We are in this together...

September is the month when we jump into full swing at the church. It isn't that we took the summer off. There was Peace Camp, Camp La Verne, Creative Arts Night, Faith and Film, and more. But September 10 is when we start Sunday School and all the activities that went on hiatus for the summer. We will have all-church meals, Food Network, WABS, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Fall Faith and Fellowship Groups, etc.

We did something else this summer. We voted overwhelmingly to call Dawna Welch to the position of Pastor of Spiritual Formation. The La Verne Church of the Brethren knows that the paradigm for what church looks like is shifting across the United States, and we are eager to meet the challenge. Part of Dawna’s job will be to help us figure out what Christian Education looks like for the coming age. It won’t look like the past. But figuring out the future is tricky work. Another part of Dawna’s work will be helping us create closer connections among ourselves so that we might impact the world together. We know this will be done with small groups but exactly how is something we will learn by trial and error. Notice that in both those cases I said that Dawna is assisting us in figuring this out. We didn’t call her to just decide and create for us. We called her to help us decide and create.

My caution is that we need to have some patience about this process of newness. I have heard people talk as if hiring Dawna on July 9 meant that all of this would be in place by August….or at least by September 10. Calling Dawna to her new role was one step in a process. Late in August we hired Marquisha (Mar) Spencer as our new Youth Ministries Coordinator and Amanda Bennett as our new Children’s Ministry Coordinator. We have asked Mar and Amanda to create programs within only weeks of our Back to Fall Sunday.

I write this to you because we need to be reminded that we are doing this transformation work together. Church isn’t about hiring people to do the work for us. Together we continue the work of Jesus. Together we discern our way forward. Together we build this ministry of love and service.

Ask yourself how you might be involved in spiritual formation, small group ministry, the ministries to and with children and youth. We need you to make this transformation possible.

~Susan Boyer

The La Verne Church of the Brethren continues the work of Jesus peacefully, simply, together. We create a Christian community, called by Christ to be inclusive, caring and peace-minded. We affirm that people of any race, ethnic identity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, faith tradition, or life situation are welcome in our congregation. We believe in compassionate service, stewardship of creation, respect for diversity and nonviolent reconciliation for differences among all people, nations and faith traditions. We claim no creed but the New Testament, as exemplified by the life of Christ. We strive to follow the way of Jesus. Through these efforts, we seek to grow ever closer to the mind and heart of God.
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SEPTEMBER 3

Blind Spots
Tom Hostetler

Beyond physical blind spots, I would dare to say that we all have deficits of awareness about ourselves. How great it would be if we could have a chart showing us where they are. The nature of blind spots, of course, is that we are unaware of them even though others may see them clearly in us. It’s hard not to look at the story of the healing of the blind man and not see the politicization of health care. Think about it. The man’s situation was pretty desperate. In his culture, blindness was an imperfection that alienated him from all of the systems of support that others enjoyed.

John 9:1-12

SEPTEMBER 10

BACK TO FALL SUNDAY
Welcoming the Latecomers
Susan Boyer

When we imagine this story of the laborers in the vineyard, we often think of fairness. We focus on the undeserving getting the same thing we hard workers have received. What if we turn our focus to these day laborers who are jockeying for enough work to feed their families? How does this change the story?

Matthew 20:1-16

SEPTEMBER 17

Just Do It
David Radcliff

How did Jesus keep hope alive? By setting his sights low, being energized by the marginalized, believing that small things and great love move the mountains, and by not being afraid of lament—oh, and just keeping on keeping on, aka "just do it." David Radcliff, Director of New Community Project and a friend of this congregation, will bring the morning message.

Luke 13: 10-17; 18-19; 22-25; 31-34

SEPTEMBER 24

Living in the Land of Ledger
Susan Boyer

When Peter asks Jesus how many times he has to forgive, Jesus responds back with a number. Peter lives in the land of the ledger, but the Kingdom of God exists in a different reality.

**September Calendar**

**Sept 1** Church Women United, Trinity UMC, 10:00 a.m.

**Sept 4** Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday
Nation Older Adult Conference, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, (4th-8th)

**Sept 5** Commission Night

**Sept 7** First Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Room, 6:00 p.m.
First Choir Rehearsal, East Room, 7:30 p.m.

**Sept 10** Back to Fall Breakfast, Fellowship Hall, 9:15 a.m.
Back to Fall Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.
One Church, One Read, Fireside Room, 7:00 p.m.

**Sept 12** Personnel & Board Night

**Sept 13** Fellowship Visitors, Library, 9:30 a.m.
WABS, Library, 4:00 p.m.
Men-a-logue, Library, 7:30 p.m.

**Sept 14** October Intercom Deadline, 5:30 p.m.

**Sept 17** Back to Fall Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, 11:30 a.m.
Envisioning Speaker: Rev. Nancy Wilson, 7:00 p.m.

**Sept 19** Food Network Dinner, Fellowship Hall, 5:00 p.m.

**Sept 24** Greeters Breakfast, Hillcrest, 8:00 a.m.
Living in Peace Lecture: Rigoberta Menchu, 7:00 p.m.

**Sept 26** Spiritual Cinema Circle, Fireside Room, 6:30 p.m.

**June & July Giving and Attendance**

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The window display in the hallway for September is created by **Letha Ressler**.
Congratulations to…
…Maya Davis who received her two-year Brethren Volunteer Service assignment for Quaker Cottage in Belfast. She will be working in the nursery as a childcare worker while the mothers are in therapy.

Welcome Back…
…to Paige Butzlaff who has returned to Southern California after completing her Brethren Volunteer Service assignment with the Mission and Ministry Board of the Church of the Brethren.
…to Paul Sparks who has returned from working in Uganda. Paul was on the continent of Africa for the last six years.

Sympathies to …
…the family of Shantilal Bhagat on his death on July 7. Shantilal served our denomination for over 40 years of his life. Services are pending.
…Dennis Castellano, Leslie Giambone, Jeffrey Castellano and the rest of the family on the death of Peggy Castellano. Peggy’s service was held on July 28.
…Jean Stratford on the death of her husband, John Stratford. John was a member of our church choir. He died on July 24. No services are planned.
…Myra Garcia on the passing of her 97 years-old mother, Irma Garcia. Irma died in Scottsdale, AZ on July 30.
…Alex and Andi Arnhold, on the death of their mother, Linda Arnhold. Linda died on Friday, August 18. Services are pending.

Continued prayers for:
Donna Arnold, Nicki Bennett, Betty Castellano, Larry Davis, Mary Hunter Bowman, Matt Izu, Jim Jones, Bobbi Welch, all the Chibok girls still missing in Nigeria, and our brothers and sisters in the world who experience war, violence, and injustice.

Prayer Chain
Our Prayer Chain keeps us connected as we become aware of each other’s hurts and joys, and also opens our hearts to God’s love for each of us. When you wish to share a concern or joy on the prayer chain, please contact Pastors Dawna or Susan at (909) 593-1364 or Chaplain Tom at (909) 392-4354.

If your concern is for another, please obtain that person’s permission to share it on the prayer chain.

The number to call in the case of an after hours, pastoral care emergency is (909) 267-5477. During office hours, please continue to call (909) 593-1364.

*Office hours are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Welcome Our Newest Member

**Riley Evans** is starting her third year at the University of San Francisco, majoring in Media Studies with a minor in Fine Arts. She is a producer at her school’s TV station, and she volunteers weekly with middle schoolers who have learning differences. Riley is the daughter of **Kara and Tom Evans**, who met while working in television and are now both teachers in the Claremont Unified School district, which is Riley’s home district. Riley’s brother, **Jonah**, is about to start his first year at American University where he plans to study Film and Digital Media. Do you notice a theme here? Riley loves to paint, draw, and doodle on every scrap of paper. She is a member of her school’s improv team named “Awkward Silence.” She loves to watch movies and do puzzles, any kind...as long as it is solvable. This summer Riley helped with Peace Camp as she does almost every summer.

Riley says she has always considered herself Brethren. This is the church she was born into, where her family, dating back to her great-grandparents, have been members. She writes: “Since I left for college, I have felt that something was missing from my life, and I realized that it was harder for me to feel that beautiful sense of community that I love about this church when I’m 400 miles away at school. Joining the church for me means cementing my identity in the church, so that I feel Brethren no matter where I am, what I’m doing, or who I’m with.” Riley joined by baptism on August 6.

**Shantilal P. Bhagat**
Shantilal was born in Bulsar, India at the mission hospital, the fourth of eleven children. He was a third generation member of the Church of the Brethren. He earned his BS in agriculture from the State College of Agriculture in India. Ira Moomaw, a missionary-teacher in India, was instrumental in getting Shantilal to Cornell University for his MS degree. While at Cornell, Shantilal met Tsun-Hsien Kwan, from China, who was working on an MS in Foods and Nutrition. They were married in 1952, and they moved to India where Shantilal started the interdenominational Rural Service Center and served as its Program Director. They had three children: Anjali, Smruti, and Snay. From 1968-2001, Shantilal and Tsun-Hsien lived in Elgin, Illinois where Shantilal served the General Board of the Church of the Brethren in 8 or 9 different capacities, such as Asia representative and United Nations representative. He wrote five books and countless education packets, many of them on climate change and care for the earth. Shantilal was passionate about soil and all of creation. In 1995, he was honored by the Black Church Committee in appreciation of his editing several resources for them. Last year, the denomination’s Intercultural Ministries honored him with their Revelation 7:9 award. Shantilal and Tsun-Hsien retired to Hillcrest in 2003. Tsun-Hsien died in 2009. Shantilal passed away at Woods on Friday, July 7. No service has yet been planned.
John Stratford
John Stratford was born and raised in Newport, Rhode Island where he learned to swim and boat in the Narragansett Bay. His father was a mail carrier, and his mother was a housekeeper. John was the eldest of four children. From 1946-48 he was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. He got his bachelor’s in civil engineering and began working for the California Division of Highways as a Design Squad Boss and then as a Chief Engineer or Manager for several local public agencies up and down the State of California. He retired in 1989 as General Manager/Chief Engineer of the Cambria Community Services District. After retirement he served seven California Public agencies as Interim General Manager/Engineer. John has a Masters in Public Administration from USC. He married Jeanne in 1956, and he said he had a wonderful life because of that decision. Together they had two sons. John was a people person. He served as a volunteer for Hospital Chaplaincy Services of Sonoma County. He enjoyed bike riding, singing, and reading. John was a member of our church choir. John and his wife moved to Claremont Manor from Oregon in 2011. Lifelong Presbyterians they joined the La Verne Church of the Brethren because of our focus on fellowship, peace, and justice. John died on July 24. No services were planned. John’s wife, Jeanne Stratford continues to be part of our congregation, along with his sister-in-law, Carol Bennetts.

Peggy Kay Castellano
1956 - 2017
Peggy was born on May 7, 1956, in Pomona, California, to Richard and Mary Weis. She was the second of three children. Peggy and her brothers attended Pomona public schools, including Pomona High School, where she met her future husband, Dennis Castellano, in the theatre department. Peggy attended Cal Poly Pomona as a political science major and was very involved in student government, where she became the vice-president of the student body.

During her graduate work in English, Peggy taught journalism and social studies at Bishop Amat High School. Peggy and Dennis were married in 1980 and two years later started a family -- Leslie in 1982, Brian in 1984, who died as an infant, and Jeffrey in 1987. Soon after Peggy began teaching, a friend of hers started working for Walt Disney Imagineering (then called WED) and informed her of an opening in their human resources department, and thus began Peggy’s professional life as human resources executive and consultant. After her tenure at Imagineering, Peggy served as vice-president of human resources for PacTel Cellular (now called Verizon), The Orange County Register, and the motion picture divisions of Tri Star and Columbia at Sony Entertainment.

In 2010, Peggy was very moved by the rescue of the Chilean miners from the San José mine in the Atacama Desert, and thus began her interest in humanitarian and environmental concerns. In later years, despite health challenges, Peggy found solace in listening to music and playing with her granddaughter, Annabelle. Peggy is survived by her husband, Dennis Castellano, her daughter and her husband, Leslie & Michael Giambone, their daughter, Annabelle, her son, Jeffrey Castellano and his girlfriend, Lois Bryan, her father, Richard Weis, and two brothers, Walter Weis and Robert Weis. A memorial service was held in our sanctuary on July 28, 2017.
After a strong vote of support on July 9, **Dawna Welch** became our new Pastor of Spiritual Formation on July 10. Dawna is not unknown to us. For twelve years Dawna served as our Director of Children and Family Ministries while also working on her education. She completed Training in Ministry (TRiM) in 2015 and was ordained in our congregation in December of 2015. As Pastor of Spiritual Formation Dawna will be helping us explore new ways to do Christian Education and create small groups that deepen our spiritual connections. She will also be overseeing the children and youth ministry coordinators as soon as those positions are filled. We welcome Dawna to her new position!

**Welcome to Our Nigerian Students**

After Archbishop Kwashi, an Anglican from Jos, Nigeria, spoke in our congregation in June of 2015, **Teri Tompkins** came up with the idea of trying to provide a college education for a young woman who had experienced trauma and violence in her home country. Her idea began a chain of events that led to the University of La Verne offering to provide full-tuition scholarships for two female students. Over two years later Teri’s idea is bearing fruit. Two young women from Africa who have been studying in the United States arrived in August to complete their college education at ULV. The church joyfully agreed to figure out room, board, student fees, and books. One plans on pursuing a degree in pre-law; the other is interested in medicine. How fabulous it is when different institutions and people come together to provide welcome and education! There are ways you can help with this project. You can donate money to the Nigeria Student Fund to help the church cover books, meal tickets, and student fees. We are also looking for a new laptop. Please join us in prayer that their transition to ULV and to our community will go well.

Because both students had to leave Nigeria for their safety, we are not sharing their names. Safety is a concern for these two women, and so we ask you not to take or post photos of them on social media. Due to the trauma they have experienced, refrain from asking them to tell you their story. Simply welcome them to this town and to this church with the same love and welcome you offer so well and so freely.

**Phil Hofer** is the person who is representing the church in this process. If you have questions feel free to contact him at (909) 618-5143 or hoferp4@gmail.com.

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**Dawna Welch**  
**Pastor of Spiritual Formation**

**Choir and Chancel Bells Resume**

**Choir Resumes September 7 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Chancel Bells Resumes September 7 at 6:00 p.m.**

There are good reasons to join one of these church choirs.  
1. You learn teamwork.  
2. There are no auditions.  
3. It helps your brain remain active  
4. You get to serve and experience joy!  
5. The preacher is always looking the other way.  
6. We have great church choirs!

Choir rehearsals resume on September 7 beginning at 7:30 p.m., and Chancel Bells resume on September 7, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This is the year you should consider singing or ringing bells or both.
**Welcome To Our Newest Staff!**

*Amanda Bennett* joins our staff as the Director of Children’s Ministries. She brings a passion for children and a sense of calling to ministry. The first time Amanda served in children’s ministry was in the 7th grade when she baby-sat abused and neglected kids before their busses came to pick them up to a special camp. Since then she has served at various churches in children’s ministry leadership, completed ministry school, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Azusa Pacific University. Amanda currently attends Fuller Seminary, working toward a Masters in Theology with an emphasis on Just Peacemaking.

After becoming a mother, Amanda began searching for a church that better fit with her theological views of inclusiveness, open-mindedness, social justice, authenticity, and love. She found that at La Verne. Her family’s first week here included a warm welcome to even a squirmy 3 year old! Instead of sending him out of the service, he was welcomed and loved. Amanda loves the intergenerational concept LVCoB integrates, as well as its openness to all people.

Amanda hopes to support families and children in their spiritual lives. She wants to make sure each child feels valued, loved, and is able to use their unique gifts within the church and greater community. She feels honored to serve on staff at this beautiful church where both her boys were dedicated.

*Mar Spencer* is our newly hired Youth Ministries Coordinator. She comes to us born and raised from Omaha, Nebraska and is unquestionably qualified. Mar holds a B.A. in Black Studies, two Master’s Degrees, one in Education and another in Counseling and is currently wrapping up her Ph.D. at Claremont Graduate University. She also brings a wealth of experience, energy, and enthusiasm to this role. She’s previously worked as a Youth and Education Specialist, Family Support Worker, and Event Planning Coordinator and is particularly excited about working in this role at the La Verne Church of the Brethren because of its progressive mission, commitment to community service and engagement, and the opportunity to work with the leaders of tomorrow’s free world.

Mar currently works as an adjunct faculty member at the University of La Verne. Her experience, coupled with her education, and a theology that aligns with our mission statement, make Mar an excellent addition to our staff and a catalyst toward the enhancement of our youth ministry program as we progress toward our strategic vision.

In her spare time, Mar is planning a wedding, scheduled for next summer, in which she and her fiancé, accompanied by their son and family, will finally tie the knot! She enjoys writing, traveling, shopping, and Netflix binging.
Personnel Commission Appoints Evaluation Committee
The Personnel Commission has put together a committee to work on the way the church evaluates its staff. The members of the committee are: Susan Boyer, Curtis Frick, John Gingrich, Gail Heisel, and Tom Hostetler. If you have feedback for the committee on the process of evaluation, be sure and speak with a committee member.

WABS - Wednesday Afternoon Book Study
September 13, 4:00 p.m.
Church Library
Join WABS on the second Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the Church Library.

At the September meeting we will discuss two books: A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman, and Funny in Farsi, by Firoozeh Dumas, each engaging and intriguing.

Everyone is invited to share in the discussions and suggest good reading ideas.

Join us Wednesday, September 13, at 4:00 p.m. You are welcome.

One Church, One Read
September 10, 7:00 p.m.
Fireside Room

Rev. Nancy Wilson has recently written a book titled “I Love to Tell the Story: 100+ Stories of Justice, Inclusion and Hope.” One reviewer says, “this is an important foundation document upon which ongoing efforts for justice and equality can be based.” Join the Envisioning Commission members as we facilitate a book discussion on Sunday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Books are available for purchase on Amazon. “I Love to Tell the Story,” along with her other books, “Outing the Bible” and “Outing the Church,” will be available for check-out in our church library.

Promoting Inclusivity and Welcome
September 17, 7:00 p.m.
Church Sanctuary
The Envisioning Commission is sponsoring an evening with Rev. Nancy Wilson as part of our on-going effort to promote inclusivity and welcome. From 2005 to 2016 Rev. Wilson was the Moderator (global leader) of the Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC), an inclusive church that was formed by LGBT persons to provide a positive ministry to the LGBT community. Previously, Rev. Wilson was a pastor for 44 years, including as senior pastor of MCC’s founding church in Los Angeles. Join us for the opportunity to hear Rev. Wilson speak on Sunday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary –free of charge. Her talk will be titled: “Being Authentic and Being Effective: Justice Ministry in the Church Today”. It should be an informative and energizing program!

There will be an opportunity to purchase three of Rev. Wilson’s books in the Narthex after her talk. She is willing to meet you and sign your book.
Back to Fall Sunday!
September 10, starting at 9:15 a.m.
Join the church family for breakfast and an introduction to Christian Education plans for the new year!

Fall Faith & Fellowship Groups
Sign-Ups Begin August 27
Groups Begin Meeting October 8
Locations Will Vary
Do you have a skill, talent, or hobby you are interested in sharing with others?
Is there a topic or issue you are passionate about exploring?
Facilitating or participating in a Fall Faith & Fellowship group fosters a deeper sense of community within our church family and is a fun way to get to know people better.
Groups meet weekly, and each facilitator chooses the meeting time and space, as well as the minimum and maximum size of the group.
Sign-ups to lead a group began August 27. Participant sign-ups begin September 17, and groups begin meeting the second week of October for 4 weeks. Forms for all of these are available in the Sunday bulletins and the church office; or you may contact Dawna Welch by phone (909) 593-1364 or by email Dawna@LaVerneCOB.org.

Back to Fall All-Church Luncheon
September 17, following worship
Please join us for the Fall All-Church Luncheon. We are planning a lovely light lunch of Lemon Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Organic Mixed Vegetables, a Mini Salad Bar, and Peach Cobbler for Dessert. All proceeds will be donated as support for Nigerian students attending University of La Verne, and Phil Hofer will give a brief presentation. Keep in mind that we strive to make a meal that works for all dietary concerns and to use locally grown produce whenever possible. If you’d like to help out in the kitchen, just let us know; we’d love to have you join us.
**Angels’ Share**

Angels’ Share is a “pub theology” group for Young Adults who relate to the La Verne Church of the Brethren. “Angels” usually gather on the last Friday of the month around matters of faith and an occasional craft brew. (Softer drinks are also imbibed.) For the September dates and locations, please check the Sunday bulletins. To get on the email list or with questions, please contact Jenny Y’Deen at jlydeen@gmail.com.

**Food Network Returns**

**September 19, 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

On the third Tuesday of each month of the school year, the La Verne Church of the Brethren hosts college students from ULV and the community. We provide a nourishing meal and nurturing hospitality. Students eat well, build community with each other and with adult volunteers, as well as learn that the La Verne COB is a place of welcome. Anyone is welcome to come and help or just come and eat with the college students and young adults that participate. It is an amazing event!

The dates have been set for the year:
- September 19
- October 17
- November 21
- January 16 (starting at 5:30 p.m.)
- February 20
- March 27 (a week later due to Spring Break)
- April 17
- May 15

Volunteers are always needed for set-up, serving, clean-up, as well as enjoying dinner and conversation with the students. To offer your help, please contact Corlan Harrison at corlanharrison@gmail.com or (909) 981-7739.

**Men-a-logue**

**September 13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Church Library**

What's Men-a-logue? The second Wednesday of each month, men are getting together in the church library to share what's going on in their lives and discuss topics of interest. Guys of all ages are talking about favorite movies, faith, and stupid decisions they've made. Interested? Join us at 7:30 p.m.

**Church Council Meeting**

**October 22, following worship**

Our Fall Council Meeting will take place on October 22, following the morning worship service. We will be taking a first look at the budget for 2018, as well as hearing more about the exciting things that are happening in the life of the church. Plus, we get to share a meal together and help the youth raise money for National Youth Conference.
**Buy -A-Slice, Youth Fundraiser**  
**September 24**  
September 24 will mark the return of this popular youth fundraiser. Look for the youth in the courtyard following church service, offering a delicious selection of pie and cake slices, ready to take home and enjoy. Some of the selections will include: pumpkin pie, apple pie, chocolate cream pie, triple berry cobbler, and German chocolate cake. All selections will cost $5.00 a slice and will be served with a smile and tremendous gratitude!

**Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?**  
**October 21, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Locations will vary**  
Would you like to get to know the people you share a sanctuary with on Sunday mornings? Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner is a fun way to do that. Sign up to be a host or to go to someone else’s home for dinner. The host doesn’t know who is coming. The guests don’t know who else will be there. The host provides the main dish, and the guests each are assigned a dish (salad, dessert, or bread). Look for inserts in your Sunday morning bulletin for information and sign-up instructions. Deadline for signing up is October 8.

**A Fall Worship Experience in God’s Creation**  
**October 15, 11:00—Camp La Verne**  
Those who choose to do so will gather in community with each other and nature for an outdoor service in the beautiful mountain location of Camp La Verne.

Continuing our long-standing tradition of outdoor ministry, we look to nature as a tonic to our hurried and overscheduled lives.

“We know that God is everywhere; but certainly we feel His presence most when His works are on the grandest scale spread before us…”  
Charlotte Brontë, Jane Eyre

Camp La Verne is “A Place of Peace.” What better way to recharge our batteries and find a closer connection to God, just ahead of the holidays, than by putting ourselves in His loving hands among the trees and breezes of His wondrous creation?

Carpools will gather at 8:45 a.m. in the La Verne Church of the Brethren parking lot to leave by 9:00 a.m.

Please let us know if you need a ride or can give a ride by contacting Judy Woodruff at (626) 485-0418 or Justjudy41@gmail.com.

**What to Bring:**
- a sandwich for yourself and a side dish to share
- your own table setting and re-useable cup
- a folding chair and/or blanket to sit on
- Sunscreen & hat

We look forward to your presence on the mountain. As we join in fellowship, may we each feel nourished by the bounty that is God’s gift to us.

Need more encouragement? Consider this:

“I felt my lungs inflate with the onrush of scenery—air, mountains, trees, people. I thought, “This is what it is to be happy”. - Sylvia Plath, The Bell Jar

If nature can make Sylvia Plath happy, imagine what it can do for you!
Spiritual Cinema Circle  
September 26, 6:30 p.m.  
Fireside Room  
The September Spiritual Cinema Circle will feature Trattoria: Chef Sal Sartini has just opened a new restaurant and is trying to generate the buzz that restaurants need to succeed in the San Francisco dining scene. As they begin to work out the kinks and get the restaurant running smoothly, Sal’s estranged son, Vince, comes to visit and help out in the restaurant. Join us Tuesday evening, September 26, at 6:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room and watch Chef Sal as he tries to repair a relationship with his estranged son and make his new restaurant a success in this culinary comedy-drama.

Living Peace Lecture  
September 24, 7:00 p.m.- Church sanctuary  
A couple years ago a generous gift was given to the church to create something new. With that money we have collaborated with the University of La Verne and created the Living Peace Lecture Series. It is funded by the University of La Verne’s College of Arts and Sciences and a generous donation to La Verne Church of the Brethren in memory of Albert and Helen Herbst. We are excited to announce that we are launching this lecture series with Nobel Prize Laureate Dr. Rigoberta Menchú Tum, a K’iche' political activist and feminist from Guatemala. Menchú has dedicated her life to promoting indigenous rights in Guatemala and across the Pacific Americas. Menchú rose to public importance as an activist campaigning against human rights violations committed by the Guatemalan armed forces during the country’s civil war, which lasted from 1960 to 1996. While in exile in Mexico, she continued to organize resistance to oppression in Guatemala and the struggle for Indian rights by co-founding the United Republic of Guatemalan Opposition. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992 "in recognition of her work for social justice and ethno-cultural reconciliation based on respect for the rights of indigenous peoples" and the Prince of Asturias Award in 1998 for improving the condition of women and the communities they serve. In 2006, Menchú was one of the founders of the Nobel Women's Initiative to bring together their experiences in a united effort for peace, justice, and equality, with particular focus on supporting women's rights around the world. She is a member of PeaceJam, an organization whose mission is "to create young leaders committed to positive change in themselves, their communities, and the world through the inspiration of Nobel Peace Laureates who pass on the spirit, skills, and wisdom they embody." She travels around the world speaking to youth through this organization. Menchú is a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador. As a public figure in indigenous rights, she ran for President of Guatemala in 2007 and 2011. Although unsuccessful as a presidential candidate, she continues to be a significant political figure and activist for indigenous rights. She is the subject of the testimonial biography I, Rigoberta Menchú (1983) and the author of the autobiographical work, Crossing Borders. Phil and Joy Hofer are also connected to her because they, along with others, gave her protection during the last week that she stayed in Guatemala, before she, along with many other Guatemalan religious and peasant leaders, fled to Mexico, in the early eighties.
Peace Camp Report
by Dawna Welch

One of the highlights of my time working with children and families here at La Verne Church of the Brethren has been experiencing peacemaking through the eyes of our children during Peace Camp. You don't have to look very hard these days to see why peacemaking is so important. Too often when conflict arises, dominance is the instinctive response. But we (this congregation and the many families of Peace Camp) believe that everyone can choose to respond in a caring and respectful way. And, by doing so, we make the world a more peaceful and beautiful place. I consider this work we do together as a community our yearly “peacemaker’s tune up,” and it empowers all of us to be a positive force for change in our daily lives and, therefore, the world.

This year our Peace Camp theme was Finding Peace! Each day we met as a large group and reviewed all the many ways we already work at peace while discovering many new pathways as well, including singing with Heidi Brightbill, cooking with Corlan Harrison, participating in small group challenges, and expressing ourselves creatively during Global Village. It requires a tremendous amount of planning and patience to engage 64 campers ranging in age from 4 ½ to 12, and it could not have been done without the seemingly inexhaustible creativity of my co-director Sarah Innerst Peterson. Sarah brings education and experience as a Montessori teacher, a passion for peacemaking and working with children, as well as warmth and a winning sense of humor. Her own children participated in Peace Camp for many years before she agreed to help me co-direct. Now Sarah and her children are members of our congregation and ardent supporters of Peace Camp! Stori serves as small group leader, and her brother Trumann has been one of our camp photographers for the past two years. This is not atypical. This year our small group leaders (those charged with the responsibility of shepherding our campers through the events of the day, as well as leading small group interactions) were solely comprised of college-aged adults and Peace Camp alumni; Katherine Aboleda, Riley Evans, Digby Strogen and Alexandra Brehmeyer, Ciera Olsen, Aimee Butzlaff, Hanako Duffie, Anabel and Molly Heredia, Lily and Meghan Pugno. They were phenomenal! Special thanks must also be extended to Mary Kay Ogden for organizing registration, Brian Bufkin for helping campers turn trash to treasures, and all the many members who work in the Global Village!

It is time to let Peace Camp benefit from fresh, new leadership. I have no doubt this congregation will encourage and support our new Children’s Ministry Director to continue the tradition of peacemaking with children in the same generous fashion you have supported me over the past 14 years. As Thich Nat Hahn says, “There is no path to peace. Peace is the way.” May we continue to be committed to the way of peace.
Church Beyond These Walls
By SoSan Mitchell

Last fall, after returning from overseas travels, I started thinking about other options for travel besides just being a tourist. What I discovered was New Community Project’s Learning Tours. NCP, in the words of director, David Radcliff, “is a small nonprofit organization with a big goal: to change the world by changing the way we relate to the planet and its people.” Learning Tour groups are sent to visit all of the places where NCP has partnerships: Myanmar, Ecuadorian Amazon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Denali/Kenai Fjords National Parks, Alaska, Lybrook, New Mexico. Learning Tours are intergenerational experiences intended to challenge, change, and renew, while building relationships with our neighbors and a better appreciation for our amazing planet. All Learning Tours will take you to a place where Earth and its people are struggling.

Last month I chose to participate in the Dine (Navajo) Reservation, New Mexico Learning Tour. While this was not a work-camp or a mission trip, twenty-five of us, ranging in age from 10 to 74, worked alongside community members for two days in a cemetery, gardens, at a thrift store, and on small-scale construction projects at our “base camp,” Lybrook Community Ministries (a Church of the Brethren ministry, which was originally a school for Navajo children) and at the local Dine Chapter House. At the Chapter House we also spent part of a morning learning how to clean, card, and spin “fresh from the sheep” wool. I was not very successful at the spinning part.

We learned from elders about the historical trauma of displacement and murder of the Dine, including boarding schools and The Long Walk. We toured areas on the Reservation affected by hydraulic fracking, as we learned about its negative impact on the land and the people. I learned about the term “environmental racism” as it relates to the Dine. For example, oil companies that own wells and drilling sites do not install fencing around them on the Reservation to protect the residents and the livestock, even after repeated requests to do so. Last year there was a massive fire on one of the oil well sites. No external investigation was ever conducted. The roads on the Reservation are dirt. The oil company semi-trucks drive on these roads daily, with their chained tires and heavy loads. After it rains, the roads are severely damaged and become un-drivable. Last year, the children living on the Reservation couldn’t get to school for three weeks due to the destruction of the roads. As elder Daniel Tso says, “Navajo don’t matter.”

We learned about a lack of adequate healthcare services, issues of food justice, and educational challenges. The closest grocery store providing fresh produce is over an hour away on the main highway. What the Dine do have is a local convenience store which offers a variety of soda and processed junk food, which has contributed to soaring cases of diabetes. High school graduation rates among the Dine are low, partially due to the long distances students have to travel once they reach high school age (it’s a 1.5 hour bus ride each way to school).

How am I changed as a result of spending a week on the Navajo Reservation and learning about the challenges that the Dine People face? I find myself constantly reflecting on questions of lifestyle, justice, environmental issues, sustainability, and what it takes to keep hope alive in sometimes seemingly hopeless situations. Two of the Dine residents that we visited were Grandma Outhouse (her unofficial nickname...all women elders are called Grandma as a sign of respect) and her sister, Grandma Socks, who is blind. Both of these elderly women live in a one room house with no water or power. Yet they are content, living on their tribal land. They have what they need. I will forever have a picture of these two women in their homes, living a life of hope and simplicity.
Youth Calendar
September 10:
Back-to-Fall Breakfast and Youth Class
*Middle school and High school aged youth are strongly encouraged to come for breakfast at 9:15 am and stay to learn about exciting plans and events for 2017-2018. Including:
  • Meet your new Youth Coordinator!
  • Plan a “Welcome Back” event
  • Hear about National Youth Conference - July, 2018
  • And much, much more!
Come and see. God makes all things new!

Library News
Wondering what to do with the beach books you read this summer? Bring them to the Book Exchange in the library. You can also bring books for children. Let’s share our favorite reads!

Friendship Class
September 17 & 24, 9:15-10:10 a.m.
Social Hall
The Friendship Class resumes on September 17 under the leadership of Al Clark. This class explores the Bible and topics that range from water to the paradigm shift. The conversation is thoughtful, and the teacher is excellent. The first Sunday back (September 17), David Radcliff will talk to the class about the work of New Community Project. David’s topic will be Reports from the front: refugees (S. Sudan), rainforest (Ecuador), women’s empowerment (Myanmar). David Radcliff will share photos and stories from the front lines of the struggle for a more humane and sustainable world. Radcliff is the Director of New Community Project, which promotes peace through justice, care for creation, and experiential learning.

Children’s Sunday School
Come and See!
Sunday Mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Classroom Upstairs above the Library
Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to experience God’s presence and love through music, stories, crafts, service, and gardening! Friends welcome!
Fellowship Visitors
September 13, 9:30 a.m.
Church Library
The Fellowship Visitors will meet Wednesday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Visiting residents in Woods Health Care Center, or others unable to make it to church, brings wonderful rewards, both to those visited and to those who visit. If you would like to add this kind of joy to your life, please join the Fellowship Visitors on the second Wednesday of each month. It’s once a month, the second Wednesday morning, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Let Pastor Susan know that you would like to serve in this wonderful program. You will make your (and her) heart glad!

Serve with PSWD on Brethren Disaster Ministries
Eureka, Missouri
October 15-28
Brethren Disaster Ministries is looking for volunteers to help with the rebuilding project in Eureka, Missouri this October 15-28. We will be helping to cleanup, repair, and rebuild homes that were damaged during the recent floods. Pacific Southwest District has the opportunity to send up to 15 volunteers this year -- doing all kinds of work, including cleaning out houses, removing and replacing walls (sheet rock and all), painting, interior trim work, cabinet hanging, siding installation, and even some roofing. We are not sure what duties await us until we get there and see what is needed. You do not need to be an experienced tradesman to help with BDM. There is always something you can help with, or you might just learn how to do some new construction skills.

So what do you think? Do you want to go on a free “working vacation”? We work 7 or so hours a day, Monday through Friday. We all take our turn doing light chores around the living quarters (usually a church with a large kitchen and sleeping area), and we each get the opportunity to lead a short devotion before meals. Evenings are free to socialize with fellow volunteers. We have a weekend to explore the surrounding area (at our own expense). Travel, food, and housing are provided for all volunteers during the 2 week stay. (PSWD has a budget for our travel. We usually have enough to cover all of it, but if we fill the 15 person roster, we may need to pay some of our travel ourselves.) We will be flying from the airports near where you live, unless you decide you want to drive (it takes about 4 days to get to Missouri).

If you want to help, please contact Dot Hess at (909) 225-5368 or John Blickenstaff at blick55@verizon.net. or Lindy Frantz at lfrantz667@aol.com.

9th Annual Interfaith Walk and Rally for Peace
One World Community/One Human Family
October 15, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
The Interfaith Walk and Rally for Peace exists to promote friendship and understanding among faiths in the Pomona Valley. Our congregation is invited to walk alongside brothers and sisters of faith as we gather at Claremont School of Theology (on Foothill Blvd. just east of Indian Hill Blvd.) From there the group will walk from Temple Beth Israel (3033 N. Towne Ave., Pomona) to the Claremont Islamic Center (just north of Foothill on Garey Ave, concluding at City of Knowledge Islamic School (just south of Foothill on Garey Ave.) for a light communal meal. Those who are unable to walk the full distance may drive from place to place, and vehicles will be available to pick up those who need to rest mid-route. Participants of all ages and abilities are welcome and encouraged. A free-will offering will be taken during the walk to cover costs.
Opportunities to Serve and Share

Special Offering for Denominational Ministries

October 1

Four times a year we take a special offering to help fund the ministry of our denomination. When you give to any of these special offerings you help sustain partnerships with our brothers and sisters in Sudan, Haiti, Brazil, Nigeria, India, and the Dominican Republic. You also support leadership-training, deacon ministries, Brethren Volunteer Service, workcamps, and more. On Sunday, October 1, there will be an envelope in your bulletin. Make checks out to La Verne Church of the Brethren and write “denomination” in the memo line. You can give to the denomination anytime through the La Verne Church of the Brethren; just be sure to mark it accordingly.

CPR and First Aid Training

October 21

La Verne Church of the Brethren

The next CPR/AED/FA class at the La Verne Church of the Brethren, led by Carol Hopping, will be October 21, 2017. The cost is $35. At the end of this class the students will be offered Wilderness and Remote First Aid at an additional cost of $35. This training is good for anyone who likes to hike and camp out away from 911 for more than an hour and is helpful for responding in a large disaster. For more information please contact Carol Hopping at (909) 596-5122 or carolhop@earthlink.net.

44th Walk for the Hungry and Homeless

Inland Valley Hope Partners

October 14

New Registration and Walk Times!

We’ve got BIG NEWS to share about this year’s 44th Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless! Due to feedback we received from walkers and walk coordinators, IVHP has opted to change their regular Sunday afternoon event to a Saturday morning event. That’s right! This year the walk for the hungry and homeless will take place on:

Saturday, October 14, 2017
@ the Claremont University Consortium
Registration Begins at 9 a.m.
* Walk Begins at 10 a.m.

This will allow walkers to beat the unseasonable heat of the last few years during our 5K/10K Superhero Walk, while still raising funds to support our struggling neighbors.

Now you can register online! https://inlandvalleyhopepart.donorpages.com/2017WalkfortheHungry/
Or you may visit our website to print out your registration and other forms.
"Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark."
~ Genesis 7:15

"God wishes other creatures besides humans to be included in the plan of salvation."
~ St. Francis of Assisi

"One day we will see our pets in the eternity of Christ."
~ Pope Paul VI

Many children learn to love through their first pet, and losing a pet is often their first experience with death and grief. For many adults, losing a pet is like losing a child. I would say it seems to me that loss is loss, grief is grief, and love is love.

Over the past few years, several ashen-face, grief-stricken children and adults with tears in their eyes have asked me, "Are there pets in heaven?" At that point, I don’t feel a need to go through all the various theological ponderings ~ I ask these seekers of assurance and mercy, "What kind of place could be called ‘heaven’ without pets?"

In Genesis, the only qualification to gain admission to the ark of salvation was not human intelligence or language skills; it was having "the breath of life." All living creatures were welcome aboard, including Noah and his family’s pets.

Pets may lack the ability to reason and understand in the same way as humans; but they lack not the ability to love. Pets often remain by your side when a human loved one has fled. Hospice pets freely roam from room to room. Visitation animals are brought to memory loss units, where their mere presence often cause patients to rouse and interact with the animals in ways they may not with their human caregivers. It is the second of the principles of Eden care: interaction with animals provides a pathway to a life worth living.

What kind of heaven would heaven be if pets were not allowed? It would be a heaven where there are limits on love. In such a heaven, many people could not imagine caring to reside.

**SUNDAY 4:00 P.M. CHAPEL VESPERS**
**September 2017**
(schedule is subject to change)
3 – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
10 – Rev. Julie Roberts-Fronk—Annie Greene, accompanist
17 – Tom Hostetler—Bernie Pence, accompanist
24 – TBA—Mary Kay Ogden, accompanist

(The Vespers Service is broadcast on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 on Hillcrest Channel 997.)

**STUDIES LED BY PASTOR TOM**
Everyone is welcome to attend Pastor Tom’s studies at Hillcrest:
- A weekly bible study of “Luke” Thursday, 9:30 a.m. in the Galen Walker Board Room.
- A men’s bible study of “Acts” meets on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in the private dining room.

**Dial-A-Devotion** is available 24 hours a day at (909) 392-4301
The theme of this year’s Annual Conference (AC) in Grand Rapids, MI was “Risk Hope.” According to the AC Moderator, the theme was appropriate and intentional; AC was once again being held in Grand Rapids where it was held five years prior with much division and controversy. Interestingly, many of the underlying issues from five years ago (On Earth Peace and LGBTQ matters) were major themes at this year's conference.

The established agenda included five matters of unfinished business and four of new business. However, it should be noted that one of the unfinished business items actually had ten recommendations from the Review and Evaluation Committee. Below is a table that summarizes the business:

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There were two highly controversial and divisive orders of business. The first of these to be handled was UB4: “The Authority of AC and Districts regarding the Accountability of Ministers, Congregations, and Districts.” This report was received as a response to the query on “Same Sex Weddings.” Although it is a controversial topic and has significant implications, Standing Committee determined that only a simple majority vote was required. After much discussion and questions of order, this item passed and affirms that districts have the authority to decide whether to remove a minister’s ordination if s/he officiate a same-sex wedding.

The second critical order of business was UB2: Recommendation 6 – “The Review and Evaluation Committee recommends to the 2017 Annual Conference that On Earth Peace no longer remain an agency of the Church of the Brethren.” Standing Committee determined that a two-thirds majority was required. Similar to UB4, much discussion and questions of order ensued. The delegates’ votes were counted and 56% voted to oust On Earth Peace. Although it was a majority, the percentage was not sufficient to pass.

Finally, I have a few concerning AC observations to share; I am a new delegate (and relatively new church member):
1. Delegates read and prepare to discuss the AC business; however, one night before conference commences Standing Committee makes its own recommendations on the business that are not necessarily aligned with the original business items. In fact, they may be vastly different. Then, the delegates receive the recommendations the morning in which the items will be discussed.
2. It was determined that the implementation of a recommendation be delayed for one year while a financial analysis is completed; however, no financial analysis was completed nor did Standing Committee agree to delay the vote on the removal of On Earth Peace as an agency to perform an assessment.
3. Tables had members of Standing Committee as facilitators. There were instances in which those individuals attempted to persuade delegates by referring to Standing Committee “beliefs” and voting tendencies.
4. The schedule and order of the conference seemed to be more important than the discussion and envisioning opportunities that one might expect. Robert’s Rules of Order were used to squelch conversation and prevent individuals who had traveled approximately 2000 miles to participate.
5. Approximately 1/3 of the congregations from across the country did not send delegates to vote.
2017 District Conference
November 10-12
Hillcrest, La Verne, CA
Moderator Sara Haldeman-Scarr
Theme: “The Witness and With-ness of Jesus!” Matthew 5:1-16

Registration Cost:
- $80 Delegates (meals & lodging extra)
- $60 Adults (meals & lodging extra)
- $60 Youth grades 6-12; includes Youth Activities on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
  - After October 25, activities & meals are not available to registrants.
- $60 Youth grades 6-12;
- $30 Children grades K-5; includes Children’s Saturday Activities
  - Meals for children 5 – 10 years half price, under 5 free.
  - After October 25, activities & meals are not available to registrants.
- Free: Children Pre-K (meals & lodging extra) includes Nursery Saturday; Must register for insurance,
  - Meals for children 5 – 10 years half price, under 5 free.
  - After October 25, activities & meals are not available to registrants.

Power, Privilege and the Journey Towards Justice
October 20-22, 2017
Bridgewater, VA
Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests and On Earth Peace have collaborated to bring us the opportunity to analyze how power and privilege impact our lives. The Bridgewater Church of the Brethren of Bridgewater, VA will host this conference October 20-22. Regina Shands Stoltzfus, Professor at Goshen College and co-founder of the Roots of Justice Anti-Oppression program, and Matt Guynn, director of social change organizing for On Earth Peace, will be the facilitators. The cost of the conference is $125 for adults and $50 for students, which does not include transportation or lodging. You can register online at: bit.ly/BMC-OEP-Bridgewater.

Leadership and Anxiety in the Church: A Family Systems Perspective
September 27, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
St. Luke Lutheran Church, Woodland Hills
The PSWD Ministry Commission is pleased to share that they are sponsoring participation by district pastors and church leaders to attend the workshop "Leadership and Anxiety in the Church: A family Systems Perspective." (You can pick up a flyer in the church office.) The workshop is done by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. The participation cost for pastors and members of a congregation will be covered by the PSWD. To register, each individual needs to complete the registration form and send it to the PSWD Office, PO Box 219, LaVerne, CA 91750 no later than September 5, 2017. In order to have the district cover the cost, registrations must be sent in together from the District Office. If you are interested in attending, please let the church office know also so that we can carpool to Woodland Hills.

Church Women United
September 1, 10:00 a.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church
At the September meeting, Pastor Emma Vega will speak on Ecclesiastes 3. Call Margaret Coston at (909) 392-4364 for carpooling. All are welcome.
Save the Date
Saturday, October 14
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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The Gallery at Hillcrest
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The Gallery at Hillcrest Presents
“The Story of La Verne”
Pre-1887—Present
in memory of Doris & Galen Beery
Dedication & Grand Opening
at 1:00 p.m.

The exhibit tells the story of how Lordsburg/La Verne began and became the town we love through photographs, memorabilia, and personal experiences. This exhibit is a collaborative effort among the La Verne Historical Society, the City of La Verne, Bonita Unified School District, the University of La Verne, and Hillcrest. The exhibit is open to the public and part of the third grade curriculum in BUSD.

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