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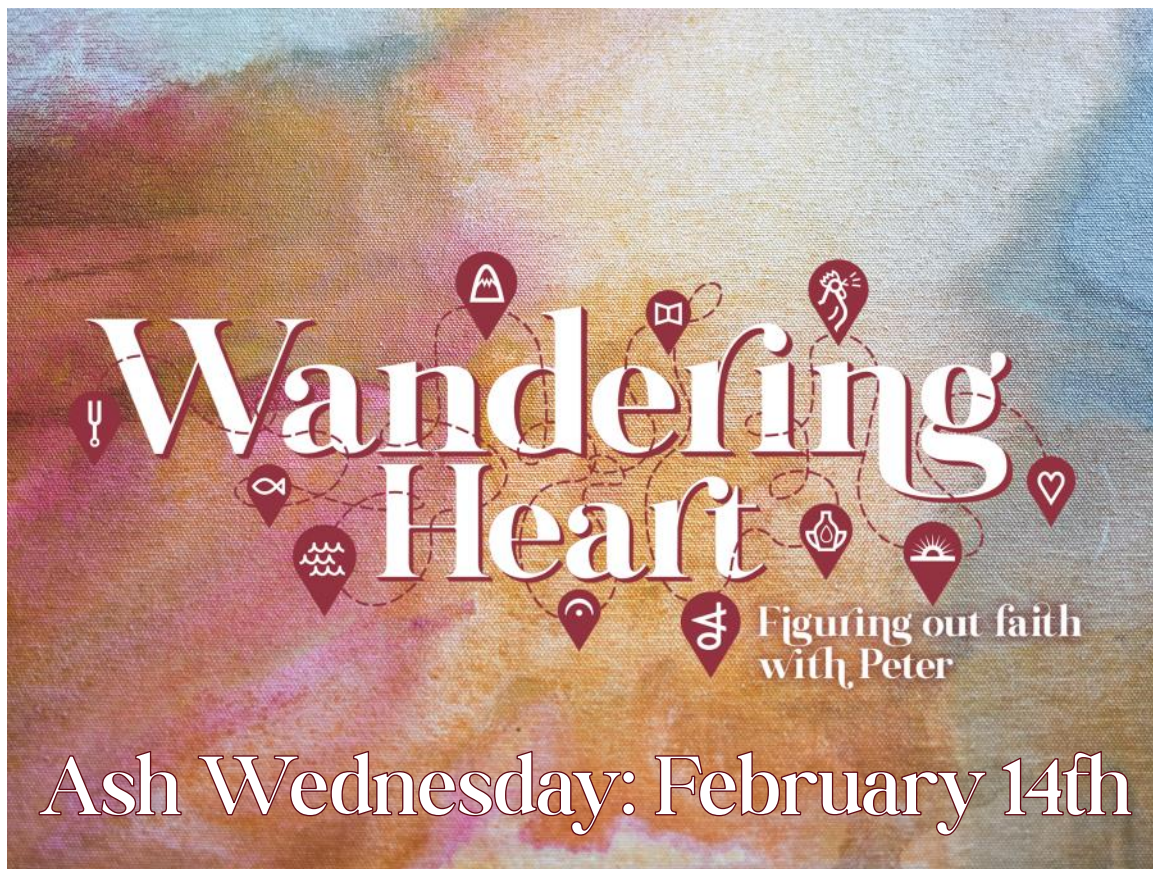
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10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service in Sanctuary and Online

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“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

—Hebrews 10:24-25

One of my goals for the new year is to wake up and set a daily intention. What action or attitude can I focus on throughout the day that will help me accomplish the tasks in front of me? Most of them start out with “be.” Be gracious. Be patient. Be a friend to someone in need. Be dependable. Be willing to listen. Be humble. It sounds sort of noble when you frame it this way doesn’t it? What virtue shall I call upon today to set my daily intention? Which biblical virtue list might I turn to for wisdom? Will it be Jesus’ sermon on the mount? Paul’s fruits of the spirit? Perhaps one of the more esoteric examples of Jewish wisdom literature such as Ecclesiastes? What tool will I use to set my daily intention? Someone posted a meme (an image copied and carried to communicate a particular phenomenon or theme) on social media last week that I found helpful. It was a picture of someone’s workspace covered in Post-it notes each with the words “Don’t be awkward” written on them. I get that. Because I didn’t come to faith until my teenage years, sometimes I feel awkward because I don’t always understand church culture. To this day I feel like I sometimes say and do things that are ... unconventional. As my old clergy mentor Jack Musick used to say, “I swear, sometimes the only time I manage to open my mouth is so I can switch feet.”

Of Jesus’ twelve apostles, Simon Peter was the most awkward. His journey as a disciple was never polished, linear, or perfect, but he is always tethered to the love of God. When you look closely at Peter’s story, you find Jesus at each step along the way—offering him abundance, catching him when he begins to sink, challenging him when he stands in the way, washing his feet, predicting his betrayal, and offering him God’s unconditional love. This Lent, we’re going to walk with Peter to help figure out our faith. Our Lenten theme this year is, “Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter” and features resources from *A Sanctified Art*, the same resource that we’ve used for Advent and Lent this past year. In our studies, we’re not trying to idolize or vilify Peter, but we are hoping to wander alongside him and be open to what we might learn about Jesus (and ourselves) by stepping in his shoes.

Lenten Season starts early this year. Ash Wednesday is on Valentine’s Day which doesn’t happen very often. The last time it happened was 2018 but before that, it was 1945. What are we supposed to do when this happens? On one hand, it’s appropriate to give chocolates on Valentine’s Day, but on the other hand, it’s also appropriate to give up chocolate for Lent. While we’re on the subject, what happens when Easter falls on April 1st? That happened in 2018 too, and before that in 1956. How tempting would it be for someone to say, “April Fool!” after the worship leader says, “He is risen!”? Oops. I forgot my Post-it note. “Don’t be awkward.” I think I need to get a head start on learning about how to be more (or less) like Peter.

The clergy group that I meet with weekly has decided to continue our tradition of offering community Lenten soup-suppers on Wednesdays during Lent. We will once again meet at Faith Lutheran Church and for the second year in a row will keep the worship service contained in the fellowship hall after we eat.

Easter will be on March 31st this year (thank goodness), and the almanac says sunrise will be at 6:52 a.m. in Chico that day. It’s good when Easter is earlier in the year because we usually have service at 7:00 a.m. regardless of the date. How about this year we schedule Sunrise service for 6:45 so that we can actually see the sun rise up over the trees in the parking lot? That won’t be awkward at all.

See you in church

Sacred Grounds, Adult Faith Formation

Class If you haven't been in a breakout room on zoom, it's easy. The leader organizes it and everyone just needs to agree to join on their devices.

Day: Sundays, Time: 8:30 a.m.

Where: Zoom (Open the Zoom app. If you need to download it, go to zoom.us.)

- Meeting ID: 3976292568.
- Password: 5303433727

Livestreaming Sunday Worship Service

- Zoom (Open the Zoom app. If you need to download it, go to zoom.us.)
 - Meeting ID: 3976292568.
 - Password: 5303433727
- Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/fccchico/>

Non-Cell Phone Directions!

You can also use your landline phone to listen to the service. Directions:

1. Dial 1-669-900-6833 (this is a long-distance call to San Jose, and is NOT toll-free so the cost will depend on your calling plan)
2. When asked, dial Meeting ID: 397-629-2568
3. When asked for the Participant Number: press #
4. When asked for a Password, dial: 530-343-3727

Meeting Dates

Tuesday, February 6th

7:00 p.m.—Church Board Meeting, via Zoom

Tuesday, February 20th

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Meeting, via Zoom

Pastor Jesse's Schedule

Office Hours: Monday-Thursdays

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Church Office Closed Monday,

February 19th for President's Day



Sunday from the Lectionary

February 4th

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

***Mark 1:29-39**

"Keeping Secrets"

February 11th

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

***Mark 9:2-9**

"Exposed"

February 14th

Psalms 51:1-17

Ash Wednesday

Service at Noon in Sanctuary

February 18th

Genesis 9:8-17

***Psalm 25:1-10**

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

***Luke 5:1-11**

"Jesus Sought Me"

February 25th

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

***Psalm 22:23-31**

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38 or

Mark 9:2-9

***Matthew 14:22-33**

"Rescue Me From Danger"



All texts and sermons are subject to change as the Spirit leads.

Sermons available
website: fccchico.com

You Tube FCCChico

And by email by request
(contact the church office,
chicodisciples@gmail.com)

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Monthly The Caller deadline:

15th of the month

Sunday Bulletin deadline:

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Weekly The Callerito deadline:

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

To be included in any mailing, contact the church office at 530-343-3727, or chicodisciples@gmail.com. Donations of \$13/yr. appreciated but not necessary.

February Birthdays

02/01	Nancy Morgans-Ferguson
02/04	Ginger Hambleton
02/04	Jay Nelson
02/11	Michelle Ly
02/13	Diana Mills
02/13	Georgeanne Bennett
02/15	Gary Cantwell
02/21	Casey Crowson
02/21	David Lee
02/22	Dan Rawlins
02/22	Brandon Nelson
02/25	Barbara Mann



Congregational Life Ministries Report

Amber McGill is planning Game Day. All are invited. Game Day will be held in Bethany Room. Games will be provided or bring your own. It is a snack potluck, so bring a snack to share. This will happen on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd starting at 1 p.m. Contact Amber for further information (916) 562-5966.

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. We will have a service in the sanctuary at noon. It is a very meaningful service. Please plan to attend.

—Peggy Davidson,
Congregational Life Leader



Game Day

Amber McGill is starting a monthly FCC Game Day! The first one will be on **Saturday**,

February 3rd, in the Bethany room, from 1-5 p.m. *Everyone is welcome!* This is a potluck so bring a snack to share! If you have questions, please contact Amber at (916) 562-5966.

Thank you

Thank you, WICS, for the poinsettia, to Pastor Jesse for his visit to Ginger in the hospital, and thank you to our church family for the prayers, and telephone calls. Ginger loves her church very much.

—Sincerely,
Jerry Hambleton

February 2024

	4	11	18	25
Elders W=Words P=Prayer	Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, P Bill Peterson, W	Dave Hoppe, W Kevin Zeitler, P	Barbara Poetker	Max Erwin, W Bill Peterson, P
Musicians	Josh Hegg	Nancy Thompson	Josh Hegg	Nancy Thompson
Worship Leader	Barbara Poetker	Gary Cantwell	Dave Hoppe	Amber McGill
Deacons	Cynthia Cantwell and Bryce Jones			



Family Directories

New Directories for the New Year! Printed copies of the Church Family Directory are in the Sanctuary, on the tables near the bulletins. They can be mailed by requesting them through the church office (530

-343-3727 or chicodisciples@gamil.com).

You may also request a PDF of the directory, or you can access the directory online at <https://servantkeeper.com/directory/FCCChico/login> Just contact the church office for the password. This link is on our website, under the About Us tab.

Upcoming Lenten, Easter and Pentecost Dates:

- Ash Wednesday, February 14th, Noon Service in Sanctuary
- Wednesdays, February 21st-March 20th, Ecumenical Lenten Soup Suppers at Faith Lutheran, 667 E 1st Ave, Chico. Worship follows the supper. FCC Chico is serving soup on March 6th. More details coming soon.
- Palm Sunday, March 24th
- Maundy Thursday, March 28th, 7 p.m. service in Sanctuary
- Easter Sunday, March 31st, Sunrise Service at 6:45 a.m., and 10 a.m. service
- Pentecost in the Park, May 19th
Wildwood Park

Lenten Devotional

Limited Printed copies will be in the Sanctuary. Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of this year's Lent devotion: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1072485778/>

In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.



Bible Study

We will be starting up our next Bible Study on February 15th, based on the book *Stories With*

Intent: The Parables of Jesus by Klyne R. Snodgrass. This will take us through the Lenten season



Faith in Films

Our next movie for Faith in Films will be *City of Angels*, on February 19th and 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 6.

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Special Offering Totals 2023

- **Week of Compassion** (supports the alleviation of the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development, and the promotion of mission opportunities) \$1,357.00
- **Easter Special Offering** (supports general ministries) \$ 670.00
- **Pentecost Special Offering** (supports new church ministries) \$770.00
- **Reconciliation Special Offering** (supports the Church's effort to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church advancing the Church's identity as "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world") \$65.00
- **Thanksgiving Special Offering** (supports Higher Education and Theological Education ministries): \$375.00
- **Christmas Special Offering** (supports Regional ministries) \$955.00

Giving



For online giving, it is easy to set up. Go to fccchico.com and click the "Donate Now" button (a red button close to the top), and then select either a one-time gift OR set up a recurring donation

(monthly, quarterly, etc.). The website will guide you through the rest. If you want to designate the funds for anything specific or Pastor's Discretionary Fund you can do that on the checkout page. Simple! (PS, you can opt to cover the fees incurred by the church for using a credit card. The website will show you how).



You can also mail in your offerings. You don't need any special envelopes. If you want to designate your funds for a Special Offering, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, or anything else, just put that on the memo line of your check.

Thank you for your support of the church in your time, talents, and tithes!

- ♦ **Prayer Chain:** Be sure to have permission to share names and any specifics with the prayer chain.
- ♦ **Sermons:** Have last Sunday's sermon and YouTube video emailed to you.
- ♦ **The Caller:** Monthly newsletter, available and by email and/or mail by request
- ♦ **The Callerito:** Weekly (mostly) email. This is also the list we use for the bulletin and meeting reminders.



Week of Compassion
weekofcompassion.org
FOR 80 YEARS

"...they contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."
+ LUKE 21:4

GIFTS TO LIVE ON

Girls' Education in Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, young women are now barred from education past the sixth grade. In a region historically familiar with the struggle for equity and liberation following decades of violence, generation after generation of Shia Muslims have been targeted, their basic human rights drastically restricted.

Some schools that still meet (remnants of education for young women in Afghanistan) are established and maintained by partners of Week of Compassion. Much like at schools anywhere, stepping into a classroom of kindergarteners is an energetic scene: students enthusiastically answering their teachers, embracing the opportunity of education, dreaming about their futures, young and optimistic.

In a sixth-grade classroom, students present prepared statements, eager and brilliant. Asked, "What are your dreams?", a student replies, "Shattered." Her dream of being a pilot now distant, this sixth-grade year will be her last education and access to a classroom.

In another room, excitedly learning and reciting English, a student listens as visitors discuss the restrictions on education for young women and the impact on their lives and futures. Strong and resilient, as sunlight pours into the corner of her room and bathes her desk, she stands without hesitation and asks, "What are you going to do about it? What should we do?"

She is the dream of her mother, the hope of her ancestors, and a gift we all need. What do we do when a young girl's voice and story shatter our hearts?

Week of Compassion's work rests in core values of accompaniment, community and integrity - not only when it flows easily, but especially in times of crisis. Alongside global partners, Week of Compassion is expanding education for girls, bringing **GIFTS TO LIVE ON** in rural Afghanistan, communities that are marginalized and vastly underserved. Partners envision education centers, teacher training, parent and community councils, playgrounds, and school supply distribution, reaching more than 13,000 in outlying communities.

Such programs will increase girls' enrollment and access to quality education, and improve the whole system by building the capacity of teachers in a safe and friendly learning environment. **These are the fundamentals every student deserves. Week of Compassion continues to work with partners to bring this possibility to women and girls worldwide.**



Disciples have always been clear: When needs arise, we need to respond ... we need to be moved; we need to be generous; we need to be faithful; we need to be transformed.

We need to take on the role of the generous widow.

"... all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

- Luke 21:1-4 NRSVue

Jesus sees the widow and her gift, and rejoices in her generosity. Others were giving from what they could spare - but this woman, Jesus said, was giving everything she had to live on. Such generosity upends expectation.

When we give, we know that our gifts are not the only ones that matter - the true gift of compassion and connection lies in the resilience of the communities we serve. **GIFTS TO LIVE ON** live in the dreams of eager and bright girls going to school in Afghanistan.

In the generous widow, we see every Disciple who is part of Week of Compassion, and every person we hope to serve. Her generosity sparks a response in us: we give what we have, what we can offer as our very best, what is uniquely ours to bring. That's what Week of Compassion does - what Disciples do. We bring what we have to live on, which becomes a resource for others to live on - and that mutual giving is how our story lives on, too.



photos: Week of Compassion



SPECIAL OFFERING 2024 FEBRUARY 18-25



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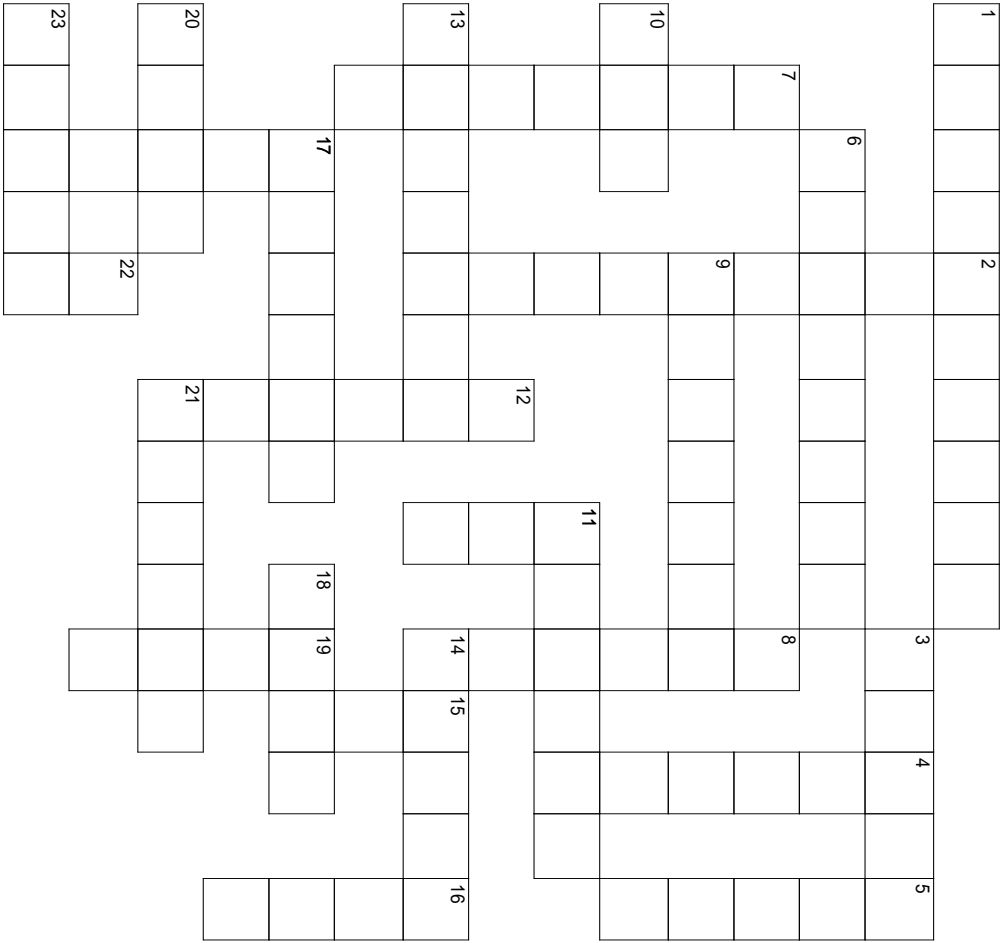
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Across

- 1. what God baptizes with
- 3. unclean one
- 6. serve
- 9. Northern Israel
- 10. male child
- 11. good news
- 13. accept as true
- 14. the devil
- 17. go after
- 18. comply
- 20. white bird
- 21. shoe
- 23. days in the wilderness

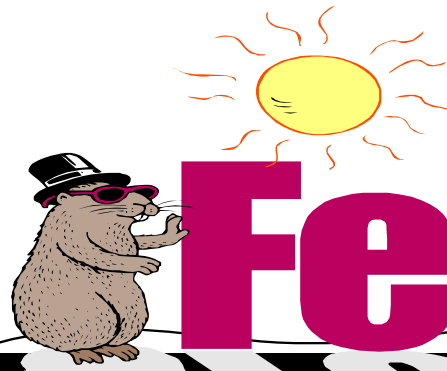
Down

- 2. temple of worship
- 4. persons
- 5. flowing water
- 7. oracle
- 8. wild animals
- 11. Creator
- 12. people were possessed with these
- 15. consumed
- 16. fishing tool
- 17. temperature
- 19. ship
- 22. personal possession



WORD LIST

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| ate | demons | forty | Holy Spirit | nets | river |
| beasts | dove | Galilee | leper | obey | sandal |
| believe | fever | God | minister | people | Satan |
| boat | follow | gospel | my | prophet | son |
| | | | | | synagogue |



February

Sun

Mon

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Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 2:30pm-Music Practice, 4 6:30pm-Living the Questions Bible Study, 6/ Zoom	2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3 1pm-Game Day (snack potluck), Bethany 2pm-Journeys of the Heart, Spiritual Care Center (SCC)
4 10am-Worship, Sanctuary/Zoom/ FB 1pm-Agua Viva, Sanctuary Scout Sunday	5 	6 7pm-Church Board Meeting, Zoom	7 2pm-String Ensemble, Chapel 6pm-Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall (KHall), Fireside (FS)	8 2:30pm-Music Practice, 4 6:30pm-Living the Questions Bible Study, 6/ Zoom	9 	10 2pm-Journeys of the Heart, SCC
11 10am-Worship, Sanctuary/Zoom/ FB 1pm-Agua Viva, Sanctuary	12	13 9:30am-Koinonia Crafters, FS	14 Noon-Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary 2pm-String Ensemble, Chapel 6pm-Scouts BSA, KHall, FS Caller Deadline	15 Chico Ballet rehearsals, Khall, FS 2:30pm-Music Practice, 4	16 Chico Ballet rehearsals, Khall, FS	17 Chico Ballet Musical Performance, Khall, FS, 6, 10, Bethany 2pm-Journeys of the Heart, SCC
18 10am-Worship, Sanctuary/Zoom/ FB 1pm-Agua Viva, Sanctuary Safe Space, Khall	19 7pm-Faith in Films, 6 Safe Space, Khall Church Office Closed	20 2pm-WICS, Bethany 7pm-Elders, Zoom Safe Space, Khall	21 2pm-String Ensemble, Chapel 7pm-Faith in Films, 6 Safe Space, Khall	22 2:30pm-Music Practice, 4 Safe Space, Khall	23 1pm-Healing Circle, Bethany Safe Space, Khall	24 2pm-Journeys of the Heart, SCC Safe Space, Khall
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