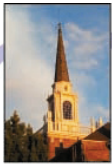


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REIGN OF CHRIST

Shine Your Light!

9:30

Organ Prelude, in celebration of FCCB's 135th Birthday

10:00

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

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 138

Revelations 1:4b-8

Musical Highlights: The Carol Choir; The Chancel Choir; Calaveras (Vickie Crebbin, Greg Beattie, Dave Decker); Terry Jackson, saxophone

11:15

135th Birthday Celebration, Large Assembly

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Even More Shining Lights From FCCB's Past Generations

Throughout FCCB's 135-year history, "church" has always meant more to our members than just a place to worship, more than simply a time set aside for sacred ceremony, more than merely membership in a religious institution.

Our church experience transcends place and time and organizational structure, for we are a community of God, bound to each other, and individually and collectively transformed by the power of God's love. We find God's love in ministering to one another and to the world at large, and we draw strength from each other and from all those who preceded us in the community.

The following excerpts from letters of FCCB members written in 1972 bear witness to the same transformative power that is at work in our community today — the warm and radiant light that will endure as long as our faith endures:

"My heart is so full of gratitude and love that I have to write this to the ministers of the church to try to express what my actual church membership has meant to me. As you know I attended for several years before joining you, and although I was made very welcome each time I came, something was lacking which I could not quite explain and which I now experience so definitely since becoming a member. Something which is whole is now a part of me

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Shine Your Light!

Stewardship Season concludes this **Sunday, November 22, Stewardship/Thanksgiving Sunday**. Bring your pledges and celebrate FCCB's 135th birthday! **Be with us!**

135th Birthday Party! This Sunday!

This **Sunday, November 22**, Thanksgiving Sunday. FCCB will celebrate its 135th Anniversary with an exciting worship service followed by a free lunch. The morning service will begin with a special half-hour of organ music by Music Director **Larry Marietta at 9:30 am**. During the service, we will be delighted by a wide variety of music (see *Musical Highlight*, to the left). We will also celebrate our Stewardship Pledges and a special "recognition of the generations" will take place.

Following the service the celebration will continue with a delicious free lunch and program that will include a new video about the church created by Lorenzo Llanillo and historical highlights by Milton Fujii who has been poring over years of Carillon articles. All are invited to join the celebration—visitors, friends and members!

Upcoming "Second Hours"

NOVEMBER 22
135th Birthday Celebration

NOVEMBER 28-29
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant Holiday Crafts Fair

DECEMBER 6
Community Sunday



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

Marylou Solovay is at home recovering and would love to receive cards.

Ann Whitman writes: “Thanks to God for the life of my sister **Barb Hulbert**. And thanks to all of you who have prayed for her and her family over the past many years. She has raised her four children to 17 years old, and fought valiantly for life over cancer. Now she has passed into peace. Thank you all for your care.”

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

something very important to which I belong and am a part of — warmth, a joy, friendliness, a love, translating into a giving helping effort. Each time I come together with those I have come to know and love, I feel it more and more, the presence of my Savior in church.”

“This last Sunday was a very special experience for me... The cloud which has been heavy over and around me for several months... vanished. I felt as though I had come into sunlight and green meadows with a lightness of spirit and a joyousness of heart which are indescribably precious.”

In church we are sustained by the precious light, and we take that light, rekindled in our own souls, into the world to share with everyone. What light do you find in our church that sustains you? How do you shine your light in the world?

Stewardship Season concludes November 22, Stewardship/Thanksgiving Sunday, when we will receive your pledges and celebrate FCCB’s 135th birthday! Be with us! Shine your light!

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The View from Here

Patricia de Jong
Senior Minister



One of the wonders of our journey toward the celebration of our 135th anniversary as a congregation has been Moderator Milton Fujii’s “Past Shining Lights.” Milton has had such fun digging through our archives and he has come up with some amazing facts about life in this congregation over the decades of our existence. Reading these entries has reminded me that FCCB has both stayed the same and changed dramatically over the years. We’ve remained strong, vital and open-minded, with “strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.”

I invite you to come to church early this coming Sunday morning to listen to the special organ recital that Larry Marietta will present at the beginning of our celebration. In worship, we will sing some of the wonderful hymns of our lives as well as hearing from several different choirs and singers. Our scripture will be read by FCCB Moderators (past and present) and there will be a passing of the light from generation to generation. It’s a time to celebrate and give thanks for the church’s presence in the lives of so many who have benefitted from the light of Christ shining in the faces of people throughout the years.

It is appropriate that we also will be bringing our pledges for the coming year to worship this coming Sunday. With 135 years behind us, our pledges represent the years of ministry and mission to come. You have heard the amazing testimonies of Joanne Brown, Rod MacKenzie, Barbara Addicott, Miriam Geiger, Adam Crockett and David Hytha over the past few weeks. Our pledges are a reflection of our audacious confidence in the grace of God shining forth in our lives and the life of this congregation.

How would you tell the story of the church’s role in your life? How has the Light of God shined on you through your commitment to FCCB? Have you gained faith and courage for your life because you have been blessed by the wide ranging ministry of this congregation? Imagine how brightly the light of God has shined in the lives of so many over the generations, providing heat, radiance and hope! I pray that the light will continue to shine from this place in the years to come, emanating from all of us; those who are no longer here, those who gather today and those who are yet to come. May God’s light always shine as a beacon of grace, forgiveness and hope on all who enter here.

Hanging of the Greens

Here are two opportunities to help make the church festive this season.

On **Tuesday, November 24**, join the **Deckers** in hanging the greens in the **Large Assembly, 10 am–2 pm** (we may be done



earlier, but plan to stay for soup.) Please bring any decorations you'd like to share. A time for fellowship along with the decorating! RSVP to **Mary Fujii** at mlfujii@yahoo.com. Thanks!

On **Saturday, November 28**, come join in the **Hanging of the Greens** in the **Sanctuary** on from **9:30 am** to about **noon**. We will decorate the church for Advent and enjoy each other's company. A great opportunity to connect! Come for some or all of the time. Many hands make light work! Because of the **Garage Door Nativity** production, we will not be putting up the large tree in the chancel, but expect new banners and all the other seasonal touches. Contact Minister of Art & Communication **Phil Porter** at pporter@fccb.org if you have questions.

The Momentum Is Building...

The flying angels are taking shape, Herod is working up a sweat, and the musicians are tuned up in preparation for the **Garage Door Nativity**, to be performed **Friday–Sunday, December 18–20** at **7:30 pm**. Tickets are only **\$10/\$5** for children, students and seniors. Get ready for this exciting show!

"Gifts for the World" Catalog

— Annis Kukulan

When I was 10, I received a transformational Christmas gift from my grandmother. She gave money to provide ice cream for all the children in a local hospital on Christmas day in her grandchildren's names. When I stopped to think how much that would mean to the children, I was very grateful. It was a wonderful way to teach me about others much less fortunate than I. At FCCB, we have opportunities to give meaningful gifts in friends' and loved ones' honor, with the "Gifts for the World" catalog. There are a variety of choices of tax-deductible "gifts" both locally and around the world.

The catalog will be available at the "Gifts for the World" table during coffee hour, in the church office and also can be downloaded from the www.fccb.org. You can place your orders at the "Gifts for the World" table or by sending in the order form and a check, made out to "FCCB," to the church office. You will receive cards you can use to notify the recipient about your gift.

Invite Your Friends to Church

Sunday, December 6 will be "Open House Sunday." Did you know that being invited by a friend is a common way that people get involved in a church? Postcards will be available to spread widely. Share it with a friend, stick one up in your workplace or a public place, or prop it up in your home where folks will see it. Just imagine how widely the word would go out if each of us just did a little bit? "Inviting" can be a part of your "Call to Connection" commitment!

YEAH! Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is coming soon, and so comes the call to FCCB cooks (and donors) to participate in the preparation of the Thanksgiving dinner at YEAH, the only drop-in Berkeley shelter for youth without homes. An annual tradition for 6 years, FCCB members and friends have contributed homecooked items, or come to the church kitchen to join in the preparations. **Wednesday, November 25** the aromas will fill the kitchen beginning at **10:30 am**. If you would like to participate, or to donate an item listed below (in containers that do not need to be returned, if possible), please contact **Judith Norberg**.

Turkey (donation, coupon, or already roasted)
Yams
Cranberry Sauce
Rolls/Cornbread

Apple Juice
Sweet Potato Pie
Peach Cobbler
Apple Pie
Decorations

Did You Know...?

... that **Allison Addicott's** blog, "Faith: The Flip Side" (<http://tiny.cc/Tudmv>) on the *Washington Times* website is now up and running?

... that on Thursday, November 12, *The Daily Planet* had a two-page spread on **Jim Barker's** grandfather, **James Loring Barker**, with references to his Congregational connections, his support of Pacific Theological School and having been "a leading Berkeley citizen and booster for five decades"?

... that **Julia Kocs** has started a company called *iDandelion.com*?

... that the **Winthrop Wreath Sale** will begin after worship on **December 6** and continue each week until they are all sold?

... that you can bid on art work of **Bruce Stangeland** and **Bill Jersey** at www.SolarRichmond.org through November 30?

Read Advent Texts

On **Community Sunday, December 6** at **11:45 am**, join **Pat de Jong** in reading through the lectionary Advent and Christmas text of the 2009 season. We will read them out loud with the intention of sharing them in worship this year. Come prepared to listen and also share in the joy of reading these sacred texts.

Coming Up!

Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 24

Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 5

Open House Sunday

Sunday, December 6

Walk the Labyrinth

Tuesday, December 8

Garage Door Nativity

Friday–Sunday, December 18–20

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Bits and Pieces

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.

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** if you are able to help.



Last Week to View “European Grand Tour”

If you haven't seen the show yet, this is the last week of **Bruce Stangeland’s** “European Grand Tour,” photos of his trip to Europe. Come to the **Sunburst Room** after church to see his beautiful paintings.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday November 22

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP
Open before and after worship
EBSC CRAFTS FAIR
10:00 am, Large Assembly
ART EXHIBIT: “EUROPEAN GRAND TOUR”
11:30 am, Sunburst Room
PILGRIM CHOIR REHEARSAL
11:30 am, Mayflower Room
GARAGE DOOR NATIVITY REHEARSAL
1:00 pm, Sanctuary
JOYFUL SOUND
5:00 pm, Durant House Main
SONGS OF THE SOUL
6:00 pm, Durant House Main
YES (YOUTH EVERY SUNDAY)
6:00 pm, YES Room

Monday 23

RESTORATIVE YOGA
3:45 pm, Durant House Main

Tuesday 24

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP PRICING DAY
9 am–12 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop
STAFF MEETING
10:00 am, Durant House Main
DECKERS HANGING OF THE GREENS
10:00 am, Large Assembly
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE
7:00 pm, Offsite

Wednesday 25

THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP
Closed
YEAH THANKSGIVING MEAL PREPARATION
10:30 am, Large Kitchen
QI GONG
6:00 pm, Durant House Main
BIBLE STUDY
7:00 pm, Small Assembly
MEN'S GROUP
7:30 pm, Library

Thursday 26

FCCB OFFICE
Closed

Friday 27

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Closed

Saturday 28

HANGING THE GREENS
9:30 am, Sanctuary
THE CELLAR THRIFT SHOP
10:00 am–2:00 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop
EBSC CRAFTS FAIR
10:00 am, Large Assembly
MEMORIAL SERVICE: JUDY BARKER
4:00 pm, Sanctuary

Multi-Faith Thanksgiving

Congregation Beth El has invited our congregation to their **10th Annual Multi-faith Thanksgiving Gathering & Service on Tuesday, November 24, at 7 pm**. It will include readings, scripture, music and teaching, celebrating gifts, community and thanksgiving. FCCB's **Chancel Choir** will be singing. A gratitude offering will go to **BOCA**. **Geoffrey Gaskins** will be helping to lead the service. Congregation Beth El is located at 1301 Oxford Street in Berkeley. For more information, call 510/848-3988.



EBSC Annual Crafts Fair

East Bay Sanctuary Covenant's **17th Annual Crafts Fair** will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, November 28 and 29, from 10 am–3 pm** at FCCB in the **Large Assembly**. They will have colorful handbags from Central America, decorative and functional clothes and baskets from Africa, sensual scarves and clothes from Afghanistan, Kurdish rugs from Turkey, unique art from Haiti, toys and bibs for babies, and a variety of items from Nepal, India, and Tibet. FCCB members get a 10% discount from the gift items sold at the EBSC table.

Thanksgiving Books

The **FCCB Library** has many Thanksgiving books on display for young and older children.