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# “Summertime”

*“Summertime,  
And the livin’ is easy  
Fish are jumpin’  
And the cotton is high”*

Song writer George Gershwin had it right. Livin’ is easier and more laid back in the summer. Barbeques, graduations, weddings, reunions give us opportunities to enjoy one another’s company and meet new people in a relaxed setting. We are so fortunate living here in Southern California with pleasant weather and long summer days. The following summer events are scheduled at First Congregational Church...

We’ve invited Montessori families to join us as well for summer fun. We would love to see you there and invite your friends to join us!



**Monday, July 4th: 4th of July Celebration at Peralta Park**  
3:00pm Food Vendors & (Free) Live Entertainment begins  
9:00pm Fireworks

*A church member will arrive early to get a spot where we may gather.*

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## Connect

### Sunday Morning Worship

10:45am, Sundays

*In Person and on Facebook Live*

### Encouragement for Today

We post short encouraging videos on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday each week on Facebook and Instagram.

### Church Social Media

Find us on Facebook at “Anaheim Chapel at First Congregational Church of Anaheim” or Instagram at “FCCAnaheim.”

### Receive our weekly E-news!

If you would like to receive our weekly e-news, sign up on the home page of our website ([www.fccanaheim.org](http://www.fccanaheim.org)) or fill out a visitor information card and place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

### Summer Fun!

#### **Monday, July 4th**

4th of July at Peralta Park  
3:00pm Food & Entertainment  
9:00pm Fireworks

#### **Sunday, July 24th**

Neil Diamond Tribute Concert  
5:30-7pm, Hurless Barton Park

### JOG: Just Ordinary Guys

Monday, July 11th

12:00-1:30pm



# FCCA News

## **NorthEast of the Well: Resuming Monday Nights in Anaheim!**

*Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm, Dinner & Worship*

NorthEast of the Well is relaunching Monday night dinner and worship here at FCCA! NorthEast reaches out to those who are in restoration and recovery. They connect with various programs in Orange County and Los Angeles to share the love of God in Christ – encouraging individuals to connect with God and with supportive community. All are welcome to come and worship with NorthEast!

## **Women's Lunch & Needs at Grandma's House of Hope**

Women met for a summer picnic-style lunch in June! Women present connected with God through devotional time and with each other over ice-breaker questions, reflections, lunch and lawn garden games. A special thank you to Linda Freud who provided red-checked tablecloths and a hot dog lunch!

During lunch, we heard from Tobi Aclaro about Grandma's House of Hope & their upcoming Gala. GHH needs auction item donations. Categories on their wish list include: Events & Entertainment, High-End

Dining and Retail, Bath & Beauty, Home & Kitchen, Garden, Kids, For the Holidays, etc.

Smaller high-end items help fill baskets, so feel free to be creative! Reach out to the church office for more information.



## **Operation Bless Food Distribution**

Operation Bless Food Distribution, led by Unlimited Church, has served many in our community. It has been a gift to support this ministry. To continue, we need volunteers that are willing to be part of a shopping team. This involves loading a U-Haul (sometimes 2 trips) with food. If you are able and willing to be part of this volunteer team, let us know!

# JOG Luncheon

Featuring Guest Speaker, Realtor Cheryl Cook



Cheryl was born in Corvallis, Oregon, and lived in Myrtle Creek, Oregon until she was 17 years old. She then came to California and married in 1996. She has been a licensed realtor for 37 years and currently works for Seven Gables Real Estate in Huntington Beach. Her journey of faith has been severely tested. She has a testimony that touches both the most troubling valleys and the highest mountain tops. Join us to hear her heartwarming story.

**When: Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
12:00pm - 1:30pm

**Where: First Congregational Church of Anaheim**  
515 North State College Blvd, Anaheim, Ca 92806  
(Located one block south of La Palma on the west side of State College in the city of Anaheim)

**Cost: \$12**

Plan on enjoying a delicious BBQ prepared especially by:



Please RSVP via email at [chuck@penningtons-inc.com](mailto:chuck@penningtons-inc.com) or  
Call Chuck at 714-350-8983 or Mike Austin at 714-425-2649

**JOG**



Of Orange County  
Just Ordinary Guys  
Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Every Month

# Missions Corner

Time to share updates from two of our long-time missionaries: Chonobelle Domingo from Mission Ministries Philippines and Rev. Andrew Bush from the Middle East. Both have joyful news about their ongoing work for the Lord to share with us.

## FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Dear Anaheim Congregational Church Family,

How are you? This is Chona from Mission Ministries Philippines. You are a family for me, so I would like to share that by the grace of God, I was able to defend my dissertation last April 27, 2022. The title of my paper is Early Childhood Education: a strategy for Evangelism, The Case of Mission Ministries Phil. Inc. By God's grace, I proved that the preschools which we started in partnership with your church could evangelize the children with their families effectively. I feel like sharing this milestone because you and your congregation have been part of MMP. Thank you for your prayers, love, and support to MMP. I am humbled as I remember that I am part of a noble ministry that your congregation started. On behalf of MMP, thank you Anaheim Congregational Church, for your continuous journey with us. May the Lord continually use our preschools to share the gospel effectively. To update you, MMP will have an Annual Meeting on June 11, 2022, where we will share the accomplishments and plans of MMP. Thank you for your continuous journey with us in MMP. God Bless.

Respectfully Yours,

Chona

## Missions Corner Continued...

### FROM THE MID-EAST

It is hard to remember a month more packed with ministry than this May. We are still recovering! We just completed our two-week Summer Intensive peacemaking course. Students traveled to Bethlehem from Wales, Scotland, the US, and India. They met with brave women and men - Palestinian Christians and Muslims, and Jewish Israelis. One thing is for sure, peacemaking is hard work! It can be discouraging; however, as one peacemaker who has struggled to keep his land for thirty years said, "We just need to keep going. We have no enemies."

Although challenging, peacemaking is strengthened by evidence of God's grace that is at work. Yesterday in the East Jerusalem International Church, we were blessed to have a team of young Christian workers from Mexico join us for Pentecost



Sunday (above). They came to us from a former disciple of ours and are being hosted by a member of the EJIC. We concluded the service singing, "Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me." With our members from Tanzania, South Africa, Palestine, the US, and Canada, and more, it felt like the first day of Pentecost. It was joyful and peaceful.





## July Birthdays

- 8 John Michael Morookian
- 9 Christina Ramsay
- 12 Terri DiCamillo
- 15 Jim Schibsted
- 17 Raul Caicedo
- 19 Jerry VanderZyl
- 21 Jennifer Brunson
- 21 Sophia Morookian
- 22 Teresa Davies
- 23 Ramina Swanson
- 24 Ray Craig
- 25 Henry Honaker
- 27 Janice Bowers

If you would like to have your birthday included in the CALL, please contact the church office at 714-776-0960 or [fccaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fccaoffice@gmail.com).

("Summertime" Continued...)

### Sunday, July 24: Neil Diamond Tribute Concert (free)

5:30-7:00pm at Hurless Barton Park in Yorba Linda

Bring your own dinner and come early!

*A church member will arrive early to get a spot where we may gather.*

### Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>: Family Movie Night! (free)

6:45pm Introduction, 7:00pm Showtime

McKenzie Hall, here at

FCCA

Featured Movie:

"Encanto!"

**Please RSVP to Pastor**

**Emily if you plan to**

**attend an event:**

**(714) 776-0960 or**

**[fccaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fccaoffice@gmail.com).**

Currently a new website is being designed—

complete with an app for your phone. The launch

date is sometime this summer. This will be an easy way to keep you informed of upcoming events at our church.

I'm looking forward to enjoying summer together at FCCA when the livin' is easy.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jim



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