# Reaumont Resbyterian Church

**JUNE 2018** 

Worship Services
Sunday 8:30 AM
and
10:00 AM

Korean Church 12:00 PM

Adult Sunday School 9:10

Children's Sunday School 10:00 AM

> Nursery 10:00 AM

Summer Fellowship Hour 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM in the Social Hall



READY, MY GOD, THY WILL TO SEE

The Spirit, not content to flit around on the surface, dives into the depths of God, and brings out what God planned all along.

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# **Our Mission**

A Christ-centered family of God's people, growing in faith, caring for each other, bringing others to Christ, and ministering to the needs of our changing community and world.

On the cover:

Open my eyes Illumine me, Spirit Divine.

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# A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As I am writing to you, I am looking at an old newspaper clipping from my files. Long ago, the Rev. George Docherty succeeded Peter Marshall as pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Rev. Docherty was originally from Glasgow, Scotland. He served New York Avenue Presbyterian Church for over 26 years. President Lincoln had attended this same church which is only a short distance from the White House.

On the morning of Sunday, February 7, 1954, President Eisenhower was in the congregation. Rev. Docherty said the pledge of allegiance was missing "the characteristic and definitive factor in the American way of life." The next day in response, a bill was introduced to add the phrase "under God" to the pledge.



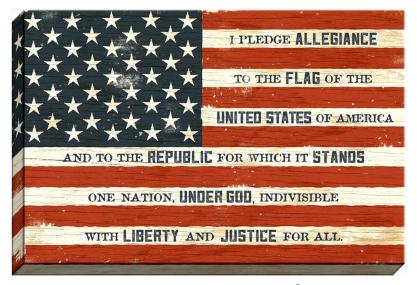
President Eisenhower signed the law on Flag Day that year. Flag Day is celebrated on June 14 as our flag was first adopted on June 14, 1777.

There had been others who had suggested this change but nothing had happened until Rev. Docherty's sermon. President Eisenhower was sitting in Lincoln's pew that morning in honor of Lincoln's birthday later that week on February 12. Rev. Docherty's sermon was based on Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and was entitled "A New Birth of Freedom." The words "under God" defined our nation and set us apart from others.

President Eisenhower said of the addition of "under God" to our pledge: "From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty.... In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource, in peace or in war."

Countless American flags were out last Monday in honor and in memory of those brave and faithful soldiers who paid the ultimate price in service to our nation. As we celebrate Flag Day on June 14, I am grateful it was the fruit of a sermon falling on a listening ear that got the ball rolling to add the two essential words "under God" into our pledge.

The right word, at the right time, has a great deal of power. And there is no better way for any nation, organization or person to live than "under God!"



Yours in Christ,

Scott

# **NOTES FROM YOUR ELDERS**

After the success of the "Meet Your Deacon" event I started thinking about our Elders and how many of them are not really known by our members. There are 13 Elders that comprise your Session. They meet on the third Tuesday of the month to take action on behalf of the members. They also have the responsibility for many committees that serve our church, guided by the desire to provide Christian fellowship and spread God's love to all that attend. Look for your Elders on Sunday and introduce yourself, chat with them and share your thoughts and ideas.

This month we welcomed six new members. Don Lauder, Nadine Millage, Gary Ackerman, Susie Ackerman, George Foot, and Louise Doyle. Please give them a warm smile and friendly handshake when you see them.

# Sunday Fellowship Change for the Summer

To facilitate interaction between members of both Sunday Services, Session Elders voted to combine our two Sunday Fellowship Refreshment times into one Fellowship Hour held from 9:15 – 10:15am during the summer months of June, July, and August. This will allow all members to share fellowship with others they don't normally greet on Sunday. It is an opportunity to introduce yourself again (or for the first time!). Remember to come a few minutes early if you attend the second Service and stop into the Fellowship Hall to share your smile with the first Service attendees (and have a cookie or two).

Clerk-of Session Beverly Webster

# Financial Update

Through April 2018 we are \$18,000 behind in the \$117,000 budgeted cash income, but this is mostly offset by expenses that are running \$13,000 less than the planned \$110,000. Other income, that is not budgeted, provides another \$5,000 so that the total operation is virtually on target. Early data in May show a continuation of this trend.

Neil Torrence, Finance Elder

**Fellowship** Carolyn Moreno

**Endowment**Jim Searcy

Stewardship
Owen Dean

**Education**Marilynn Speed

**Mission**Chandra Smith

**Finance**Neil Torrence

Building & Grounds
Della Condon assisted
by Sheila James

Nominating
Melinda McNabb

**Membership**Dick Williams

**Personnel**Bette Rader

Worship
Kathy Faber &
Chandra Smith

Clerk of Session
Beverly Webster

# **IMPORTANT DATES**



# **Deacons Meeting:**

Tuesday, June 5th at 4:00 PM (no meetings in July and August)



Flag Day: June 14th

# **Session Meeting:**

Tuesday, June 19th at 4:00 PM (no meetings in July and August)



# **Choir Practice:**

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM (no rehearsals in July and August)



# **Big Bear Lake Summer Camps:**

Entering 4th - 6th Grade: July 1st thru 7th Entering 7th - 8th Grade: July 8th thru 14th High School LEAD Camp: Session 1: July 1 - 7 Session 2: July 8 - 14



# **Vacation Bible School:**

June 25 - 29, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM All children, 4 years old thru 7th grade welcome. See Marilynn Speed if you can help with this event.



# **Summer "walk-on" Choir:**

Sunday, July 15th—8:00 am Sunday, August 19th—8:00 am

Join us on one or both of these Sundays to practice and sing a simple anthem. This is a way to dip your toes in the water before you jump in with both feet! Who knows, you might decide to join us when we begin again in September. And the best thing: since it is Summer and it's HOT, no robes are required!!

# **BIG BEAR LAKE SUMMER CAMPS**



# **Summer Camp**

# Big Bear Lake

Archery, Canoeing, Rock Wall, Zip Line, Games, Crafts, Campfire, Singing and Bible Stories!!

# Jr. Camp

July 1 - 7

For students entering 4th-6th grades

# Jr. High Camp

July 8 - 14

For students entering 7th-8th grades

## **LEAD**

For High School Students

Session 1: July 1 - 7

Session 2: July 8 - 14







# **CELEBRATIONS**

# JUNE

1	John St George	10	Carol Rhine	26	Fay Olszowy
4	Connie Capps	14	Herb Presson	27	Amanda Sutton
4	Kris Reade	15	Betty Ferber	29	Marge Googe
4	Oscar Reade	16	Richard Daley	29	Sue Daley
7	Betsy Mosberg	18	Alma Winstead		•
7	Barbara Myers	19	Charley Sutton	29	Beverly Webster
9	June Bennett	25	Jacqueline Blatnick	30	Norma Dudley
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# JULI

4	Maria Gutierrez	12	Maria Luevano	24	Bette Elmore
5	Elaine Blevins	12	Linda Niemann	24	Becky Southworth
5	Helen Cunning	13	Bonnie Murray	25	Christine (Tina) Williams
5	Larry Ellis	13	Jim Mangan	30	Beverly Reneau
8	Jaci Davis	22	Owen Dean	30	Alda Dyalchand
8	Ruby Kaylor	23	Sonja Haver		-

# AUGUST

1	Casey Kreckow	8	Dan Wells	13	Diana Mangan	22	Kelsey Waters
2	Phyllis Hudson	8	Jane Benjamin	16	Bobby (Asghar)	23	Neal Bailey
4	Marty Breyer	9	Betty Blake	16	Benjamin Ann Minto	23	Tony Valverde
5	Cristi Paris	11	Ann Szegedi		Tony Moreno	25	Shirley Almeida
5	Brenda Campbell	11	John Vanderelst		Lydia Vanderelst	27	Rose Dees
6	Evelyn Plum	12	Marilyn Camp		, Geri McAlpin	27	James Lester
6	Kathy Faber	12	Sharon Rachal	19	Gloria Strief	27	Jean Brownie
8	Catherine Steel	13	Francie Yarbrough	19	Mieke Den Hollander	28	Harry Green

# June

- 2 Lowell & Chandra Smith 6 Gordon & Mari Hansen
- Mark & Kathy Faber 11
- 12 John & Susan Guldseth
- 16 Dick & Jane Sinner



# July Norman & Betty Gibbs

10 Bill & Lorri Ray

3

- Roy & Jean Brownie 12
- 26 Owen & Elnora Dean
- 28 Ken & Sharon Rachal

# August

David & Judy Kelts George & Patricia Underhill 1 20 4 Walt & Ann Farmer 26 Michael & Cathy Calhoun Ron & Marilyn Camp 14 28 Harry & Roberta Green Ron & Bette Rader 15

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women (PW) is an independent organization within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of more than 300,000 women. The programming and resource options for the organization offer a variety of ways for women to live out their faith in an inclusive, caring community. PW groups can choose to support the PW Purpose in any way, so PW groups may look very different from one synod to the next . . . or even one circle to the next within the same congregation!

Presbyterian Women (PW) offers women in the church meaningful ways to live out their faith in the midst of a caring community of women. For more than 200 years Presbyterian women's groups have strengthened the Presbyterian Church and played a major role in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and witnessing to the promise of God's kingdom.

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

And to be specific about our local church activities: our Spring Gathering, on May 12 was a huge success even with it being the day before Mother's Day. We had approximately 32 in attendance for a sandwich and salad buffet. Ann Minto, Marilyn Speed and Elnora Dean dedicated the Birthday offering. In addition to the Mission Year Book, Jean Browne read a special acknowledgement of the Gifts of Women. Each of these special presentations were provided by the PW(USA) Women's Horizon Magazine. Our special guest speaker was Jenny Mambu who participated in the Global Exchange to Indonesia. Her presentation was enlightening, and she brought four of her Indonesian members of her church who gave us a demonstration of their music and dance, a very important part of their culture. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

Most, but not all, of our BPC Women's groups (CT, circles and Bible Studies) take recesses for the summer. *See below for info* to contact your respective leader for details for last meeting date. Enjoy your summer.

See you all in September,

Cathy Calhoun Moderator

# **BIBLE STUDIES**

# Bible Studies:

- Contact Liz Linden 951-845-9908
- Contact Betty Mann 951-845-3800
- Contact Sally Burse 951-769-5980

# Circles:

- Esther/Lydia Contact: Marge Shearer 951-922-6679
- Ruth Circle Contact: Jerry Schneider 951-845-7850

# TABLE OF PLENTY

Here's a shout-out to our core of gentlemen who help us each week: Bill Meidinger, Bill Ray, Jim Myers, Jim Mangan, Dave Bostic and Dennis Goff. They man the door, greet people, sweep the floor, take out the trash, wash dishes and help make our guests welcome. They pick up vegetables at Dowling Fruit Orchard and juice from Pericone. They tote boxes and reach the high shelves. We appreciate them and their presence is a confirmation to our guests that all is secure.



Did you know that Art Welch and Kathy Faber are on the Table of Plenty Board of Directors? Table of Plenty is a mission of Beaumont Presbyterian Church. The church provides the social hall with no charge. We are supported by the Board of Deacons, the Korean Church and several church members. On the flip side, several volunteers have now become members of the church.

Every week a guest tells us how important we are to them. They especially mention the warm, friendly atmosphere. I think the reason is that many of us are church members or involved in senior communities and already know each other. We like each other! In many food kitchens volunteers come from many different sources and don't have the luxury of that camaraderie. Whatever it is, we are thrilled that our guests feel comfortable, safe and well-fed!

Jodie Welch

# A WORD FROM YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

# Summer Break and Summer Walk-On Choir

June 24th is "Choir Recognition Sunday". This is an opportunity for all of you to tell us what a fantastic job we're doing!

Actually, I'm grateful to say that many members don't wait for any "special" day to let us know that they appreciate the work we do to enhance our Sunday services with beautiful, inspiring and uplifting music - music that was written by spirit-filled composers to praise and worship our Great Creator!

I will speak for all of us when I say that we are honored and humbled to be given the opportunity to participate with you in a true sacrifice of praise and worship to God. We are always filled with joy when we hear that you were moved by our music.

June 24th will be our last Sunday as a regular choir before we "break" for the Summer. But, never fear, there will still be special music and some of us will be there to lead the hymns. We'll also be back in full force in September.

On July 15th and August 19th we will have "Summer Walk-On Choir". This is an opportunity for any one of you to join us at 8am, learn a simple anthem, and sing at both services (without making an outright commitment to us!). You will be able to leave after we sing at the second service - and - the best news - NO ROBES REQUIRED!

I pray a few of you will feel led to come sing with us. Some of you who used to sing with us regularly should come back for these special services. We will ALWAYS welcome you back with open arms!

Dawn Kehret

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

# The Resurrection of Jesus (Part 3)

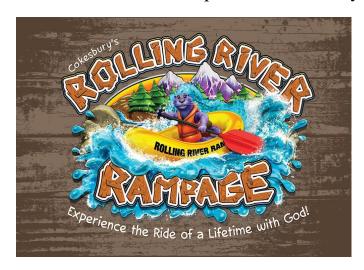
Again, I'm writing about very good reasons to believe that Jesus rose from his tomb early Easter morning. There are two additional reasons to believe it happened, one of which involves women discovering Jesus' empty tomb. In Matthew 28, the evangelist writes, "Now after the Sabbath... Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave." An angel... came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it... The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said." In the Gospel accounts there's unanimous agreement that women were the first witnesses to Jesus' empty tomb. In Jewish society, of Jesus' time, it is clear there was strong prejudice against using female testimony for important matters. The gospel stories were mocked by 2<sup>nd</sup> century critic Celsus for their portrayal of the, "hysterical females" as witness. If the gospels were fictional accounts, why wouldn't the writers use males like Peter or John as discoverers, instead of highlight female testimony. To do so would only weaken their case in the eyes of most listeners. (These accounts were oral to begin with and written in letter form somewhere between AD 60 to 90.) This is a powerful argument for the historical accuracy of the resurrection accounts. If these were "cleverly devised myths" (2 Pet. 1:16) women would never have been presented as the first evewitnesses of the risen Christ. Prominent New Testament scholar, N.T. Wright shares that the resurrection account in John is a foundational pillar for why he supports the full participation of women in Christian ministry. "The first person to be commissioned to take the news of the resurrection of Jesus to others is Mary Magdalene. Now, that is so counterintuitive in the ancient world, in the ancient Jewish world, in the ancient pagan world!

Another powerful argument for the empty tomb is its location and the events surrounding it. The Gospel accounts are unanimous that Jesus was buried in a tomb in Jerusalem belonging to Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Sanhedrin, the court which condemned Jesus to death. Few critics question this, holding to the fact that Jesus' death and burial was in Jerusalem. Most also agree that early Christian preaching took place in Jerusalem, leading to the birth of the church. If Jesus' tomb was occupied, early Christian preaching would have been disproved. How could it be preached that Jesus had been raised from the dead if that message were starkly confronted by an occupied tomb? According to reports found in Matthew 28:11-15, the Jewish leaders tried to explain the empty tomb by saying that Jesus' disciples stole His body. This means that the Jewish hierarchy acknowledged the fact that Jesus' body was no longer there! However, even skeptics freely recognize that the explanation provided by the Jewish leaders was exceptionally weak. If the disciples stole Jesus' body, how can we account for their incredible transformations, all for the right to be chased for decades around the Roman Empire, just so they could preach a message that they clearly knew was a false tale? Furthermore, how do we explain their willingness to die for what they knew was a false proclamation of Jesus' resurrection? Their actions deify all reason without an empty tomb and the resurrection of Jesus. Thanks for reading my last three month's series on the resurrection.

Marty Mangan

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sign up to help or donate for our VBS Summer Program June 25th through June 29th. Check in Fellowship Hall each Sunday.



We will be decorating the sanctuary and classrooms with camping gear.

There will be a sign up in Fellowship hall for you to loan us some great camping gear such as: small tents, rubber raft/kayak, paddles, undecorated Christmas trees, life vests, sleeping bag, fake campfire, fake rocks.



Marilynn Speed, Christian Education





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