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Standing Against Violence **WATCH**

On Saturday evening, someone fired a gun at a political rally, and a bullet hit a well-known politician and several rally participants. The gunman killed one person and injured two others. The first question that came to my mind was: Will these events finally prompt some action against gun violence? The second question is deeper: What would Jesus call us to do in the face of so many forms of violence in our world today?

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). Our calling is to be peacemakers in a violent world, and there is violence all around us. Some of it is big, like people shooting other people, including in our own neighborhoods. Other violence is small or distant, like the cumulation of all of the actions we (humanity) take to attack God’s wonderful world.

When we extend Jesus’ calling beyond explicit violence between people, we can see the great need for Christ in the world. One person’s violent act is easy to identify and isolate. We can respond by saying, “This needs to stop,” or we can intercede and try to stop the violence. However, when we look around and see all of the forms of violence, we have work to do.

In Parker Palmer’s 2018 book *On the Brink of Everything*, he writes, “Violence is what happens when we don’t know what else to do with our suffering.” There’s a lot of pain in the world, and

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, July 21, 2024

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Restoration and Then What?

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Anthem:

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Shirley Clark

Ushers: Jackie Lockwood, Mary Jo Hendricks

College Dinner: Will resume in August

Volunteers Needed



Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday! Click [this link](#) to add your name and join us any time between 10:30 and 11:30 to help set up and/or between 11:30 and 1:30 on the front

steps to serve the ice cream. This is a very popular outreach ministry of the church.

we first need to address the pain people feel. We can look around, and where we see suffering, speak out. Our actions might include kind or comforting words, or we can speak out against institutional or systemic suffering. Then, when under the banner of Christ, we address suffering, speaking out against violence becomes the logical next step.

Our world needs peacemakers now more than ever. If there is one part of the Sermon on the Mount for us to make our banner for this season, this is it: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." How can God use you as a peacemaker today?

Peace,
Matt



RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP

Reception for our new Interim Associate Minister, Rev. Elizabeth Dowdy

Join us this Sunday, July 21, immediately following our 11:00 worship service for a reception in the Fellowship Hall to welcome our new Interim Associate Minister, Rev. Elizabeth Dowdy. If you are able to help by bringing some food for the reception, please [click here](#) and sign up for one of the slots.



Second quarter giving statements are coming out this week. If you do not receive yours (either through email or print), or you have questions, please let [Amanda](#) know.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, July 17

8:30 Work Team Breakfast @The Villa
10:00 Work Team

SATURDAY, July 20

11:00 Children's Pool Party

SUNDAY, July 21

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 Reception

MONDAY, July 22

12:30 Missions Council Meeting

TUESDAY, July 23

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

For our most up-to-date calendar, [click here](#).

Deacon Election

Our Deacon election is completed. We will announce shortly who was chosen to serve as the 5 new Deacons for 2024-2027.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Join us in wishing some of our church family a Happy Birthday next week!

July 25: Leslee Parsons

July 29: Aimee Marshall, Bobby Gough

July 30: Lily Pallini - 90 years young,
Clara Pinkham

July 31: Ponyo Mulcahy



UBC Summer Pool Party for Kids!

When: Saturday, July 20,
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Washington Park Pool

The Children's Ministry Team is organizing a summer pool party for our UBC families with children. Please join us for a morning of pool fun, splash pads, pizza, and cake! RSVP to Elizabeth Mulcahy at qx3kbenzene@gmail.com or at 510-368-8410 (text preferred), so we can get a headcount for food orders.

Come out and meet our new Interim Associate Minister, Rev. Elizabeth Dowdy!



UBC Softball Team

Our UBC softball team had a great season with a lot of good fun and fellowship. They finished in second place, so when you see a member of the team, make sure to congratulate them and thank them for representing UBC!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROJECT

Did You Walk Six Miles Uphill in the Snow to School?

Some of you will remember the days when gathering school supplies meant stopping by the neighborhood drug store and asking for an empty cigar box to use as a pencil box. Now the economy is different. Teachers are underpaid and many are spending their own money to buy needed classroom supplies. School budgets are stretched to the max. School supplies, that previously had been provided by the school system, are no longer in the budget. This coming school year 85% of Woodbrook Elementary School's 550 students will qualify for the free or reduced-price lunch program. Most families simply cannot afford to spend \$50 per child on basic school supplies to begin the school year. Through the month of July, the money you donate to the Woodbrook School Supplies Project will allow the WMU (Woman's Missionary Union) to purchase school supplies that are requested by the school's Family Support Workers. They will then give the needed supplies to economically disadvantaged children. Please make your checks or online donations payable to UBC and earmark "school supplies."



We will not be having Jazz Vespers in July and August. We will revisit this service in the Fall.

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Johnny & Gail Ellen

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Sylvie Moore

Barbara Newlon

Kaylee Risell

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Raynell Stokes

Bob & Joyce Tennant

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

*In order to respect privacy, limited information is included here.



We will not have dinner or a program this Wednesday. We will return on Wednesday, July 24 for dinner and a Family Missions Night.

Click [here](#) to RSVP.

This will be followed by Family Choir Rehearsal from 7:00 - 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to participate.

Join us as we celebrate summer together as a Church Family.



Sunday Mornings

Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service begins at 11:00 am. We encourage everyone in the congregation to join us in whatever way you feel safe and comfortable at this time, whether in person or virtually. As always, you can listen by radio on WINA (1070 AM and 98.9 FM), or you can join us online for our live broadcast. To view the live video broadcast, visit our [Facebook page](#) or click [this link](#) to watch on YouTube.

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