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THE Weekly

Thursday, July 25, 2024



ON SUNDAY

+ Join us for worship on Sunday, July 28, at 10:00 AM. The Scripture lessons are Ephesians 3:14-21 & John 6:1-15. The sermon's title is "Complete with the Fullness of Life and Power." The Lay Reader is Kathleen O'Rourke. The Usher is Linda Mendiola. The Tellers are TBA. Fellowship Hour will be an Ice Cream Social and is provided by the Worship Committee. Flowers provided by Sue Bryant-Still in memory of her father and in celebration of her sons, whose birthdays are in

August.

+ If you prefer to meet online, you can watch our live-stream service on the church's [YouTube channel](#). The service begins promptly at 10:00 AM. The service will be posted later in the afternoon and evening if you cannot watch it live.

Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

As you may have noticed over the past several months, my column in this e-newsletter

contains stewardship conversations, devotions, and how we can look at stewardship more easily. Stewardship is how we take care of our church and its ministries. It is also the careful and responsible management of the resources entrusted to our church. It is a communal responsibility, and it is a personal one. When we speak of it, it is meant to strengthen us for the journey of life and the hope of our church's future.



The Bible has much to say about proper stewardship and how we look at it in relation to God and our lives together. 1 Timothy 6:17 shares this wisdom: "Command those who are rich in this world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

Today, let's look at how the author refers to wealth. He says we shouldn't put our hope in wealth - because it is uncertain. Has anyone noticed that wealth can be uncertain? One day, the stock market can be way up, and the next, it can be crashing. Has anyone here ever experienced a time when your 401k turned into a 201k - and then diminished all the way down to a

box of Special K?

Home values can skyrocket and then plummet. A new model or technology can reduce your once-valuable item to obsolescence! Indeed, the wealth of this world is uncertain. However, there is one thing - one Person to be more specific - that is completely certain: Our great God. Hebrews 13:8 shares this great news: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

When this world is uncertain, Jesus is there. When life shatters, Jesus is there. When things are wonderful, God is still present. God never changes—past, present, or future. That's a promise worth holding on to!

As we give to our church, may we know that we are sowing seed into God's Kingdom work, helping people hear and experience God's love and Good News in Christ Jesus. We do that when we find ways to help and love them, meet their needs, and share our hope that we can make a difference in this world. We also do it by investing in our spiritual growth and participating in a beautiful and meaningful worship service. In these ways, we lay up treasure in heaven that cannot fade away. What a wonderful promise!

I will continue to include stewardship messages like this, from time to time, in this e-newsletter. Our Stewardship Committee will also be talking more about it in church and in other ways. We are committed to the careful and responsible management of our church resources.

See you on Sunday!

Blessings to you,

Pastor Bo

Music Musings, by Dr. Elliot Jones

In July of 1717 King George I (who was from the same region in Germany as Handel) asked Handel to provide music for a concert on the River Thames. *Water Music* was performed by about fifty musicians on a barge, while the King and his entourage listened from another barge.



This painting, from over 100 years later, romanticizes this event by placing Handel on the same barge as the King! The *Water Music* is divided into three suites of five to seven movements each. I will play the first movement of the second suite, which is scored for alternating trumpets and French horns. Randy Triezenberg will sing the very dramatic aria "Rolling in foaming billows" from Haydn's *Creation*.

Word Find Puzzle: Ephesians 3:14-21

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LONG	LOVE	MAKE
PEOPLE	POWER	PRAY
RESOURCES	ROOTS	SPIRIT
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THINK	TRUST	UNDERSTAND
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Ice Cream Social on Sunday

Join us after church on Sunday in Fellowship Hall for our summer Ice Cream Social provided by the Worship Committee. Enjoy your favorite ice cream treats! This is also a great opportunity to invite your family and friends to church so they too can enjoy the tasty treat.

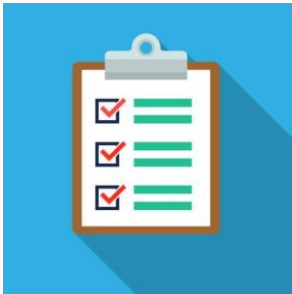




What's Happening in Sacramento?

1. Friday, July 26 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. **Wine and Rhythm at TAP Wine Lounge**, 1011 Del Paso Blvd, Sacramento. Enjoy an evening of fine wine and live music in a sophisticated yet lively setting. Reserve your table here: <https://tapwinelounge.com/events-and-private-dining>
2. Friday, July 26 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. **Paint and Sip: Radiant Full Moon Paradise at The Golden Finch**, 2618 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento. Led by a painting instructor, recreate the painting, 'Radiant Full Moon in Paradise,' and sip your favorite drink and being creative with family and friends. Tickets \$45. Get your tickets here: <https://eventvesta.com/events/74261/t/tickets>
3. Saturday, July 27 at 8:30 PM. **Summerween: A Spooky Cabaret** at The Bear Dive Bar, 1330 H Street, Sacramento. Join the Scream Queens Gorelesque for a bewitching night at this Halloween-themed summer drag and cabaret show. Tickets are \$10.

Activities Survey



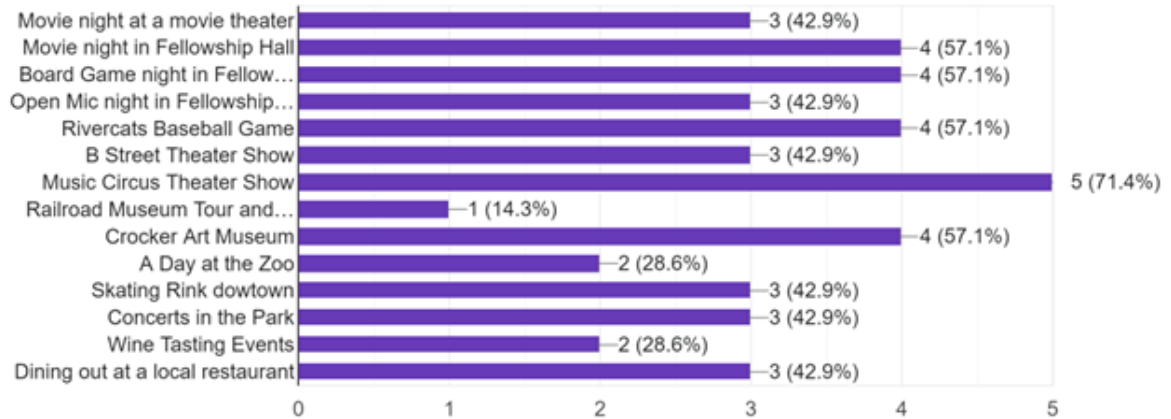
For years, our Spiritual Life Committee has organized fellowship activities for the church. We have attended Sacramento Republic Soccer matches and watched the Rivercats play baseball. In the past, these events were well-attended, but lately, attendance has decreased, and we're wondering what sort of new all-church fellowship activities you would be interested in attending.

To help, we have created a list of potential activities survey to help us find events you would like to attend.

So far, here are the results from 7 participants:

Places to Go

7 responses



And, here are the additional ideas from the survey offered by those who took it:

- + Great ideas! Thanks! I'm afraid of over-committing, but if either of these is scheduled and at a time when we're around, we'd like to participate.
- + Bike riding, playing pickleball or doubles tennis, Round Robin
- + A nature walk would be one idea.

If you haven't completed the survey, please take a few moments to check the boxes and help us find the activities you want. We have also created a space for your additional ideas. Once this list is compiled, we will select new activities for our church members and friends. The link for the survey is below. Thanks!

<https://forms.gle/VyhDizgpuWWYsadq8>

Upcoming Birthdays

07/22 Caryl Butcher
07/29 Vi McNally
08/08 Don King
08/08 Amanda Shipman
08/27 Jim Jordan



If you know of other birthdays from the members and friends of the Pioneer Church not listed here, please let us know. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH



+ **All-Church Anniversary Picnic.** Mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, September 29, after church for a picnic party. We'll be joined by the First United Methodist Church as we both celebrate our 175th Anniversary. There will be games, food, and a wonderful time of fellowship and fun! Look for signup sheets for what you can bring to the picnic.

+ **Summer is here!** We want to remind you that your presence and participation in the life of the church are still important during this season. We hope to see you on Sunday. We also welcome the idea of fellowship ideas and opportunities to stay connected. Contact Pastor Bo with your ideas.



+ **Join us for Bible Study.** Join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM as we offer a Bible study that looks at current events and what's happening in the world. Then, a Bible study is created around it. We will also have our Zoom account open during both of these studies. If this is something that you are interested in, please get in touch with Pastor Bo

at pastorbo@pioneerucc.org and let him know of your interest and which time of day you can participate. Thanks!

+ **Ghost Kitchen at Pioneer.** We are now looking for start-ups and businesses interested in renting out our kitchen as a "ghost kitchen." This new way of renting out space means that a business will cook their food here but be delivered to different destinations rather than serving it in our space. If you know anyone interested in our ghost kitchen, please contact Vi or Pastor Bo.

GHOST KITCHEN

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Kitchen for Delivery or Takeout only

- Southbend 6 Burner Gas Stove
- Valpro Refrigerator and Freezer
- 2 Lamber Dishwashers
- Winholt Heater/Proofer
- Rubber Floor Mats + Ice Maker
- Sinks: Handwash/Prep/Triple Unit
- All Stainless Steel Tables + Storage Racks



+ **Do you have a prayer request?** Heidi Munoz collects prayer requests and emails them out to our prayer champions, and we pray over all prayer requests each and every Sunday. If you have a prayer request, please email Heidi at prayingpioneers@gmail.com.



+ Our **signup sheets** are in the Fellowship Hall. We need volunteers to be Lay Readers, Ushers, and Tellers and to bring treats and food for Fellowship Hour. See where you'd like to help out and sign up. Thanks!

+ We provide **large print bulletins and hearing devices** for the hearing and visually impaired.

+ **Where to Park.** Beginning July 1, 2024, there is no longer free metered parking around the church. There is free parking underground next door/behind the church in the underground car park at the Teichert/Sutter underground parking garage. Enter Capitol Street between the garage and the hospital. The parking gate is open at 9:00 AM on Sundays. You may park in any space, even if it says reserved.

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WHERE TO PARK



- * Metered Street Parking around Church
- * Teichert/Sutter Underground Garage

Free parking on Sundays for Pioneer Church members and visitors! Enter on Capitol Ave btw 27th and 28th Streets, drive down the ramp and park anywhere. The gate remains open until 1 PM. Exit and re-enter through the hospital.



During the weekdays, we have the entire basement level (B2) for our parking needs, but you will need to get a parking card to access the closed gate unless we have prearranged an event for the gates to be open.