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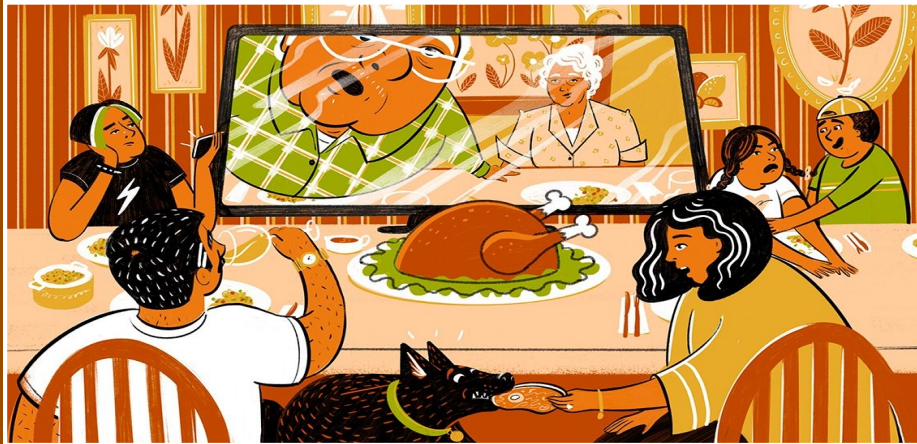


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November 2020 - Mini Edition

- A Christ-centered church with a warm and friendly heart, an open mind, & an adventurous spirit!
- A Progressive, Peace & Justice, Open & Affirming, and Global Ministries Church.
- A successfully aligned congregation of two denominations, the United Church of Christ (UCC) and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) DOC.



Thanksgiving 2020

Worship Schedule November 2020

Worship Services begin at 9:45 AM (on-line)

Website: www.churchofthefoothills.org

November 1 - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Virtual Communion

Reading: Hebrews 12:1

Sermon: "Cloud of Witnesses"

November 15

Virtual Communion

Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: "Talents"



November 8

Readings: Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: "Bridesmaids"

November 22

Reading: Matthew 25:31-40

Sermon: "Least of These"



November 29—ADVENT BEGINS

Reading: Luke 1:5-20

Sermon: "Sacred Silence-Zechariah"



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Then stick around for Fellowship Hour via Zoom at 11:00
(If you need instructions on how to join in, contact the church office)

Church of the Foothills is an accepting, caring, open, and affirming Christian congregation that welcomes and includes all people of every ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, economic status or religious background.

"Soul Food"



Co-Interim Pastors' Letter



FACT: the election of 2020 is almost over, maybe. Most of us are exhausted by the long slog to get here, but ready or not, in just a few days, **we CAN start over!**

If only we could turn the corner, not just for the nation but for our spirits as well. "Repent, the end is near!" is a phrase you never expected to read in a Church of the Foothills newsletter, but the original meaning of repent is simply "to turn".

All those sleepless nights zoom-scrolling doom – where did it get us? If you have been working your brain to a frazzle imagining worst-case scenarios about public health, your physical health, your loved ones, our nation, our planet, is that enough? What might you do IF and WHEN the world is lifted OFF your shoulders?

Few have said it better than Wendell Berry in:

The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives
may be,

I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great
heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

*~From Selected Poems
of Wendell Berry, 1998*

It may not be time to "rest easy" in the public arena quite yet. But it is certainly time to tune in to the beauty of "the grace of the world", and taste its freedom.

In grateful partnership,

Bill and Mary Jacobs

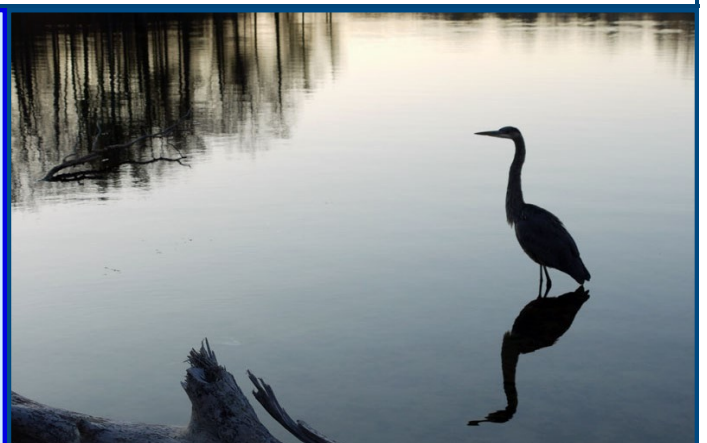
*You may contact us for outdoor
appointments on:*

Tuesday: 9-Noon; 2-4

Saturday: 10-Noon

*Email us at: revmary@chotf.org
revbill@chotf.org*

*Or, you may call or text us at:
602-403-1238, Bill
602-478-9273, Mary*



ChOTF NEWS

CHURCH OF THE FOOTHILLS FOOD DRIVE



Thank you to all who have supported our food drive for **Western Service Workers**. WSW is a community organization that is actively providing food for 24 local families, as well as families in other counties. CHOTF has been in partnership with WSW for many years. We are inviting our church friends and family to help them by supporting our continuing food drive.

Donations of food can be brought to the church on **Mondays and Tuesdays until 4 p.m.** and placed in the shopping cart outside of our front sanctuary doors. Our office manager Kathy Vail will be setting the basket out Monday morning and Pastor Kel will be collecting them Tuesday afternoon. Pastor Kel will deliver the donations to Western Service Workers.



Contact Pastor Kel or the church office if you would like to support the food drive but are unable to bring your donations on Mondays or Tuesdays.



OR



Church yard signs are now available for anyone to put out in their own yards. To obtain one, send a check to the church and designate it for a yard sign. Also, designate your choice of signs. Suggested donation: \$10. What a great way to promote our church and Progressive Christianity. Thanks to Monty Linton for designing and making them for us.

2021 STEWARDSHIP INVITATION



Thank you to all who responded already to the 2021 stewardship invitation by returning their commitment cards to the church office. We are on our way. We would like to include all of our members and friends in this year's count. If you did not receive a card, leave a message for Kathy Vail at [\(714\) 544-1319](tel:7145441319) and she will send you one, or email your intention to support the mission and ministry of Church of the Foothills in 2021 directly to Cindy Guziak, our financial secretary, at cyn2guz@gmail.com on or before Sunday, **November 15th, 2020.**

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY - NEWS & EVENTS

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY...

KEL'S KORNER

Over the past 6 years our Pumpkin Patch has grown to be a beloved tradition both in our church and in our community. This year I feel the Patch held special significance for us all because it was very emotionally uplifting. Hosting the Patch gave our church members an opportunity to come on campus again and be part of a church activity and it gave our interim ministers an opportunity to meet some of our church folk face to face. It also gave the neighborhood a very needed and enjoyed fall tradition for which we received many heartfelt thanks from all who visited our Patch.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Pumpkin Patch this year with donations to purchase the pumpkins, working a shift and/or buying a pumpkin. All efforts definitely succeeded in meeting the needs of our church family and serving our community. It was a greater pleasure than usual for me to be the Pumpkin Pastor this year.

*Blessings,
Pastor Kel*

THE PUMPKIN PASTOR



This group of young people is from the Gay Straight Alliance club at Foothill High School. They come every year to help us with the patch.



This lady was our first customer. She comes every year and she was here a half hour before the patch opened to get first pick.



HELP GETING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

For many people the holidays are a welcome and joyful time filled they share with family and friends. Though for others due to their own personal sorrow, grief and/or trauma are unable to enjoy the merri-ment of the season.

Church of the Foothills recognizes that many of our church family are walking through their own grief journey. We wish to provide comfort by offering a safe and open environment for grieving people to come together to share and support one another.

Starting on **Sunday November 15th** and going through the end of December, in addition to our regular Zoom fellowship call, I will be hosting a breakout group for anyone who could use a helpful hand as well as empathetic and understanding ears to get through the holidays.

~Pastor Kel





CELEBRATIONS!!



November Birthdays



11/02 Karen Proescholdt	11/18 Ivy Paige MacLean
11/04 Regina Richardson	11/20 David Letourneau
11/10 Joe Black	11/22 Barbara Austin
11/10 Alina Wilson	11/25 Tiger Cosmos
11/13 Lynn Dann	11/26 Eloise Brezarich
11/13 Debbie Trumbo	11/26 Jack Provencio
11/14 Maureen Rosenquist	11/27 JoAnne Proescholdt
11/15 Larry Klein	11/29 Duane Day
11/18 Wendy Kotan	11/30 Dean Delgado

November Anniversaries



11/11 Monty & Michelle Linton
11/17 Carmen & Rosadelia Mercado
11/26 Jim & Maureen Rosenquist



If we missed (or "mixed-up") your special day, we're very sorry! Please contact the church office and we will correct our records.



The Church Office will be closed Friday, **Nov 6**. If you need assistance, please call the church office

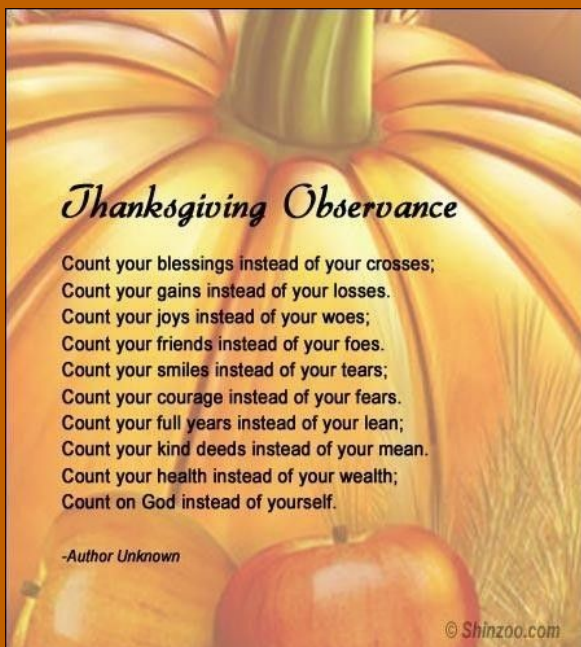
and leave a message. We check messages frequently.

Thank you!

THANKSGIVING HUMOR

Even if your Thanksgiving celebration this year is smaller and more socially distanced than normal, all that family time and food prep can still be a major source of holiday-induced stress. To help relieve some of that tension, we've borrowed some of the best (or worst?) Thanksgiving jokes to lighten the mood at your dinner table:

- "What did the turkey say to the turkey hunter on Thanksgiving Day?" "Quack, Quack!"
- "Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey?" "He sensed fowl play."
- "If you call a big turkey a gobbler, what do you call a small one?" "A goblet."
- "What do you call a running turkey?" "Fast food."
- "What side dish do you bring for Thanksgiving dinner when you accidentally sat on the sweet potatoes?" "Squash casserole."
- "What role do green beans play in Thanksgiving dinner?" "The casse-role."
- "Why did the cranberries turn red?" "Because they saw the turkey dressing."
- "My grandma made mashed potatoes from a box. That's it. That's the joke."
- "What kind of music did the pilgrims listen to?" "Plymouth Rock."
- "If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?" "Pilgrims."
- "What do you call the age of a pilgrim?" "Pilgrimage."
- "Why do pilgrims' pants always fall down?" "Because they wear their buckles on their hats!"



CONNECTIONS

Your Vote is Your Voice - SPEAK UP!



Let us hold each other in prayer and our neighbors near and far as we go to the polls.

A Time for Reflection

November 3, 10AM – Noon, 4-6 PM

Church of the Foothills will unlock the sanctuary doors for those who wish to reflect and pray on Election Day. If you come between the hours of 10 am and noon, or any time between 4 pm until 6 pm on Tuesday, Nov 3rd you will be invited to find a quiet place to pray six or more feet apart either inside the sanctuary or in our outer courtyard.

Masks are required! No spoken liturgy or singing or public prayers will come from our pastors. We will unlock the doors and we will permit no more than 12 persons to be in the building at any one time. You are welcome to come and go freely, but please do not stay the whole time



From our Justice Partner CLUE...

WE WON! Judge Orders ICE to Release Detainees from Adelanto

Our Immigration Program Director, Guillermo Torres, speaking at an action outside Adelanto:

"As you know, the situation at Adelanto has been dire since March, and CLUE has been tirelessly advocating for their release since the beginning. But to gain release, each person must have secure housing.

Many of those detained are asylum seekers, and they don't have friends or family who can provide them with a safe home.

That's why CLUE launched its [Shelter in Place](#) program, working closely with churches and other community partners to convert previously uninhabited spaces into safe refuge."

One detainee shared:

"I am so thankful for a home. In Adelanto, we were treated as animals. We are human beings."

Addendum from CLUE: To date, CLUE has helped gain release for 10 people who were previously incarcerated in Adelanto. This was a herculean effort on the part of Guillermo Torres, our Immigration Program Director, coalition partners, our friends at [St. John's Episcopal Church in San Bernardino](#), who are providing housing for some of the detainees, and Pastor Carrie from the United Methodist Church of Victorville who opened her doors to those who were just released.

~Article submitted by Suvan Geer, for PB&J



"God is still speaking," calling us to be "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world."



CONNECTIONS

THANKSGIVING HISTORY

1) Tradition has it that the first Thanksgiving – a celebration of good harvest – took place in 1621, when English Pilgrims at Plymouth Plantation in Massachusetts shared a meal with their Native American neighbors. However, historian Michael Gannon told *Florida Today* that the first Thanksgiving celebration in North America actually took place in Florida half a century earlier. On **8 September 1565**, he says, following a religious service, Spaniards shared a communal meal with the local native tribe.

2) According to the US National Archives, on **28 September 1789** the first Federal Congress passed a resolution asking that the president of the United States recommend to the nation a day of thanksgiving. A few days later, George Washington issued a proclamation naming **Thursday 26 November 1789** as a “Day of Publick Thankgivin” – the first time Thanksgiving was celebrated under the new Constitution. The dates of Thanksgiving celebrations varied as subsequent presidents came and went, and it wasn’t until **Abraham Lincoln’s 1863 Proclamation** – in the midst of the Civil War – that Thanksgiving was regularly commemorated each year on the last Thursday of November.

3) The US National Archives says that in 1939, with the last Thursday in November falling on the last day of the month, Franklin D Roosevelt became concerned that the shortened Christmas shopping season might dampen economic recovery. He therefore issued a Presidential Proclamation moving Thanksgiving to the second to last Thursday of November. Some 32 states consequently issued similar proclamations, but 16 states refused to accept the change. As a result, for two years two days were celebrated as Thanksgiving. To end the confusion, on **6 October 1941** Congress set a fixed date for the holiday: it passed a joint resolution declaring the last Thursday in November to be the legal Thanksgiving Day.

4) The Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, which is televised nationally on NBC, has been marching since 1924. That year, the department store’s president, Herbert Strauss, organized a six-mile procession from Harlem to the Macy’s store in Herald Square. The parade featured animals – including elephants – from the Central Park Zoo, and was nearly three times as long as it is today: for the purposes of television filming, the route was later reduced to 2.5 miles. (*Ed Note: This year, with a raging pandemic, the parade will be virtual—however that works!*)

5) While turkey is today the bird of choice for Thanksgiving dinners across the United States, this was not always the case: according to History.com, for the first ever Thanksgiving in 1621 the Indians killed five deer as a gift for the colonists, meaning venison would most likely have been the dish of the day.

6) Each Thanksgiving, the president of the United States ‘pardons’ a hand-selected turkey, sending it to a farm where it lives out the rest of its days. But, contrary to popular belief, President George HW Bush was not in 1989 the first president to grant such a pardon. According to the White House, the tradition dates to Lincoln’s days, when his son Tad begged him to write a presidential pardon for the bird meant for the family’s Christmas table, arguing it had as much a right to live as anyone. Lincoln complied, and the turkey lived.

7) Each Thanksgiving, millions of Americans tune in to watch the Detroit Lions play American Football. This tradition dates to 1934, when the team took on the undefeated, defending World Champion Chicago Bears of George Halas. Despite losing the inaugural game, since then the Lions have played football every Thanksgiving except between 1939 and 1944. (*Ed Note: In 2020, Covid-19 will interrupt the tradition. The Lions are currently schedule to play the Texans & the Bears may be idled. Sad!*)

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NEWS FROM OUR PRESCHOOL

Marci Carey, Foothills Preschool Director



I have been with FPS since 2011 and have served as director since 2014. I hold Site Supervisor & Master Teacher permits with the Cal. Dept of Ed. and majored in English at CSUF. I also have Child Development and Computer Science certificates from Saddleback College. I have owned successful small businesses twice and have many years of corporate management experience. I fell in love with preschool while volunteering in my youngest son's classroom. Looking for an escape from Corporate America, I changed careers and have never been happier. Preschool gives me the satisfaction of doing something that has a positive effect on our society, especially by contributing to the work of CHOTF. I live in Orange with my husband Paul, who teaches middle school at Compton Unified & two sons, Cole, a 3rd year Chemistry major at CSUF & Cash, a freshman at El Modena High School and a Foothills Preschool alumni! Dogs Ruby and Benjie complete the Carey clan. I LOVE live music, nature, making art (torch fired enamel and block printing are my current passions) and writing.

FOOTHILLS PRESCHOOL TEACHERS

Melissa Borboa - Asst. Director/Teacher

Melissa has been with Foothills Preschool since 2015 and has served as assistant director since 2016.

Jennifer Pak - Asst. Director/Mentor Teacher

Jennifer started her career in the field of Early Childhood in the fall of 2013 at Foothills Preschool.

Ann Vitarella - Lead Teacher

Ann has been teaching at Foothills Preschool since 2014.

Monet Granillo - Lead Teacher

Miss Monet has been teaching since 2011.

Yohairy (Heidi) Macedo - Lead Teacher

Miss Heidi joined Foothills Preschool in 2018.

Debra Stetson - Teacher

Miss Debra started teaching preschool in 1984.

Mariah Baldwin - Teacher

Mariah joined Foothills Preschool in 2019.

Alondra RojasPacheco - Teacher

Alondra joined Foothills Preschool in 2020.



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