

Parson to Person by Pastor Dave

“Curmudgeon” is not a word I would usually choose for myself... in the main, I try to be a jolly kind of guy. Upbeat, pleasant, joyful, all of that... when you are an oddly-dressed Christian who plays the accordion and has a wonderful family, it is hard not to smile a lot in life! But I have noticed some *tendencies* creeping up on me; selecting restaurants, not based on food or service, but upon how *quiet* they are; choosing less aggressive movie fare, thinking more, and running around like a headless chicken less. I’m slowing down a bit and savoring life more. And in that vein, it always is reassuring to have a Sunday, every now and then, that isn’t a festival, or a special Sunday, just a plain, ordinary, meat-and-potatoes kind of worship day. In our accelerated world, I treasure the slower days... maybe you do too.

If you are like me in that regard, you will likely enjoy the very balanced church life planned for the month of May... such a splendid month unfurls before us! It begins with a foundational teaching Sunday, sharing the Holy Communion meal, and storing up some energy for what always turns out to be a rather frantic month.

The very next week is Mother’s Day, a day for affirming all of our core values as a church as they come to full flower in mothers and children. Always a big, mushy, emotionally charged day for the church... but then, just a week later, a balancing day of quietness and exploration of the oneness promised in the Gospels.

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Our Purpose
To ENGAGE people in joyful relationships with God and with each other, so we will GROW in Christ-like compassion, and SHARE the blessings of the Holy Spirit.



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We round out the month with Memorial Day weekend, and the flags will be flying and the trumpets (more likely accordions) will be blaring, and we will take time to honor and remember, too. Pentecost arrives on the same Sunday, so please wear red (and white and blue, too, if you are so inclined!)

I suppose after the ‘calm hibernation of winter’ (not that any of us actually rested too much) a riotous spring is simply the natural way of things. It feels good to know that the church is keeping time with the drumbeat of creation, more or less. But unlike the energetic explosion of blooming color that has finally landed in our community, we will intentionally carve out some contemplative time each Sunday, despite what the calendar says: the merry, merry month of May is upon us!

VBS IS RETURNING

After a 3-year hiatus due to COVID, Vacation Bible School is returning to Trinity this summer, although it will be significantly slimmed down from previous years. It will be a one-day event on Saturday, June 10, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. with lunch included.

We will be using parts of an earlier curriculum that we purchased, but did not use because of the COVID virus. The title of the curriculum is *Knight's of North Castle* where the participants search for the **King's Armor**. The participants will experience the activities in a single group with the staff (with the exception of The Bible story) conducting the activities in a team environment. Not all elements of the complete 5-day curriculum will be used.

We do anticipate a considerably smaller number of participants than in the past. However, it is our intent that the experience will be every bit as enjoyable. We are asking that anyone who has friends or relatives with children in the age range of 4-10, please inform them of this opportunity and then maybe we will be pleasantly surprised at the number of participants.

Registration will begin on May 21 after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please register your child participant early

Anyone who would like to be part of the team, please contact Rich Wolff at the church office (530-343-1497).

Submitted by Rich Wolff

UWIF News

When persons, who have no medical insurance or a primary care doctor, need their health care problems addressed, a resource they can depend on is the SHALOM FREE CLINIC pioneered and administered by Nancy Morgan-Ferguson who gave a presentation to the ladies at their April 19th meeting in Hadley Hall.

Working with Dr. Logan and 60 selected CSUC health majors, they run a Sunday clinic, a food pantry, clothing distribution center as well as a mental health clinic in person and via phone to those otherwise unable to receive physical and mental health care needs.

The volunteers are mainly there to earn hours required for admission to medical or nursing schools, and often learn whether or not that is the field they wish to enter.

As a token to thank Nancy for her informative lecture, the UWF ladies brought belts, clothing, socks and shoes to take back to the clinic, and Pam Beeman presented a check of \$730, which church members had designated for them on their Alternative Easter giving offerings.

The Treasurer reported a checking balance of \$6850.33.

Lucille Wanece announced church member Mimi Moser celebrates her 105th birthday on Apr. 21 and birthday greetings would be welcome.

News of Trinity's friend Ali Sasour's passing and funeral at the Muslim cemetery was noted and a sympathy card will be sent via Olav and Tara Smith.

VP Carolyn Clayton announced an exhibit of art by foster kids will be at MONCA April 27-May 11 and urged attendance.

Suellen Rowlison reported Missionary to Nepal Katherine Parker will be visiting on Oct. 8th and a church potluck will be held with the intent of inviting area Methodist church members to participate.

Suellen also solicited ideas or suggestions for maintenance areas of concern to be given to the Church Council and the Trustees.

Neva Wacker announced the Sewing Group that makes crafts for the Bazaar will meet on Wednesday April 26th. Lily asked that they make heart shaped pillows for shut-ins and others with fabric remnants, citing a January RESPONSE article by a unit in Georgia that was the impetus for the project. Coleen suggested that it could also be a fundraiser.

Some years ago, there were organized circles for socialization in addition to the unit meetings, but they were disbanded for a variety of reasons. President Neva suggested there could be a revival of them and urged the unit to consider them for future discussions.

Besides the informative lecture about Shalom Clinic, the highlight of the meeting was the plan to observe long-time member Virginia Mancebo's 100th birthday on April 22nd. An anthurium plant, group-signed birthday card and a heart pillow with some candy were taken to her by Carol Riley and Lily Loughlin. They reported an enjoyable visit with Virginia who remains keen and articulate and looked forward to her birthday party with her grandchildren.

There will be a salad potluck on Saturday, May 20th and all ladies and guests they wish to invite are welcome to attend 11:30-1:30. Child-care is not provided, but please mark your calendars for a joyous event. (There will be sign-up sheets available on the Sundays before the event.)

Our next UWF meeting is Wednesday, May 17th @ 10AM. This is a Planning Meeting for our last gathering before Summer. There will be no speaker. We will be planning a Field Trip to the Paradise UMC and a Salad / Dessert Picnic Lunch on Saturday, June 24th 11:30-2:00. Join us for a visit to the Labyrinth at the Paradise UM church. Car Pooling will be avail-

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able.

Sewing Group will meet in May on MAY 25th - Thursday @ 10 am to noon. Bring a sack lunch and bring whatever Craft Project you are working on for the Christmas / Holiday Bazaar in December. Thursday is not the new Wednesday, but I have an Annual Drs. Appointment for Wednesday, and you all know how hard it is to get in to see the Dr. ▢. Contact Neva Wacker @ 530-592-3618 if you can't come but would like to let us know what you are working on from home.

Submitted by Lily Loughlin

Dear Interfaith Members:

We are pleased to announce Rev. Eileen Brownell has been certified as a Soul Shop suicide prevention trainer. Currently she is the only authorized trainer north of Sacramento to the Oregon border. As you'll recall, we helped sponsor Eileen to receive the training.

She will be providing the first process for our community on Saturday, **May 20, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM** at the Center for Spiritual Living Chico. The program will be offered at a minimal cost to cover expenses. Seating is limited so we encourage you to register early.

Blessings...Kristy Collins
CAIC Secretary

Thank You

On behalf of the Board of Paths Straight to Recovery (PSTR), I would like to give hearty thanks to Trinity UMC for their recent donation of \$5000. We are so pleased and so blessed by this gift!! PSTR is a small non-profit that helps men in their walk to recovery while walking with Christ. After undergoing detox and a residential treatment program for a substance abuse disorder, many require continued assistance in their efforts to regain economic self-sufficiency and independence. Transitional housing, often referred to as sober living, is the next step in the process of transitioning from a residential treatment program back into society. Paths Straight to Recovery transitional housing is intended for men who are in recovery and require further assistance before living independently.

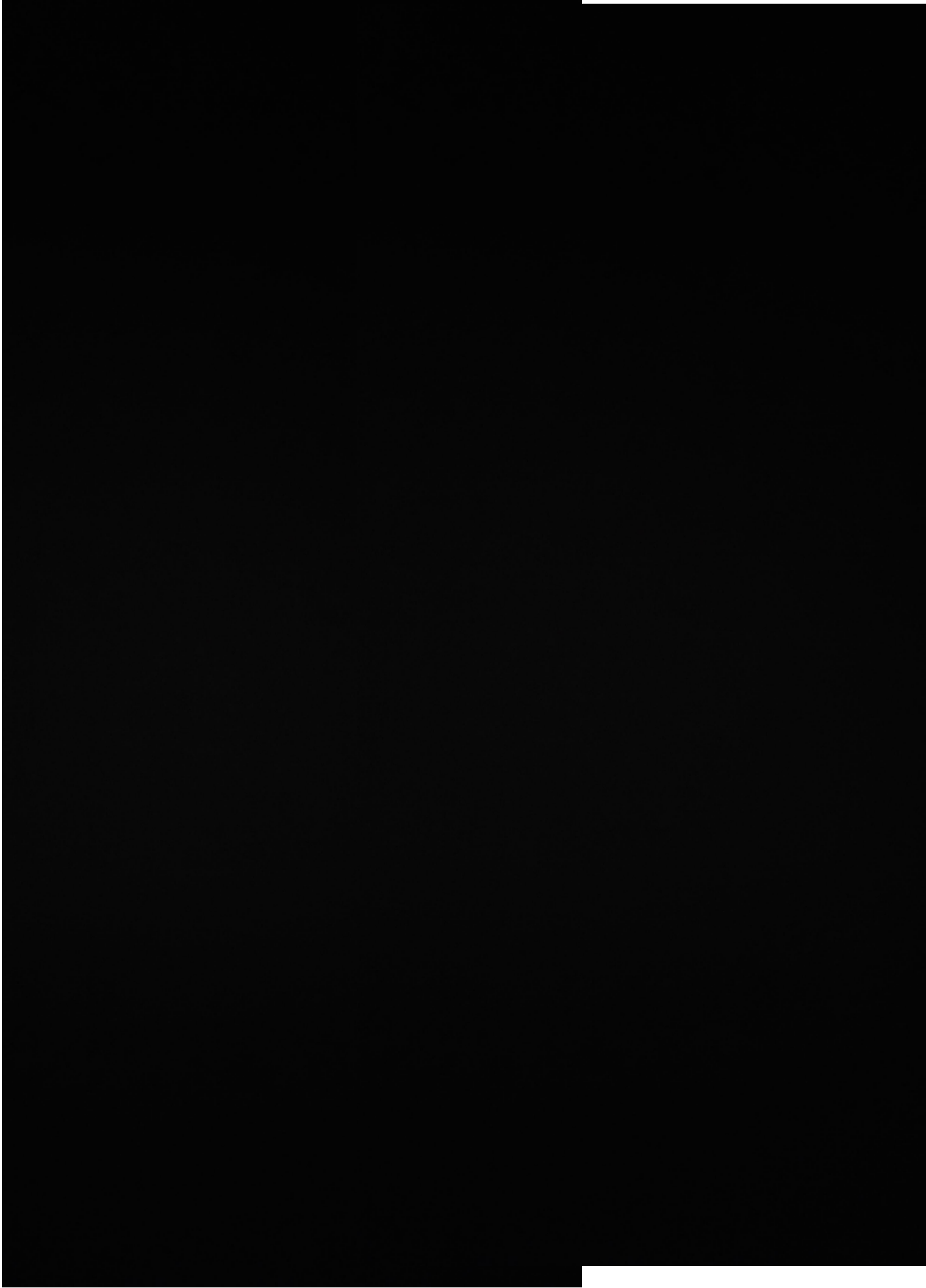
Currently we support 8 men in the house that we have; we hope to open a second house, and your gift will help with that!

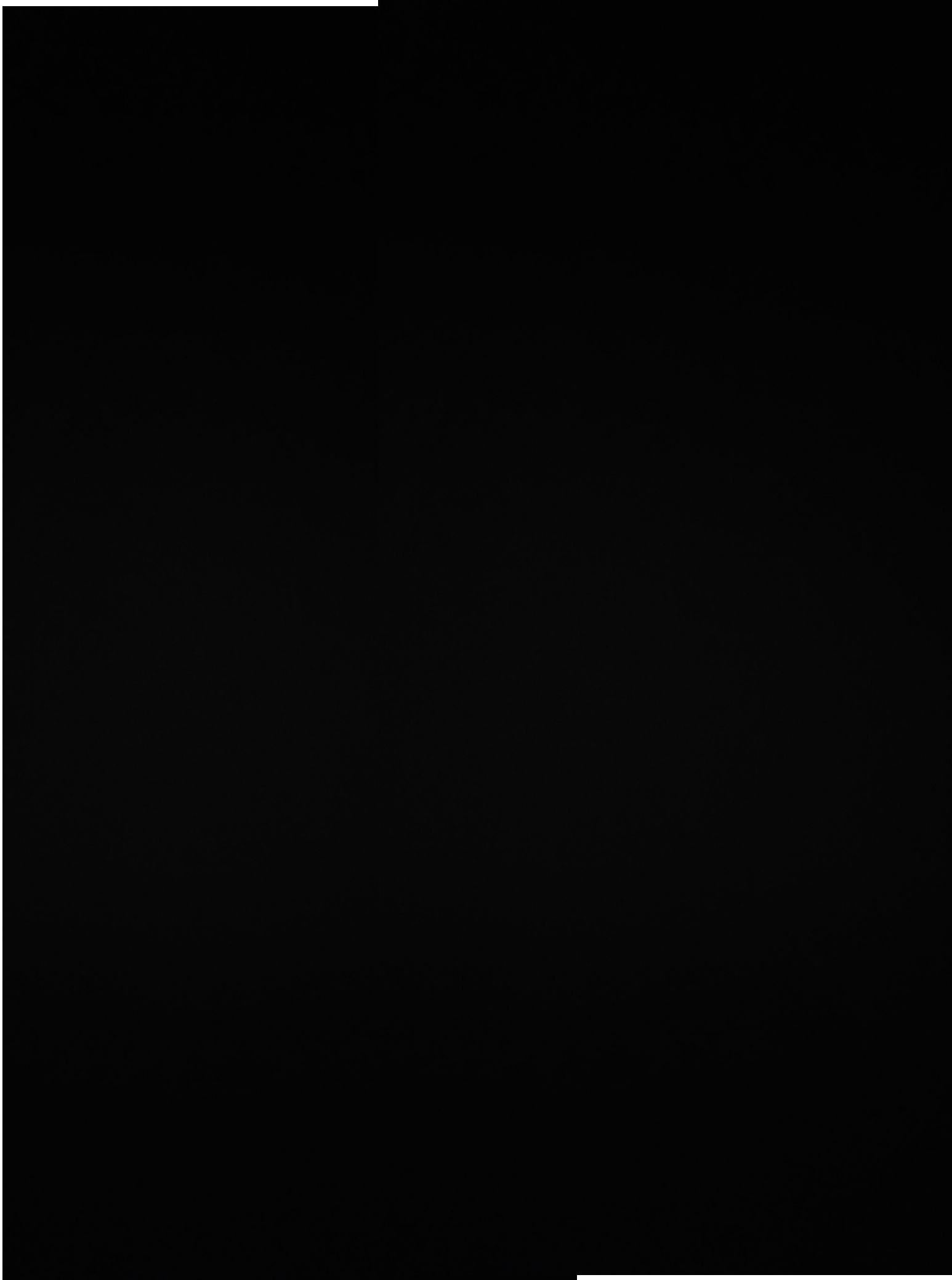
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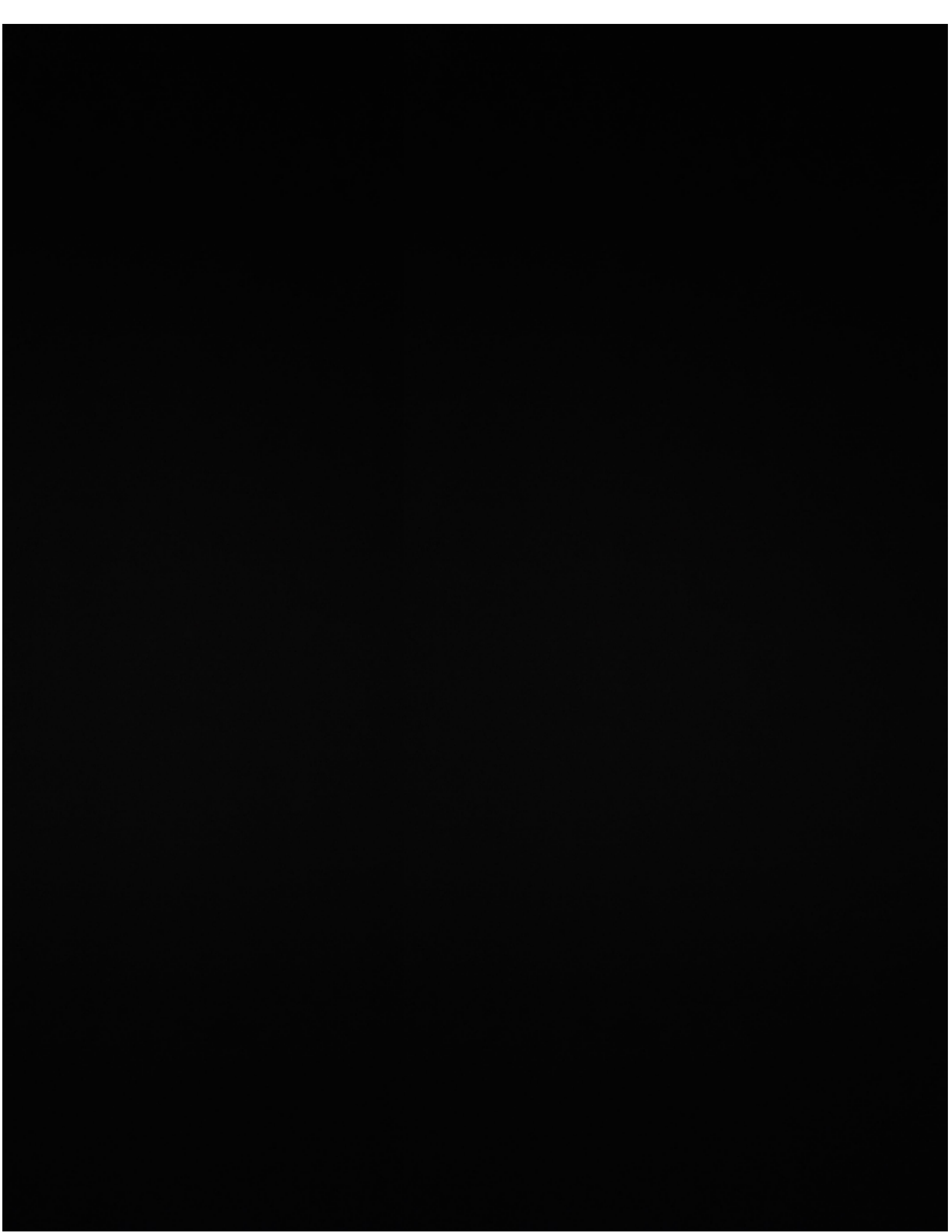
"To become a vital partner in building successful lives in recovery by providing Christian Discipleship using Celebrate Recovery resources. It is hoped that this support will lead clients to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and successful recovery by providing affordable neighborhood housing that is sensitive to the needs of the clients through the highest quality residential recovery opportunities available. PSTR is a resource for those interested in achieving long-term recovery from hurts, hang-ups and habits."

Thank you again for blessing this mission!!

Submitted by Katya Yarosevich







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WORSHIP IN MAY

Sunday, May 7

We really get back to basics today with the text from 1 Peter, and a homily that is called “The Church’s One Foundation”. We will joyfully celebrate Holy Communion this morning as well.

Sunday, May 14 FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME

The lesson today is from John 14:15-21, but it sounds a lot like something Mom would have said! Join us for great music, an engaging homily entitled “The Proof of the Pudding...”, and some heartfelt reverence for mothers and all that mushy stuff.

Sunday, May 21

John 17:1-11 leads us into an extended discussion of oneness, a glorious gift too rarely seen in this old world of ours. The message today is called “The Glory of Oneness”. We will work on the concept in our prayer time and in the singing of beautiful, unifying music.

Sunday, May 28 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND and PENTECOST

Every year we hear the famous Pentecost story from the book of Acts, but this year let’s try a different Spirit story... 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, which will be expanded in the homily “Variety Show”. Please wear red if you have it, and join us for a somber yet uplifting time of celebrating the Spirit, not only in us but in our fallen beloved who gave their lives in service to their country.