



THE BELL

Call To
Annual Meeting



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UPCOMING WORSHIP

May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
"The Cost and Joy of Discipleship" Acts 7:55-60	"And They'll Know We Are Christians" John 14:15-21	"No Escape" Matthew 24:32-42	"Dream God's Dream" Acts 2:1-24	"Voting Is a Sacred Act" Matthew 5:38-48

To worship with us on Zoom on Sundays, register once at bit.ly/reg4worship.

United in God's love for everyone's journey ... no exceptions.

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ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO

Pudgy seems to be on *hedge*, watching over Niles Boulevard and our parking lot every Sunday. Maybe he's considering joining the church?

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY, MAY 3



Notice is hereby given that the 2026 Annual Meeting of Niles Discovery Church will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, May 3, in the sanctuary and on Zoom (in the Zoom worship “meeting”). Your attendance is prayerfully and urgently requested. Copies of the Annual Report are available in the office. Members can also have an Annual Report emailed to them by contacting Laurel Wallace at admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please send announcements and articles as you write them to the office administrator at admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. Your submission will be posted on our [News Blog](#) as they are received, and will be used to create announcements (as appropriate), as well as submitted for the next edition of *The Bell* (if appropriate in terms of timing). The deadline for submissions for the June 2026 edition of *The Bell* is 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14. In addition to typical newsletter news, we hope to fill each issue of *The Bell* with reflections, photographs, poems, and so forth by members and friends of the congregation.



CONTACTING THE STAFF

You can call the office 510-797-0895 to leave a message for office staff members. Our Office Administrator, Laurel Wallace can be emailed at admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. She is typically in the office on Mondays and Thursdays, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our bookkeeper, Cecilia Le, can be emailed at cecilia@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. She is typically in the office on Tuesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and also does some work from home. Please use the pastor's Calendly app to make an appointment for a phone call, a Zoom meeting, or to meet on site (you get to pick); Pastor Jeff's contact information is to the right.

Staff Absences: Cecilia Le is on vacation through May 4.

Pastor Jeff's contact info:

Office: 510-797-0895 x2

Mobile: 510-579-8851

Make an appointment:

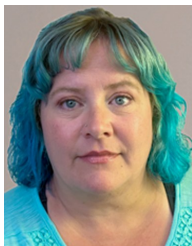
calendly.com/revjss

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**Accompanist and
Organist**
Jenny Lin

GENERAL STRIKE CALLED FOR MAY 1 A DAY OF “NO SCHOOL, NO WORK, NO SHOPPING”

By Pastor Jeff

Mass demonstrations are a starting and an entry point. For many of us, May Day is the next step.

Being part of No Kings Day at the end of March felt really good to me. Being on the streets with hundreds of others, knowing there were rallies and marches in every congressional district across the country, saying a clear “NO!” to fascism and authoritarianism, charged my energy and reminded me that the movement to protect democracy is strong.

Now it’s time to channel the energy No Kings Day into organized, defiant action with real economic consequences for the people backing authoritarianism.

Minnesota showed us the blueprint. Their statewide economic shutdown on January 23 proved that when working people move together, they can bring a city to

a standstill. Now we scale that nationwide.

Toppling fascism means starving it of what it needs to survive: resources, corporate backing, and the compliance of ordinary people. When we withdraw our labor and our dollars, when we expose and pressure the corporations to stop supporting authoritarianism, we make

their machine more expensive to run and harder to sustain.

That’s why May Day Strong and tons of other grass roots organizations are calling for a general strike on May 1. They want to make May Day a day of “No School, No Work, No Shopping.”

May 1 is a Friday this year, and Friday is my sabbath day, so it’s kinda hard for me to do a one-day walk-out. If you’re retired, I’m not sure how you can withdraw

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NDC FINANCIAL SUMMARY YTD THROUGH MARCH 2026



Income

Budget \$76,110
Actual \$102,774

Expenses

Budget \$108,840
Actual \$91,793

Deficit/Surplus

Budget (\$32,530)
Actual \$10,980

Reserve Investment Funds Balances

1/1/26 \$1,207,092
3/31/26 \$1,183,850

Through the first quarter of 2026, income exceeded budget and expenses were less than budgeted, resulting in a surplus rather than a projected budget deficit. Income is up with pledges, loose offering, and facilities use all exceeding budget. Expenses are down slightly across most budget categories, including staffing. The reserve fund balance is decreased due to market performance. January and February were up but March was down significantly, more than double the previous two month’s gain. The Finance Committee expects continued market volatility in the short to medium term. As a reminder, past performance is not an indicator or guarantee of future results.

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BECOME A LITURGIST: TRAININGS SET FOR MAY



Pastor Jeff is planning two liturgist training sessions for people who want to continue as liturgists and for those who want to join this group of worship leaders. The liturgists are typically responsible for reading the scripture lessons, offering an invitation to action, and often other parts of the worship service. When Pastor Jeff is away, the responsibilities increase. The new liturgist schedule will go from July 2026 through June 2027.

If you would like to join the liturgist team (or to continue on the team), please attend one of the trainings. One will be on Sunday, May 17, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., in the sanctuary. The other will be on Wednesday, May 20, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., on Zoom.

Communion Elder training is significantly more involved, and Pastor Jeff only schedules a training when there are new people who want to become Communion Elders. If you want to become a Communion Elder, please contact Pastor Jeff and he will schedule a training.

CHECK OUT OUR STANDING MINISTRY TEAMS

Most of the Ministry Teams will hold their first meetings of the new program year on Monday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. If you have wondered what a Ministry Team does and/or how you can be



involved, you're invited to attend this (or any) meeting. All the Teams meet in the Sanctuary before scattering to various rooms around the church building.

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STOP FASCISM

your labor from your employer. That's why, for me, the May 1 general strike will look like a refusal to shop that day. And, since most social media are owned by the billionaire class, I'm doing to do a social media fast that day, too.

And I just might show up at the Friday Rush Hour Resistance, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the corner of Fremont and Mowry.

If you choose to be involved (and I hope you do), please remember that a core principle behind all May Day events is a commitment to nonviolent action. All participants should seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values, and weapons of any kind, including those legally permitted, should not be brought to events.

RECYCLING IN SUPPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & YOUNG CHILDREN

By Rich Gallegos

There's not a whole lot that is better than a "Win-Win" situation. Your donation of recyclable CRV aluminum cans and bottles (both plastic & glass) allows the Niles Discovery Church to support two marginalized children (Stanzin Yantgzom, a Tibetan girl in Dharamsala, India; and Alexis Ernesto Chicas, a boy in El Salvador), while helping protect the environment. During 2025, the Ministry of Social Concerns Team raised \$900 via our recycling efforts in support of these two children.

Please deposit your clean CRV cans and bottles in the specially marked bins located in the church fellowship hall.



ETHAN'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

By Mark Twist



In order to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scouting America member must earn 21 merit badges, serve six months in a leadership position, complete a comprehensive service project, and pass a Board of Review. Ethan Zartman is about to meet these requirements as he puts the finishing touches on the “Little Free Library” project, visible from the window by the coffee maker in the fellowship hall. Ethan may be the first member of our church, as a member of Troop 112, to make this achievement!

Our church librarian, David Gregory, has offered books to begin the sharing process.

WHO'S GRADUATING?

We will be celebrating Bravo Sunday on June 14. In addition to honoring our high school graduates, we will recognize members of our extended church family who are graduating (or have graduated during the past year) from a certificate, college, graduate school, or other program of post-high school learning. If there's someone in your family who you would like to celebrate send photo of that person and the following information to Pastor Jeff by May 21: the graduate's name, the school/program they attended, the degree/certification they achieved, the month of their graduation, any information about their area of study, and a sentence about what they plan to do next.



NEWCOMERS INVITED TO “SOUP WITH THE PASTOR” ON MAY 17



People who are relatively new to the church along with people who are considering becoming members of the church are especially invited to “Soup with the Pastor” on Sunday, May 17, in the fellowship hall following coffee hour. Sandy Thomas is going to cook a soup that will be served sometime between 12:15 and 12:30. It is helpful to know how many Sandy should cook for, so please let Pastor Jeff know by May 13 if you plan to attend. Let him know if you need a vegetarian or vegan soup option. A free will offering is received to help cover food expenses (\$5 suggested) from those who can afford it.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Members and friends of Niles Discovery Church are invited to submit short notices that may be of interest to the rest of the congregation. Note, no commercial notices or partisan political announcements are allowed. Niles Discovery Church makes no representations or endorsements about the events or services listed.



The Golden Gate Men's Chorus (the community chorus Pastor Jeff sings in) presents *Eastern Wind and Western Skies*, on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3281 16th Street (at Dolores), San Francisco. The concert includes contemporary and classical choral pieces from around the world, including commissions and pieces in Japanese, German, and Swedish. Tickets are available at ggmc.org.

League Of Women Voters: Come to the next installment of their Speaker Series, “Defending Our Democracy: Antisemitism, A Threat To Democracy” on Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Niles Discovery Church. The guest speaker will be Karen Stiller, Senior Director of Jewish Affairs for the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Bay Area (JCRC). As always, Q&A will follow.



PRIDE PLACE OF BELONGING SUPPORT GROUP

Queer folk are invited to attend the monthly Pride Place of Belonging Support Group from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month (which in May is the 17th). This free support group, led by Pastor Jeff Spencer (with Cindy Sojourner substituting when Pastor Jeff is away), is a place for members of the LGBTQ+ community to celebrate achievements and support one another with life's struggles. It includes time for check-in, and time to dig into any issues that need some extra support from the group. The support group meets in Room 3.

ABOUT PRIDE PLACE OF BELONGING

Pride Place of Belonging was formed at Niles Discovery Church to support the LGBTQIA+ community, recognizing that there was no other location designated for the Queer Community in Fremont. Niles Discovery Church has been an Open and Affirming Congregation for over 30 years. We decided we are capable of creating a safe, supportive, and fun place for queer people to gather on a monthly basis.

BOBBY JO VALENTINE IS COMING IN JULY

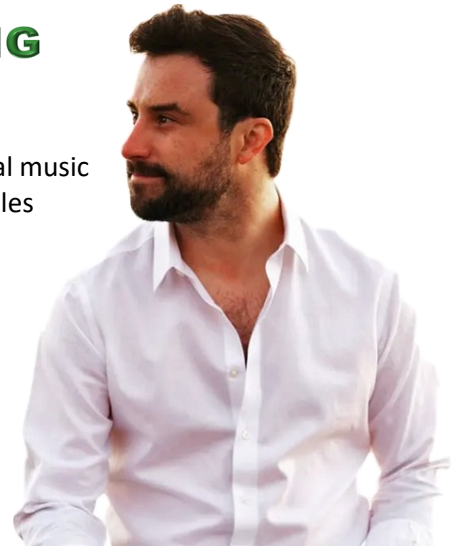
For now, save the date. Bobby Jo Valentine will present a concert of his original music in a Pride Place of Belonging concert on Sunday, July 19, at 4:00 p.m., in the Niles Discovery Church sanctuary.



funny, sometimes moving, and always deeply resonant. He has performed at festivals and conferences around the country and plays concerts around the country for a myriad of venues including faith communities, pride festivals, and house concerts.



Bobby Jo Valentine is an award-winning singer/songwriter from the windswept coastline of Northern California. He writes poetic, searching songs that connect deeply with people from all walks of life. His stories are sometimes





TEA FOR LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY, FAMILIES & ALLIES

CO-SPONSORED BY
PRIDE PLACE OF BELONGING
AND PFLAG FREMONT/TRI-CITIES

This Tea will feature lots of teas and catering by Chris Boucher: savory scones, sweet scones, and roll-up sandwiches. There will be cookies by Laurel, and fudge by Stardust Sweets, too. RSVP is requested to help us determine the quantity of food needed. To RSVP for the Tea, go to bit.ly/lgbtqtea2605. The event is free and secular. Come enjoy the food, the people, and conversations about the purpose, support groups, and activities of both groups.

HELP WANTED FOR OUR BOOTH AT THE FREMONT PRIDE FAIR

Pride Place of Belonging will once again have a booth at the Third Annual Fremont Pride Fair at the Fremont Main Library, on June 13. Our theme is "Belonging." Our activities will be collage-making and conversations sparked by Queer Trivia cards. We will need helpers for set-up at 9:30 a.m., staffing from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and cleanup at 2:00 p.m.

If you enjoy creating, talking, listening, setting up, cleaning up, and/or celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community, please sign up to help at our Fremont Pride Fair booth by going to bit.ly/PPoB26FairHelp. There will also be a sign-up available in the Fellowship Hall. We thank you for your support. This is a fun activity. The Pride Fair includes LGBTQIA+ information booths, music performances, poetry, dance, crafts, story time, games, a food truck, and a crowd full of joyful people.



ENJOY AN EARLY VISIT TO A DREAM COME TRUE

By Beth Armstrong

Last year about this time the Ministry of Social Concerns Team sponsored a visit to our church by Vincent Medina, then the newly elected President of the Ohlone Indian Tribe, Inc., and Louis Trevino, also Ohlone, partners in the Ohlone Café and in life. In the presentation they talked about their vision and dream of a cultural space on Ohlone land where they could steward the land and bring elders and young people together to learn and participate fully in their culture.

This vision and dream is now much closer to a reality. The mak-warep Ohlone Land Conservancy has recently been awarded \$498,806 over three years by the California Natural Resources agency's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EMM) Program, one of eight projects funded this cycle. This grant will be used to establish four cultural garden plots and a gathering space



The Setting



Gathering garden site, to feature segue, Willow, bracken (fern) and rose bud

on East Bay hills land owned by The University of California Berkeley (UCB). The four gardens will be dynamic living spaces, and when rehabilitated will become places where elders will pass their knowledge of (1) gathering basket making materials (and creating baskets), (2) gathering plants for medicinal uses, (3) growing and tending plants to provide food, and (4) a pollinator garden. Signage will be in both Chochenyo and English.

Early in April I was fortunate to be included in a before tour of the area. The gardens and gathering space are positioned consecutively along a partially wooded valley with a gentle incline in the East Bay hills. Though there is much work to do in readying the plots—cleaning unwanted and invasive vegetation and replacing it with native plants—the vision and dream clearly looks doable, with lots of help. The work has already begun.

An update on other activities

- ◆ Café Ohlone at UCB is currently on hiatus, perhaps through the summer while energy is directed to other activities.
- ◆ The 'ammatka café is open at the Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley. (You can visit the café without going into the museum, but if you have kids with you, don't miss it.) This is the café for the Hall of Science, designed to introduce families to some Ohlone flavors along with the more traditional kid oriented foods- i.e. Ohlone aioli offered with tator tots. And they serve my favorite: chia seed flour brownies with black walnuts.
- ◆ Research on traditional Ohlone baskets (not always identified as such) in museums and other collections.
- ◆ And always, the big dream, to acquire title to some ancestral East Bay Ohlone land to tend, care for, and use in preserving traditional cultural ways.



Future gathering space

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EXPENSES DOWN & MARKET VOLATILE

If church members would like more detailed information, the Treasurer's reports are available to church members by contacting our bookkeeper. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to our Treasurer, Marilyn Vermazen, or any member of the Finance Committee (Michael Thomson, Bob Monkman, Jeboy Koshy, Mark Twist, Tommy Luong).





LIBRARY UPDATE

By David Gregory

Thanks to ongoing donations, the following books were recently added to the Church Library. They are listed here by broad subject, but on the shelves, these titles are arranged by the author's last name. Enjoy!


Christian Experience, Life, And Practice

-  Bass, Diana Butler. *A Beautiful Year: 52 Meditations on Faith, Wisdom, and Perseverance* (2025)
-  Diebel, Timothy Cap. *Savoring Awe: A Companion for the Spiritually Adventurous* (2025)



Jesus Christ

-  Charleston, Steven. *The Four Vision Quests of Jesus* (2015)

Prayer & Devotion







-  Roberts, Elizabeth & Elias Amidon. *Earth Prayers: 365 Prayers, Poems, and Invocations from Around the World* (1991)

Niles Discovery Church: All Church Reads

-  For those who didn't get a chance to read the recent "All Church Reads" book, a copy is now available in the library.
-  Keegan, Claire. *Small Things Like These* (2021)

Social Justice: LGBTQ+

We've recently added several short documents published by PFLAG, a national support, education and advocacy organization for LGBTQ+ people and their families, friends and allies. All shelved under "PFLAG," these documents include:

-  PFLAG. *Guide to Being an Ally to Trans and Nonbinary People* (2024)
-  PFLAG. *Guide to Being an Ally to LGBTQ+ People* (2025)
-  PFLAG. *Our Children: Q&A for Loved Ones of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual+, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning People* (2023)
-  PFLAG. *Be Yourself: Q&A for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning Youth* (2023)
-  PFLAG. *Our Trans Loved Ones: Q&A for Loved Ones of People Who Are Transgender or Nonbinary* (2019)
-  PFLAG. *Be Not Afraid, Help is on the Way! Straight for Equality in Faith Communities* (2019)

SPECIAL OFFERING: SAVE-ING THE ABUSED

We believe that every person has the right to live in peace. – SAVE Mission Statement

Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments (**SAVE**) is a local organization that provides shelter, support, and educational opportunities for



individuals and families so they may end the cycle of abuse, heal, and have the freedom to reach their full potential. The program includes a shelter/transitional housing program, and an Empowerment Center offering crisis support, referrals, and assistance with food, clothing, and restraining orders. SAVE has also created education programs for police officers and medical personnel specifically addressing the needs of domestic violence victims. SAVE also provides Teen Dating Violence Awareness presentations to schools.

As with all our special offerings, you are welcome to give at any time. To donate, go to nilesdiscoverychurch.org/give and choose "S.A.V.E." in the "Select Option" frame; or mail a check to the church. With so many possibilities for special giving, you may need to choose which ones are most important to you. To see the complete schedule of special offerings, please visit bit.ly/NDCSpecialOfferings.

Last month, you donated \$149.75 for the future leaders of the church, which will be split between the Pacific School of Religion and Disciples Seminary Foundation. We are training the future, thanks to your generosity!



THE SAINT JAMES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

By Rich Gallegos

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Church! As a result of your generosity, February's first ever Special Offering in support of the Saint James Community

School was a huge success, raising some \$2,848.75. The St. James Community School is located on Mfangano Island, Lake Victoria, Kenya, and has long been a supported project of the Niles Discovery Church. Most of the School's children are orphans. On behalf of the children and teachers of the School, the Ministry of Social Concerns Team thanks you.

Church members and friends wishing to contribute towards the school's support should go to nilesdiscoverychurch.org/give and choose "St.

James Community School" in the "Select Option" frame; or mail a check (made out to Niles Discovery Church). Make sure to annotate the check in the memo line (St. James Community School) or include a note to that effect.

Objectives of the Saint James Community School

Empower the children for sustainable development through education.

Increase educational opportunities for vulnerable youth.

Groom the youth for the service of God and community.

Foster local solutions for sustainable development.



LET THE PPRC HELP

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee (the PPRC) is a group appointed by the Cabinet to help keep relationships within the congregation, especially your relationship with the pastor, healthy. If you have a concern or issue that you would like help to iron out, contact a member of the PPRC. They're here to hear and help. The membership of the Committee is: Denise Church, Leonard Lloyd, Mary VonAh-Gregory, Judy Hollowell, and Ken Rasler.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To enhance the safety of your Zoom experience, we typically require advance registration for Zoom meetings held on the church's Zoom account. You only need to register once for a repeating event. Find the registration links in the descriptions of the scheduled events.



MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Monday Afternoon Bible Study continues to Zoom from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The scripture studied is typically the scripture for the coming Sunday's worship service. Everyone is welcome. You can register to join the Zoom meeting at bit.ly/MABSreg.



SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH Only meeting on May 3 and 24

Join a small group that is in the habit of going to a restaurant for lunch with Pastor Jeff after coffee hour on most Sundays. This "Lunch Bunch" has a rotation of restaurants to eat at, and head off to that Sunday's restaurant at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to join the Lunch Bunch on a particular Sunday, let Val Parker know by 12:10 p.m. that day so she has a headcount to bring to the restaurant. Look at the church calendar (the second to last page of *The Bell*) to see which restaurant the Lunch Bunch is going to.



LAP ROBE TYING GROUP May 27

Come tie lap robes on site on the fourth Wednesday of the month, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This month's meeting is on Wednesday, March 26. There will be a planned "potluck" lunch. Contact Judy Molander, 925-201-7335 or jumolander@aol.com, for what you plan to bring to share, to be added to the group's email list, or if you have suggestions for organizations that might want some donated lap robes.



GREEN TEAM MEETING May 6

You're welcome to join the Green Team, a group leading our congregation's efforts to address the climate crisis. They typically meet the first Wednesday of the month, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., on Zoom. For questions, contact Susie Claxton (veroclax@sbcglobal.net) or Bee Newell (beenewell2@gmail.com). Here is the link to the Zoom meeting bit.ly/greenteam25.



PUZZLE EXCHANGE AND SCRIP SALES

You're welcome to drop by the fellowship hall each Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., to exchange a jigsaw puzzle and/or buy some scrip. Some people stick around to work on a puzzle, just for the fun of it.



THE OUTING GROUP

You are welcome to join the Outing Group. We are a group of people that enjoy visiting places and doing things. We go to local museums, gardens, parks, and places of interest. We also enjoy going out to eat during our wanderings. If you would like to join us, please contact Katy Wharton at thewhart@comcast.net.

**PRAYERS FOR THESE PEOPLE (AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS)
BECAUSE OF THEIR HEALTH CONCERNS:**



Pastor Emerita Sally Smith;
Keith Moody;
Mary Vonah-Gregory;
George Roeding;
Diana Roeding;
Bruce Roeding;
Barbara J. King;
Jim Roletto;
Carl Nordling;
Linda Boling;
Glennnda Chui;
Liz Musgrave;
Wayne Fralin;
Marty Williams;
Karen Haughey;
Barbara Swint;
Maria Sicalbo;
John Zlatnik;
Judy Zlatnik;
Ginny August;

Helen Boyer;
Hermann Attinger;
Luke Boyer;
Diane Kindle;
Diana and George Roeding's son-in-law,
Mike Mendenhall;
Chris Keesis' mother, **Suzanne**;
Jim Peck's cousin, **Sally Cario**;
The daughter of Brigitte Nichols (who
is a friend of the Boyer/Taylor clan);
Cecilia Le's spouse, **Linda Carpenter**;
Ann Finlinson's husband, **John Cant**;
Riki and Mark Twist's daughter, **Shelly**;
Liz Musgrave's friend, **Stephanie
Roden**;
Liz Musgrave's friend, **Mary Richardson
and her husband Jon Richardson**;
Peter Wilson's dad;
Jasmine Zartman's mother, **Karen
Trepte**;

Shaun Moeller's brother,
Dave Nyman;
Diane Harvey's sister, **Linda**;
Priscilla Taylor's friend, **Paul Folkestad**;
Priscilla Taylor's friend, **Jayne
Gallagher**;
Priscilla Taylor's cousin-in-law, **Michele
Arcelo**;
Priscilla Taylor's friend, **Michelle
Campbell**;
Priscilla Taylor's father-in-law and
mother-in-law, **Steve and Angie Taylor**;
Rich Gallegos' mother, **Esther**;
Helen Boyer's sister-in-law, **Marjorie
Boyer**;
Michael Thomson's sister, **Mary
Thomson**;
Katy Wharton's mother;
Katy Wharton's sister-in-law, **Hedi**.

THE SPOUSES, PARTNERS, CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE CARING FOR AND/OR JOURNEYING WITH SICK, FRAIL, AND/OR ELDERLY LOVED ONES (ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE NAMED ABOVE).

THE PARENTS, CHILDREN, AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WISH THEY COULD BE DOING MORE TO SUPPORT THEIR SICK, FRAIL, AND/OR ELDERLY LOVED ONES, BUT FOR WHOM DISTANCE AND/OR OTHER FACTORS MAKES THAT DIFFICULT.

PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING, ESPECIALLY:

Bee Newell as she and her extended family grieve the death of her younger brother, Bill Bolton, on March 21;

Laurels mother on December 22;

Laurel Wallace and her family as they grieve the death of

Sharon Gach and her family as they grieve the death of her husband Bruce on November 29.

PEOPLE WHO ARE FEELING OVERWHELMED BY MULTIPLE PROBLEMS IN THEIR LIVES AND/OR PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY: CINDY SOJOURNER'S FRIEND, SAEMI.

PEOPLE (AND ALL OF CREATION) AROUND THE GLOBE SUFFERING FROM HUMAN-MADE DISASTERS AND FROM NATURAL DISASTERS (OFTEN MADE WORSE BY HUMAN ACTION AND INACTION ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS).

PEOPLE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED AND UNDER-EMPLOYED, ESPECIALLY MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH, THAT THEY FIND EMPLOYMENT THAT FULFILLS THEIR HEARTS AND SOULS.

THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING RENEWAL, REBIRTH, OR A NEW START.

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL THE WAYS GOD BRINGS HEALING.

PEACE THROUGHOUT THE EARTH, OFFERING THANKS FOR ALL WHO THROUGH NON-VIOLENT METHODS ARE BRINGING GOD'S COMPASSION AND JUSTICE TO THE WORLD.

A reminder about this prayer list:

If you have a prayer request that you'd like added to this list (or removed) please let Pastor Jeff know.

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Pastor Jeff on Vacation CCNCN Annual Gathering 9:15AM Choir Warm-up 10:00AM Worship 11:30AM Worship Attendants meeting	27 Cecilia on Vacation	28 7:00PM BSA Troop 112 Meeting 7:30PM Book Group	29 7:00PM Our Common Core: Rediscovering Our Community Bonds and Strengths	30 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal	1 May Day Shut Down 1:00PM Puzzle Exchange and Scrip Sales 2:00PM Facilities Cleaning	2
3 Cecilia on Vacation 9:15AM Choir Warm-up 10:00AM Worship 11:30AM Annual Meeting 12:30PM Lunch Bunch - Classic Diner 5:00PM BSA Troop 112 PLC Meeting	4 4:00PM Bible Study 7:30PM Ministry Team Meetings	5 9:30AM Ministry of Christian Education Team meeting 7:00PM BSA Troop 112 Committee Meeting	6 1:30PM Green Team meeting	7 9:00AM Care Team Training 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM Pride Team organizing meeting	8 1:00PM Puzzle Exchange and Scrip Sales 2:00PM Facilities Cleaning	9
10 9:15AM Choir Warm-up 10:00AM Worship 11:00AM Town Hall Meeting	11 1:00PM Cabinet Leaders meeting 4:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM Finance Committee	12 9:30AM Bridge Interest Group 7:00PM BSA Troop 112 Meeting	13 7:00PM Democracy: Envisioning and Building A Healthy, Inclusive, and truly Representative Government	14 8:00AM Bell Deadline 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal	15 1:00PM Puzzle Exchange and Scrip Sales 2:00PM Facilities Cleaning	16 10:00AM Clear Creek Service's Board Meeting
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