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Anaheim Chapel at First Congregational Church o...

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First Congregational Church of Anaheim

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Worshipping Together Outdoors

Last Sunday, we had our first worship service with a limited group of people under the trees. How grateful I am for our beautiful property which enables us to worship outdoors in such a lovely setting. We received some comments on facebook that the sound was even better outside than in the sanctuary which surprised us all.

We are looking forward to seeing the rest of the congregation in the weeks ahead. Recently, our council met and approved the following guidelines (see page 7) to keep us safe and make sure everything is clean on our church campus. Hand sanitizers, extra masks (in case someone forgets to bring one), and a no touch thermometer are ordered. Soon we will post signs reminding people to wear their masks and stay 6' apart from one another. On Sundays, the sanctuary and outdoor chairs will be sprayed with a fog like sanitizer (like they use in hospitals) before each service. Another option is to listen to our telecast at home or in the church parking lot. You can use our church internet if you choose to stay in your car. Our goal is to keep everyone safe especially those whose health is already compromised.

On another matter our country is reeling from George Floyd's tragic death. It is a shame that peaceful protests have been hijacked by looters taking advantage of difficult times and distracting us from the important justice issues at hand. May God help us as believers to take the words of Micah 6:8 to heart "He has shown you, O man what is good. And what the Lord requires of you. To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Looking forward to greeting some of you next Sunday.

Pastor Jim

Connect

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30am, Sundays

*We are using Facebook Live

What is the name of our church Facebook Page?

"Anaheim Chapel at First Congregational Church of Anaheim"

What if I don't have Facebook?

No problem! Go to our church website at www.fccanaheim.org. On the home page, click on the link that says "Join Live." That will take you to our church Facebook Page. Scroll down to see postings. Click on videos to watch.

What do I do when Facebook asks me to login?

You can click "Not Now" at the bottom of the pop up window, or you may wait until a small x appears in the top right corner of the login pop-up. Click the x to get rid of the pop-up.

Worship on the Lawn

We are beginning in person worship again this month on the lawn. We will have chairs spread out 6 feet apart. Masks are required and social distancing is to be taken seriously—do not hug or shake hands. We will continue live streaming worship as well.

Encouragement for Today

Pastor Jim, Pastor Emily and friends are sharing short encouraging videos on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday each week through Facebook Live.

Small Groups

Small groups finished the first half of "Jesus Called, He wants His Church Back" by Ray Johnston the first week of June. Later this summer, we will finish the second half of the book.

Unlimited Church Food Distribution

Unlimited Church has continued to lead a food distribution twice a month. God bless you, Bishop Taisi and Pastor Grettel! Thank you, Jeanette Walker, Brandon Poole, Linda Hill and others who have helped. The next distribution is on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:00pm



Playground Work

Jim Taylor has continued to be hard at work around the property! The school started up again on June 1 with a cleaned up and newly painted playground. Jim also repainted the trimming around the classroom windows and some of the Griffith House windows.



Getting to Know You, Getting to Know All About You

By: Eleanor Phillips

This lover of music was born in Long Beach, CA and her early school years were spent in Huntington Park. It was a big change for her when she moved to Anaheim – there were no street cars to ride and they weren't playing her favorite music by the Eagles and Bob Dylan! She attended Cal State Fullerton. One day at a protest she met Jane Fonda over a short chat!

While living in her apartment, she met another tenant at the mail box. They spent hours at the pool talking. They were eventually married at the Garden Grove Drive-in Church. At this time, she worked at the Orange County Board of Realtors.

The two spent 10 years camping, water skiing, snow skiing and enjoying the outdoors. They then decided to take a month to travel the USA. This trip included the Ozarks, New York City, Washington, D.C., various museums and art galleries, and much more!

They were blessed with a son, Jon, and our person of interest decided to enjoy raising him as a stay at home mom. She enrolled him in our church preschool where she met Pastor Jim. With great interest, she joined the church and became quite involved. One of the things she enjoyed most about the church were the outings to Cedar Lake Camp.

This person of interest has enjoyed: needle crafts, leading Cub Scouts, bird watching, reading, and playing the violin and guitar. She has also been an organizer! She heard about the Red Hatters,

purchased some hats, passed them around to the ladies at church and started the Anaheim Tea Angels. They wore their red hats and purple dresses and went many places over many lunch times together. She has been in book clubs and has been into geo-caching for 20 years. Her new interests are gardening and grand-mothering. Enjoy each day, Linda Hill!



Missions' Corner

An Interview with Laura Ramirez, President of the Panamerican Institute – a school that supports low income students in Tijuana, Mexico



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1. When did PAI cancel classes? Have students continued classwork from home?

Our Education System cancelled classes on March 17th. We were supposed to continue classes after Spring Break, on April 20th, so we decided to give the students some homework. We sent information to the parents using WhatsApp. The students were supposed to turn in their homework when we returned to school, but the school was not able to reopen. We then decided to work online through Classroom. Most of our students have access to the internet. They either have service at home or they use cellphone data (which is not the best way to work, but it's something). The few families who don't have internet access either borrow their neighbor's wifi or have now started to pay for cellphone data. Everyone is trying their best to continue classes.

2. How is everyone's health? What challenges are staff and students facing?

We know of 3 cases among students' families and 1 case among our staff of COVID-19. We hope that everyone is taking care of themselves, but parents still need to go to work. A few parents lost their jobs. Panamerican Institute has helped a few families with health/home expenses thanks to the support we continue to receive.

Challenges: The staff misses face-to-face meetings, celebrations, events, and time with the students. The staff does keep in touch through a weekly Zoom meeting. We've also noticed that our students are not the same cheerful kids they used to be. Parents comment that their children are sad, which is understandable. Our students must endure this pandemic on top of their financial problems at home; this situation has emotionally impacted them very much. Teachers write them cheerful messages on Classroom so they may continue to give their best.

3. What is it like in Tijuana right now with COVID-19?

It gives you chills to see all the empty malls and restaurants, and everybody on the streets wearing a mask (well, most of them). We have most of the same rules as California: it is mandatory to wear a mask inside wherever you go, restaurants have take-out service only, beaches and parks are closed, only essential businesses are open (pharmacies, grocery stores) and only a certain number of people may be in a store at a time. Unfortunately, our state of Baja California is the 3rd most infected state, behind our Capital (Mexico City) and the State of Mexico. Tijuana is the most infected city in our state.

4. What are PAI's needs and prayer requests?

Prayers: We would love prayer for the health of those who are infected among our families, for those who lost their jobs – that they may find another job soon, and for our sponsors, who we hope are well.

Needs: We may not need uniforms or supplies at the moment, but we need support for our families. Some families need help paying for internet service or cellular data so that students may continue their education. Some families also need financial support for food and medical needs.

5. How may individuals support PAI if they are not able to give financially?

If you have a “sponsored student,” you could write an encouraging letter to your student. Introduce yourself and send a photo (our students love to know about their sponsors – age, appearance, job, etc.). You could pray for us, as we are praying for you. You could donate cleaning supplies for when the school opens again--we have enough to clean and disinfect the building.

6. What would you like our church to know that I have not asked?

We continue to educate our students, even though it's online. The students still have needs at home and if those needs interrupt a student's education, Panamerican Institute will take care of them.

7. How are you, Laura, and your mother doing?

My mom and I are doing well. I just celebrated my birthday with my family. We were able to spend time with each other and enjoy carne asada. The best part was holding my 9 month old nephew! I wear a mask when I am with my mother and my brother. We just wave, we do not hug. I talk with my dad on the phone. My mom and I are able to stay “sane” because we see each other and talk on the phone often. We have always been homebodies, so we don't miss going out that much. One good thing about this pandemic is that people have been brought together. I get messages from friends that I haven't talked to in years. I think I've been texting more now than ever.



June Birthdays

3-Jun Pat Doyle
4-Jun Roger Bowers
5-Jun Gisela Frannea
6-Jun Carole White
7-Jun Courtney Montenegro
11-Jun Madison Collins
11-Jun Katie Purvis
15-Jun Justin Dalton
18-Jun Tom Fraker
20-Jun Lois Johnson
21-Jun Gil Owen
25-Jun Aaron Ray
26-Jun Taylor Calderon
27-Jun Christine Davis
27-Jun Christian Villa Real
30-Jun Tyler Robinson

If you would like to have your birthday included in the CALL, please contact the church office at 714-776-0960 or fccaooffice@gmail.com.

COVID-19 Guidelines

We are so grateful to welcome you back to church! We also want to keep the vulnerable among us safe and comfortable. Please love our neighbors with us by abiding by the following guidelines.

- **Face Coverings Required** (Babies and children under 2 are not required to wear face coverings)
- **Practice 6 foot physical distancing**
- **Stay home if you have any symptoms of becoming sick**
- **Wash hands and use sanitizers regularly**
- **Step outside and away from others if you need to cough, then use hand sanitizer**
- **Children are to stay with immediate family**
- **Refrain from congregating in the bathroom**

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