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THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
OF PACIFIC GROVE

*A Spiritual Sanctuary
for the Thinking Christian*

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Sunday Schedule

Worship Service 11:00 AM
Fellowship after Worship

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*In essentials, unity.
In non-essentials, liberty.
In all things, charity.*

Annual Talents Auction – February 7 - 12

We've already collected some great items for this year's Talents Auction, including Pancakes of the Month, homemade Cheesecake and cookies, computer services, two dozen deviled eggs, an antique Japanese school wall clock, some nice art, a week at a timeshare condo, and a photography session. The Talents Auction benefits the Christian Church of Pacific Grove's General Fund.

There's still time to add items to be auctioned – before February 6 just log on to <https://ccpg.betterworld.org/donate-an-item>

You can start bidding on items starting Sunday, February 7. Auction will close on February 12. The auction items can be found at <https://ccpg.betterworld.org> beginning on February 7.

We are using a service called *Better World* who runs the auction similar to a silent auction. We've never done this before, so please be understanding as we learn how to do this together. *Better World* does not charge the church directly for this service, but when you bid on an item (or make a donation to the church) you will be given an option to cover the fee for processing your credit card (around \$3) and an option to make a small donation to *Better World*.

Feel free to send the link <https://ccpg.betterworld.org> to friends and family who might like to participate in this year's Talents Auction.

Notes From the Lion's Den



Lent

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." --- Matthew 1:9-15

We are once again about to enter the season of the purple – a time when the sanctuary is “dressed” with purple décor and we have the tradition of wearing something purple to worship each Sunday. Purple was most likely chosen as the color of the season for two reasons. Firstly, because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the color associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

You and I won't be seeing one another in the sanctuary this Lent. And, since most of you are worshipping on Sunday mornings viewing from your homes, maybe a good way to help you with your observation of Lent is to intentionally, in a familiar place, decorate your home with something purple. Hopefully, it will remind you of this liturgical season and also remind you of the spiritual disciplines you have chosen to “put on” for Lent. I hope one thing you may consider this Lent is to show up for our Zoom coffee hour each Sunday at Noon. We would love to “see” you.

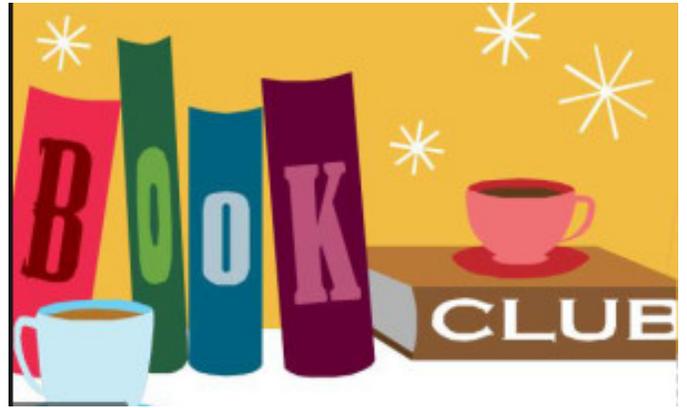
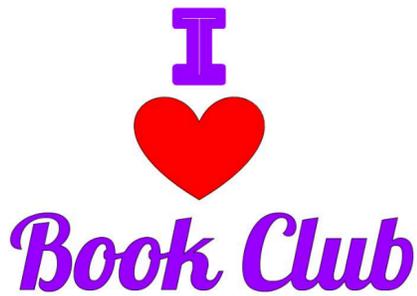
As has been our tradition, our Sunday worship services will include all of the lectionary readings. John and Heidi are working on providing special music for the season. And I will remember to wear something purple each week.

Cynthia is making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday – February 16. We will offer a drive-thru pancake pick up – stacks of 5 pancakes each. Just send me an email message at pgchurch@pacificgrovechurch.org and let us know how many stacks you plan to pick up. Pick up time is from 10:30-noon. If you cannot make it during that time, they will be kept in the church refrigerator with your name on it. Donations will be accepted that will benefit our shawl ministry (they need more yarn!)

Ash Wednesday is February 17. If you would like some ashes, again, send me an email at pgchurch@pacificgrovechurch.org and we will send you a Q-tip dipped in palm ash and a brief liturgy to say at home.

Blessings to you this Lent. Prayers that as the days lengthen, our spirituality deepens. Wishing you peace in your household and daily reminders of the good news – “here is your God”!

You are deeply valued,
Pastor Dan



Dear Friends,

The book club will meet via Zoom on **Saturday, February 27, at 11:00 a.m.** Scott Billets will facilitate a discussion on the book of **Mark**.

Please let me know if you would like to facilitate a discussion on a book of the Bible, and I'll create a reading schedule for 2021.

I'll send you the Zoom link a few days before the meeting. We look forward to seeing you! Let us know if you would like to be added to the group.



February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Elder's Meeting	5	6 Craig Bigelow & Nancy Bingaman Birthdays
7 Noon Coffee Hour on Zoom	8	9	10	11 Heidi Toy Birthday	12	13
14 Noon Coffee Hour on Zoom-Farewell to Reuben & Magali	15	16 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Pick up Finance & Exec Board Meeting	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20 Brenda Taylor Birthday
21 First Sunday in Lent Noon Coffee Hour on Zoom	22 Pam Brydon Birthday	23 Tom Streeter Birthday	24	25 Kathleen Kennedy & Michael Conley Anniversary	26	27
28 Second Sunday in Lent Noon Coffee Hour on Zoom James Langford & Bryleigh Sala Birthday						

Aquamarine Chalice
4th Quarter Report 2020
Submitted by Kimberly Brown



It was difficult for me to write a 4th quarter report for our Aquamarine Chalice certification program as we have not been able to gather to discuss environmental issues related to our church. But then something unexpected happened.

In November Pastor Dan received a call from Amanda Robinson of Creation Justice Ministries. She informed him that a grant has been awarded to **Creation Justice Ministries, in partnership with Blue Theology** to create outposts which will expand Blue Theology **programs** to other churches **across the United States.**

Pastor Dan invited Robinson to be our guest speaker on Friday, November 20th for our Discussion Zoom get togethers. She explained to us that the grant is for three (3) years in which we would train faith leaders, clergy and/or active church members **how** to develop **their** Blue Theology program **alongside our own. We would serve as consultants to these outpost locations.**

As of this writing there are three possible outposts: Cape Cod, Mass, Newport Beach, CA, and Galveston, TX. Pastor Dan has been engaged in conversations with potential churches.

On behalf of Aquamarine Chalice and Blue Theology I offer our thanks and appreciation for the partnerships with Creation Justice Ministries and Disciples Home Missions. Thanks be to God!

Moderator's Message At the Beginning of a New Year

Dear Church Family,

I am honored to be selected as your CCPG Board Moderator for 2021.

May we first take a moment to thank Lori Robinson for her exemplary service for the last 3 years? Not only did Lori serve the Board faithfully and compassionately for those three years, but she helped anchor us and served with a spirit of calmness in the transition from live church to e-church during these many months of sheltering in place. Thank you, Lori. I am grateful for your example.



Next, I want to thank each and every member, the many friends, the leadership, and the Pastor of this congregation! As Disciples and Ministers of the Church, you have **all** stepped courageously, faithfully, and responsibly onto this new path. I am so inspired and grateful! While our doors are not yet open for in-person gatherings, our hearts have remained steadfastly connected and our arms have held each other up and together in so many ways. From the e-Church services and Zoom Fellowship Hours to the socially distanced observance of St. Francis' Blessing of the Animals and our curbside Fellowship BBQ Meal, we have continued not just to do, but to BE CHURCH. And from the PPP Grant to the generous donations and matching campaign at the end of the calendar year, we made up for funding lost from Good Old Days, Blue Theology visitors, and our annual Rummage and Craft Sale. We even celebrated the Advent Season in all it's wonder, enjoyed choir members singing, and shared a beautifully choreographed Christmas Eve Service! Our ongoing emails for prayers of all kinds, our communion service each week, Dan's sermons, our guest readers, and guest speakers at Fellowship have made these weeks some of the most worshipful of all my years as a member of the Christian Church of Pacific Grove. THANK YOU!

Finally, we are moving into a new year, 2021. It is only January and there have already been upsets and setbacks, but I am not deterred. I am absolutely celebrating our future as a Church! While ambiguity and uncertainty (two of my least favorite things) are still with us, I have great HOPE. All things are possible with God and God uses all things to work for good. We are a small **and** a MIGHTY group of believers! With God's help we will continue to be the anchors for each other and a beacon for our wider community throughout this next year regardless of any storms the world may encounter. And our Welcome Back To Church event, when it is safe to host, will truly be a "happening." We will mark the occasion like the feast for the return of the prodigal. :) Stay tuned for further plans and developments.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Board Moderator this year. I will contact each member over the next several weeks to ask how the Church has served you best this past year and how we might hope to meet your needs this coming year. But please feel free to contact me at your convenience, too! No need to wait for me to initiate the call. I look forward to speaking with each of you.
God bless you and keep you. Please continue to be as safe and responsible as you all have already been.

Yours in Faithful Service,
Pinkie Weesner

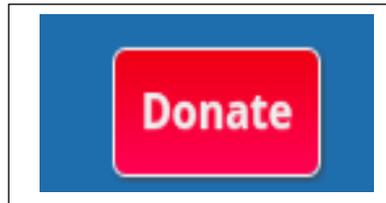
"I **have been driven** many times upon **my knees** by the overwhelming conviction that I **had** nowhere else to go. **My** own wisdom and that of all about **me** seemed insufficient for that day."

~ Abraham Lincoln

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