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# Keeping in Touch

January 21, 2018

## Keeping in Touch On Track

**Wondering what's happening?  
Wonder no more:**

January 28—ZOOMChurch, 5:00 pm

February 4—House Church—Alliston Johnson home, 10:00 am

February 11—ZOOMChurch, 5:00 pm

February 14—Ash Wednesday ZOOM or House church, time TBD

February 18—1st Sunday of Lent at St. Cyprian's, 5:00 pm

February 25—2nd Sunday of Lent ZOOMChurch, 5:00 pm

March 4—3rd Sun. of Lent House Church, location TBA, 10:00 am

March 11—4th Sun. of Lent, ZOOMChurch, 5:00 pm

March 18—5th Sun. of Lent, Worship at St. Cyprian's, 5:00 pm

March 25—Palm Sunday ZOOMChurch

### Holy Week

March 29—Maundy Thursday gathering—Middle Circle

April 1—EASTER

For details, up-to-date information, or changes, go here:

[www.fulc.com](http://www.fulc.com)

Click on Calendar

First United is a "Reconciling in Christ" (RIC) congregation that has declared that all persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities are equally welcome to join fully in the worship and life of this Christ-centered community.

## *PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

*January 21, 2018*

### **Update on Marilyn Pearson**

Marilyn had a fall at her residence early last week. She was taken to UCSF Parnassus, 15 Long: Adult Acute Care Unit, Room 1549 at latest report—no broken bones. She remains there so that the medical staff can continue to monitor her and run tests. Pastor Anders, Fr. Mike Reddig and others have been in to visit with her. Pastor Anders reports that she is in good spirits despite some pain in her legs and in her esophagus. Keep Marilyn and Lisa (who has been managing Marilyn's care as well as possible from Chicago) in your prayers.

**\* For the following we express Gratitude and offer Thanks:**

- for the **women and their supporters who march for justice**
- for **firefighters, first responders, EMTs, medical personnel, and all those** throughout the United States who, in a year of unprecedented multiple disasters, work selflessly and tirelessly to save lives and property, and to give comfort and restore a semblance of order to those who have seen their homes and their lives destroyed
- **for women in the entertainment industry**, who intentionally and persistently enshrined in the national conscience that the sexist objectification of women will no longer be tolerated
- **for a bit of rain this week**, as we pray for more

**\* The following we hold in our hearts and pray for Relief, Release, Solace, and Comfort:**

- for the **more than 100 women Olympic athletes** who suffered sexual abuse under physician Larry Nassar
- for all those suffering from this year's particularly widespread and **aggressive flu strains**
- for the **people of Montecito** who lost homes and lives in mudslides in recent weeks
- for the **"dreamers" and their families who face many levels of uncertainty**

*φ If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer list, please contact Orion. φ*

# Ever wonder, “What Can I Do . . . ?”

## Answer—This:



**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

Dear friends,

With your generosity, our church is able to walk alongside disaster survivors, meeting urgent needs and helping with the long road to recovery.



**In Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands**, we provided relief supplies to survivors and supported pastors so that they can focus on caring for their congregations and communities. We are currently assisting Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean Synod to build their capacities to respond to the disaster.

**In Haiti and Cuba**, we've replaced lost tools for farmers affected by the hurricane so they can get back to work, helped woman-headed households with cash assistance, and helped families get daily life back to normal with dishes, cookware and blankets.

**In Texas**, we're part of a group doing case management for survivors of disasters, and plans are underway for a respite retreat for rostered ministers.

**In Florida**, we've supported our affiliate in providing crisis counseling for thousands of people in 20 counties.

And much, much more is in the works as we continue to work closely with our affiliates, synods, companions and other partners.

**Our goal?** To have more resilient communities that are less vulnerable to the next disaster. Thanks to you, we're on the way there. I've already been impressed by the resiliency of our neighbors who survived disasters. Here are a few quotes that stuck with me recently:

- *"Virgin Islanders are strong and caring people. We have been hit hard, and so many are suffering. Despite this, people are joining together and supporting each other and forging a recovery out of the devastation."* – Christopher Finch, St. Croix
- *"Every day when I get up the first thing I do is give thanks to the Lord because I can see the light of a new day, not the electric light, a new opportunity to be alive and do the thing the Lord has called me to do."* – the Rev. Idalia Negron, Puerto Rico
- *"People are overwhelmed with the process, but they are also overwhelmed with love of the church, the neighbor and the stranger."* – Beverly Davis, Houston

Thank you again for partnering with us as we answer the invitation to be part of God's renewing work in the world.

With gratitude and fellowship,  
The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



## *Prevent Future Homelessness with a Call*

**Would you make a 10 minute call to prevent the future homelessness of a single youth? What about an entire family?**

Congress is in the process of creating the budget for the 2018 Fiscal Year. The decisions made in the coming days will determine whether HUD receives the level of funding needed to continue to house the youth, individuals and families which LSS serves in our supportive housing programs.

Your call or email is needed to secure HUD's current level of funding in 2018 and keep people in our community off the streets.

[Learn more about the proposed budget and how it will impact funding for homeless programs.](#)

**MAKE A CALL**

[WWW.LSSNORCAL.ORG](http://WWW.LSSNORCAL.ORG) | [EMAIL US](#) | [CONTACT US](#)

Lutheran Social Services of Northern California | [1465 Civic Court, Building D, Suite 810](#), Concord, CA 94520



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## MULTIFAITH RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL OBSERVANCES 2018

FOR A COMPLETE AND INTERACTIVE MULTIFAITH RELIGIOUS CALENDAR,

CLICK HERE:

<http://ucsfspiritcare.org/resources/>



January 21  
Pam Hargraves

January 23  
Jacob Johnson

January 29  
Deborah Barrow  
Kristin Chen

February 2  
Sonja Chen

## REFRESHMENTS AFTER WORSHIP



**Thanks to Tamara & Jacob for today's refreshments**

Willing to help?  
Contact Orion at  
[orion@fulc.com](mailto:orion@fulc.com)



### Coming Events (this week and beyond):

#### *January/Epiphany Season Schedule*



#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 5:00 PM**

ZOOMCHURCH—2ND SUNDAY AFTER  
EPIPHANY & MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
OBSERVANCE

Links to be provided.

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 7:00 PM**

FIRST UNITED LEADERSHIP CIRCLE MEET-  
ING

Zoom platform—links will be provided.

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 7:30-9:30 PM**

MIDDLE CIRCLE PHILOSOPHY NIGHT  
at 344 Carl St., #2, San Francisco

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 5:00 PM**

WORSHIP—3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
at St. Cyprian's

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 5:00 PM**

ZOOMCHURCH—WORSHIP—4TH SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY  
login information will be provided

#### **FOR FULL DETAILS**

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#### Sunday Worship

5:00 p.m. at

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church  
2097 Turk Street @ Lyon

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#### **NOTE:**

**Deadline for submission**  
of all information or items in  
*Keeping in Touch* is  
**Wednesday at 12 noon**  
of the week of publication.  
Items submitted after this time

#### **Assistance Policy**

First United's policy is to help people by finding services when possible, and will provide gift cards for specific financial needs. All requests for help must go to Pastor Susan. Please do not ask members for money,