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Women's Guild News

Our Guild program for April was given by Julie Smith from Sharp Health Care. She shared with us how prevalent Type 2 diabetes is in seniors. We heard what to look for and programs to educate us in how to take care of ourselves. Watching diet and exercising may be the most important things to consider. As Matt from Sit n Fit says “move it or lose it”. An amazing amount of support is available through almost every health and insurance system.

We had our best bake sale ever! Our Palm Sunday bake sale made \$667. which will be used to support our missions for next year. Thank you to all who baked and then bought our baked goods. We continue to have such a wonderful variety of items.

In the whole month of July we will be collecting small health items and sundries for East County Transitional Living Center. A basket will be at the front door of the Sanctuary for you to deposit your gifts.

In May Rev. Kyle will be sharing his adventures in Argentina.

All are invited. Bring friends.



Message from the Interim Designated Term Pastor



There are some things we cannot know immediately. There are lessons that only become clear to us over the course of time. Some revelations do not appear all at once, but in subtle ways that slowly accumulate. Just like some of the best meals take lots of preparation, some of the most rewarding experiences are a long time in the making.

I had a first-hand encounter with this reality just a few weeks ago. I received an email from a student who had been in one of my classes a year and a half ago. When I saw the name on the message, I was quickly transported to that semester when I last saw this student. They were such a bright and energetic presence in the classroom, and I admired their creativity and intellect. At the same time, this student and I built up a rapport and trust that enabled them to share with me some of the real and present struggles they were facing. It is remarkable what we can learn about those around us when we take the time to listen to their stories and testimonies. And through this student, I came to understand something about all the obstacles they had to overcome just to make it to my class each session.

I did my best to be supportive and help them to thrive both in and out of the classroom. For me, that felt like my duty as an educator – to care for the student *and* for the person they are. But I never expected that student to reach out to me over a year later and share just how my presence and engagement impacted them. I was surprised to read that message and gratified to know that in some small way, I helped to lighten their load.

As that student graduates and enters the broader world, I find myself reflecting on the truth of Galatians 6:7 – whatever we sow, we will certainly reap. In other words, there are always consequences to our actions. Those consequences don't always appear immediately, but they emerge eventually. I didn't recognize until I received that email that I had been sowing seeds that would eventually bring a harvest. The harvest was one of gratitude, of seeing the fruits of my labor, and knowing it made a difference to at least one person.

What are we sowing today that may surprise us in the days to come? What has felt like a struggle for us that may someday reveal itself to be a blessing? I encourage you to trust that some of our best blessings, insights, wisdom, and rewards are on their way. With patience, we will see them bloom and blossom. May God bless our quiet, modest efforts with visible and bountiful fruit.

Message from the Moderator....



It is often that I stop by the church and find a Trustee working on something....almost every time. I am not sure how many in our church family are aware of the time this group of people spend at church. You may think that they are primarily working on the budget, which, yes, they do. But they also spend time fixing little things around the church grounds. With our aging facility, something OFTEN goes awry. But the Deacons usually figure out a way to fix it themselves. Did you notice the fresh rocks that have been placed around the grounds at the front of the church? Yep, it was the Trustees – all of them came to work on that. I have been by a couple of days this past month and found Vern trying to get the night light working in the front of the church and also on the side of the building. He and Ray ultimately got both fixed. Another chore done.. Sprinklers break, they get fixed, Toilets flood, they get fixed. Janette is regularly at church to supervise rentals. She can be found setting up – and taking down—the chairs and tables, etc. to help those who are renting our facility.

The Trustees have been trying to find someone to do a deep cleaning of the church for the past nine months. That was not an easy task. Nobody wanted that job. Ray asked in Cabinet meetings month after month if we knew of someone reputable to do a thorough cleaning. Janette finally started calling people, and having them come in to see the facilities and interview them. Not an easy task. Three prospects never showed up to give a bid... but Jan was always there! She had made an extensive list of exactly what we wanted cleaned – and it was detailed! Finally, we got a quote that included all the tasks that Jan had enumerated. She was there when they showed up, and stayed to monitor their progress. At the end, she was not happy with what had been done, and told them they needed to come back. She personally put the tables and chairs in Fuller Hall up – and then took them down. She supervised the carpet cleaning that was done last week – and put the tables back up.

Fuller Hall is being used for a community event every Friday afternoon. Jan puts the tables away -- - and comes back later in the evening to put them out for AA meeting and for church on Sunday. This happens weekly! The company that cleaned the facility did return, but Jan was still not satisfied with the job done. We will find someone else next time. In the meantime, I hope you will all personally thank our Trustees – Ray, Vern, Jan, Ed, and Barbara. All of them spend hours of their personal time to maintain our beautiful church. I cannot thank them enough for all they do.

Say A Little Prayer For Me



My life has been a constant medical struggle. From the day I was born, I always had people worrying about me or praying for me. Life hasn't been easy having cerebral palsy with so many challenges. I was unprepared for the latest challenges over the last few years, such as the melanoma diagnosis and the recent colonoscopy, (It's true what they say, the prep is the worst part!) Now because of some discoveries during that procedure, I will have to go through it a second time! Then, there is the back surgery that I will need to

have. The challenges just keep coming! I hope to continue living the fascinating life that I live in spite of all the challenges. However, I ask my church family to keep me in your prayers. As we know, everything challenging can be made better with a little laughter.

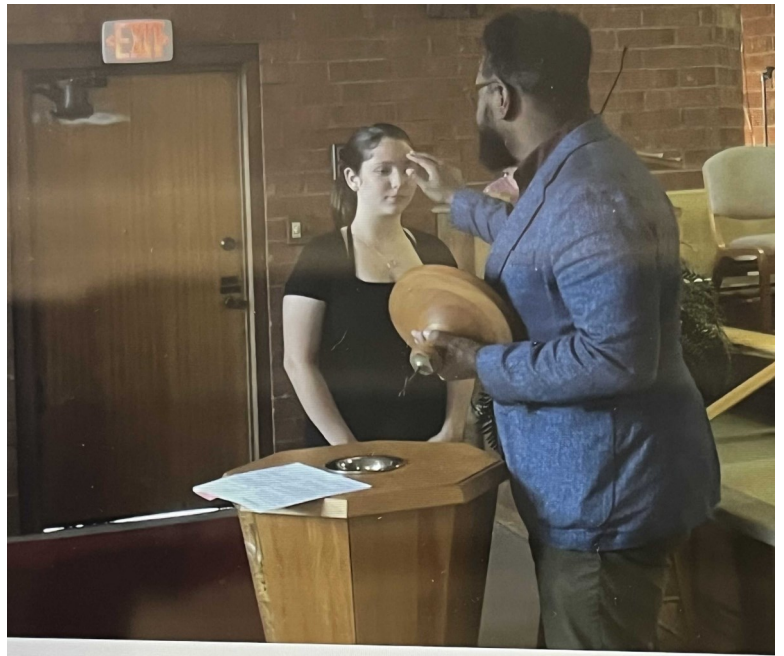
You can pray for me like in the Dion Warwick song. The moment you wake up, before you put on your makeup, please say a little prayer for me. I can just picture it. Like an ACC musical with a montage of the church waking up and singing the song all for me! Maybe even singing while they have their hands clasped in prayer looking up to the Lord. When we get to the chorus, everyone is on their way to church dancing down Alpine Boulevard singing about how I will forever be in their heart! Pam Ennis has one of the best voices, so she would take the lead, and echo on the forever and ever. We must not leave out is Pastor Kyle. He can play a part as well with his bass voice.

Seriously though, I know that you will pray even if you don't sing. I appreciate and love you all, and I will try to wrap my arms in this love and this fantasy when the road ahead gets hard to face. The fact that I am here at all must mean God believes I am here for a special reason. We can always look for the rainbow after the rain.

Palm Sunday & Easter



Baptism Of Leah





WHAT IS PENTECOST?



Pentecost (from the Greek word "Pentecoste" meaning "50th day") is the one of the most prominent feast days in the Christian calendar. It is often referred to as the **“birthday of the Church.”**

It marks the day, nearly 2,000 years ago, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, who had been living in fear for fifty days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Emboldened by the Holy Spirit, the apostles set forth to tell all people in Jerusalem of the Resurrection. As they spoke in tongues given to them by the Holy Spirit, all nationalities present could understand them in their own mother tongue.



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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,

Family of Ginny Carpenter – George (her husband) called Judy S. to let her know Ginny passed away 4/16/26.

Family of Bob Cholister – Jean B.'s brother Bob has passed away per Jean's niece who called her yesterday to let us know Bob passed away at 5:30 am on Thursday 4/16/26 (Jean Bennett)

Evelyn's family "my good neighbor friend; Her 3 sisters have cancer and under treatment, & she has a nephew who attempted suicide and in a comatose state in the hospital. They need our prayers." (per Sarah H. 3/24/26)

Tatty Fenton – home now, please pray for continued healing.. (per Tatty, 4/28/2024)

Helen Harvey –asked for prayers yesterday (she is much weaker now), prayers will be such a blessing, calls to Helen would surely help. ++ (per DH 8/5/2024)

Sandy Lusink – 11/13/25 to Grossmont Hospital, ministroke reason for numbness on one side. Still in ReHab – 11/18/25 PT now at: c/o Community Care Center, 8665 La Mesa Blvd., # 212, La Mesa, CA 91942 (per Sandy 03/12/26).

Jim & Bonnie Moffett - Bonnie needs prayers for doctor's solution in treating her painful collapsed arch and fractured ankle. Jim is recovering from yet another surgery on his eye that turned blind after cataract surgery with hopes that sight will be returned. (12/23/25)

Jim Nunnally - Jim is battling some health issues. He is in the process of obtaining a series of infusions to try to alleviate one of his ailments. Prayers are greatly appreciated. (Thanks, Cheryl W. 4/21/2026)

Sue & Tom Truscott – will stay in Westhampton NY for Sue's Dr. – thank you for continuous prayers. (4/21/2026)

Amy Worland--Please add our daughter, Amy, to your prayers. She has been successfully battling breast cancer for quite awhile, but her latest scan showed a small spot on her lung. It is too small to biopsy now and the doctors will give it a few months to see if it grows and needs to be biopsied or the hope is that is the very small spot is just a shadow. Thank you. Cheryl & Ed (3/13/2026)

Our Nation & Leaders – keep all safe from harm (SH, DH 1/26/2025)

May Peace Prevail on Earth

Birthdays and Anniversaries

MAY BIRTHDAY WISHES:

MAUZY, Stacy	05/02
TRAVERSE, Cheryl	05/05
HAMES, Debbie	05/31
PRICE, Megan	05/31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

O'NEAL, Dee Ann	05/10
POINDEXTER, Rob & Darlene	05/16
FENTON, Tatty	05/17
REUTER, Hans & Anne	05/22
FREEMAN, Vicki	05/23
KRANTZ, Marcella	05/29
CROTEAU, Esther	05/30

Church Office Hours

We can be reached by telephone at (619) 445-2110, or by e-mail at 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ACC – 9am Pastor Ben & PPC 11am & 5pm ser-	OFFICE CLOSED on Mondays B.S. TROOP 105	CHOIR 7-8:30p	1 ACC Bible Study 9:30 ACSL Book Study	2 PPC Bible Study 6-8pm	1 Feeling Fit Class 1:30-3:30	2
3 9:00a ACC Worship PPC 10:45am PPC 5:00pm	4 OFFICE Closed B.S. TROOP 105	5 CHOIR 7-8:30p	6 ACC BS 9:30 ACSL – Rm #1 10:30-noon 5:30p – AA, FH	7 PPC Bible Study 6-8pm	8 Feeling Fit Class 1:30-3:30	9 GUILD MTG 9:30am
10 9:00a ACC Worship PPC 10:45am DEACON'S Mtg PPC 5:00pm	11 OFFICE Closed TRUSTEE'S Mtg B.S. TROOP 105	12 CHOIR 7-8:30p	13 ACC Bible Study ACSL Book study 5:30p – AA F. Hall	14 PPC Bible Study 6-8pm	15 Feeling Fit Class 1:30-3:30	16 7:00 PM AA
17 9:00am ACC PPC 10:45am CABINET Mtg PPC 5PM	18 OFFICE Closed B.S. TROOP 105	19 CHOIR 7-8:30p	20 ACC BS 9:30 ACSL –Rm#1 Wed. 5:30p – AA F. Hall	21 PPC Bible Study	22 ^ Feeling Fit Class 1:30-3:30 p_	23 7:00 PM AA
24 9:00 AM ACC Worship PPC 10:45am PPC 5pm	25 OFFICE Closed B.S. TROOP 105	26 CHOIR 7-8:30p	27 ACC BS ACSL –Rm#1 Wed. 5:30p – AA Fuller Hall	28 PPC Bible Study 6-8pm	29 Feeling Fit Class 1:30-3:30	30 7:00 PM AA
31 ACC 9am PPC 10:45am PPC 5p						

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*)

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