



The Beacon

First United Methodist Church Seal Beach

Do No Harm

Do Good

Stay in Love with God

June 2026

From Pastor Tia

Greeting Friends:

I hope you are all doing well. I have completed one month of my two-month Spiritual Renewal Leave and feeling rested already. I trust you all are doing well and have enjoyed the guest preachers so far. In this months Beacon I wanted to include the short biographies that our preachers have sent to me so that you can get to know them better.

I hope you are continuing to support these guests and welcome any other guests we may have while I am away. God's blessing to you all. See you July 1.

Shalom,

Rev. Lee Carlile – May 31

Rev. Lee Carlile has lived in the same neighborhood in Redondo Beach since 1974, when she and her husband Don moved here from Indiana. For 28 years, they were members of First United Methodist Church, Redondo Beach, until Lee finally answered God's call and enrolled at Claremont School of Theology. After she received her Master of Divinity degree in 2003, she was appointed to Grace United Methodist Church in Long Beach, where she served for seven years. In 2010, she was appointed to El Segundo United Methodist Church, retiring from that pastorate in 2021. Since then, Don and Lee have returned to Redondo First UMC, where Lee enjoys teaching classes, acting as liturgist, and providing pulpit supply in the area. Don and Lee have two children and three grandchildren, all of whom live on the east coast. They enjoy singing in the church choir and the Long Beach Chorale, walking, reading, and getting together with friends.

Rev. Nicole Reilley – June 7

Rev. Nicole Reilley is a United Methodist minister who has served as lead and teaching pastor in churches of 60 to 500 and has worked on Conference staff, equipping pastors to start and vitalize local congregations.

With over 30 years of ministry experience, Rev. Nicole serves as a clergy and church coach and social media manager, helping others make disciples and reach new generations. Her book of devotions for Advent will be released by Abingdon Press this summer.

Rev. Cheryl Kelly - June 14

After serving at St. Paul's UMC in Redondo Beach and Belmont Heights UMC in Long Beach, I retired to a life of fun, food, and fellowship with family and friends and continue faithfully serving as a partner in ministry at Radiant Church in Huntington Beach, where my son Joel is the pastor. My other son, Sean, is a pastor at Penasquitos Lutheran Church in San Diego. I have six grandchildren living from New York City to Minnesota (2) to Denver to San Diego to Tustin. I enjoy visiting my grandchildren and other family in Illinois, playing golf, and socializing with old and new friends. It is my pleasure to lead worship at Seal Beach when the opportunity presents itself.

Rev. Stan Fergurson – June 21

Stan Ferguson is a Southern California native. He grew up in Torrance/Carson and Westminster. He attended Cal State University, Long Beach and received his M-Div from Fuller in Pasadena, and earned his MBA from Cal Lutheran University (Thousand Oaks).

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Rev. Stan Ferguson – June 21 (cont.)

Stan and Ellen married in 1979 at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Westminster. They have a son, Aaron and a daughter, Rachel. And four grandchildren. Stan and Ellen are excited to join Seal Beach for worship. They have fond memories of Seal Beach. During the 1980’s they often ate lunch after church with Ellen’s parents at a small Swedish smorgasbord in Seal Beach.

Pastor Jennifer Weyenberg (Jen) - June 28

Pastor Jennifer Weyenberg, (Jen), is a board-certified chaplain serving as a staff chaplain at Providence St Jude Medical Center in Fullerton. Jen received her BA in Political Science from

UC Irvine and Master of Divinity from Claremont School of Theology. She is a Certified Pastoral Grief Counselor and has recently published her first collection of poems on grief and loss. When she’s not at the hospital, Jen enjoys gardening, reading, fiber crafts, and music. She is married to her husband, Clark, has 4 grown children, and one grandchild.



Juneteenth Friday June 19th

Juneteenth commemorates the date—June 19, 1865, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation and two months after the end of the Civil War—when hundreds of thousands of enslaved men and women in Texas finally learned they had been freed. **Juneteenth** is an **important** milestone in American Culture.

In-Person & Virtual Worship Sundays 9:30am

E-mail Prayer Chain -
prayerchain@firstchurchsealbeach.org

Admin. Council – Saturday June 13th Hybrid @ 9:30am. Meets on the second Saturday of the month.

Beacon Article Deadline – Monday June 22nd @ 11:00am

Lunch Bunch - Wed. June 24th @ 11:30am @ Katrina Café, 330 Main Street. Lunch Bunch gets together on the 4th Wed of the month. All are welcome. Notify Jeanne if you’d like to join us.

Men’s Breakfast Group - Men’s Fellowship group meets for breakfast every Thursday @ 7:30am @ Blackboard Bistro on PCH.

Mission Ministry Fellowship - Thurs. June 4th @ 9:00am. Meets on the first Thurs. of the month.

Music Ministry - Anjanette Navarro - anjanette880@gmail.com.
Trio & Summer Choir rehearsal times vary; Sundays 8:30am.

Women's Group - Meetings held as needed.

Office Closures:

Friday June 19th - Juneteenth

Friday July 3rd – 4th of July Holiday

Eastertide

The Great Fifty Days – This is the time between Easter and Pentecost. During this season we are reminded of the resurrection story and its glories for us.



Prayer Chain

**Douglas, Christian's father has terminal cancer; we're praying for a peaceful journey.*

**For the victims of the environment hazard that we're dealing with outdoors, we're asking the Lord to keep us and them safe.*

**Pray for safety for Chris B. & his family.*

**Robert is doing better, now his family has had to evacuate their home.*

**Continue to pray for Anjanette's family who are also near the hazard.*

Continue to pray for Joyce & Mike.

JOY

Mary's biopsy came back negative for cancer.

Ruth is moving to New York to pursue her vocal studies. It has been a joy having her with us for the last 2 years. We pray for safe travels and a safe journey.

Mothers & Others Tea

by Charlotta Butler

Debbie and I want to thank all of the helpers that made our "Mothers and Others Tea" a great success. All worked together and everything went smoothly. We thank Vivien for all her special art work, the Men's Group, the Women's Group, younger volunteers, Jeanne's help with printing, and especially Pam's daughter Lori and son-in-law Jeff. Their last hour's schedule was amazing.

Also, thanks to all who provided the delicious sandwiches and sweet treats and to Pastor Tia for her scones.

Extra special thanks to JJ for the fabulous and fitting music. He blew the house down -- but in a good way.

Reverend Richard closed our Tea with words of benediction and farewell.

And best of all we were able to support Interval House, We Care and Precious Lamb.

Again --- Thanks to you all.
Charlotta

Missions

by Carolyn Nicks

Support Bag Lunch Outreach

Our Bag Lunch Program is always in need of packaged goods. Packaged meats, fruit, granola, soup and chips are always needed. Along with food in the bag a peanut butter and jelly sandwich is given. All cans must have pop-top lids. Our guests come to our church for our help and we try our best to fulfill their needs. Hopefully you can share your bounty to feed those in need. We've given out 10 lunches since the last Beacon. Missions has started preparing for Rise Against Hunger on Oct. 18th.

Slurry Seal Thursday

June 11th on Center Ave

The city will be doing the final slurry treatment on Center Ave. by the Church. No parking on Center Ave. 7:00am to 5:00pm. No access to the Church parking lot. Jeanne will work from home that day and will be in the office on Tues. June 9th.

May/June Upper Room Available

The daily devotional Upper Room is available. They do enrich your life. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact the office.



Finance Report as of May 19, 2026			
	Monthly	Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
	5/1/26-5/19/26	1/1/26-5/19/26	1/1/26-5/19/26
Income Totals	36,876.00	119,097.73	129,030.00
Expense Totals	13,390.57	78,317.02	129,010.00
Difference	23,485.43	40,780.71	20.00



June Altar Flowers

June 7th — Dan & Charlotta Butler in honor of Chris' Birthday 6/10

If you'd like to provide flowers on June 14th, 21st, or 28th to honor someone or an event, or in memory of someone please sign-up on the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You can also call or email; office@firstchurchsealbeach.org and state it's in honor or in memory of a special person or occasion. Your gift of flowers for the altar on Sunday morning really adds beauty and meaning to our services.



June 2026 Worship Schedule

In-Person Worship 9:30am
Streaming live on Facebook

Sermon Series
Spring Into Faith

Sunday Worship Services 9:30am
Guest Preachers

June 7th

Communion

Galatians 5:22-

“Where the Spirit is, there is Power”

Rev. Nicole Reilley

June 14th

Luke 10:25-37

“BLESS to Love”

Rev. Cheryl Kelly

June 21st

Father's Day

Matthew 5:17-20

“Metanoia”

Rev. Stan Ferguson

June 28th

Matthew 10:40-42

“God, you said, What?!”

Pastor Jen Weyenberg

June Birthdays

- Garry Chapman
- Debbie Hitchings
- Devin Dunbar
- Wendy Dunbar
- Chris Butler
- Dan Carnegie
- Cynthia Chapman
- Donna Carnegie
- Christian Navarro



Happy Anniversary

June Anniversaries

June 17th Vic & Judy Peterson

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Streaming Live**

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