

Hello, September!

September 2023

Agape Potluck Meal—the first Sunday of each month.

Lunch and Learn

The lunch and learn on September 17th will be a conversation facilitated by Zach Davis, who has worked with the houseless community professionally, about trauma informed care. It's a first step in building our toolkit as we continue to lean into loving our neighbors as ourselves. Please make plans to attend, if you feel so inclined.

PS—Bag Lunch, so bring your own.

***AGAPE MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Our Agape meals are proving an uncomplicated and enjoyable opportunity for fellowship post Covid. They are in a groove and need very little hands on attention; however, your hospitality crew needs some backup folks. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up for a month to be a point person for that fellowship opportunity. You will need only to be available that day to set up and clean up. Usually, there are other folks who willingly assist by picking up their own dishes, etc. Set up takes about 10 minutes; clean up involves loading the dishwasher, washing other stray pieces in the sink, and wiping down tables. That's it.

Sandwiches and Smiles –

Calling all Smiles and Sandwiches makers: we will meet on Saturday September 16 at 10 am at church to make peanut butter and preserves/jam sandwiches. Please bring 2 loaves of bread, any kind. Call or text Linda Coonley 913-523-6903 to say you can help. Smiles and Sandwiches will occur on September 17 this month. We could use some additional distribution volunteers, snacks, and tarps.

In Kind Mission for August—Los Pobres Note from Jud re: Los Pobres

Thank you to everyone for their contributions to Los Pobres. Jud and Maggie's car was stuffed with school supplies, socks, shoes and other clothes. Los Pobres is sooooo grateful for our help. There are 800 families (at least 2,000 people representing four counties) served by Los Pobres and our donations make a difference.
Jud

Calendar Events:

1. **Sundays - Percolate – our Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation.** Feel free to join us **Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m.**
2. **Sept 10 – Chat. Meet. Walk. With Family Promise. (check the e-blast)**
3. **September 13 – Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. Urban Egg at Dublin/Powers location**
4. **Sept 17– Lunch and Learn;** after worship. Topic "Trauma Informed Care " with Zach Davis
5. **Sept 17 –** distribution of sandwiches at Dorchester Park and a new location (TBA)
6. **September 24** following the worship service **Executive Council Meeting.**



September Birthdays

1	Roberta Povelite
2	Joyce Michael
3	Crystal Karr
17	Jackie Moore
23	Claire McGee
26	Tammie Davis

October Birthdays

5	Ev
7	Carol Lawson
10	Jud Jusell
15	Nora Barnes
19	Carrie Barnes
22	Kayan Cross

September and October Anniversaries

Sept. 1	John and Deborah Tinsley
Sept. 3	Lyn and Carolyn Gunning
Sept. 4	Dave and Cindy Nath
Sept. 20	Charlie and Jan Morgan
Sept. 23	Justin and Kelsie Hollins
Oct 14	Amanda Udis-Kessler



2023 Executive Council

Elected: Moderator—Dave Lee; Treasurer—Matt Spencer

Appointed Position: Financial Secretary—Denise Lee;

Continuing Positions: Assistant Moderator—David Nath; Recording Clerk— Erika Forshee;

Vista Grande's Vision Statement – adopted April 13, 2020

"We covenant together to imagine and live into a world where God's Kin-dom vision of human and planetary flourishing comes to pass through the work of love, justice, peace, equality, and extravagant hospitality. We envision nothing less than a world restored to wholeness, wellness, joy, and gratitude for all of God's Creation."

Our core values as discerned by the executive council:

- Connecting with the Divine
- Engaging in community
- Fostering diversity
- Embodying our values
- Leading with care