

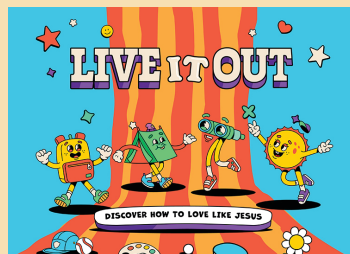


July 2025

CONNECTION

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FIRST KIDS



In July, First Kids continue to **Live It Out** and discover how to Love Like Jesus. We want to encourage kids to actively live out their faith through their words and interactions with others. With the help of God's Spirit, we can pray, forgive, care, and even teach one another. Our memory verse is Romans 15:5.

Save-the-Date:
First Kids Campout
at Spring Lake
August 1-3

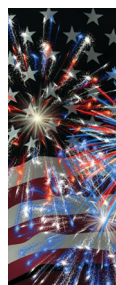


CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, July 10
6:00 PM via Zoom

Caregivers exchange
practical information.

Info: contact Colleen Soldate
at (707) 328-5465 or
Colleen@fpcsanatarosa.org



July Sermon Schedule

July 6: Communion; Empowered: Introducing the Unknown God, Acts 17:22-34, Aeryn Seto Johnson

July 13: Rescued from the Wreck, Acts 27:33-44, Aeryn Seto Johnson

July 20: Mike Wilcox

July 27: *New Sermon Series:* God in the Grind: And God Created... Work?, Genesis 1:2-31, Genesis 2:1-8, 15, Aeryn Seto Johnson

Sunday Sermons Available as Podcasts

Weekly sermons are now available as a podcast so you can listen anytime, anywhere. Share them with friends and family who could use some encouragement. Click the links in our weekly email broadcast for access.



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New Sermon Series: **God in the Grind: Work and Worship**

This month, we'll wrap up our six-week journey through the book of Acts and begin a new series called "God in the Grind: Work and Worship." From Genesis to Revelation, we'll be seeking what the Bible has to say about the many ways we engage in work: whether that's paid work, volunteer work, caregiving work, or creative work. My hope is that these messages invite us all into reflection and renewal as we explore how to live out our faith beyond the sanctuary walls.

~Pastor Aeryn



New Members Class – **Belonging**

Sunday, July 13, Noon - 2:00 PM,
Room 113

Hosts: Aeryn Seto Johnson
and Allie Shoulders

Learn about the governance and beliefs of the Presbyterian Church, become better acquainted our congregation, and if you desire, join our church. Membership is never required to participate in worship, classes, and other events. Membership does however allow you to vote in church meetings and hold office in Session and Deacons. Our time together will not just be a lecture, but also an opportunity to get to know others and ask questions. Sign up at the Connect Center.



Youth Ministries

GRANITE - Middle School

Fairfield Trip to Jelly Belly & Scandia Fun Center

July 9, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Cost of the trip is \$30. Bring extra money for lunch. Sign up by July 6.

Sunsplash Water Park

July 23, 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Cost of the trip is \$35. Bring extra money for lunch and dinner. Only one-piece suits allowed. Sign up by July 9.

Not Meeting: July 2 & 16

DECADE - High School

Drive-In Movie in Concord

July 6, 6:00 PM - Midnight

Cost is \$8. Bring a chair, snacks, and blanket.

Go Roller Coaster Crazy at Magic Mountain

July 27-29, leave 12:30 PM from church, return ~6 PM

Cost is \$90. Sign-ups due NO LATER THAN July 20 in the Black Box. All participants need to BRING MONEY for 8 road meals plus 3 days of clothes, sleeping bag/pillow and toiletries.

Not Meeting: July 13

CONNECTING THROUGH NATURE



Armstrong Grove

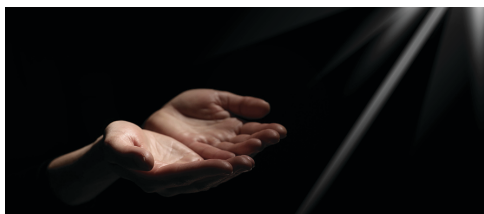
17000 Armstrong Woods Road
Guerneville, CA 95446

Saturday, July 26

Carpool from church: 9:30 AM
(by reservation plus \$5 for gas)
Meet at the site: 10:30 AM

We will offer a gentle, shady hike on the floor or a more strenuous option. We hope you will join us as we experience this beloved location together.

For details, contact Allie Shoulders,
allie@fpcsantarosa.org,
(707) 890-8010 or Bruce Purcell.



The Least of These

Monday, July 28, 7:00 PM, Room 110

Scripture reminds us that the world's ills and human suffering are not new. God's commands to care for the marginalized are not limited to time, place and people group. What are we, as Christians, called to do?

Join us as we try to answer this question through scripture, sharing stories and praying.
Hosts: Laurie Hartmann, Bev Swift and Allie Shoulders



A Note from Pastor Aeryn

These first few weeks as your new pastor have been full of joy, discovery, and deep gratitude. From meetings with staff and leaders to heartfelt conversations with many of you, I've already begun to see how vibrant and faithful this community is. One of the highlights has been the "Coffee with Pastor Aeryn" gatherings. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share your stories, hopes, and laughter. These moments of connection are a gift as I get to know the heart of this church.

I'm so glad to be on this journey with you. The Spirit of God is doing something beautiful here — and I'm honored to be part of it.

Save-the-Date:

Sunday, August 24, 3:00 pm

**Ordination Service for
Aeryn Seto Johnson**

Adult Ed: A Church on the Edge of Existence

Sundays, 10:30 AM, Room 113

Join us as we dive deeper into 1 Thessalonians with Tim Stafford.



F.I.S.H. Donations

Please bring Macaroni & Cheese and Tuna to help the food insecure in our community. Drop off in the Narthex.

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LOVE like Jesus

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