



The Beacon

First United Methodist Church Seal Beach

Do No Harm

Do Good

Stay in Love with God

July 2026

From Pastor Tia

Greeting Friends:

On July 1st, I will be returning to the office after a two-month spiritual manual leave. I'm sure many of the first questions asked of me will be "are you spiritually renewed." To save you all some time, I will answer that question here; yes and no, it's complicated. I can say that I did need the break, and I appreciate your generosity in allowing me to take the time off. I was able to accomplish many of the things that I had planned. And my hope is that I will come back ready to go.

It wasn't necessarily planned this way, but I am coming back for my first Sunday, July 5, which will also be the first Sunday of this new year appointment. And once again, I have been blessed to serve here at First Church for another conference year. Most of all after the two months off, I am looking forward to serving once again with all of you. The guest preachers all told me what a special group of people you are. Something I already know.

In the past, I've taken the summer off from Bible Study, but since I am returning from renewal leave, I will be starting a Wednesday evening Bible Study up in a few weeks. I have not chosen what book of the Bible to study yet because I would like to get some feedback from all of you. What book of the Bible would you like to know more about? Send me an email or let me know when you see me at church and we will start that study up on Wednesday, July 8th at 7:00pm on Zoom.

As has been our tradition for the last several years, summertime means movie time. So we will be starting up "First Church at the Movies" beginning on the 5th and continuing for the next nine weeks. Below

in bold you will see which movies I will use each Sunday. If you are able, I encourage you to watch each one before the corresponding Sunday.

I want to say a word of thanks to Anjanette, Barbara, Christian, Jeanne, and all of you who stepped up to fill the void while I was gone. It truly was a blessing to know that such capable people are part of such a wonderful congregation. I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Shalom,

**7/5 -Field of Dreams, 7/12 - Soul,
7/19 - Mary Poppins, 7/26 - Arthur Christmas,
8/2 - K-Pop Demon Hunters, 8/9 - Born Yesterday,
8/16 - Zootopia 1 & 2, 8/23 - Kung Fu Panda, and
8/30 - Wake Up Dead Man, A Knives Out Mystery.**





Missions

by Carolyn Nicks

Save the Date
October 18th
Rise Against Hunger

Package 10,152 meals for families around the world.

Share our bounty for those in need.

Registration and donation forms arriving soon.

Lunch program is in need of donations of main meals, fruit, nuts and other treats. Please bring donations to church and share the bounty with others. We have given out 20 lunches since the last Beacon.

God bless us all!

In-Person & Virtual Worship Sundays 9:30am

E-mail Prayer Chain -

prayerchain@firstchurchsealbeach.org

Admin. Council – Sat. July 11th Hybrid @ 9:30am. Meets on the second Saturday of the month.

Beacon Article Deadline – Mon. July 20th @ 11:00am

Bible Study – Starts Wed. July 8th @ 7:00pm on Zoom.

Lunch Bunch - Wed. July 22nd @ 11:30am @ Blackboard Bistro. 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 Thurs. @ 7:30am @ Blackboard Bistro on PCH.

Mission Ministry Fellowship - Thurs. July 2nd @ 9:00am. Meets on the first Thurs. of the month.

Music Ministry - Anjanette Navarro - anjanette880@gmail.com.

Trio & Choir rehearsal times vary; Sundays 8:30 & 11:00am.

Women's Group - Meetings held as needed.

Office Closure:

Friday July 3rd (4th of July Holiday)



Prayer Chain

Prayers of healing for those who are hurting, had surgery or are injured.

Charlotta asks for prayers for Joey, he has Mono and is sleeping all the time and needs hydration.

Anjanette's Mom had to take her dog Daisy to the emergency vet. Daisy is not well.

Debbie asks for continued prayers for Jason.

Joy

Barbara had a wonderful father; he was a gynecologist.

2026 Church Directory

I'm starting preparations for an updated church directory. If you have any changes or additions that you'd like made please contact me at office@firstchurchsealbeach.org or call the office Mon.-Fri. 11:00am -2:00pm by July 13th.

Typically the church directory lists: First & last names, children's names, phone numbers, cell phone & if text is OK address, email addresses etc.

You can have a much or as little information as you would like listed. If you don't have a current directory to check your listing, contact me and I can send you an email of your directory information.

Thank you
Jeanne

July/August 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 June 22, 2026			
	Monthly	Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
	5/19/26-6/22/26	1/1/26-6/22/26	1/1/26-6/22/26
Income Totals	2,093.00	124,185.51	154,186.00
Expense Totals	17,118.69	103,777.36	154,812
Difference	-15,025.69	20,408.15	24.00



July Altar Flowers

July 12th — Dan & Charlotta Butler in honor of Tim's Birthday 7/14

If you'd like to provide flowers on July 5th, 19th, or 26th 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.



July 2026 Worship Schedule

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

Sermon Series
First Church at the Movies

Sunday Worship Services 9:30am

July 5th
Communion
2Corinthians 5:9
"First Church at the Movies –
Field of Dreams

July 12th
Ephesians 2:10-11
"First Church at the Movies –
Soul

July 19th
Colossians 3:13-14
"First Church at the Movies –
Mary Poppins

July 26th
Matthew 18:2-5
"First Church at the Movies –
Arthur Christmas

July Birthdays

Pete Arnold
Tim Butler
Ethan McCarthy
Deanna Hill
Dave Everson
Katarina Wildermuth
Justin McCarthy
Pam Cross
Dolores Wildermuth



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August 2026 Beacon Deadline



11:00am Mon. July 20th

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Streaming Live**

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streaming live on Facebook. You can
find us @

[facebook.com/firstsealbeach/](https://www.facebook.com/firstsealbeach/). Or go to
our website, scroll to the bottom right
& click on 

Space is available for comments.

