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the monthly newsletter of Los Altos United Church of Christ

May 2021

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LAUCC Office Hours

REPORTS FROM:

- Outreach Committee
- Finance Committee
- Youth Group
- Discovery Preschool

PILGRIM PINES and Summer Camps

KEEPING IN TOUCH...



Stan will be out of the office April 27-30, and off Sunday, May 2. He is currently working 50% time so will be off one week a month.

Rev. Dave Sigmund will bring the message May 2.

LAUCC SUNDAY ZOOM CONNECTIONS:

**Join us May 2, 2021
for our WORSHIP
on ZOOM and FB Livestream!
Fellowship time to follow!**

PLEASE NOTE: Due to new ZOOM protocols, everyone is admitted to a waiting room and then admitted by a host. Please be patient if you are not admitted right away!

If you are on ZOOM, use the *Speaker* mode during worship for a better experience!

LOS ALTOS UCC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LAUCC SUNDAY WORSHIP each week

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98322638577>

Meeting ID: 983 2263 8577

Sunday Morning Worship will also **LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK**

at <https://www.facebook.com/losaltosucc>

[CLICK HERE FOR THE MAY 2nd ORDER OF WORSHIP](#)



GIVING...

Thank you for your giving, which supports our ministries, including our online worship. We certainly encourage you to give generously as you are able, using the post office. You can also go to our church website www.losaltosucc.org, click on the tab DONATE or [CLICK HERE](#) and use your credit or debit card with a one time or recurring gift.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Now that Los Angeles County has moved into the Orange Tier in COVID-19 restrictions, it is acceptable to have essential workers return to offices, maintaining physical distancing and wearing masks. In light of this we are bringing back LAUCC office hours with Cindy on Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 - 2:00. Stan will be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays, and by appointment. Please feel free to contact us at any time at office@losaltosucc.com or drstanleydsmith@gmail.com.



In the past, much of our Outreach money has gone to student assistance at Franklin Middle School, Fisher House, and CSULB Beach Pantry. In recent months we have given to LBCC Viking Vault Food Pantry and the Migrant Children's Support Fund through the City of Long Beach. This money is "designated specifically to provide assistance and supportive resources related to the migrant children humanitarian effort in Long Beach....and intended to make the children more comfortable during their stay here". We also will be making a contribution to our UCC camp, Pilgrim Pines. This money will go toward offsetting the cost incurred during the time the camp was not operating and to help in restoration efforts after recent fires. If you would like to add to this fund, please send a check to LAUCC and note it for Pilgrim Pines.



During the month of May, we will be supporting the United Church of Christ **Strengthen the Church** offering. The funds raised by this denominational offering support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, new churches, and innovation in existing congregations. We hope you will be able to contribute by marking a check Los Altos UCC for STC or donate online and notifying the church office.

FINANCE COMMITTEE



Finance Committee Wishes a Beautiful Mothers Day to all who have filled that role in someone's life!

Finance Activities on the Horizon

- The forgiveness of the first PPP loan is in process! We may not have a definitive answer for 90 days.
- Billie and the Finance Committee are working on kicking off the implementation of the Audio Visual System for the Sanctuary and very thankful for Billie having the lead on the Sanctuary improvements!
- We are thankful for the continued financial support of the Congregation.
- The preschool with Roxy's management continues to aid in the financial support of the church and the Congregation.

Peace to All....

Pamela E. Keller



**Calling all kids
For our back to church Spring Event**



When: May 16th

Time: 2-4pm

Where: Church Patio

What: We will be doing some spring activities, games, and just hanging out

We will be outside, socially distanced, and wearing masks at all times for this event.

**If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me at
sumerlesser@yahoo.com.**



Hello LAUCC,

May means summer is just around the corner! The preschool is busy preparing for the end of the year, summer school and the new school year. We will be surveying our currently attending families on the option of having individual end of the year events (altered to follow Covid-19 safety policies, of course). We would limit attendance and gather out doors to provide plenty of space for physical distancing. On May 4 we will be acknowledging our teachers and showing them love for Teacher Appreciation Day because they are the best!

We will be offering summer school in July at a limited capacity because we still have to follow student cohorts. Summer school is a fun filled session with lots of time outdoors. Our families enrolled are looking forward to it!

We also have 3 weeks of appointments scheduled for families enrolled in the 2021-22 school year to come by and pick up their child's registration packet. Each family will be given some individual time to review their forms and answer any questions they may have. This will give families a more personalized experience as they prepare to join us for the new school year. If you know anyone interested in joining us next year we are offering spots on our waiting list.

Kindly,
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Discovery Preschool at LAUCC
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When we play, we learn.

Summer Camp 2021!
Registration opens March 21, 2021



PILGRIM PINES SUMMER CAMP 2021

**BE BRAVE
BE BRIGHT
BE YOU!**

This summer's theme will focus on the uniqueness, creativity, brilliance, and resilience that is divinely part of each and every one of us. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and abilities, we are ALL children of God and we are here to love and work in solidarity. We will explore how the love we feel at camp can be expressed into our daily lives and communities.

WEEK ONE
VIRTUAL CAMP - JULY 5-9, 2021

WEEK TWO
FAMILY SUMMER CAMP (IN PERSON) - JULY 15-18

WEEK THREE
FAMILY SUMMER CAMP (IN PERSON) - JULY 22-25

WEEK FOUR
BINGO NIGHT CAMP FUNDRAISER - JULY 31st

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 21, 2021

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS VISIT
WWW.PILGRIMPINESCAMP.ORG

[>>>Click here for more](#)

A GREAT WAY TO HELP SAVE THE EARTH

Pilgrim Pines is having another work day on May 15th, 9:00 - 4:30. Here is the link to sign up...

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScR9NASS5STuf9DFKv8PIkJ0D_YOmWa_R5OgxSzgYwn07_5XQ/viewform?edit2=2_ABaOnucVrxyif0W_rGp4dyCJuYrTqXp403M57w3w298OrjOb-vkHiNv-HEdM4v9Elw



RECYCLING

A reminder that we are still recycling clear plastic and aluminum cans. Bag them up and leave them by the gate at church or give Mark Allen a call .

Looking for Lay Readers!

Would you like to be a part of a Sunday online service? We're looking for individuals, couples, and families to serve as liturgists. If you would like to participate in Sunday Worship, please contact Judy Ekmalian, jlekmalian@gmail.com, and let her know.



CELEBRATIONS

For the Blessings in our lives...

BIRTHDAYS: 5/2 - Sidney A.; 5/3 - David S.

(If you have a birthday or an anniversary that we haven't announced, please email the office with your dates.)

Gratitude for the helpers and first responders, food suppliers and servers; doctors and nurses; custodians and delivery people...

Gratitude for all who help to keep our world safe, good people in uniform, the military

chaplains and others...

Gratitude for our **nation**, and for its **leaders!**

CONCERNS

And now those people and places that weigh heavy on our hearts... I invite you to say a name or place that is important to you, and know in saying it we hold it in our hearts...

Prayers for those families grieving the loss of a loved one, whether because of COVID, police shootings, or even natural causes.

Please pray for those who are struggling to find work.

Prayers for all who are struggling with mental health issues.

Prayers for Roberta's sister Judy, who is dealing with an aggressive form of Parkinson's.

Prayers for Brenda K who has begun another round of chemotherapy.

Prayers for Pam K.'s brother **Randy** who continues to battle amyloidosis and is on Hospice.

Tonie and Denise ask for prayers for Denise's grandmother **Rosie P.**

Prayers for Roxy's cousin **Greg** who is battling cancer.

Jackie P.'s friend Dave asks for prayers for his wife **Rosie**, suffering from dementia.

Prayers for Kate and Jackie C.'s friend Donovan who is fighting cancer. After a successful surgery he is awaiting a stem cell transplant.

Prayers for Tom T.

Prayers for Hazel's grandson **Spencer.**

Judy M.'s continued recovery at home, and for **Michael** who looks after her.

Continue to pray for our homebound members: **Clark P., Vi D., and Darryl S.**



- 2 Sidney A.
- 3 David S.
- 15 Maureen C.
- 16 Jennifer D.
- 18 Billie B.
- 20 Seth D.
- 26 Janet B.
- 31 Char C.



5/30 Dave & Cheryl H.

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LINKS TO RESOURCES

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE UCC

<https://www.scncucc.org/>

Keep up with the latest OFFICIAL SOURCES for news on the current Coronavirus pandemic:

Official California Covid-19 Response Site: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/>

RESOURCES for ANTI-RACISM

<https://www.scncucc.org/responding-to-racism>

<https://www.pbs.org/weta/reconstruction/>
