

Hello Church Family and Friends!

Summer was busy with trips, projects, a major plumbing repair on the Church's main line, replaced a toilet, visitors and friends. Newsletters sort of fell off the list.

We plan to do better this fall We are still meeting the second and fourth Sundays at 10:30am and live streaming our services – connecting information can be found on our website: www.firstchurchsa.org . There is always room for more to join us!

Upcoming Worship Leaders:

Rev. Joyce Kirk-Moore
Sunday, September 24 at 10:30



Rev. Lewis Leon
Sunday, October 8 at 10:30

Rev. Dr. Linda Barkman
Sunday, October 22 at 10:30



Rev. Dr. Hillary Wright
Sunday, November 12 at 10:30

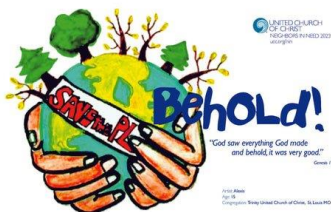
Celine You, our talented pianist,
adds a musical dimension to our
worship.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 AFTER WORSHIP



We will continue to support Suicide Prevention in loving memory of Eric Weuve and Luke Golding. For the last few years, we've done our own walk on the Church campus after worship. We walk around the Church twice. Donations are always accepted for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention through the Church.



Neighbors In Need 2023

This year's Neighbors in Need (NIN) theme is "BEHOLD!". This year's focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills. As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet!

As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

We will be collecting for this offering during Worship on Sunday, October 22nd.

FARM



Our FARM continues to thrive! They have a Farmer's Market in the back corner of our property every Saturday with fresh food they have grown. They are also participating in a "Community Compost Project". Stop by for more information and fresh produce!

PARK SANTIAGO CHILI COOKOFF



Park Santiago will hold their Annual Chili Cookoff on our side yard on Saturday, November 4. This is a chance to try several delicious chilis and to meet and greet with our neighborhood folks.

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Jim Stewart and Jim Weuve have been working to complete the massive amount of paperwork and requirements for our church to be in compliance with AB506. California's Assembly Bill 506 (AB506) became law on September 16, 2021 and went into effect on January 1, 2022. This new law sets new requirements for youth serving organizations in three areas: screening, training, and policies. In addition, the law allows insurance carriers to seek verification of compliance with these requirements. Among other requirements are: live scan finger prints, regular mandated trainings, and 2 deep leadership where children are concerned. Jim and Jim both had to do Criminal Justice Security Awareness Training for Level 2 Security Awareness Certification, so they could qualify to be the COR (Custodian(s) of Record) – a required position - for our Church.

At the Southern California Nevada Conference Annual Meeting in June, a new Conference Minister was appointed. Over the summer and through transitioning talks, it became clear to both the “new hire” and the conference that this was not a good match. The “new hire” has withdrawn from the position. Kris Bergstrom will continue as the Acting Conference Minister. A new Search Committee will be formed. Prayers for our Conference as they continue this journey.

Our beloved Church Administrator, Lori Sanchez, is back in school. Our church office is open for several hours around noon on Saturdays. You can always leave a message on the church phone or call Jim Stewart (714)356-9728 if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Blessings!

Sue Stewart, Moderator

