



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 our Pastor...

Happy New Year dear ones! January is always an appropriate time to reflect on the past, acknowledge the present, and look towards the future with hope. As we begin a new calendar year, I thought this might be a good time to describe some of my hopes and expectations as your new pastor.

From a logistical point of view: in addition to Sundays, I plan to be working in Pomona on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. These days will include time spent in the office as well as out of the office for meetings, visitation, etc. On Tuesdays, I plan to work from home, but will be accessible via email and my cell phone. Fridays will be my Sabbath days each week. In that spirit of Rest, on these days I will not be checking email, attending meetings, etc., except in emergency cases. If you ever have a question about when I am in Pomona, you can always call the church office and Acia will know my schedule.

From a pastoral point of view: as someone coming to you with a few years of chaplaincy experience, I have a real heart for pastoral and spiritual care. This means I want to know what's happening in your lives! The joys, the sorrows, the challenges: all of these experiences are made more meaningful when they are shared with your pastor and your church family. However one class I missed in seminary was: mind-reading. ☺ So if you or someone in your family is hospitalized, or experiencing another crisis, and you'd like me to be aware or be present, please call me. I am looking forward to journeying with you in the mountains and valleys of life.

From a spiritual point of view: our congregation is obviously anticipating a major transition in the next year. Our decision to sell our property and find a new location is both exciting and intimidating. There will be challenges along the way but we will come through this period of change stronger and more spiritually vibrant if we remember the reason for our being: Jesus. Viewing all of our decisions and actions in light of our Savior and his power to restore and redeem the world will be our anchor and our guide. May this new year give us a renewed passion for Jesus and for what his Good News can bring to Pomona and to our world.

Yours in grace and peace,  
Pastor Lauren



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

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

- Harvey Good**
- Rochelle Lovelace**
- Ray Yinger's family**



We are sad to report that Ray Yinger went home to be with the Lord on December 18. His service will be Thursday, January 31, at 11:00 a.m. at Hillcrest.

Please keep Peggy and her family in your prayers.



**Pastor Lauren Seganos Cohen  
and Jason Cohen**  
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**We have a new email address**

The church office has a new email address. Please use the following from now on:

[office@mypomonachurch.org](mailto:office@mypomonachurch.org)

Pastor Lauren is

[PastorLauren@mypomonachurch.org](mailto:PastorLauren@mypomonachurch.org).

Please take a look at our newly revamped web page: **MyPomonaChurch.org**. We are open to any suggestions of content to add to the page to make it informative and a good representation of who we are and how we love Jesus.

**District Prayer Calendar – January**

- Jan. 6 PSWD Policy Board which meets January 11-12 and their work this year
- Jan. 13 For members of the Paradise congregation as they recover from the Camp Fire
- Jan. 20 Casa de Modesto and Hillcrest Homes, our two retirement communities
- Jan. 27 For the Church of the Brethren Compelling Vision conversation and the gatherings in PSWD February 2, 3, and 9

**January Host, Ushers, etc.**



- Host: Graham Lovelace
- Ushers: Frank & Shirley Ness
- Offering: Bill Lemon
- Hymn Leader: Acia Jernigan

### FROM SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Thank you for your continued response in our effort to support the local food bank. Our food emphasis for **January is basic staple pantry items** for IVHP Beta Center.



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2) Acia Jernigan  
Phyllis Eller
- 6) Carl Cook
- 7) Jenny (Lovelace) Villacarillo
- 11) Kathy Flores
- 13) Sandy Landrum
- 15) Pandra Cook
- 16) Robert Herndon
- 21) Nohemi Flores
- 24) Graham Lovelace
- 27) Nacomí Hemsworth
- 29) Linda Lovelace
- 30) Randy Good

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9) Lauren & Jason Cohen 2016

### **Service and Outreach News**

Thank you for your generous giving toward our Christmas Card Tree fund, which will be sent to the Pacific Southwest District, who will be receiving donations to provide direct support to help with the needs of the pastor and members of the Paradise congregation as they seek to recover from the devastating Camp Fire. As of last week, we have raised \$609.00. Your prayerful support is greatly appreciated.



Give:

- To your enemy, forgiveness
- To an opponent, tolerance
- To a friend, your heart
- To your boss or a customer, service
- To all, charity
- To every child, a good example
- To yourself, respect

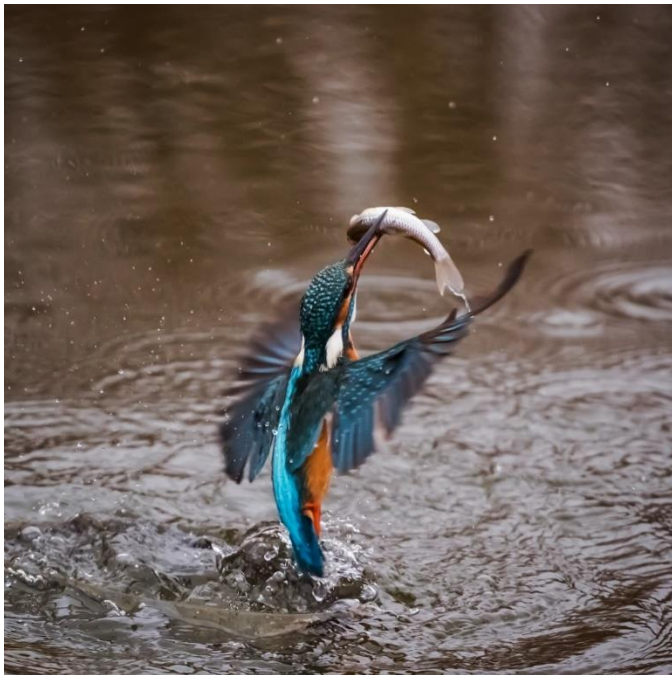
- Oren Arnold

## Kingfisher faith

In a video on his publisher’s website, Eugene Peterson tells of watching a kingfisher repeatedly dive for fish in a lake. Peterson counted 37 dives before the kingfisher caught its supper! “And he’s the king fisher!” Peterson chuckles. From that bird-watching episode, he gleaned a ministry lesson: It may take a long time and many attempts — maybe dozens! — before something works out.

God calls us to live out his love faithfully, even when we don’t seem to be accomplishing anything. Maybe we extend 36 invitations to worship, work 36 monthly shifts at a food bank or utter 36 prayers without seeing results. “What’s the point?” we wonder. But the kingfisher urges us on: “Maybe number 37 is the charm!”

In the words of St. Paul (and mixing fishing and farming metaphors): “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9, NIV).



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### Services & Activities

Sunday Worship Sunday, 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School Sunday, 10:45 a.m.

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

### **PFCOB STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION Through November 2018**

**2018 Annual Budget \$215,314.00**

Giving '18 \$88,861.00

Interest & Other Income '18 \$65,730.12

**Total Budget Income thru Nov. \$154,591.12**

**Total Budget Expense thru Nov. \$(141,359.04)**

**Plus Budget overage from 2017 \$19,856.63**

**Budget Balance thru November \$33,088.71**

### **November Special Non-Budget Offerings**

Capital Fund \$620.00

IVHP Hunger \$25.00

IVHP Holiday Chickens \$95.00

Women’s Fellowship Pennies \$40.00

Inland Valley Interfaith Working Group for Mideast Peace

Presents:

# What in Heaven's Name is Going On in the Holy Land?

*What can we do to promote peace?*



A dialogue/symposium presenting perspectives  
from a variety of viewpoints

Thursday evening, January 31, 2019

7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Pre-Program Middle Eastern Dinner at 6 p.m.  
(no charge- donations appreciated)

Haddon Conference Center- Claremont School of Theology  
1325 N. College Ave.  
Claremont,, CA 91711

Interested? Please R.S.V.P. to [tjohnson@cst.edu](mailto:tjohnson@cst.edu)  
(Dinner R.S.V.P.s particularly appreciated)

# JANUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's  7:30 pm Choir	<b>Pastor Lauren out of the office</b>		<b>9:00 am</b> Unhang the Greens and Women's Fellowship Mtg
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
		6:30 p.m. Stewards  7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's  6:30 p.m. M&W 7:30 pm Choir	<b>6:45 pm Church Board</b>		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>10:45 a.m.</b> Discussion with Russ Matteson about PSWD finance question		7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's  7:00 pm Choir			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>BANNER ARTICLES DUE</b>		7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's  7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>Pastor Lauren out of the office</b>		
27	28	29	30	31		
<b>10:45 a.m.</b> Deacons Mtg		7:30 pm LTG	8:00 am Breakfast @ Roberta's  7:30 p.m. Choir			

Sunday Schedule: Worship 9:15 a.m., Sunday School 10:45 a.m.





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