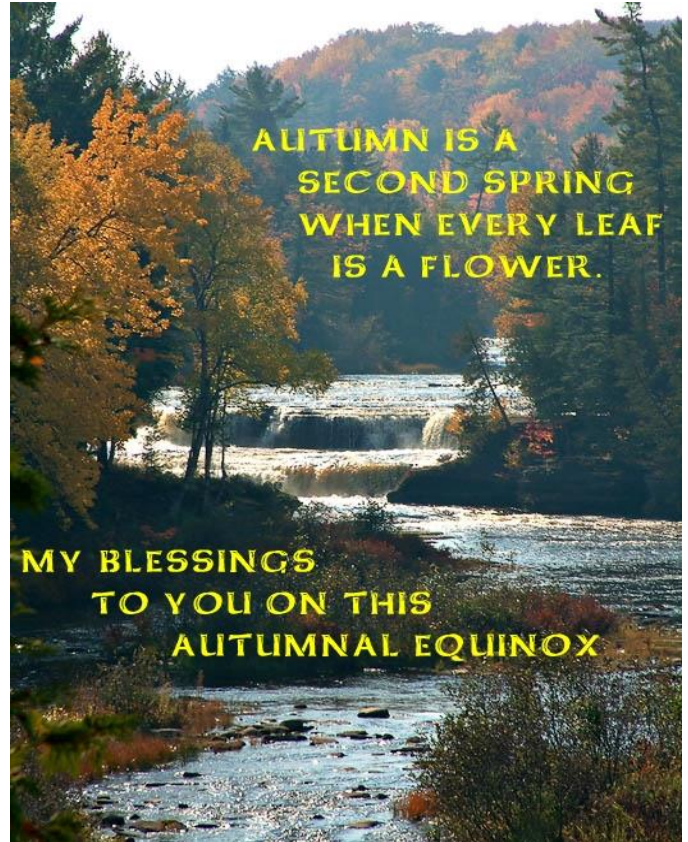
Thursday September 19 at 6:30pm

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

Every Wednesday at 8:00am, **Breakfast Fellowship Group** in the Hillcrest Dining Room. Contact Mary Hines, 909-418-4654 for details.

Preaching Schedule

September 1, Phyllis Eller Preaching
September 8, Broken Homes
September 15, Welcome Home
September 22, Eric Bishop Preaching



Birthdays

Natashua Uranga on the 7th
 Jessica Decker on the 10th

Service & Outreach *News & Updates*

Giving Emphases for *September*

Thank you for your continued response in our effort to support the local food bank. Our food emphases for **September are Peanut Butter, Jelly and Crackers.** Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are a classic and easy to make. You can mix the jelly and peanut butter or use honey instead. It's an easy way to make a fun custom meal. 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 products are always needed and welcome.



Commission News

Children's Disaster Services

“Since 1980 Children’s Disaster Services (CDS), a program of Brethren Disaster Ministries, has been meeting the needs of children by setting up child care centers in shelters and disaster assistance centers across the nation. Specially trained to respond to traumatized children, volunteers provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence in the midst of the chaos created by tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, wildfires, and any natural or human-caused disaster.”

The volunteers go through specialized, experiential training, work quickly and arrive with a “kit of comfort”. The “kit of comfort” contains toys that promote imaginative play. The volunteers work individually with the children to encourage them to express what their feeling and themselves to start the healing process.

CDS is open to anyone 18 years of age and older who is interested in helping children who have been through a traumatic event. For more information please visit www.brethren.org/cds/

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Children’s Disaster Services deploys to Lake Isabella, Calif.

By Carolyn Neher and Michael Scalzi, Children’s Disaster Services

On Aug. 9, Children’s Disaster Services (CDS) deployed a team of three volunteers to Lake Isabella, Calif., where they served in a Local Assistance Center (LAC) until Aug. 13. Setting up a disaster care center, the team aided the needs of 20 children.

The volunteers arrived with a calm presence for the children and families affected by the fire. They brought a Kit of Comfort—a suitcase containing toys and activities chosen especially for therapeutic and expressive value. The volunteers played and worked with the children, helping them begin their emotional recovery following such a traumatic event.

This deployment was in response to the Borel fire, which started July 24 after a vehicle went over the edge of Highway 178 in Kern County, Calif., and caught fire.

Borel is the second largest wildfire in California in the 2024 wildfire season, burning over

59,000 acres before 91 percent containment on Aug. 10.

In the last few years, CDS volunteers have responded to the needs of children in several states during wildfires. These have included the 2023 wildfire in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, where 13 CDS volunteers served 457 children during 6 weeks of deployment; the Marshall Fire in Lafayette, Colo., in January 2022, serving 25 children; and in 2021, 3 wildfires in Santa Clara and Oroville, Calif., and one in Boulder, Colo. In 2018, CDS responded with three separate teams to the Camp Fire that destroyed the town of Paradise, Calif.



CDS Volunteer in Chico, California

A Children’s Disaster Services volunteer helping care for a child affected by the 2018 Camp Fire in Paradise, Calif., one of the many deployments of CDS volunteers in response to wildfires in recent years. Photo by Kathy Duncan

“Dress A Girl” Sewing Party

"Dress a Girl", a program where folks come together to cut & sew dresses for orphaned girls in other countries. The dress may be the only new item of clothing they have ever owned. This would be a good time to invite people who would like to learn to sew as well. All levels of skill are encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to create community and friendship with the folks from St. Paul's.

Upcoming Dates

September 7, 9:00am – 12:00pm

October 5, 9:00am – 12:00pm

November 2, 9:00am – 12:00pm

December 7, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Please RSVP to the church office.

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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 20th of each month.



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