Weekly Prayer Focus
Please pray for the church here and around the world.

FMCSB Family: David and Brianne Gaultiere; Susan Gentry; Randy and Pam Goetz; Carol Gordon; James, Camille, Jordan, Sydney, and Chase Griswold.

Bible Study/Small Group: Connecting Families Group on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. (starting September 12) meeting in the downstairs preschool area with Dom and Laura Mercaldo.

Children’s Ministries Leaders: Toddlers team teachers Stefanie Williams, Dawn Elliott, Pat Davis Orr, and Laura Mercaldo.

Cliff Drive Care Center: Aides and subs Gloria Gonzalez, Ashley Lomeli, Ryan Marden, Laura Valladares, Michelle Jimenez, Maddy Schulte, and Kelsey Hardeman.

CDCC Families: Matthew Herrera Padilla, Brayden Hestkin, Davis Higbee, Ella Hollems, Grady Hughes, Cash Hurd, and their families.

Santa Barbara Churches: Hope Community Church on State Street.

FM Conference: Pastor Alex Bowman and his wife Ashley at Orphan City Church in Los Angeles.

Recovery Programs: Stalwart Houses provide safe and sober living arrangements with a Christian, twelve-step focus.

Missions, Madagascar: Pray for Rota and Alissa and their upcoming training session for a clinic staff and a local physician who have served as backup to Sarobidy Maternity Center. Pray for Alissa as she develops and writes the curriculum and for Rota as she teaches and advocates for safe and respectful maternity care.

Praying for the Global Church: Kyrgyzstan is a remote mountainous nation in Central Asia with a nomadic tribal culture. One of the poorest former Soviet states, a significant portion of the population has left to work elsewhere. Those still living in the country face a very hard life. Only four percent of the population is Christian. These Christians are often beaten for their faith and marginalized. Bibles are readily available but quite expensive. Pray for the Lord’s protection of all Christians in Kyrgyzstan and for favor with their fellow citizens.

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**FMCSB Financial Update**
As of September 2, our received offerings total $467,528.75, which is 82.2% of the planned offering year-to-date. At this time, we are currently under our planned offering by $101,228.40. Remember, you can give online (fmcsb.org) or through the church app.

_Thank you for your continued generosity to the Kingdom of God._

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**Our Mission**
By the power of the Holy Spirit and with Jesus’ transforming love, we draw people to Christ, disciple them in the faith and equip them for ministry.
Free Methodist Church of Santa Barbara
September 5, 2021: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Call to Worship

Praise Songs

*Holy is the Lord*
*Way Maker*
*The Way*

Connection and Giving

Commissioning Prayer

Elliotts and Worship Leaders

Liturgical Prayer

Prayer Song

*O Come to the Altar*

Ministry in the Word

Rev. Colleen Hurley-Bates

“The Lord Reigns!”
*Psalm 146*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Response Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

Benediction/Pass the Peace of Christ

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Food for the Kitchenless

Tom Spadaro, a lay leader in our church has identified a need for non-perishable food items for the kitchenless and folks without homes in our community. As a church we will be collecting these food items every other month. To learn more about which items to buy or how you can donate, please visit [fmcsb.org/events](http://fmcsb.org/events).

Santa Barbara Sending Conference

*September 15-18th, Westmont College*

“Santa Barbara Sending” was founded a few years ago as a missional nonprofit by Westmont Professor, Dr. Charles Farhadian. This September they are excited to be hosting a mission conference on Westmont College’s campus, Sept. 15-18th, 2021. With an emphasis on the presentation of the Gospel, the conference will feature plenary speakers, worship, breakout sessions regarding mission in all of its forms. The registration link is on our website.

Fall Small Groups

There are many wonderful ways that you can grow in your faith as we enter into this school year. Starting in September there will be many ongoing, and some new, small groups and Bible studies that you can join. This is a great way to dive deeper into the Bible, and to fellowship with others in our congregation. Check out [fmcsb.org/smallgroups](http://fmcsb.org/smallgroups), or email Pastor Nikki (nikki@fmcsb.org) with any questions or if you need help finding a group.

Fall Encounter Series

*Sundays, Starting Sept. 12, 11:00am*

One way we can act on Jesus’s words is by learning to pray the Lord’s Prayer, the prayer that Jesus Himself taught His followers to pray. For Encounter this fall, we will embark on a ten week journey as we seek to let each part of the Lord’s prayer dwell richly in our hearts, minds, bodies, and community. Even though the winds and storms are raging, the Lord’s Prayer will help us to build our rock-solid foundation in Christ.
RESPONSE HYMN | Be Thou My Vision
Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Announcements

Church Picnic
Sunday, September 5th, 3pm, La Mesa Park
Join us this afternoon for our Church Picnic! We are excited to gather to share a meal, play outdoor games, and enjoy fellowship with one another. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on, lawn games (we will also have some there), and a store-bought dessert to share! There will be a delicious meal provided by Chef Michelle, and a bounce house for the kids. We look forward to seeing you today at 3:00pm at La Mesa Park!

PRAISE SONGS | Holy is the Lord
We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now, how great how awesome is He?

Pre-Chorus: And together we sing (everyone sing)

Chorus: Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown,
It's rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown...
Pre-Chorus, Chorus

Way Maker
You are here moving in our midst, I worship You, I worship You.
You are here working in this place, I worship You, I worship You.

Chorus: (You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are here touching ev'ry heart, I worship You, I worship You.
You are here healing ev'ry heart, I worship You, I worship You.

You are here turning lives around, I worship You, I worship You.
You are here mending ev'ry heart, I worship You, I worship You... Chorus

You wipe away all tears, You mend the broken heart,
You're the answer to it all, Jesus (repeat)... Chorus
That is who You are, that is who You are,
That is who You are, that is who You are.

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The Way

Intro: I believe You are, the Way, the Truth, the Life
I believe You are, the Way, the Truth, the Life, I believe...

Through every battle, through every heartbreak,
Through every circumstance,
I believe that You are my fortress, You are my portion,
You are my hiding place, I believe You are

Chorus: The Way, the Truth, the Life
I believe You are, the Way, the Truth, the Life, I believe (You are)

Through every blessing, Through every promise,
Through every breath I take,
I believe that You are provider, You are protector, You are the One I love,
I believe You are... Chorus

It’s a new horizon, and I’m set on You
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new.
All my fears and doubts they can all come too,
Because they can’t stay long when I’m here with You (repeat)
Because they can’t stay long when I believe You are... Chorus

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who gave in love Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption, who by His sacrifice, offered once for all, did provide a full, perfect, and sufficient atonement for the sins of the whole world, we come now to Your table in obedience to Your Son, Jesus Christ, who in His holy gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of His precious death until He comes again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly ask, and grant that we, receiving this bread and this cup, as He commanded and in the memory of His passion and death, may partake of His most blessed body and blood.

Pastor: In the night of His betrayal, Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

Pastor: In like manner, after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins, do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” Amen.
Pastor and People:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord, most high.
Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI
Pastor and People:
Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
Pastor: We do not come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, with self-confidence and pride, trusting in our own righteousness, but we trust in Your great and many mercies. We are not worthy to gather the crumbs from under Your table. But You, O Lord, are unchanging in Your mercy, and Your nature is love; grant us, therefore, God of mercy, God of grace, so to eat at this Your table that we may receive in spirit and in truth the body of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and the merits of His shed blood, so that we may live and grow in His likeness, and, being washed and cleansed through His most precious blood, we may evermore live in Him and He in us. Amen.

PRAYER SONG | O Come to the Altar
Are you hurting and broken within,
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself,
Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

Chorus: O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide,
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes,
Come today there's no reason to wait, Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born, Jesus is calling... Chorus

Oh what a Savior, isn't He wonderful, sing alleluia Christ is risen.
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all, sing alleluia Christ is risen.
(repeat)... Chorus

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown,
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.
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Psalm 146
1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! 2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. 3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. 4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. 5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; 7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;
8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down the Lord loves the righteous.
9 The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
10 The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord! (NRSV)

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

THE INVITATION

Pastor: You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, who live in love and peace with your neighbors, and who intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in His holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and humbly kneeling, make your honest confession to Almighty God.

Pastor and People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we confess that we have sinned, and we are deeply grieved as we remember the wickedness of our past lives. We have sinned against You, Your holiness, and Your love, and we deserve only your indignation and anger. We sincerely repent, and we are genuinely sorry for all wrongdoing and every failure to do the things we should. Our hearts are grieved and we acknowledge that we are hopeless without Your grace. Have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for the sake of Your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who died for us. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Give us strength to serve and please You in newness of life and to honor and praise Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor and People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: O Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who with great mercy has promised forgiveness to all who turn to You with hearty repentance and true faith, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from our sins, make us strong and faithful in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Pastor and People: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SANCTUS

Pastor: It is always right and proper, and our moral duty, we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the inhabitants of heaven, we honor and adore Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: