This Week

1. Psalms Study
IN-PERSON ONLY
A study of praying and learning from the Psalms lead by Jane Esterline.

When: CANCELLED THIS WEEK....WILL RESUME 8/23
Where: First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, 1140 Cowper St, Palo Alto, CA 94301, USA
Conference Room

Coming Soon

1. Congregational Summer BBQ Potluck and Book Exchange
IN-PERSON ONLY
Come one, come all to our Summer BBQ Potluck and Book Exchange. It’s time to come together once again to break bread and enjoy fellowship with one another. This is an opportunity to reconnect and hear about what everyone has been up to over the summer! Also, you will have probably finished your summer reads and will be ready for something new. Bring a book and get a book! Your Community Building Ministry will supply burgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs and all the fixings. We are asking attendees to bring their favorite summer dish! This is a chance to taste a variety of yummy dishes and we cannot wait! Please use the signup sheet to let us know what you’ll be bringing or surprise us! It doesn’t matter. The important thing is to take advantage of this opportunity for fellowship!

When: Sunday, August 20, 2023 After Service
Where: First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, 1140 Cowper St, Palo Alto, CA 94301, USA
Courtyard
SignUp: https://mealtrain.com/1e28m3
2. JEDI Series: Justice as an Act of Faith

ZOOM ONLY

Join the Spirituality Network for this enlightening conversation with Rev. Ahrens. “In his new book, Genius of Justice (Cascade Books, 2022), Timothy C. Ahrens shares what he has learned from conversations with 53 remarkable activists of justice—mentors, friends, and co-leaders who embody biblical teaching and tireless advocacy. The book serves as testimony to values that have inspired Ahrens in his own steadfast ministry for decades. Justice work, he says, is unapologetic, cross-racial, cross-cultural, communal, personal, nonviolent, unshakeable. It hears the biblical command to walk humbly with God and dignify people who go neglected, malnourished, undetected. Justice is a fearless forethought, never an afterthought.” - Ray Waddle

When Monday, August 21, 2023 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Zoom Reg https://spiritualitynetwork.org/jedi-series-justice-august-21
Cost Recommended Donation $10

3. WEBINAR: Health care for all Californians? They’re working on it. So can you

ZOOM ONLY

This webinar is presented by the Peninsula Peace & Justice Center.

The California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act, introduced by Assemblymember Ash Kalra, sets in motion a single-payer health care coverage system in California, called CalCare, for all residents, regardless of citizenship status. By streamlining payments and lowering per-capita health care spending, CalCare guarantees quality health care and long-term care without creating barriers to care or out-of-pocket costs.

California single payer health care activists have been trying for years to bring a comprehensive health care system to the state, dating all the way back to 1994 when a ballot initiative campaign found itself outspent 10 – 1 by huge insurance corporations. Several efforts have also been launched in the state legislature. Join us for this webinar to learn why activists think they can finally win this long struggle, and how they plan to do that. Most importantly, this current effort will require a groundswell of grassroots support. That’s where YOU come in. Find out how you can play a direct role in this critical undertaking.

PPJC’s “Other Voices” webinars are monthly conversations with and for activists. At least half of each program is set aside for audience Q&A and conversation. Register today and join the conversation!

When Monday, August 21, 2023, 7:00pm
Zoom Reg https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lxYzgp7tSACPq4_lCwxoxg#/registration
Cost Free

4. Psalms Study

IN-PERSON ONLY

A study of praying and learning from the Psalms lead by Jane Esterline.

When Wednesday, August 23, 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Where First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, 1140 Cowper St, Palo Alto, CA 94301, USA Conference Room
5. 9th Annual Ride to End Homelessness

IN-PERSON ONLY

“The LifeMoves Ride to End Homelessness is an annual fundraising bike ride that provides critical awareness and support to programs that served more than 7000 clients last year and move more than 2,100 people each year into stable homes.

With options for everyone – from the most accomplished biker to a family with children – this event will be an inspiring, fun, and impactful experience for all. The event will conclude with lunch and acknowledgements.”

When Saturday, August 26, 2023

This family-friendly event offers 4 ride options for you to choose from:

7:15am - 66 miles  29th Street Capital Metric Century Route

8:30am - 34 miles  Frazier Life Sciences ‘Go-Get-It’ Long Route

8:40am - 26 miles  Medium Route

10:30am- 6 miles  PNC Family Route

Where 3425 Hillview Avenue,
Palo Alto, CA

Register:  Click to REGISTER
Volunteer:  Click to VOLUNTEER

6. How to Prevent the Next Cold War

IN-PERSON ONLY

Sponsored by the San Jose Peace and Justice Center: Are the U.S. and China on a collision course? Has globalization reached an endpoint? Why chip wars? What are the material causes of superpower conflict? Who is responsible for the drive to a new Cold War? What will be the impact on the U.S. economy and society? How can we make peace?

Dr. Sharat G. Lin is a political economist, analyst of geopolitical conflict, and advocate for universal human rights. He has extensive experience in the countries to which the U.S. government is opposed — China, Russia, North Korea. He has been with the San José Peace & Justice Center for 16 years.

When Wednesday, August 30, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Where San Jose Peace and Justice Center
48 S. 7th Street
San Jose CA 95112 US

Cost Free, but donations welcome

Information coordinator@sanjosepeace.org
Updates

1. Prayer/Peace Shawl Small Group Ministry to Begin in September!
   **ZOOM ONLY** (subject to change)
   Our new Prayer/Peace Shawl Small Group Ministry is a GO! If you are interested in joining, it is not too late! Don’t let skill level keep you from this ministry! It has been decades since I picked up a crochet hook and my skills are by no means professional, but I can do simple stitches and so can you! It’s not about perfection or speed. It’s about putting care, compassion, and love into each stitch. If you can do that, please consider joining!

   If you are interested in joining this small group ministry, please contact sonya at CommunityBuilding@fprespa.org

   **When** TBA – Starting in September
   **Where** Zoom

2. The Chosen Series Small Group Study
   No interest was expressed

3. Book Club
   No interest was expressed

4. Salty Sheep Saturday Spirit Sail Fellowship
   No interest expressed in assembling another group to enjoy this outing. Individuals who would still like to experience an outing on the catamaran out of Santa Cruz can make reservations directly with Rev Ryan.
   Individual Registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/salty-sheep-spirited-saturday-sails-registration-339964321437
Calls to Act

I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home…

1. Looking for volunteers for Silicon Valley Pride Interfaith Booth

IN-PERSON ONLY EVENT / ZOOM PLANNING MEETINGS

There is false message bombarding our society that God’s love is not available to all people. This is why people of faith are called to Pride festivals and parades. This is not about “growing the church” or “virtue signaling.” People are hurting and we can help! We can let them know that God knows them and loves them. We can offer an embrace instead of more pain.

We’re again participating in the Silicon Valley Pride Interfaith Booth. We give a small donation to help pay for expenses of this booth which we share with many other faith organizations (churches, synagogues, etc).

We also volunteer to be at the booth to talk to people and welcome them.

This call to action asks you to:

- Volunteer for a slot on Sunday, Aug. 27 (they might also do Saturday, but last year we did only Sunday) at Silicon Valley Pride in downtown San Jose

- Attend planning Zoom meetings every Tuesday at 5 pm

We would especially welcome our LGBTQ+ members to get involved! Your presence lends authenticity to our message that we truly welcome LGBTQ+ members into our community of faith.

When: Sunday, August 27, 2023

Where: Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park,
1 Paseo de San Antonio, San Jose, CA 95113

Contact: Cynthia Chin-Lee
cynthiachinlee@gmail.com
For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink…

2. Food Closet Needs
Our food closet needs help in feeding the more than 200 people a week who seek assistance. Let’s keep that food closet stocked!

Current Needs: (Please do not donate expired goods)

SOUPS
- Hearty soups, like Progresso soups with meat, are needed; (Please no Tomato or Broth Soups)
- Ramen, Cup of Soups
- Pork ‘n beans,
- Chili.

PROTEIN PRODUCTS / CANNED MEATS
- Corned beef, Spam, Vienna Sausages, Roast Beef;
- Spaghetti-os, Ravioli;
- Beef tamales, Chicken;
- Peanut Butter \(\text{Not Organic due to short shelf life/Not Crunchy because of dental issues}\)

BEVERAGES:
- Instant coffee,
- Hot chocolate in packets,
- Apple cider packets,
- Bottled water,
- Capri Sun drink pouches, and
- Tea bags.

OTHER:
- Jams and Jellies.

When
Opens at 9:00 for donations (open to the public from 10:00 am) to 2:30 pm Monday to Friday.

Where
All Saints’ Episcopal Church
555 Waverley Street
Palo Alto, CA 9430
- There is a side door that opens onto Hamilton at All Saints, which might be easier to use than the main door that clients use.

Contact
(650) 325-3663