

This Week @ First

Church Spotlight

On Thursday this week, Greta Reed, Glenn Hodges, Kathee Winstead, Emmie Kutter, Paul Brooks Kutter, Martha Kutter, and Ellie Stewart created our bulletin art for this Sunday. These faithful members of our church are part of the Discernment Committee for Ellie as our pastoral intern this summer.



As they cut, pasted, and created, they pondered what the risk of being troubled looks like in their lives and the life of the church. Paul Brooks spoke wisdom into the meeting: "People who are troubled, do trouble." Join us on Sunday to listen and learn more about the risk of being troubled.

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Ministry Teams

Worship & Music

To watch our Sunday worship at 11 am, connect with us on [Youtube](#) (find the bulletin [here](#))! These links are updated each week and work for later viewing.

Compassion & Social Justice

Our regularly scheduled **bread boxing shift at Second Harvest** will be July 7 from 9:45 to noon. To be added to our list of volunteers, [sign up at http://vhub.at/firstpresvolunteers](http://vhub.at/firstpresvolunteers). Additionally, as we adapt to this change, let Debbie Gibson know when you have signed up. Volunteer to be part of good, relatively easy work and great fellowship

Second Harvest's Packing Blitz will be at the Civic Center Friday, July 28th, from 6 am-6 pm. This is an energizing and organized event to feed the hungry in our community. To lead or participate, [contact Debbie Gibson](mailto:gibsond1207@gmail.com) at gibsond1207@gmail.com or (850) 656-3659.

Care & Outreach: Directory

If you have updates for the church directory, let Lori know (email Office@OldFirstChurch.org) as well as informing your Care and Action Team leader.

Property: Renovations

Renovations continue! Please use the **downstairs** bathroom until our bathroom renovations are complete.



Personnel

The personnel ministry team is currently working on a draft of the personnel policies.

Spiritual Formation

Spiritual Formation is looking forward to the fall and building the Sunday school program and curriculum. This team is also working on potential ideas for summer engagement.

Interim Goals

Worship and Program

Sermon Series

Our sermon series this summer:

- **June 25th:** The Risk of Being Troubled
- **July 2nd:** The Risk of Trusting God will Provide
- **July 9th:** The Risk of Letting Go
- **July 16th:** The Risk of Listening

We will follow the lectionary and look for risks God calls us to take.

Announcements

Moving forward, we ask for any announcements for Sunday worship be sent to Office@OldFirstChurch.org before 5 pm on Thursdays. This will help us with clear communication and organization.

Administration

The Session meets this Sunday, June 25, after worship. Among other things, they will examine the proposed budget and discuss the financial health of the church.

Healing

Our book study of *Necessary Risks* schedule:

- **June 28th:** Introduction, Ch.1, and Ch. 2
- **July 5th:** Chapters 3 and 4
- **July 12th:** Chapters 5 and 6
- **July 19th:** Chapters 7 and 8
- **July 26th:** Ch. 9, Ch. 10, and Conclusion

If you need help with purchasing the book, contact Anne at Anne@OldFirstChurch.org.

Pastoral Note

We begin a congregational five-week Book Study next week on *Necessary Risks* by Teri Ott. The study will be led by Tip Tomberlin, Ellie Stewart, and me. You can join in person at noon in the Calvin Room, or by Zoom at 6:30. We will hold the study strictly to an hour. The author, who is the editor-in-chief of *The Presbyterian Outlook*, draws on quotes from people who have been marginalized. As a well-educated, wealthy, white woman, and Presbyterian, I appreciate the intention for how the structure of her book challenges me to think about how I listen, and to whom I listen.

In her conclusion, the author draws on theologian, Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, who shares the *mujeristas* response to the daily question, “How are you?” *Mujeristas* respond, “Ahi, en la lucha.” (There – in the struggle.) “La vida es la lucha.” (The struggle is life.) An invitation to this book study intentionally asks our congregation to enter the struggle of what it means to be the church. We will reflect on the work of privileged people moving beyond fear, taking risks to struggle into the sacred work of liberating people, communities, and countries from oppression.

I do hope you will join in, when you can, whether in person, or on-line. I trust that engagement in this work will be life giving.



**God's Presence,
God's Peace,
Anne Apple**