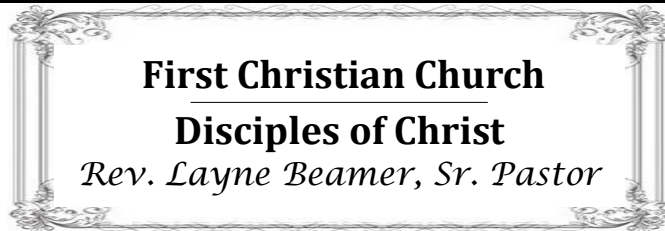


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**Disciples of Christ**

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**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

*"For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."* **2 Peter 1:21**

**Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival**

Disciples are speaking up on issues that matter to them. Disciples pastor Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II is expanding his Moral Mondays in South Carolina to a call for a new iteration of the Poor People's Campaign, originally conceived by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 50 years ago. The 2017 General Assembly pledged support with a resolution (GA 1740).

"We need moral revival in this nation...It isn't necessarily a spiritual or religious revival, but we need to have a revolution of values. We've got to get free from the language of left vs right. It's too puny to challenge the forces we face. That argument where we hear politicians talking about the middle class and about the military but not the poor, is so immoral...We aim to shift the distorted moral narrative often promoted by religious extremists in the nation from issues like prayer in school, abortion, and gun rights to one that is concerned with how our society treats the poor, those on the margins...the least of these, LGBTQIA folks, workers, immigrants, the disabled and the sick; equality and representation under the law; and the desire for peace, love and harmony within and among nations." Rev. Dr. William Barber

**FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES**

1. We are rooted in a moral analysis based on our deepest religious and constitutional values that demand justice for all. Moral revival is necessary to save the heart and soul of our democracy.
2. We are committed to lifting up and deepening the leadership of those most affected by systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, and ecological devastation and to building unity across lines of division.
3. We believe in the dismantling of unjust criminalization systems that exploit poor communities and communities of color and the transformation of the "War Economy" into a "Peace Economy" that values all humanity.
4. We believe that equal protection under the law is non-negotiable.
5. We believe that people should not live in or die from poverty in the richest nation ever to exist. Blaming the poor and claiming that the United States does not have an abundance of resources to overcome poverty are false narratives used to perpetuate economic exploitation, exclusion, and deep inequality.
6. We recognize the centrality of systemic racism in maintaining economic oppression must be named, detailed and exposed empirically, morally and spiritually. Poverty and economic inequality cannot be understood apart from a society built on white supremacy.
7. We aim to shift the distorted moral narrative often promoted by religious extremists in the nation from issues like prayer in school, abortion, and gun rights to one that is concerned with how our society treats the poor, those on the margins, the least of these, women, LGBTQIA folks, workers, immigrants, the disabled and the sick; equality and representation under the law; and the desire for peace, love and harmony within and among nations.

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8. We will build up the power of people and state-based movements to serve as a vehicle for a powerful moral movement in the country and to transform the political, economic and moral structures of our society.
9. We recognize the need to organize at the state and local level—many of the most regressive policies are being passed at the state level, and these policies will have long and lasting effect, past even executive orders. The movement is not from above but below.
10. We will do our work in a non-partisan way—no elected officials or candidates get the stage or serve on the State Organizing Committee of the Campaign. This is not about left and right, Democrat or Republican but about right and wrong.
11. We uphold the need to do a season of sustained moral direct action as a way to break through the tweets and shift the moral narrative. We are demonstrating the power of people coming together across issues and geography and putting our bodies on the line to the issues that are affecting us all.
12. The Campaign and all its Participants and Endorsers embrace nonviolence. Violent tactics or actions will not be tolerated.

Pastor Eddie Anderson from McCarty Memorial Christian Church is becoming a recognized leader and speaker on behalf of this campaign, and McCarty Memorial has hosted several Los Angeles-area gatherings and trainings in recent months.

Approximately 30 state committees are organizing in the areas that have the most severe issues for the poor. They are beginning training in April for the 40 Days of Moral Action campaign, to begin the Monday after Mother's Day and continue every Monday (except Memorial Day) through late June. Actions will be at state capitals and in Washington D.C., to advocate for poverty-alleviating policies at both the state and federal level. To get on the mailing list go to the Poor People's Campaign website and sign up. You can also follow the campaign on their Facebook page.

If anyone is interested in participating in one of the Sacramento Actions on a Monday in May or June, please let me know. I am not sure how many or which I will participate in, but plan to join at least one.

Peace,  
Layne

## Church and Family...

### 2018-2019 SLATE OF OFFICERS & REPRESENTATIVES

All voting members are encouraged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting, May 20, 2018

#### 2018-2019 BOARD

#### SLATE OF OFFICERS & REPRESENTATIVES

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**Christian Education:** Vacant

#### 2018-2019 SLATE OF ELDERS

**Elders Leader:** Jenifer MacLowry

**On the Election Ballot:** (alphabetically)

John Phalen  
Gerhard Schaefer  
Judy Stockman

**Members:** (alphabetically)

Randell Kina  
Ted Knoll  
Araceli R. Vargas

#### 2018-2019 SLATE OF DEACONS

**Deacons Leader:** Michael Mackey

**On the Election Ballot:** (alphabetically)

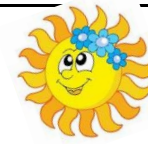
Marcus Blake  
Jesse Covarrubias,  
Wayne Ivey  
George McGarry,  
Neala Mackey  
Helga Schaefer

**Members:** (alphabetically)

Nicole Beynon  
Erica Blake  
Gil Blake  
Joe Papaian  
Celeste Smith



| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Monday                                                                                                                            | Tuesday                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                       | Thursday                                                                                                                                                            | Friday                                                                                | Saturday                                                                                                |
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| <b>Happy Birthday in May</b><br><br>1-Shayne Beamer<br>11-Joyce McGarry<br>12-Jacque Knupp<br>17-Nikki Knupp<br>31-Michelle Ivey                                                                                                                                                       |                                                  | <b>1</b><br><br>5:30pm Life Ministries<br><b>6:00pm Personnel Mtg</b><br><b>7:00pm Board Mtg</b><br>7:30 pm Spanish AA | <b>2</b> <br>1:00pm Red Hats Lunch<br><i>El Cholos-La Habra</i><br><br>6:30pm Twin Hearts<br>7:00pm Women's NA | <b>3</b><br><br>6:00pm CEA<br><i>Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm-8pm</i><br>7:30 pm Spanish AA                                                                               | <b>4</b><br>9a-12pm CAPC Cookg<br><br>4:30p Just Love Coalition<br>7:30 pm Spanish AA | <b>5</b><br>9am-2pm AMB Academy of Music for the Blind<br>4pm-8pm Life Ministries<br>7:30 pm Spanish AA |
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| <b>13</b><br><i>Mother's Day</i><br>8:50am Elders Mtg<br>9:30am Sunday School & Adventurers<br>10:45am Worship Service<br>12pm-6 pm Free Store open<br>6:00 pm CEA HOW                                                                                                                 | <b>14</b><br>9am CAPC -Art<br>6:30pm Anger Management<br>6:00pm Non-Violent Communications<br>7:30 pm Spanish AA                  | <b>15</b><br><br>5:30pm Life Ministries<br>7:30 pm Spanish AA                                                          | <b>16</b><br><br>6:30pm Twin Hearts<br>7:00pm Women's NA                                                                                                                                        | <b>17</b><br><i>10am Lord's House Keepers</i><br>Dream Class next Thursday<br>4pm Whole PI<br>6:00pm CEA<br><i>Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm-8pm</i><br>7:30 pm Spanish AA | <b>18</b><br>9a-12pm CAPC Cookg<br><br>7:30 pm Spanish AA                             | <b>19</b><br>9am-2pm AMB<br>10am Whole Place work day<br>4pm-8pm Life Ministries<br>7:30 pm Spanish AA  |
| <b>20</b><br>9:30am Sunday School & Adventurers<br>10:45am Worship Service<br><b>Annual Meeting after service</b> <br>12:15pm Blood Pressure Screen<br>12pm-6 pm Free Store open<br>6:00 pm CEA HOW | <b>21</b><br>9am CAPC -Art<br>6:30pm Anger Management<br>7:30 pm Spanish AA                                                       | <b>22</b><br><br>5:30pm Life Ministries<br>7:30 pm Spanish AA                                                          | <b>23</b><br><br>5:30pm Consortium Mtg<br>6pm Girl Scouts<br>6:30pm Twin Hearts<br>7:00pm Women's NA                                                                                            | <b>24</b><br>2Pm Dream Interpretation<br>6:00pm CEA<br><i>Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm-8pm</i><br>7:30 pm Spanish AA                                                      | <b>25</b><br>9a-12pm CAPC Cookg<br><br>7:30 pm Spanish AA                             | <b>26</b><br>9am-2pm AMB<br>4pm-8pm Life Ministries<br>7:30 pm Spanish AA                               |
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| <p><b>Happy Birthday in June to the following...</b></p> <div> <div>2-Marian Elliott</div> <div>2-Karol Head</div> <div>9-Lauralee Ihler</div> <div>10-Jois Hofmann</div> <div>12-Yuki Kina-Vargas</div> </div> <div> <div>14-John Phalen</div> <div>16-Clay Johnson</div> <div>26-Katelyn Johnson</div> <div>28-Hugh Hofmann</div> <div>30-Tami Melendrez</div> </div> |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                 |
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## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

### **May 6, 2018**

Sermon—“The Spirit Is Truth”  
—Pastor Layne Beamer  
Scripture—1 John 5:1-6  
Worship Leader—Jenifer MacLowry  
(C) Araceli Vargas (O) Randell Kina  
(H) Jenifer MacLowry

### **May 13, 2018**

Sermon—“Calling God a Liar”  
—Pastor Layne Beamer  
Scripture—1 John 5:9-13  
Worship Leader—Alison Johnson  
(C) Jenifer MacLowry (O) Louis Head  
(H) Ted Knoll

### **May 20, 2018**

Sermon—“A Miracle of Hearing”  
—Pastor Layne Beamer  
Scripture—Acts 2:1-21  
Worship Leader—Ted Knoll  
(C) Louis Head (O) Donna Knupp Smith  
(H) Randell Kina

### **May 27, 2018** Memorial Weekend

Sermon—“Send Me”  
—Pastor Layne Beamer  
Scripture—Isaiah 6:1-8  
Worship Leader—Debby Galindo  
(C) Alison Johnson (O) Ted Knoll  
(H) Louis Head



Deacons in May 2018:

Prepare—Michael Mackey

Serve—Marcus Blake, Neala Mackey,  
Joe Papaian

Substitutes—Nicole Beynon, Erica Blake,  
Celeste Smith

Clean up—Gil Blake



If you know of anyone in our church,  
in your family, or in our community  
that needs prayer. Please contact the  
church office.

There is power in prayer!

### **PRAYER CALENDAR**

In this issue of The Messenger we ask that you  
lift up in prayer a sister congregation and the pas-  
tor.

#### **May 6, 2018**

First Christian Church, Ventura  
4839 Market Street  
Ventura, CA 93036

#### **May 13, 2018**

University Christian Church  
3900 Cleveland Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92103  
Director, Caleb Lines

#### **May 20, 2018**

Primera Iglesia Cristiana de Vista  
305 W. California Avenue  
Vista, CA 92083-3619  
Director, Isay Alvarez

#### **May 27, 2018**

First Christian Church, Ontario  
110 N. Vine Avenue  
Ontario, CA 91762  
Director, Frank Hamilton

### ***Remember our Homebound:***

*Marion Hodges*, Park Regency Heights,  
The Wellington, Rm 254, 1750 W. La Habra  
Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631.

*Margaret Wilkison*, Amber Hill, 12729 Amber  
Hill Ave., Corona, CA 92880, (909) 923-2110.

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### Our Mission Statement

As Disciples of Christ of First Christian Church of Whittier, California,  
we are committed to sharing the teachings of Jesus Christ with our neighbors everywhere through  
acts of love and caring. Our calling is to learn, grow, teach, and serve in a constantly changing world.

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