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*'Growing in God's Love,  
Serving All God's People through  
Rejoicing, Renewing and Reaching Out'  
All of this Fanfare is from past  
MailChimp articles.*




## Updates on the Transition

Pastor David, Elizabeth Martinson and Lorene Knierim have preachers and worship leaders arranged for July and August. The session is forming an Interim Pastor Search Committee to find a pastor to lead the church through preaching, pastoral care, administration and a mission study that will help you discern what God is calling you to at this time in SPF. That study will then shape the kinds of gifts in a pastor you will need to lead you into that abundant future. We have already started a search for a new Office Administrator and we have over 25 candidates already. We expect to have this in place by the third week in June so that the person can be trained before Hailey's departure. The session is also moving forward with work with a free church consultant to help us grow.

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It is my hope and probably the session's expectation that the interim pastor will continue leading these three groups or we will find other teacher(s) in the fall.



 Below is an example of a fruitful conversation on a Facebook Group. We hope that our connectional PCUSA church remains in touch with lots of other Christians through these opportunities for spiritual growth. All are welcome to participate as David continues these groups into the future.

### [Spencer Owen](#) ***What is Torah/ Nomos/ Law?//***

[Torah is] the primary revelation of God's character and will for his covenant people, until such time as the Messiah could come as the fullest/fullness of His self-revelation (e.g., Heb 1:1-4). After which point, the Torah (as law code) would continue in transfigured form, having died and been resurrected in its

<telos/ aim>, as all creation has been in Messiah (e.g., Rom 8:1-4).

***//And what was its purpose within the Sinai Covenant?//*** To reveal the path to righteousness (right relationships) and justification (right-wised ordering) by aligning the life of its doers with God's own life (e.g., Rom 2:13). It functioned as a sin-management system, since it was given in the context of a world subjected to futility and under the slavery of sin and death: the old creation (e.g., Rom 5:12-7:9).

By rightly re-ordering human-human relationships, human-divine relationships, and human-creation relationships according to its commandments/statutes/laws, God promised that life in the land would follow for Israel. If Israel followed/did it, they would receive the blessing of abundant life in the land, and would be the "covenant to the nations" that would cause the whole world to be similarly rightly re-ordered. If they failed to follow/do it, they would receive curses in the land: exile at the hands of foreign nations, disordered relationships, and the withdrawal of God's abiding presence. (e.g., Deu 28-30, Lev 26) However, the horizon of this promise was limited: eternal life and the fullness of new creation was never promised. The Torah never promised eternal life, and following/doing it was never the path to salvation from the state of death and decay introduced by Adam -- the promised inheritance of Abraham. That promise always came through the promised Seed, not through the Law or its works (e.g, Gal 3-4, Rom 4).

The Law brought knowledge of sin (e.g., Rom 3:20), increase of transgressions (e.g., Rom 5:20), and was the power of sin (e.g., 1 Cor 15:56). For all these reasons, it was called a "ministry of condemnation/death" (e.g., 2 Cor 3:7): not because it was bad in and of itself, but because it was incomplete

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and delivered in the context of the dominion of death (e.g., Rom 7:10-13). It awaited the fullness of the Promised Seed to have the horizon of its promises of life extended beyond the old creation and into the new. [David Jahnke](#): Excellent responses as always from you. But your middle paragraph needs clarification. Every member of the first covenant did and did not follow/ do it; they were imperfect but they had means of atoning for their transgressions. In the diaspora spread of the Israelites and Jews around the Mediterranean and the world, they have continued to be an Abrahamic blessing to the world -- both messianic Christian Jews and those who are not professing followers of Jesus' Way. God said he would bless them and that they would be a blessing without conditions through Abraham and that has happened. I believe Jews are a part of the right re-ordering of the world into the present.

Spencer: Agreed...

A	B
Summer Pulpit Supply	
6/30	Brooks Smith
7/7	LL DuBreuil
7/14	Michael Granzen
7/21	Linda Macari
7/28	Ken Macari
8/4	LL DuBreuil
8/11	LL DuBreuil
8/18	Linwood Bagby
8/25	Steve Huston



The final small groups of the year will be on June 11th, 13th and 14th.



## Worship Schedule & Pulpit Supply Pastors

June and July Worship	
6/2	M.C. Communion
6/9	M.T. Party after Worship
6/16	M. T. Ordination of Officers
6/23	M.C. Youth and Young Adult Sunday and Baptism
6/30	M.T.
7/7	M.T. Independence Day and Communion Worship
7/14	M.C.
7/21	M.C. VBS Sunday - kids lead
7/28	M. T.
	M.C. is mostly contemporary
	M.T is mostly traditional



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### Sermon on the Mount

Watch our 10-video series that summarizes the Sermon on the Mount in the Bible. [Gain](#)

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**The Beatitudes**  
Jesus begins this collection of teachings with a section often referred to as the Beatitudes. Learn how these surprising statements describe the arrival... [>](#)



**Episode 3**  
**Jesus Fulfills the Law**  
Jesus offers a bold vision of doing right that is grounded in God's wisdom. Learn how this vision fulfills the teachings of the Torah. [>](#)



**Episode 4**  
**Wisdom Within Laws About Murder, Adultery, and Divorce** [>](#)

Whose righteousness must we exceed and what would that mean in Matthew 5:20? FYI, I believe Jesus is 'fulfilling the Torah' and 'accomplishing all things' through his birth, life, teachings, death and resurrection. And now comes much of that

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fulfillment through a new Law and Covenant on the Mount, completing



All middle and high school youth are invited to participate in the above service on **June 23rd**. We are looking for readers, prayers, singers, dancers, musicians and anything else you would like to do. Please rsvp to Pastor David, Kay and Alex with your interest. It is also Pastor David's last Sunday. If you cannot make it on the 23rd, Pastor David would love to see you and give you a part on an earlier Sunday. Let him know.



2023 Mission Trip and 2024 grads. (except Jeremy 2025 and Isabella 2023)

what Moses started on Mt. Sinai. That is why Paul (or his disciple) can say in Ephesians 2 that the Law is abolished.



We had an amazing confirmation service on Sunday and we welcome and give thanks for Jeremy Montgomery, Christina Hill, Olivia Maver and Olivia Charnock who professed their faith in Jesus and joined the church. You may watch their testimonies and the rest of the service [here](#). Here is a 1-minute [reel](#) from my sermon as well. More pictures will be coming later this week. (Paper copies of Fanfare, go to [facebook.com/fanwoodpres](https://facebook.com/fanwoodpres) to see them or our Youtube channel. )

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We are excited to dive into Deep Adventures with our Vacation Bible School SCUBA July 15 –19

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SCUBA**  
diving into friendship with God

**Vacation Bible School for 2024**  
July 15 to 19, 2024  
9 am - 12 noon  
Children ages 4 (by 9/24)  
through those entering 6th grade.

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ReGeneration  
Worship, Friendships & Missions in God's Love

There will be songs, Bible stories, games, snacks, crafts and opportunities to make new friends. Cost is only \$45/ First child, second child \$40, 3 or more: \$85 total. Share with your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends.

Vacation Bible School needs lots of volunteers so if you can help, please email Kay at [klaurore.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:klaurore.fpc@gmail.com), or [ybsfanwood@gmail.com](mailto:ybsfanwood@gmail.com). You can also contact co-directors Jessica Miller and Michelle Howell or Linda Macari.

We are looking to revive a Youth Leadership committee made up of our high school youth and recent confirmands. Please pray that these young people would be able to fit mentoring and leadership into their schedules in the upcoming year.

During our transitions as a church family over the upcoming years, it is important that each one of us continues to deepen our own faith by growing as a disciple of Jesus—worship, prayer, Bible study are essential. We will continue adult studies and family events. Any input you can provide to the Christian Education committee would be appreciated. – Members: Linda Macari, Ashley Donofrio, Jessica Miller, Michelle Howell.

### Word From Westminster Preschool – June 2024



We are gearing up for the end of our school year at Westminster. We are keeping the students very busy learning about plant life cycles and now the butterfly lifecycle. We have our caterpillars at the preschool and we will watch as they grow and form chrysalis before becoming butterflies!

We celebrated our wonderful teachers during Teacher Appreciation week and then our Mom's with picnics and singing wonderful songs to honor them. We will once again host Donuts for Dads in 2 weeks so that our Dad's feel the love as well. Travis from Eyes of the Wild came for another visit and taught our students about the different animals that he has at his rescue. Pastor David also joined us for worship for the last time. We were able to sing songs together and the children all wished Pastor David the best on his new adventure in California.

Our last day of school is Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> and on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> we will host our Graduation ceremonies for our 4 year old classes. It brings such joy to think of how much the students have grown this year and we are so proud of them! This will be our 28<sup>th</sup> graduating class from Westminster Preschool and we are so proud of the amazing preschool!

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Registration is still ongoing with a few spots left in our preschool for next school year. Our teachers will begin to come back to the preschool the week of August 26<sup>th</sup> in order to

prepare for the next school year. Our first day with students is Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely, Kim Russo

## Board Game Day Father's Day Weekend



June 15th from 12:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Come and go as so moved

Traditional American and Advanced Euro Games

All Are Welcome



Update from [Kelyn Alvarado](#) to whom we gave \$500 in 2023. Mission will consider another gift this year. Click [here](#) for her video in Spanish translated below. I can finally say today that I am able to SEE AGAIN! I have a lot to tell you; too much would I say! Emotions, part of the procedure, reunions, meeting my Dr. and Dr ♡ finally. I know that little by little I will tell you everything! I'm grateful for the beginning of this new process, I'm still fighting of course; still battling with pains and adjusting to a new lifestyle but nothing like having my sight back after almost 3 years in struggle, 8 surgeries and finally now through the Scleral lenses! God fulfills His promises, never lose faith! Let's love and smile more every day ♡ Know that by just opening your eyes in the morning and seeing you are already blessed ♡

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Date		Date		Date		Date	
1	Mike Camfield	9		17		25	
2	Dorothy Ditzel	10		18		26	
3		11		19		27	
4		12		20		28	
5	Tyler Geissel	13		21		29	
6	Elizabeth Sharrett	14		22		30	
7		15	Kevin Miller	23			
8		16		24			

## □ □ □ □ □ July Birthdays □ □ □ □ □

Date		Date		Date		Date	
1		9			Ann Swenson	25	Joan Gustafson
2	Andrea Hill	10		18		26	
3		11		19	Anne Teets	27	Keith Middleton
4		12		20	Robert Jackmin Maryann Miller	28	
5		13		21	Carol Zimmerman	29	
6	Robert Ditzel	14		22		30	
7	Kelly Saum	15		23		31	
8	Jason Kosmaczewski Norman Swenson	16		24			

*Sorry if we missed your birthday or have it mistaken. Please let us know, if so.*

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