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Welcome June

New month, new chapter,
new page and new wishes.

May this month give you
courage, strength, confidence,
Kelly's Treehouse
patience, self love and peace.

May everyday of June
fill your days with
joy, fun and laughter.

Women's Guild News

It was another great meeting in morning for the Women's Guild. On May 9, we were treated a wonderful breakfast hosted by Pam Ennis and Doreen Caldwell. We would especially like to thank Doreen for making the wonderful egg casseroles and treating us to a taste of Scotland with her breakfast sausage rolls. The hard work that the women of the Guild put into making the delicious breakfasts each month does not go unnoticed. We are grateful to Pam for her contributions as well, as this was to be her last meeting.

Our guest speaker was Pastor Kyle who gave an interesting and informative presentation regarding his recent trip teaching abroad in Argentina. We learned about some of the history of Argentina and also important figures within that history. We also learned that he found time to immerse himself in the culture. He told us about how he learned to cook some Argentine food and also found time to take a tango lesson. We would like to thank Pastor Kyle for a wonderful presentation.

After the presentation, Donna Boyer gave the devotional centered on the history of Mother's Day.

After a short meeting, Pam was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a card signed by everyone. Pam has been loved and appreciated by everyone and we wish her all the success in the future as she moves on to her new life in Texas.

Our June meeting will be a field trip to East County Transitional Living with lunch afterward. It will be on June 13 and should be loads of fun! All are welcome. Hope to see you there!



Message from the Interim Designated Term Pastor



In the month of June we experience what is known as the summer solstice. It is the day of the year when we have the longest period of daylight during the year. From that point onward, the daylight decreases until we reach the winter solstice, the shortest period of daylight. This sort of thing matters a lot when we live in a place as sunny as Southern California. People live for being outside and enjoying the sunny skies. In fact, I have had friends visit and say they can't imagine how you could live in a place like this and be unhappy.

Now, we know well enough that sunshine outside doesn't always equal sunshine in our hearts. Indeed, life doesn't get easier just because the skies are blue and the sun is beaming. Sometimes, the beauty of nature is a sharp contrast to the ugly difficulties of everyday living. A bright day outside could be a gloomy day in someone's personal life. On an otherwise beautiful and sunny morning, I cruised up the 805 highway, not realizing the police cars on the overpass above were responding to a dreadful shooting. As I headed up the highway, unaware of what was happening, three people had lost their lives at the Islamic Center of San Diego. I had friends sending messages and asking how I was feeling about such terrible events happening near me. I didn't have a quick or easy response. It all seemed so senseless and devastating.

When I feel overwhelmed by the contrast between the world around me and the feelings inside of me, I return to a piece of wisdom once shared with me. Someone gave me this advice – in life, we can either be a thermometer or a thermostat. A thermometer *measures* the temperature, but a thermostat *sets* the temperature. If we could take the spiritual temperature of the world around us, we might find it feels hot with anger and grief, or cold with bitterness and sadness. The words of Philippians 4:11 come to mind – “I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content.” To be content is to learn how to set our spiritual thermostat. It is a choice to trust in God to be our source of strength and stability. It is a decision to acknowledge that we cannot choose what happens, but we can choose how we respond. We don't ignore the state of the world around us; we adjust the state of the spirit *within* us.

Even in the brightest daylight, people are often journeying through the nighttime of despair. Let us be those who set the spiritual temperature in every room we enter. Let us bring love, hope, joy, and encouragement wherever and whenever we can. We never know when someone needs a bit of daylight in their heart, mind, and soul.

Message from the Moderator....



May gray skies are upon us... which really means that summer is right around the corner. Along with the changing season comes a difficult goodbye, as we prepare to say farewell to Pam Ennis and Becca this month.

I remember when Pam first came to church during performances by the Alpine Chorale. Over time, those visits led to her attending services more regularly. Soon she brought her granddaughters, Cassie and Becky, into the life of the church as well. Before long, Pam joined the choir and became an invaluable soprano voice among us.

Her service to the church continued to grow. She stepped into the role of church treasurer and faithfully served in that capacity for many years. Later, when we needed someone to edit *Cross Currents*, Pam once again answered the call. Time after time, she has quietly and consistently shared her gifts with this church family.

Becca has also faithfully served our congregation. After several of us — myself included — attempted and failed to film our worship services, Becca stepped in. She not only recorded the services, but also uploaded them to YouTube each week so that others could remain connected to our church community. Every Sunday, both Pam and Becca have been here, giving their time and talents in service to others.

While we will deeply miss them, we also share in their excitement as they move to their beautiful new home in El Paso. We send them with gratitude, love, and our very best wishes. Their departure reminds me that being “church” means far more than simply coming together to worship God. The “coming together” itself is sacred and important. Faith creates community, and that sense of community is one of God’s greatest gifts to us.

As the world becomes more divided, people often feel increasingly isolated from one another. Many change jobs frequently, work from home, or move from place to place without ever truly knowing their neighbors. I grew up in Los Angeles, where I played with the kids on my block and families gathered together for community Memorial Day barbecues. Today, many neighbors barely know each other.

But church is different. Church is a place where people care for one another, serve together, celebrate joys, and carry burdens side by side. It is where friendships deepen into something that feels like family. People like Pam and Becca remind us that the strength of a church is not found in its building, but in the faithful people who show up week after week to share their gifts, their kindness, and their hearts.

That is what community looks like. And that is what faith helps create

Contemplate God's World



“Tranquility is the natural state of the self, untouched by the fluctuations of the mind.”

Ramana Maharshi.

This quote is from my Inspiring Quote calendar. It reminds me of a story that my Grandmamma told me about my youth. I don't really remember the exact experience, but it was one of her favorite memories. We were somewhere in a beautiful forest, possibly Lake Tahoe, and I invited her to come sit down on a rock and “contemplate the world.” I was too young at the time to understand the invitation the

way I do now. Still, it was very deep for such a little child. I think that's why it made an impression on her.

When we contemplate the world we are contemplating the beautiful gift that God gave us. By extension, we are contemplating God Himself. As far as the meaning of the quote, when it talks about tranquility being our natural state, this relates to God because everything natural came from Him.

I've read many devotionals which say humans need to sit with God and fully appreciate Him by being in nature or sitting in silence. Our mind is constantly working and, as the quote says, fluctuating. We get caught up in the busyness of life and we worry for an unstable world. Yet, we should take the time to stop and be silent. When we tune out everything else, and focus on the Lord, we begin to see it and ourselves as He intended us to be. All the noise and the worry come from humans and we are not perfect. However, taking time to remember the stillness, or tranquility of the world as the Creator intended, helps us to come closer to Him. Imagine understanding all that at the possible age of four or five!



Operation Christmas Child has sent us an update as to where our ACC shoebox gifts packed with love and sent off with a prayer have landed. Last year, San Diego East County collected 12,786 shoe boxes! In the US there were a total of 10.9 million shoeboxes and 12.2 million shoeboxes collected worldwide!! The shoeboxes collected on the West Coast went to Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vanuatu. (And yes, I had to look it up. Vanuatu is a country made up of a group of islands in the South Pacific off the coast of Australia.) That is 12.2 million shoebox gifts to bring smiles to the suffering children of the world and 12.2 million opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with these children and their families! The children thank you!



Father's Day
Prayer

THINKING OF YOU ON FATHER'S DAY,
AND OFFERING A *prayer*
THAT GOD
WILL KEEP YOU ALWAYS,
IN THE *shelter* OF HIS CARE—
MAY HE GUIDE YOU IN YOUR DAILY WORK,
BLESS EVERYTHING YOU DO
AND GRANT YOU ALL THOSE *special* JOYS
THAT MEAN THE MOST TO YOU.

Friends "NEVER SAY" GOODBYE

As you all know, I am moving to El Paso! I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for welcoming me and my grandchildren into your wonderful church . It's hard to believe that it has been 15-16 years since I started attending. First, you watched Cassie grow up and then Becca. I feel being a part of the church was very good for both girls and helped them in ways we haven't seen yet.

I will continue to handle the Cross Currents each month, so please send me all the info you can. I will be happy to follow what is going on.

Once again thank you for welcoming us. I will miss you all!!

Much Love

Pam Ennis



Wonderful cake we had Sunday.



Beautiful flowers William gave me!

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

Family of Bob Cholister

Vicky Dontigny

Evelyn's family

Tatty Fenton

Helen Harvey

Sandy Lusink

Bonnie Moffett

Jim Moffett

Jim Nunnally

Sue & Tom Truscott

Amy Worland

Our Nation & Our Leaders

Military

Police Officers

Firefighters

May Peace Prevail on Earth

Birthdays and Anniversaries

JUNE BIRTHDAY WISHES:

HARRISON, Sarah	06/26
COSIO, Mario	06/28
O'NEAL, Gage	06/28
BENNETT, Jean	06/30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

FULLER, Louise	06/01
DENNY, Ina	06/14
STACKS, Kelly	06/15
SILVIA, Randy & Brenda	06/16
BOYER, Donna	06/26

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- vices	1 OFFICE CLOSED on Mondays B.S. TROOP 105	2 CHOIR 7-8:30p	3 ACC Bible Study 9:30 ACSL Book Study	4 PPC Bible Study 6-8pm	5 Feeling Fit Class 1:30-3:30	6 8:30-noon Fuller Hall (Sopfe) 7:00 PM AA
7 9:00a ACC Worship PPC 10:45am PPC 5:00pm	8 OFFICE Closed B.S. TROOP 105	9 CHOIR 7-8:30p	10 ACC BS 9:30 ACSL – Rm #1 10:30-noon 5:30p – AA, FH	11 PPC Bible Study 6-8pm	12 Feeling Fit Class 1:30-3:30	13 GUILD MTG 9:30am 7:00 PM AA
14 9:00a ACC Worship PPC 10:45am DEACON’S Mtg PPC 5:00pm	15 OFFICE Closed TRUSTEE’S Mtg B.S. TROOP 105	16 CHOIR 7-8:30p	17 ACC Bible Study ACSL Book study 5:30p – AA F. Hall	18 PPC Bible Study 6-8pm	19 Feeling Fit Class 1:30-3:30	20 7:00 PM AA
21 9:00am ACC PPC 10:45am CABINET Mtg PPC 5PM	22 OFFICE Closed B.S. TROOP 105	23 CHOIR 7-8:30p	24 ACC BS 9:30 ACSL –Rm#1 Wed. 5:30p – AA F. Hall	25 PPC Bible Study 6-8pm	26 ^ Feeling Fit Class 1:30-3:30 p_	27 7:00 PM AA
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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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