



# CROSS CURRENTS

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**Yes!!**

The Martin Luther King Community Choir of San Diego honored us on Sunday afternoon, June 11, with a rousing Gospel choir program, with accompanying drums, keyboard and tambourines. The audience clapped, sang along....and even danced down the aisle! Thanks to the Church of Spiritual Living and Gay Beauregard, who is a member of the choir, for bringing the program to the church and turning a gray, cloudy day into a rainbow!

# Women's Guild News



Each year the Guild plans a field trip for the June meeting before we go dark for the months of July and August. We always seem to find an interesting place to visit and we always draw a good attendance--this year was no exception. Twenty-five attended the visit to the Alpine Historical Society Museum on Tavern Rd. Even though many said they had driven by the museum multiple times, only a few had visited there.

We were pleased to have two very active members of the Historical Society lead us on the tour. Carol Morrison and Bob Ring were our tour guides. They explained the historical items donated to the museum and how they fit into the history of Alpine. On display was an old pump organ which was once used in our church as well as a tall glass-front cabinet that had been in Fuller Hall for many years. We were pleased to see Elma Terry's beautiful black Victorian dress and big feathered hat that she had worn to important events in Alpine.



found in a field left for junk. It is now a "beautiful red" fire engine--a favorite project of Bob Ring's.

The museum is a tribute to many hours of hard work given by dedicated volunteers. Tom and Judy Myers have dedicated a lot of hours to this project. If you have never visited this historical museum, please stop by on the last Sunday of the month when a docent is there to give you a tour. Alpine really has a lot of history. Our thanks to Carol Morrison and Bob Ring for giving our tours.

Next Guild meeting will be September 9th with a Bake Sale on September 10th.



## Message from the Interim Designated Senior Pastor



Dear Alpine Community Church,

First, I greet you all in the name of all that is good, thanking you for your patience and understanding as I was unable to complete a message for last month's Cross Currents. I truly appreciate it. I also want to take this moment to write just how much I appreciated everything that Rev. Rich Freeman did for our church. He was always kind, helpful, encouraging, and enthusiastic about our ministry. Plus, it was always a joy for me to visit him and Vicky and hear about their lives together.

They've been up and down Illinois, New Mexico, Colorado, and California. What a life well lived and what a life well focused on ministry and improving the lives of other people. He will surely be missed. I will miss receiving his encouraging messages after Sunday's services and I will miss him, especially, every time I look and see that I am late in turning my newsletter. He was always force for good, and I enjoyed our time together. Remember that the memorial service will be July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista.

Last Sunday, the MLK Community Choir blessed our sanctuary and the community. Their voices were amazing, and I just loved sitting in the black musical tradition, allowing the hymns and history to stir in me a sense of pride and appreciation for my own personal roots. This is also great because I am writing this on Juneteenth, a time for celebrating liberation and freedom for enslaved Africans who were taken to the Americas, both North and South. I really want them to come back. So, I look forward to inviting them back to the community at the top of next year.

The summer is a time for rest and fun and I hope you all have some good plans. I pray there will be a lot of time spent with grandchildren and family. And I pray, sincerely, that you all are thinking of taking things easier. I know the Fall is a busy time here.

In closing, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for all the good work you have done and all the patience and care you've shown me and my wife as we go through the journey of expanding our family. My heart is filled with excitement as I prepare to meet my little daughter, Genevieve. I know in my heart that our church is not just a building; it is a collective effort, an embodiment of God's grace, and a testament to the power of faith, love, and community in action. Together, we have created a place where lives are transformed, hope is renewed, and love is celebrated.

Let us continue to work together, hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, as we embark on this journey of faith.

Rev. Jamall A. Calloway, PhD



## Message from the Moderator....



Thank you all for your prayers, cards, messages, and comforting words for us during the difficult month of May. As many of you know, Judy's son David passed from this life on May 29. It has been a very difficult time for us, but we are so thankful for the caring and support of our Church family. During this time, I realized just how important it is to have such a wonderful support group as our ACC friends. So, I encourage you all to remember those on the Care and Prayer list and others who are going through trying times by sending them a note or card of caring and support.

Tom Myers

# No God, No America



When our country was founded, it was founded on certain beliefs and principles which were essential to a functioning society. The most important of all was the right to worship God how we wanted. Also, our nation was built on the idea that we have certain rights that came not from man but from God.

A society that believes in a higher being is more likely to prosper and function than one that does not. As a church, we know that it has been difficult to get our attendance up. People no longer feel they have a need for God in their lives. As the need for God lessens, we see a decline in decent society. People don't respect and love each other as they should. We hear people saying that the only way to save our nation is to, "Give the world back to God." This is very true, but we also need to remember that God gave us the world, and He also gave us America. He took men from different backgrounds and beliefs and brought them together to form a nation based on the belief that He was our protector. This has been the glue that has held our nation together. It gave the men the courage to go against the crown and form a nation where the voice of the people could be heard.

Now, as we see our nation descending into chaos, we need to remember the principles upon which this nation was founded and that we are "One nation under God." If we continue to be a nation that turns away from God, then I fear we will be a nonexistent nation. If the idea of God continues to be something that is mocked and laughed at, then how can we be free to worship God? If there is no America, will there be no God? We must not let that happen.





The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the [American Revolution](#). On July 2nd, 1776, the [Continental Congress](#) voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the [13 colonies](#) adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by [Thomas Jefferson](#). From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from [fireworks](#), parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2023 is on Tuesday, July 4.

History Channel

# Kid's Corner

I have asked Becca, my granddaughter, to come up with a short article each month covering something from a “kid’s perspective”. We’ll see how this goes!

## **It’s Summertime!**

### **Here are some inexpensive things to do with your grandkids or even kids!**

There are many inexpensive activities for grandparents to do with their grandkids in San Diego. Balboa Park is a great place to start as it has 17 museums, gardens, and the world's largest outdoor pipe organ. Some of the kid's favorite museums include the Fleet Science Center, San Diego Natural History Museum, and the San Diego Air & Space Museum. Another great activity is visiting the San Diego Zoo, which is wheelchair and stroller-friendly and has over 4,000 animals and 800 species.

For those looking for free activities, Seaport Village is a great place to window shop, wander along the bay, listen to live music, and watch the kites fly. There are also many hiking trails in San Diego that are great for families, including Cowles Mountain, Iron Mountain, and Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve.

*summertime!*



# Care and Prayer List

## **Alpine Community Church Care & Prayer List**

*Please call or send a greeting card to someone on the list, your thoughtfulness will be appreciated. Names will be removed when it is unknown if the need for prayer still exists. If you have family or friends in need of prayer,*

Aunty Barbara, Angie & Rachel

Willa Athey

Martin Barnett

Bill Barney

Mario Cosio III

Janette DeMeester

George & Judy Doble

Daryl Felipe

Bree Fleming

Family of Rich Freeman

Sarah Harrison

Ruby Hayworth

Des Hoskin

J. J. Jacoby

John Martin

Lynda Martin & Family

Judy Nichols

Jordan O'Neal

Gaylord & MariannePaulson

Rachel Swanson

Brenda Thomas

Alice Turner

Phyllis Yount

Military

Police Officers

Firefighters

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## JULY BIRTHDAY WISHES:

CLARK, Brenda	07/05
FREEMAN, Vicki	07/05
SOPFE, Ray	07/05
WILDS, Joyce	07/07
MYERS, Judy	07/13
HABERLE, Marina	07/17
CALDWELL, Doreen	07/22

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

HAMES, Dan & Debbie	07/09
ATHEY, Willa	07/13
IONESCU, Daniel & Lesley	07/23
CARPENTER, Ginny	07/24

## Church Office Hours

We can be reached by telephone at (619) 445-2110, or by e-mail at [acc1894@acc.sdcoxmail.com](mailto:acc1894@acc.sdcoxmail.com). Office hours are Monday – Friday from 9am until noon. Even if we are not here in the office after noon, you can slip envelopes, messages & requests through the mail slot in the office's front door. *Thank You, Denise*

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# July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month: Tom Truscott as Greeter to resume in September						<b>1</b>  7:00 PM AA Meeting
<b>2</b> 9:00a ACC Worship  ACSL 11-1 (Fuller Hall)	<b>3</b>  B.S. TROOP 105	<b>4</b>  CHOIR 7-8:30p	<b>5</b>  5:30p – AA Fuller Hall	<b>6</b>  ACSL Book Study 10:30-11:30 FH	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  GUILD 9:30AM  7:00 PM AA
<b>9</b>  9:00aACC Worship  <b>10:30a DEACON's</b>  ACSL 11-1 (Fuller Hall)	<b>10</b>  B.S. TROOP 105  <b>6:30p TRUSTEES</b>	<b>11</b>  CHOIR 7-8:30p	<b>12</b>  5:30p – AA Fuller Hall	<b>13</b>  ACSL Book Study 10:30-11:30 FH	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Rich Freeman memorial service 2pm Chula Vista  7:00 PM AA
<b>16</b> 9:00a ACC Worship  ACSL 11-1 (FH)  <b>ACSL CONCERT</b>	<b>17</b>  B.S. TROOP 105	<b>18</b>  CHOIR 7-8:30p	<b>19</b>  5:30p – AA Fuller Hall	<b>20</b>  ACSL Book Study 10:30-11:30 FH	<b>21</b>  LifeLine Screening event all day in Fuller Hall	<b>22</b>  7:00 PM AA
<b>23</b>  9:00 AM ACC Worship  <b>10:30AM CABINET</b>  ACSL 11-1 (FH)	<b>24</b>  B.S. TROOP 105	<b>25</b>  Choir 7-8:30	<b>26</b>  5:30p – AA Fuller Hall	<b>27</b>  ACSL Book Study 10:30-11:30 FH  ACSL Movie Nite	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  7:00 PM AA
<b>30</b>  9:00 AM ACC Worship  ACSL 11-1 (FH)	<b>31</b>  B.S. TROOP 105					

## **Mission Statement**

*Our Mission as the Alpine Community Church is to serve God by creating an environment of fellowship following the teachings of Jesus Christ. We minister to the needs of our congregation and community, motivating ourselves with love, faith and hope.*

## **Join us for Worship**

In person in our sanctuary at 9:00 AM Sunday Mornings

Also on **Facebook** and **Youtube** (links found on [alpineucc.org](http://alpineucc.org))

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