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## **THE Weekly**

Thursday, July 17, 2025



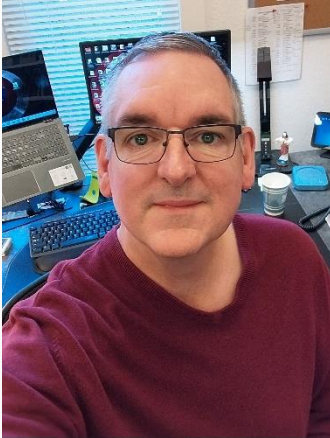
### **ON SUNDAY**

Join us for worship on Sunday, July 20 at 10:00 AM. The Scripture lessons are Colossians 1:15-23 & Luke 10:38-42. The title of the sermon is, "An Assurance Faith Gives Us." The Lay Leader is Xuan Guerrero. The Usher is Mary Kay Rose. The Tellers are Heidi Munoz & Xuan Guerrero. AV tech is Scott Minor. Fellowship is Linda Mendiola.

If you prefer to meet online, you can watch our live-stream service on the church's [YouTube channel](#). The service begins promptly at 10:00 AM. The service will be posted later in the afternoon and evening if you cannot watch it live.

## Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,



On Sunday, I will be preaching about the juxtaposition between faith and action in the story of Mary and Martha found in Luke 10, which follows last week's sermon on the Good Samaritan. Mary found her faith at the foot of Jesus, as much as the Good Samaritan found his faith in kindly service, just in a different way. For the maturing Christian, what we do and how we devote ourselves to God are both equally important. For Christians, our service toward others is a demonstration of why we believe what we believe.

Kindly service as an expression of our devotion of faith is demonstrated following the catastrophic July 4 floods along the Guadalupe River, which tragically claimed over 134 lives, with over 100 lives left missing, churches throughout Kerr County mobilized in defense of their community. For example, the First Presbyterian Church in Kerrville was swiftly transformed into a reunification center and shelter for those displaced. On Sunday, Pastor Jasiel Hernandez Garcia shifted the planned Independence Day sermon to one of healing and hope. He spoke about choosing action over despair and turning grief into service.

The First Baptist Church of Marble Falls organized "mud-out" teams across Kerr, Burnet, and Llano counties.

Volunteers were also trained to provide spiritual and emotional comfort to residents. Marble Falls Family Discipleship Pastor Tucker Edwards hosted a prayer and worship night attended by over 300 volunteers. A dedicated spiritual counseling team supported those emotionally



shattered by disaster. Citywest Church became a logistics hub, supporting Mercy Chefs and Salvation Army teams that distributed 4,000 meals daily to first responders and flood survivors. And finally, Pastor Joey Tombrella of First Baptist Kerrville posted

a heartfelt video, calling congregants to gather and pray: “Jesus is our hope,” he said, stressing endurance and community in a long recovery ahead.

These responses exemplify core Christian teachings—loving neighbors, comforting the afflicted, and leading with faith, not politics. These churches lived out Matthew 25:35–36, binding spiritual care with practical action:

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat... I was a stranger and you invited me in...”*

In the devastation’s wake, faith became tangible: Buildings weren’t simply used—they became beacons of help. Prayer wasn’t passive—it was central. Community wasn’t just served—it was held. In Kerr County’s darkest hours, these Christian congregations didn’t just preach—they acted on their convictions. They demonstrated what the Good Samaritan did—not just for those they knew but anyone in trouble.

At Pioneer, we are called to live out our faith in similar ways. I am so proud of what we are doing to help the less fortunate and care for those who have so little. We are living out our faith by being good Samaritans. We also devote ourselves to Jesus’ teachings. We have a vital and active prayer ministry that helps others in their struggles. In each way, we live what we say we believe. I am so proud of our Pioneers. If you can think of another way we can help others, please let me or Katrina Copple know. Together, we can help make lives better.

Please remember to keep the workers in Texas, those who have died, and the families who have lost so much, in your prayers and devotions. What a devastating loss this was.

Peace to you,

***Pastor Bo***

## Music Musings, by Dr. Elliot Jones



I've written before about the BWV numbers that serve as a catalogue of Bach's works by genre. BWV numbers 525-721 are works for organ. They do not work well if played on the piano. But BWV 722-994 are for harpsichord, and these do transfer very well to the piano. Now that our wonderful Baldwin piano, manufactured in 1930, has been refurbished, I really enjoy playing works like Bach's *French Suite in G-major*, BWV 816. Each movement of these suites is based on a Baroque dance. This Sunday I'll play the *Allemande*, *Sarabande*, and *Gavotte*.

## Word Find Puzzle: Luke 10:38-42

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## **Birthdays**

07/04 Sue Byant-Still  
07/09 Bill Witcher  
07/13 Cynthia Holt  
07/15 Jake Hodge  
07/19 Garylee Stephenson  
07/22 Caryl Butcher  
07/29 Vi McNally  
07/30 Balt Von Huen  
07/30 Scott Minor



If you know of other birthdays of Pioneer Church members and friends not listed here, please let us know. Thanks!

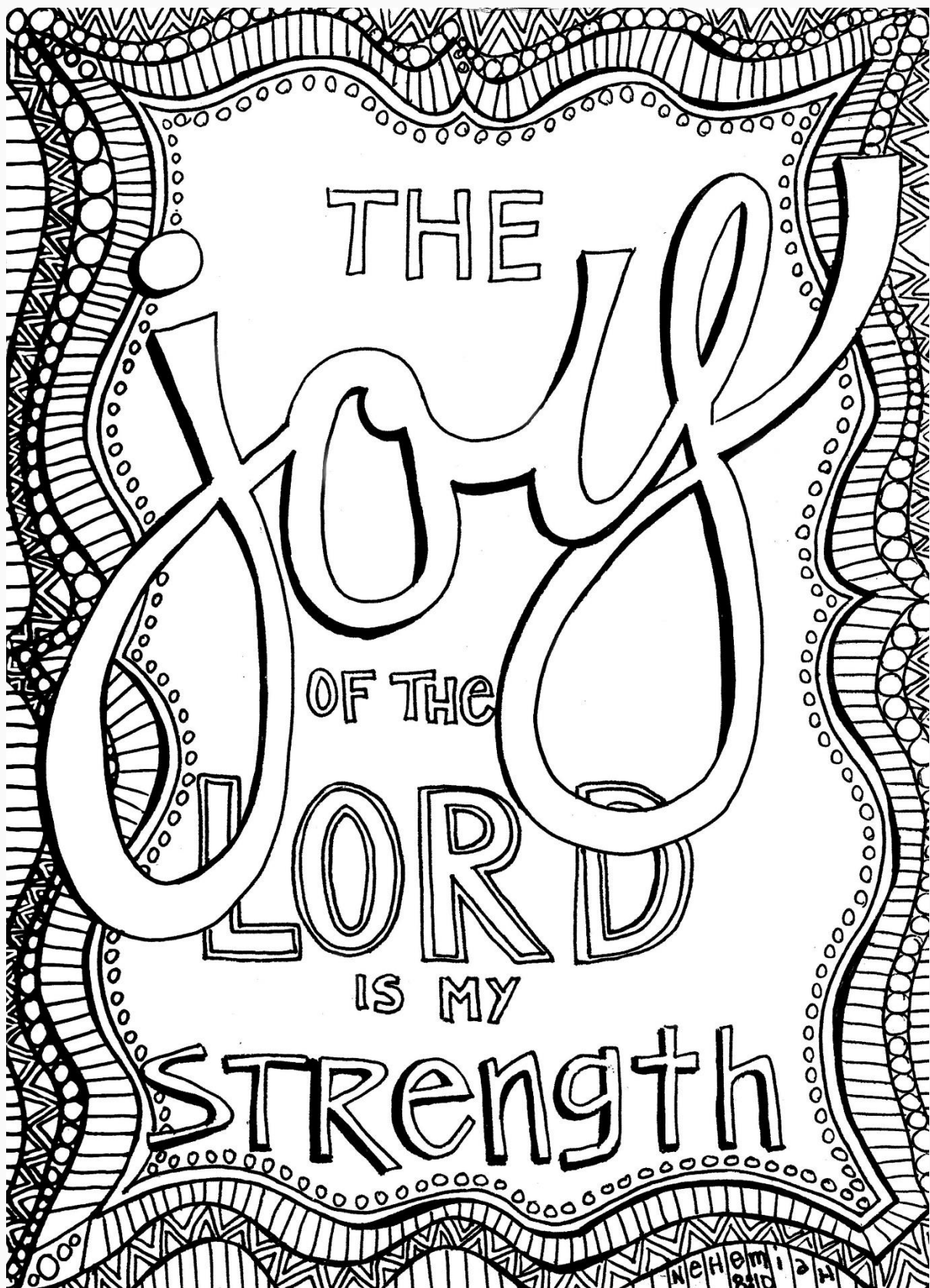


## **Remembering Your Pledges**

As the summer months are upon us, we invite you to remember to contribute to your pledges and offerings. It's easy to forget to contribute, especially if you're traveling or participating in weekend summer activities.

## **Christian Coloring Pages**

You are invited to print his page out, color it, and connect with God in prayer. This is one way to attend to one's spiritual care. Besides, coloring is something people of all ages enjoy doing.





## Signup Sheets Available

Have you been interested in volunteering at the church? One way to do that is to volunteer to be a Sunday reader, an usher, a teller, or to bring treats and food for Fellowship Hour. You are invited to see where you'd like to help out and sign up. Look for the signup sheets in Fellowship Hall on Sundays after the church service. Your help and contribution make Pioneer shine!



## Imitating the Pastor

There are emails and text messages going around asking you to contact the Pastor for a special request. Please do not click on any email or texting link or contact the person who sent them. It is a scam! Be sure to let your friends know. Thanks!

TIP: If you ever receive an unusual request from the pastor, contact the church office or the pastor for verification.

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## **Clothing Donations**



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, located at 2620 Capitol Avenue, is accepting clothing donations for its HART Respite program, which provides clothing, essentials, and food to the unhoused. Clothes can be donated Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The bundled clothes need to be marked for HART Respite. Please call the custodian at the church; their number is posted on the door. They know where to put donations. Everyday clothes are asked for, nothing dressy. As an aside, Leslie Robinson can bring your donations with her when she volunteers on Fridays.

## **New Bible Study Planned**

Beginning after Welcome Back Sunday in September, our Bible Study will take on a new approach. You are invited to join us in the church parlor as we discuss the previous Sunday's sermon, including the biblical texts used, and explore some of the finer points of the sermon. Overall, this will allow you to interact with the pastor and one another on a deeper level. As always, we'll include a discussion guide that's emailed to you before the study. If you are interested or would like more information, please get in touch with Pastor Bo.





# BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a Bible study led by our pastor in the church parlor. We'll discuss the previous Sunday's sermon, and learn about the Bible and our faith journeys in a judgment-free zone.



WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM

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## 3 Ways to Give to Pioneer

1. [Follow this link to PayPal](#) and make your donation there.
2. Worship services on Sunday at 10:00 AM, or stop by the church office.
3. Mail in your donation: Pioneer Congregational Church, 2700 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95816

## Music Review at First United Methodist Church



On Saturday, July 26, you are invited to the First United Methodist Church's musical review featuring music from The Supremes, The Jersey Boys, The Righteous Brothers, and shows such as Sister Act, among others. The review is a fundraiser for their Community Meals program. They will have dinner and a show. Tickets for both are \$30 each and

\$15 for the show. Dinner is at 5:00 PM and the show starts at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available in the Pioneer Church office or by calling First United Methodist Church.

## CONTINUING ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

+ **Where to Park.** There is no free metered parking outside the church. However, there is free parking underground next door/behind the church in the underground car park at the Teichert/Sutter underground parking garage. Enter Capitol Street between the garage and the hospital. The parking gate is open 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM on Sundays. You may park in any space, even if it is marked as reserved.

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# WHERE TO PARK



- Metered Street Parking around Church, download Park Mobile App for easier pay-to-park experience
- Teichert/Sutter Underground Garage
  - Free parking on Sundays for Pioneer Church members and visitors! Enter on Capitol Ave btw 27th and 28th Streets, drive down the ramp and park anywhere. The gate remains open until 1 PM. Exit and re-enter through the hospital.
- Free Street Parking without meters, 2-hour time limit
- Pay-to-park Sutter Garage, 27th St, 1 block north of N St.



During the weekdays, we have the entire basement level (B2) available for parking, but you will need to obtain a parking card to access the closed gate, unless we have prearranged an event for the gates to be open. On-street parking is available where meters are present. If you are willing to walk a couple of blocks, on-street parking with no meters allows for 2 hours of free parking.

+ **Do you have a prayer request?** Heidi Munoz collects prayer requests and emails them to our prayer champions, and we pray over all prayer requests each Sunday. If you have a prayer request, please email Heidi at [prayingpioneers@gmail.com](mailto:prayingpioneers@gmail.com).

We provide **large-print bulletins and hearing devices** for individuals who are hearing or visually impaired.

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