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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Shine Your Light!

10:00

Worship, Patricia de Jong, Senior Minister, preaching; Larry Marietta, Music Director

Musical Highlights: Joyful Sound choir

11:00

Fellowship Hour, Large Assembly

11:30

Second Hour, Reflections on Worship, Part 2, Small Assembly

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More Shining Lights From FCCB's Past Generations

We at FCCB are a community of seekers committed to supporting each other in our personal quests for spiritual fulfillment. Although our paths may be varied and our destinations unknown, we travel together. And we follow the course charted by past generations at FCCB who were moved by the same longings that inspire us today.

In the 1920s and 1930s, FCCB's minister, **O.S.W. McCall**, held monthly sessions to address questions posed by members of the congregation. The record of these queries reveals the same inquisitive probing spirit that characterizes the FCCB community of 2009. Here are a few questions from 80 years ago:

"Was Christ an ordinary man, of superior religious gifts, corresponding to the genius of Beethoven in music, Newton in physics, etc.? Or was he above the natural, and in that sense miraculous?" (November 4, 1928)

"Is it rational to suppose that the spirit of the World-Teacher sometimes uses the body of Krishnamurti even as the Spirit of Christ used the body of Jesus in order to teach the world spiritual truths?" (April 7, 1929)

"Why did Jesus ignore women in selecting his disciple band, which he made entirely of men? Would he sympathize with the feminist movement of today?" (June 1, 1930)



Second Hour: What Is Worship? Part 2

What does worship mean to you? Is it praise and celebration? Recognizing our brokenness? Who is it for? Us? God? Our church as a whole? Our program staff (**Pat de Jong, Phil Porter, Adam Blons, Shelly Dieterle, Charlotte Russell, Larry Marietta and Geoffrey Gaskins**) will be leading part two of this **Second Hour** on **Sunday, November 15**, after worship in the **Small Assembly**. Bring your experiences, ideas and questions as we explore what it means to worship.

Call to Connection

For all those who have pledged to increase their "connecting" as part of the **Call to Connection Campaign**, there are wonderful opportunities to come and be a part of a lively and transforming community. These include the celebration of the **135th Anniversary** of FCCB on **November 22, Open House Sunday** on **December 6** and performances of the *Garage Door Nativity* on **December 18-20**. You can find a list of events that provide connecting opportunities at www.fccb.org/newspages/Call2Connection.php

Upcoming
"Second Hours"

- NOVEMBER 15**
Reflections on Worship, Part 2
- NOVEMBER 22**
135th Birthday Celebration
- NOVEMBER 28-29**
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant
Holiday Crafts Fair
- DECEMBER 6**
Community Sunday

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Prayers for **Alice Rodriguez, Jim Barker, Howard and Louise Kerr, and Audrey Bowyer.**

Prayers for **Janet Gear** and former FCCB minister **Dan Chambers.** Janet's mother **Shelia Gear** died on Monday, November 2.

Prayers for **Lisa Coronado-Morse** upon her father's illness.

New member **Aline Dargie** writes, "Thank you for inspiring me to shine my light BRIGHTLY through my textile artwork and to give it away to others, sharing my light with them and inspiring them to pass it on. The light of this congregation and the messages on Sunday enrich my artwork and help it evolve as I continue to experience God's love everywhere in my life."

FCCB's Past Shining Lights (cont. from pg. 1)

In the February 1931 edition of the church periodical, *The Arrow*, Rev. McCall portrays FCCB's sunny sanctuary as a symbol of our open-minded faith — a metaphor that applies as well today as it did a century ago: "Not many church buildings welcome heaven's sunlight as does this...it comes simply flooding, light, light of the present day, light fresh and God-given every new morning.... And it may be said that there never was a church more fearless in its acceptance of new knowledge. There never was a people more intellectually honest without being frigid, more eager to know without being religiously shallow, more assured that God is not afraid of being found out.... We scrutinize even the past in the light of today. We would have no [person] base [his or her] religion upon that which cannot bear to be examined and we are not timid before the spread of knowledge — as if light, which ever gives pomp and glory to the earth, could be a bane in the realm of our faith."

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The View from Here

Adam Blons

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I want to begin by offering a word of thanks to the Spirit Band for the wonderful music in Sunday's Jazz Gospel service. The band was tight Sunday, weren't they? The music was filled with joy and passion. I must admit that when we chose the second song "Completely, Yes" I thought that it might feel a little forced. And yet, with the Spirit Band's leadership, I was drawn into my own moment of just saying "yes." I said "yes" again to this congregation, who called me 8 years ago and calls me each and every week to use my gifts fully and creatively. I said "yes" again to the Spirit that is so near and yet sometimes pushed out of my mind in the midst of all that fills my days. I said "yes" again to my beloved colleagues and those in the congregation with whom I share leadership. It was a complete "yes" and it was just the boost I needed to preach later on in worship.

I can't tell you how different it feels to preach in the Jazz Gospel service. To be invited to preach without notes requires different preparation, focusing more on honing ideas down to a few simple points in an outline. The preaching moment itself requires more of me than preaching from a manuscript. The gift of the manuscript is the possibility of crafting words and phrases into an unfolding story. The gift of preaching without a manuscript is focusing more on the connection with the congregation in the moment and being aware of moments when you need to repeat something, add something, or find an unexpected ending. This service requires the same kind of openness from the congregation as well. I appreciate so much all the ways each of you has opened yourself to what happens in this worship service. We know that not all aspects of this worship service speak to everyone. But that could be said about any of our worship services. We also know that many aspects of this style of worship speak deeply to many of you. This is what makes our conversation about worship a sacred one because we are called to honor the diverse ways in which we worship.

This conversation continues this Sunday with another Second Hour with your worship team. This past Sunday we discussed the history and structure of Protestant worship as well as how each of us as worship leaders thinks about worship. We continue this Sunday by looking at the specific order of our worship services and sharing some of our personal reflections on worship. One of my seminary professors liked to remind us that all we do should be worship. So let the worship of your week continue!

Shine Your Light by Giving Your Time

On Sunday, November 8, there was an insert in the order of worship about opportunities to join ministry teams, another form of stewardship. Take a minute and read about the five core ministries of the church that keep us going (**Care, Fellowship and Invitation; Education; Outreach, Mission and Service; Stewardship, Finance and Administration; and Worship and Spiritual Life (Deacons)**) and consider joining one of them. Being a part of a ministry team is also a great way to meet new people, work together on common goals and grow in the life of the church.

5th Sunday Offering

YEAH! (Youth Engagement, Advocacy and Housing) will be the recipient of this month's **5th Sunday Offering**. Look for specific desired items in next week's Carillon and bulletin insert.

Correction to the Carillon

The **10th Annual Multi-faith Thanksgiving Gathering & Service** at **Congregation Beth El** will be on **Tuesday, November 24, at 7:30 pm** (not Wednesday). FCCB's **Chancel Choir** will be singing.



Got an Old Motorcycle Helmet?

WANTED: Two old, battered or broken motorcycle helmets to be used as props for the *Garage Door Nativity*. One needs to be large. If you have any old helmets hanging around the — shall we say it? — garage, please email **Patty Contaxis**.

Seeking Copies of Past FCCB Lenten Devotionals

If you've got a stash of old FCCB Lenten Devotionals, dating from as early as 1985 through 2005, please contact Louise Halsey at lhalsey@fccb.org or call the church office 510/848-3696 x11.

TEARS Ministry Team to View Botero Exhibit

On **Sunday, November 15**, the **TEARS Ministry Team** will meet after church for lunch and viewing of the **Botero Abu Ghraib** exhibit at the **Berkeley Art Museum**. Internationally acclaimed artist Fernando Botero (b. 1932) offers a powerful vision of the atrocities of Abu Ghraib in a series of 56 paintings and drawings. At **3 pm** there will be a panel of scholars from the GTU to discuss "Art and Human Rights," exploring the ethical and theological implications of this series of paintings and drawings.

The TEARS group invites the congregation to join them as part of their ongoing witness against torture. Museum admission is \$8. Please RSVP to **Mollyanne Brewer**.

"Garage Door Nativity" Production Ramps Up

The cast and crew of the *Garage Door Nativity* are stepping up the pace of rehearsals and production in preparation for this exciting new production that will premiere **December 18–20 at**



7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. **Jim McVay** has constructed the garage, **John Wadman** is busy creating a flock of sheep, the **3 Kingz** have their leather jackets, teams of puppeteers are making angels fly, and the musicians are pulling together a range of live music to accompany the production. **Patty Contaxis** is marshalling all these resources, and **Phil Porter** and **Adam Blons** continue to create crucial elements of the production besides playing the parts of Gabriel and Joseph. **Anne Hoffman** is a compelling Herod and **Angela Arnold** will sing in her role as Mary. Musicians include **Vickie Crebbin** and **Greg Beattie** among many others. Save the date! You won't want to miss this exciting event! Bring your friends! More at fccb.org.

Did You Know...?

... that donations to the **Cellar Thrift Shop** helped pay for the **Labyrinth, Garage Door Nativity** and the **Browne Barr** intern?

... that **Solar Richmond** has been nominated to receive \$100,000 from Levi Strauss & Co. and that you can help them win by logging in to <http://goforth.levi.com/fortune/pollpop> and voting for Solar Richmond? Voting ends on **November 17**.

... that **Amy Goodman**, host of **Democracy Now!**, will be appearing on **Monday, November 16 at 7 pm** in the **Sanctuary** to discuss her new book, *Breaking the Sound Barrier?* Tickets available through brownpapertickets.com. \$12 in advance/\$15 at the door.

... that once again you'll be able to order transformational holiday gifts from FCCB's "Gifts for the World" catalog, starting **November 22?**

Thank You, Deckers!

Last Friday, November 6, the **Deckers** painted the upstairs of **Durant House**, home of the **Interfaith Counseling Center**. Thanks to all who helped. It looks great!

Coming Up!

SisterSpace Retreat

Saturday, November 14, 10 am–3 pm

4050s Gathering

Sunday, November 15, 6 pm

FCCB Book Group

Tuesday, November 17, 7:30 pm

Brewsters Indoor Tailgate Party

Friday, November 20, 6:30 pm

Thanksgiving Sunday/ FCCB 135th Birthday Party

Sunday, November 22

Open House Sunday

Sunday, December 6

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Bits and Pieces

4050s November Gathering

The next 4050s fellowship group (mainly in their 40s and 50s) gathering will be **Sunday, November 15 at 6 pm** at **Bill Walzer's** house. It will be a reckless potluck and a planning meeting for future 4050s gatherings. We may even discuss a possible new name. Everyone (including

kids) is welcome. No RSVP necessary. Questions? Contact Bill Walzer.

FCCB Book Group

Starting on **Tuesday, November 17, 7:30–9 pm** in the **Library**, the **FCCB Book Group** will focus its discussion on the works of **Doris Lessing**. Born in Persia in 1919, moving to Rhodesia when she was five and to London in 1949, where she resides to this day, Lessing has written more than 30 works, including fiction, poetry, plays and an autobiography. Read a book or two from this notable author and come share your thoughts and questions with other readers. Newcomers are always welcome!

Brewsters Indoor Tailgate Party

Come celebrate that "other" November tradition! Join the **Brewsters** (FCCB fellowship group in their 60s and 70s) for an (indoor) Tailgate Party on **Friday, November 20, 6:30 pm** at the **Dorothy and Bill Clemens'** home. School/team colors, hats, pom-poms, etc. encouraged! Call Dorothy and Bill for food sign-up/ideas, driving directions, information, etc.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday November 15

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP
Open before and after worship

SECOND HOUR: REFLECTIONS ON WORSHIP
11:30 am, Small Assembly

ART EXHIBIT: "EUROPEAN GRAND TOUR"
11:30 am, Sunburst Room

PILGRIM CHOIR REHEARSAL
11:30 am, Mayflower Room

JOYFUL SOUND
5:00 pm, Durant House Main

SONGS OF THE SOUL
6:00 pm, Durant House Main

Monday 16

STAFF MEETING
1:00 pm, Durant House Main

RESTORATIVE YOGA
3:45 pm, Durant House Main

KPFA PRESENTS AMY GOODMAN
7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Tuesday 17

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP PRICING DAY
9 am–12 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop

FCCB BOOK GROUP
7:30 pm, Library

OUTREACH, MISSION & SERVICE
7:30 pm, Church Council

Wednesday 18

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP
10:00 am–4:00 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop

QI GONG
6:00 pm, Durant House Main

BIBLE STUDY
7:00 pm, Small Assembly

Thursday 19

LONG RANGE PLANNING
5:00 pm, Sunburst Room

ADULT EDUCATION
6:00 pm, North Room

CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE
7:00 pm, Large Assembly

Friday 20

FRIDAY GROUP
10:00 am, Durant House Main

BRIDGE GROUP
1:00 pm, Durant House Main

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE
7:30 pm, Durant House Main

GARAGE DOOR NATIVITY REHEARSAL
7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Saturday 21

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP
10:00 am–2:00 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop

MEMORIAL SERVICE: DAVE FULMER
2:00 pm, Sanctuary

Bookmarks

The library book sale to benefit **What If? Foundation** scholarships for needy children in Haiti will resume this year on selected Sundays. Look for the rolling cart and table to find hidden gems. Prices are set by the generous hearts of buyers. No additional book donations are requested at this time. Thank you all for past support.

The library is never closed and is self-checking and on the honor system. Be sure to stop by after worship once in a while to check out good books, Great Courses on CD, DVDs and CDs. Suggestions are always welcome.

On another note: a few years back, **Laszlo** and **Ene Bonnyay** donated two books of photographs by Ene to the FCCB library — *Lamorinda* and *Weston and Wespert* — which are both on display and available for circulation.



Berkeley Food Pantry Needs Volunteers for Thanksgiving



The **Berkeley Food Pantry** needs volunteers to help assemble Thanksgiving baskets that will be distributed to the needy. Baskets will be assembled **Sunday, November 22, 1–3 pm** at the **Berkeley Friends Church** at Sacramento and Cedar. Contact **Mitsie McKenna** for more information.