



**February**  
**2024**



# THE TRYLON

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A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

-Psalm 51

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY**  
**4:00 P.M. - FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

### SHIFTING SANDS



*A Guidebook  
for Crossing  
the Deserts  
of Change*

STEVE DONAHUE

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

**SIX WEEKLY SESSIONS BEGINNING**

**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m /**

**Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:00 p.m.**

**The study book is “*Shifting Sands – A Guidebook for Crossing the Deserts of Change*”  
by Steve Donahue**

**A Chapter a Week, final sessions April 26<sup>th</sup> and  
27<sup>th</sup> (Holy Week)**

**The book is available at Amazon and other  
sellers.**

## A Message from PASTOR JAE

### *“A Sanctuary of Healing”*



During the week of my New Year’s break, I journeyed to two places, with a plan to get new innovative ideas and inspirations for the church ministry as well as for my life’s spiritual journey. It was an opportunity to review and preview. One of the places which caught my attention was a garden gallery in a small enclave of a city I visited. In calm and neat interconnected spaces, plants, sculptures, and paintings were creating a garden of God’s heaven. There was an ecological beauty, in which each piece was allowed to enjoy its presence. Even the little ceramic bowl had its own voices, resonating with the others.

I love plants and art. Taking care of plants is an inspiration. Healing and repotting them not only inspires me, but also enriches my soul. It feels like I am conversing with them, even though we don’t speak to each other verbally. At one of the corners of the shop in that garden gallery, God seemed to tell me, saying “Jae, what if you and I take this image of a garden and turn our community and church into this kind of place of healing and regeneration?”

Sometimes I get orchids as a gift. Now I’ve learned how to take care of them. But in the past, the orchids that I received didn’t last long. Overwatering or neglect were the main causes. Most of the time, I am aware that something needs to be done for each one of them. Unfortunately, however, action-taking is often too late. For the time being, I’ve learned that this is not only my experience, but that of many others. We all feel sorry for those who are not doing well or dying. Our lives are not that different from

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from those of the orchids. We know something has to be done, but we do not take the time to do it for the ways of our lives and souls. Is there any way in which we can take good care of our lives and souls?

The Lenten season is around the corner beginning with Ash Wednesday. As we think of Lent, it seems to be a time of silence. As we all know, however, the original meaning of the word, Lent, is spring season. It is a time of regeneration, sprouting and healing. Would you leave your orchid drying and dying? It is time to act. Bring your dying orchids to church. A spring season is around the corner.

*“On all my holy mountains, they neither harm nor destroy, for the earth is full of the beautiful knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea”*  
(Isaiah 11:9)

Blessings,

Pastor Jae Lew

**DON'T MISS OUR FAT TUESDAY ON SUNDAY BRUNCH!  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> – FELLOWSHIP HALL**



## **February Lectionary Readings:**

February 4	Isa. 40: 21-31; 1 Cor. 9: 16-23; Mark 1: 29-39
February 11	2 Kings 2: 1-12; 2 Cor. 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9
February 14	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; 2 Cor. 5: 20b – 6: 10; Matt. 6: 1-6, 16-21
February 18	Gen. 9: 8-17; 1 Pet. 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 9-15
February 25	Gen. 17: 1-7, 15-16; Rom. 4: 13-25; Mark 8: 31-38

## **Weekly Psalms for February:**

February 4	Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c
February 11	Psalm 50: 1-6
February 14	Psalm 51: 1-17
February 18	Psalm 25: 1-10
February 25	Psalm 22: 23-31

## **Pastor Jae's Sermon titles and Worship themes for February**

February 4	<b>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Sunday</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> <i>“With Wings Like Eagles”</i> <b>Isaiah 40: 26-31</b>
February 11	<b>Transfiguration Sunday</b> <i>“What’s Over the Hill?”</i> <b>Mark 9: 2-9</b>
February 14	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> <i>“Do You Have That Room?”</i> <b>Matthew 6: 1-6</b>
February 18	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b> <i>“Are You Alone?”</i> <b>Mark 1: 9-15</b>
January 28	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> <i>“Taking the Cross?”</i> <b>Mark 8: 31-38</b>

# Yang and Pastor Jae visited Vancouver. B.C.



# Bob Travis' 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party





## Ongoing Opportunity

We collect food donations on the first Sunday of every month, to be distributed to our local food banks.

*It's been a while since we published a list of desired food pantry items:*

### **“Gold” Items – The Most Needed Shelf-stable Items**

Canned tuna & chicken, hearty soups, stew, chili, pasta & pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal, rice, oil, sugar, flour, fruit juice, and vegetable juice (V8)

### **Other Needed Food**

Dry & canned beans, sliced bread, canned fruits & vegetables, coffee, jelly, shelf-stable or powdered milk

### **Toiletries**

Soap (bar), toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, razors, and toilet paper

### **Dog & Cat Food**



### **Please Note:**

The food banks to which we send your donations **will not accept** food in opened containers or with expired ‘use by’ dates. Please just throw them away rather than bringing them to First Sunday.

## Are you looking for in-home assistance?

**Maria Luna**, a member of our church, is available. She does personal care for women or men. No housework, and no less than 5 hours a day. Maria's contact info is in your church directory, or you may contact Pam in the church office to get in touch with Maria for her rates and services.



**Sarah Circle**  
Book Club meets on  
Fourth Fridays  
—————  
Connie Wortham's  
house



## CARD CREATION

meetings will be announced. Call Connie Wortham if you want to meet her individually to make cards. (626) 351-9260



## Celebrating FEBRUARY Birthdays

- 2 Rose Hernandez
- 9 Amy Crismer  
Tracy Crismer
- 18 Millie Mittleman
- 19 John Snyder-Walkiewicz
- 27 Jonathan Nieto



The Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. You can also contact us at our email addresses:

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and put a new and steadfast spirit  
within me.”**

**Psalm 51: 10**



# February 2023 SUNDAY

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MONDAY

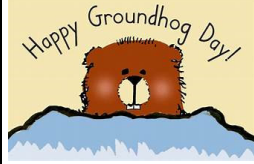









TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				<b>SPUNKY OLD BROADS DAY</b>		CAF RENTAL- Hartzell Fellowship 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
<b>4 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b> 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship  <b>OUTREACH COMMITTEE</b> After Fellowship - WC	<b>5</b>  National Weather Person's Day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  HAPPY ROSE DAY 7 FEBRUARY	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  CAF RENTAL- Hartzell Fellowship 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
<b>11 Transfiguration Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Mardi Gras Brunch - HH 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Happy Mardi Gras	<b>14</b>  Ash Wednesday Service 4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Innovation Day	<b>17</b> CAF RENTAL- Hartzell Fellowship 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
<b>18 First Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship	<b>19 Church Office Closed</b>  HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY!	<b>20</b> BIBLE STUDY 2:00 p.m.  FINANCE COMM. 4:00 p.m.	<b>21</b> BIBLE STUDY 6:00 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Connie's House VERIFY DATE	<b>24</b>
<b>26 Second Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> BIBLE STUDY 2:00 p.m.	<b>28</b> BIBLE STUDY 6:00 p.m.	<b>29</b>  LEAP DAY ONE EXTRA DAY	<b>1</b> <b>Abbreviations</b> LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel	