

MARCH

CONCERT SERIES - Sunday, February 19, 2:00 PM - Dewey Erney

Hailed as one of the greatest interpreters of the "Great American Songbook" of his generation, singer Dewey Erney returns - on his birthday! - with his phenomenal line-up of some of the best jazz instrumentalists in Southern California. Free-will offering.

WOMEN OF THE WORD - Tuesday, February 21, 7:00 PM

In February, we will be reading Zorro, by Isabel Allende. For more information, contact Sandy Finstuen.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - Wednesday, February 22, 12:15 PM & 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs forty-six days (forty days not counting Sundays) before Easter. Join us for worship in the Sanctuary.

TGIF LUNCHEON - Friday, February 24, 11:30 AM

Gerrie Schipske, Councilwoman for the 5th Council District will present "*Early Aviation in Long Beach*." For reservations, call Audrey Yeates or Carol Fraser.

ADULT EDUCATION - Sunday, February 26, 10:30 AM

Milia Islam-Majeed, Executive Director of South Coast Interfaith Council will share the ministry and work of the SCIC to establish a peaceful and united interfaith and intercultural community here in Southern California.

ADULT EDUCATION - Sundays, March 4, 11 & 18, 10:30 AM

Dr. J. Dudley & Roberta Woodberry - Islam and Christian Mission – Part I

Experts in Islam and Christian mission, Muslim faith and life, Christian witness among Muslims, Muslim popular piety, and current trends in Islam will be our teachers for 3 sessions as they share their lives in the Muslim nations. Dudley is a Senior Professor of Islamic Studies and Dean Emeritus of the School of Intercultural Studies.

SCRIPTURE SEEKERS - Second Tuesdays at 10:00 AM, March 13

You are invited to join our men and women's Scripture Seekers Bible study group. Please call Sandy Finstuen for more information.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays Open to Men & Women

Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM - Wednesday, March 21 at 9:30 AM

The 2011-2012 Horizons Bible Study is "Confessing the Beatitudes." The Beatitudes are some of the most beloved teachings of Jesus, yet they may well be some of the most pointed. We will study them within their literary, historical, and cultural contexts. This month study focuses on Matthew 5:7 – Greatly Honored Are Those Who Show Mercy! All are welcome.

WOMEN OF THE WORD - Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 PM

Our March book is Pope Joan, by Donna Woolfolk Cross. For more information, contact Sandy Finstuen.

TGIF LUNCHEON - Friday, March 23, 11:30 AM

"*Meet John Newton*," author of *Amazing Grace*, will be portrayed by Dr. William Lock, Professor of Voice and Church Music at Biola University. For reservations, call Audrey Yeates or Carol Fraser.

ADULT EDUCATION - Sunday, March 25, 10:30 AM

Rev. Kikanza Nuri-Robins

CONCERT SERIES - Friday, March 30, 8:00 PM - David Wilcox

The only artist to sell-out the Sanctuary of Grace First returns for a night of songs that will be moving and powerful. This concert is one you should not miss: go the distance. Tickets may be purchased at www.gracefirst.org for \$20; Dinner at Roadhouse Grill available for an additional \$20.



JANUARY

ICEBREAKERS FELLOWSHIP - Saturday, January 7, 4:00 PM

What would you like to do next year? Put your thinking caps on now and share some ideas with us at our annual calendar-planning meeting! Let's bring finger foods to munch on.

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE SALES - Sunday, January 8, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

ADULT EDUCATION - Sunday, January 8, 10:30 AM - Chris Untiet, Faith Manager – HFH

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles builds and renovates homes in partnership with God and people everywhere with a goal of eliminating substandard housing by making decent, affordable housing a matter of conscience and action in our communities.

MONDAY NIGHT KNITTING - First Mondays at 7:00 PM - January 9, February 6, March 5

We usually meet on the first Monday of the month and are currently knitting Scarves for Troops. For more information, contact Sue or Suzanne in the church office. Note Change of Dates in January.

SCRIPTURE SEEKERS - Second Tuesdays at 10:00 AM, January 10

You are invited to join our men and women's Scripture Seekers Bible study group. Please call Sandy Finstuen for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION - Sunday, January 15, 10:30 AM - Pamela Hale Burns

A reporter for the Long Beach Press-Telegram, Pamela has sung in churches around the community for over 3 decades with her family chorus. She will be sharing her faith and how she has grown as she has interacted with various faith groups in her work as a reporter and religion editor.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays Open to Men & Women

Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 PM - Wednesday, January 18 at 9:30 AM

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CONCERT SERIES - Friday, January 20, 8:00 PM - Peppino D'Agostino

He's been hailed as "a guitarist's guitarist" by Acoustic Guitar magazine as well as "a giant of the acoustic guitar" (San Diego Reader), and holds many top guitar awards. But the San Francisco Chronicle encapsulated the essential difference that distinguishes D'Agostino's music when it dubbed him "a poet." Tickets may be purchased at www.gracefirst.org for \$20; Dinner at Roadhouse Grill available for an additional \$20.

ADULT EDUCATION - Sunday, January 22, 10:30 AM - Carlos Piar

Christ in Liberation Theology - Latin American Liberation theology, born in the '70's and 80's, provides a critique of traditional understandings of the person and work of Christ that is both troubling and challenging to Christians of all denominations. Carlos is a Professor of Religion at CSULB.

WOMEN OF THE WORD - Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 PM

Join book lovers as we discuss our January book, Cleopatra: A Life, by Stacy Schiff. For more information, contact Sandy Finstuen.

FEBRUARY

PEOPLE WHO CARE - Fourth Thursdays at 10:00 AM - January 26, February 23, March 22

If you are caring for a spouse or relative and are interested in a support group, join us for the next meeting of People Who Care. The group is facilitated by staff from the Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center at USC and provides an opportunity for people to discuss and share experiences and resources. For more information, please call Marlene Sandvig.

TGIF LUNCHEON - Friday, January 27, 11:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Steven E. Wirth will provide the January program for our seniors' luncheon. For reservations, please call Audrey Yeates or Carol Fraser.

INQUIRER'S CLASS 1 - Sunday, January 29, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Thinking about becoming a member or just want to know more about the Presbyterian Church and Grace First? Join us for our Inquirer's Class in the Library. Lunch will be provided on the 29th. For more information, contact Rev. Marion Park.

ADULT EDUCATION - Sundays at 10:30 AM - January 29, February 5, 12 & 19

Drs. Judy & Jeff Siker - "Surprise! Jesus in the Gospel of Mark" Part I

For 2,000 years we have read and reread the Gospel of Mark. We have become so familiar with the story that it is easy for us to miss the surprise and scandal of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. Drs. Jeffrey and Judy Siker.

KIMI SUGIYAMA AWARD PRESENTATION - Sunday, February 5

This award, named after the late Kimi Sugiyama, a pioneer member of the Japanese Presbyterian Church in Long Beach, is given annually to a member of the community in recognition of outstanding creativity and self-sacrifice in extending God's love to others.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - Sunday, February 5

Donations of food and money are collected for Christian Outreach in Action's meal program in the downtown Long Beach area.

INQUIRER'S CLASS 2 - Sunday, February 5, 10:30 AM

Our Inquirer's Class will continue on February 5. For more information, contact Rev. Marion Park.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, February 12 - One Service - 10:00 AM

SCRIPTURE SEEKERS - Second Tuesdays at 10:00 AM, February 14

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays Open to Men & Women

Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 PM - Wednesday, February 15 at 9:30 AM

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SHINNEN-EN KAI CELEBRATION - Sunday, February 19

We will celebrate the Year of the Dragon, with a potluck luncheon and festivities after second service in Fellowship Hall. The Dragon is the ultimate auspicious symbol signifying success and happiness.