

## November Worship Calendar

### November 4

*Democracy: Today or Tomorrow?*

Rev. Carlos R. Martinez

### November 11

*You Cannot Step Into The Same River Twice*

Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael

### November 18

Thanksgiving Service

Led by The Shelter Committee

*Worship Service will be held in the Assembly Hall*

### November 25

Lay Led Worship Service

Rev. Carlos R. Martinez, Interim Minister  
 Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education  
 Gerald A. Brown, Director of Music  
 Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator  
 Jeff Loveland, Church Administrator  
 Rev. Bruce Southworth, Minister Emeritus

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## Minister's Corner

November 4 and 11, 2018 Issue



**P**lease don't hate on me. I miss Bob Dole. I miss him in the same way I miss Daniel Inouye and others of that generation of politicians. Despite all the divisions of party and political fussing I had confidence that they would operate using regular order and find comity on the floor of the Senate or in the cloak-room. They had what this

generation is lacking: a shared experience of having gone off to war to fight fascism and having come home vowing it would never happen here.

The 2016 election results gave me even more reason to mourn the passing of the Greatest Generation, a term made popular by journalist Tom Brokaw, to describe the generation who grew up in the deprivation of the Great Depression and then went on to fight in World War II.

It was this generation who put their mark on what the United States would become in the post-World War II era and many of whom served as legislators. I believe this generation was inclined to find comity and collegiality despite their ideological and political differences because of the common experiences they shared as comrades in arms and in their determination not to allow the tyranny of the regimes they defeated to wash up upon these shores.

Representatives of this generation, along with Inouye and Dole, included the likes of Sen Jacob Javits, Sen Frank Lautenberg, Sen Daniel Moynihan, Sen Frank Church among others. In this moment of political

division and discord I mourn the passing of the Greatest Generation because what we have lost is a leadership whose judgment was informed by common experience and a knowledge of the horrors which befall civilizations as they degenerate into lesser forms of government. I mourn the loss of their wisdom and leadership and their willingness to get along and to find compromise and most importantly to join in fighting for what was right.

As you may recall in an earlier Minister's Corner, I left you pondering James Luther Adams quandary of how to oppose the rise of fascism in the United States. He said "I pressed upon myself the question, 'If fascism should arise in the States, what in your past performance would constitute a pattern or framework of resistance?' I could give only a feeble answer to the question. My principal political activities had been the reading of the newspaper and voting. I had preached sermons on the depression or in defense of strikers. Occasionally, I uttered protest against censorship in Boston, but I had no adequate conception of citizenship participation."

Here we are in 2018. Come Tuesday, November 6th, we will engage in one of JLA's remedies for the condition of the onset fascism, we will vote. This isn't the first time we have faced this challenge, Madelyn Albright in her book *Fascism: A Warning* reminds us the specter of authoritarian government reared its head at various times in our history. It was most pronounced between the First and Second World Wars. It is here again.

So Tuesday will come and vote we will. My hope is we will wake up to a country that has beaten back the scourge of a malevolent movement. It is my hope. I have been disappointed before

Rev. Carlos

# Church Events

- Worship Meeting  
Tue., Nov. 6, 10:00 am
- Yoga with Nafisa  
Tue., Nov. 6, 6:00 pm
- Breathing Exercises with Nafisa  
Fri., Nov. 9, 1:15 pm
- Yoga with Nafisa  
Sat., Nov. 10, 10:30 pm
- Concert with  
Joel Mandelbaum  
Sun., Nov. 11, 2:00 pm
- Worship Meeting  
Tue., Nov. 13, 10:00 am
- Yoga with Nafisa  
Tue., Nov. 13, 6:00 pm
- Breathing Exercises with Nafisa  
Fri., Nov. 16, 1:15 pm

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



RE/FM has been involved with several service projects that promote the children to see themselves as active players. In October we were involved in *Cards for Hospitalized Kids* and we also collected donations for UNICEF. In September we partnered with Aysha Turgut, founder of *Camp Art Project*. Aysha works with refugee children from Syria, who are now living in Turkey. I am delighted to schedule two more Sunday programs on November 18 and December 9. On these two days the children will create art that will be shared with the Syrian children in refugee camps.

We will read the book *The Lost and Found Cat* by Doug Kuntz. It is a true story about a refugee family fleeing their home in Iraq. The family can take only a few belongings with them; among the items, their beloved pet cat, Kunkush, they refuse to leave behind. They eventually land on the shores of Greece, and it is here that the family loses Kunkush. The story mainly follows the cat, but it gently introduces children into the world of a refugee family, and how each small of kindness makes a difference in people's lives, especially those who have been displaced.

Paz, Esther

**Sunday School** ~ Join us in the RE Room downstairs at 11 am.  
**Fellowship Hour** ~ **Assembly Hall, 12:15 p.m.** Please join us after worship.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY—November 4

#### Daylight Saving Time Set your clock back 1 hour

- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Religious Education
- 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour
- 12:45 pm **CONGREGATIONAL QUARTERLY MEETING**

### WEDNESDAY—November 7

- 6:30 pm Gallery35 Meeting

### SUNDAY—November 11

- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 am Shelter Meeting
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Religious Education
- 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour
- 12:45 pm Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
- 1:00 pm UNGA Meeting

### THOSE WHO ALSO MINISTER—NOVEMBER 4

**Pulpit Flowers**—Given by Joyce Mantyla in loving memory of her mother Evelyn Mantyla Pontz  
**Usher/Greeter**—Joe and Martha Wagner

**Welcome Table**—Louise Brown Nancy Jennings  
**Hospitality**—Helene Summa  
**Bookstall**—Ken Wachtell

### THOSE WHO ALSO MINISTER—NOVEMBER 11

**Pulpit Flowers**—Happy Birthday Dad. Love Michael and Kayla Southworth  
**Usher/Greeter**—Elektra Birchall Leslie McKenzie

**Welcome Table**—Lisa Gluck  
**Hospitality**—Board of Trustees  
**Bookstall**—Ken Wachtell

**November Coordinator Helene & BJ's Homeless Shelter**—Charlotte McPherson—212-228-4645 Shelter volunteers always welcome.

**SUNDAY—November 18**  
Thanksgiving Worship Service  
Led by The Shelter Committee

**SUNDAY—November 25**  
Lay Led Worship Service

## FROM OUR COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER CANDIDATE



In keeping with our mission statement, "to grow as a caring, justice-making, anti-racist, diverse, spiritual community,"<sup>1</sup> I am delighted to share the good news that the Community Care Team has been formed!

Please join me in thanking each Member and Friend of the Team for their willingness to serve.

Team Members in alphabetical order are:

- David Ascencio
- Kevin Maxwell
- Kevin Willis
- Leslie McKenzie
- Louise Brown
- Michele Ascencio
- Nafisa Degani
- Nancy Jennings
- Sam Kerns

Official Friends of the Team are:

- Helene Summa
- Pat Kolb
- Paul Hampton

I have faith that as a Team we can, and will, serve the members and friends of Community well.

As Team Leader, my goals are as follows:

1. Design and create a Compassionate Care Team as a foundational part of Community's Pastoral Care Ministry. The Team is expected to be an on-going program and resource for the Minister, the Ministry, and the Congregation.
2. Inspire a congregation-wide improvement in the quality of congregational communication and covenantal relationships.

3. Offer three adult education workshops focusing on three different dimensions of care by June 2019.

Care of Self: Identity Awareness  
Care of Others: Communication Transformation  
Care of the Community: Cultural Responsibility

4. Offer a worship service focused on the role of the Compassionate Care Team at Community by June 2019.
5. Find creative ways to bring a strong and concrete sense of caring back to Community with the goal of creating transformative, sustainable experiences.

As a follow-up to September's introductory meetings, I will lead two synergy meetings this month (Friday, November 9; Sunday, November 18) for the Team Members and Friends to build community, orientation, familiarize themselves with the work at hand, and set goals.

Finally, I recently came home to a letter that brought a big smile to my face and excitement to my heart. The first sentence read: "Congratulations on being accepted into the Commissioned Lay Ministry Program of the Central East Region!" The letter was signed by the Rev. Joan Van Becelaere, "on behalf of the Central East CLM Council."

Thank you for your ongoing support as we journey together centering care for our beloved community!

Masakhane, Janice  
<sup>1</sup>Adopted January 2003

"Masakhane" is a rich and resonant word from the Nguni family of languages of South Africa, of which Zulu and Xhosa are two. Loosely translated into English it means, "Let us build together."



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