

## THE MESSENGER



### The Pastor's Corner "Dare to Share" A Message from Pastor Cheryl Raine

As we walk through Lent together with the Lord's Prayer, have you discovered any new insights? Although this is a prayer I have prayed throughout my life as a Presbyterian saying, "debts and debtors," I have appreciated the kaleidoscope of views I have researched, and the daily devotionals offered by my pastoral colleagues.

Studying this prayer continues to remind me of what Apostle Paul said to the church in Corinth in his well-known passage on love, "For now we see in a mirror dimly... now we only know in part" [1 Cor 13:12]. We must remember that glass mirrors didn't exist yet and they did not come into widespread use until the invention of the silvered-glass mirror in Germany in 1835. The mirror that Paul was referring to was most likely a highly polished volcanic stone called obsidian in which the reflection was not what we experience today when we look into a mirror.

This simple little bit of information reminds us that we often import our 21<sup>st</sup> century way of understanding the world when we read our ancient biblical text, including the passages in the Matthean and Lukan texts that have come to be known as the Lord's Prayer. This is why studying scripture in its original context is so important. It's important to see how the Matthean text includes it in the sermon on the mount as another teaching moment. While the Lukan text offers us a different perspective, with a disciple asking Jesus to teach them to pray. Taking the time to take a deeper look can bear fruit in our spiritual journeys.

Yes, we now see dimly as we walk towards the cross this Lent. We can't really imagine what the disciples experienced because we are post resurrection people. We know Easter is coming. We know that the tomb will be empty.

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#### SESSION MEMBERS

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- Paul Lambert
- Luann Bangsund
- Kasim Barus
- Harry Muaya
- Lucille Castro
- Jeffry Suban
- Marcia Fagan
- Debbie Law
- Patti Robertson
- Mark St. John
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Clerk of Session

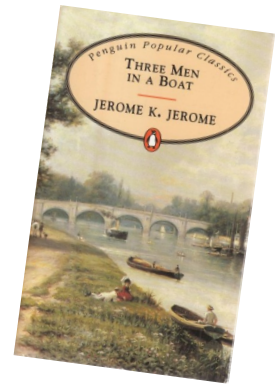


## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

The next FPC Book Club meeting will be  
**Thursday evening, April 10, at 7:00 P.M.**  
Our gathering will be at Daniel's house --  
Daniel (and his wife Susan) live at 1354  
Prospect Drive in Redlands. This month the

book under discussion will be *Three Men in a Boat: (to say nothing about the dog)*, by Jerome K. Jerome.

The book selected for May is *Better, Faster, Farther: How Running Changed Everything We Know About Women*, by Maggie Mertens



### Congratulations!

Pastor  
Rubens has  
announced  
that he and  
Julianna  
were married  
on March 17,  
2025.



April 1	Harrison Hamada
April 3	Raheel Barkat
April 4	Lynn Jordan
April 5	Leslie Ann Platz
April 6	Ryan Shad
April 8	Jonah Cotton
April 9	Enny Sitompul
April 10	Debra Law
April 11	Sue Teele
April 17	Maxwell Rager
April 22	Thesa Melvina Santoso
April 23	Choky S. Sitompul
April 25	Cheryl Raine
April 26	Frankie Kembuan

**First Presbyterian Church of Redlands**  
**APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

All services will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday and available on Facebook Live on demand .

<https://www.facebook.com/First-Presbyterian-Church-of-Redlands-106569590974548>

English Worship Service 10:00 A.M.  
 Indonesian Worship Service 5:00 P.M.

**Third Sunday of the Month—11:30 A.M. Urdu**  
**(Facebook Live Only)**

**April 6, 2025**  
**Communion**

First Reading	Exodus 16:4-5, 12-17
Second Reading	Luke: 11:1-13
The Message	“Give Us Our Daily Bread”

**April 13, 2025**

**Palm Sunday**

First Reading	Luke 19:28-42a
Second Reading	Luke 11:1-4
The Message	Forgive Us

**April 18, 2025**

**Ecumenical Good Friday**  
**Service at 7:00**  
**P.M.**

**April 20, 2025**

**Easter Sunday**

First Reading	Luke 24:1-12
Second Reading	Luke 11:1-4
The Message	The Final Word: Amen!

**April 27, 2025**

**Eastertide**

First Reading	Acts 5:27-32
Second Reading	John 20:19-31
Message	Freedom to Bear Witness

**Lenten**  
**Sunrise**  
**Lectio**  
**Divina**  
**Continues**



We began our Sunrise Lenten journey on Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 A.M. via Zoom. Pastor Cheryl and Chris Kane are taking turns facilitating our morning sessions that last about 45 minutes. Each morning, we explore a passage of scripture being used in the upcoming sermon. The passage is read multiple times with three different prompts.

- The first reading is to listen for content, with a second reading immediately following inviting us to listen for a word or phrase that the Spirit may be drawing our attention to. After the reading there is a time of silence before we are invited to share our word or phrase with each other.
- The third reading we are invited to explore the intersection between the word or phrase and our own lives. What might the Spirit be asking of us or teaching us? After the reading there is a time of silence before we are invited to share our insights with each other.
- The final reading we are asked to contemplate how we will carry the word or phrase into the coming week. Again, a time of silence follows this final reading until we are prompted to share our insights with each other.

Lectio Divina is a way to read sacred texts while listening for the Spirit's movement in our lives. If you have never participated in Lectio Divina or are a seasoned veteran, please join us via Zoom at 7:30 A.M. on Thursday mornings.

We know that Christ is Risen. Yet, those following Jesus did not.

So how do we stay open to the possibility that this Lenten season will reveal something new to us even through this prayer we have prayed hundreds if not thousands of times over the years? What if we stayed present to the present moment, as we pray and as we move through each day. What if we laid aside all our “to dos” or slowed our racing brains and just noticed what we notice.

The morning that I wrote this article I took our precious puppy Jasper outside. As I neared the back of our yard, I noticed two white-crowned sparrows sitting atop my fence. I stopped and said, “good morning.” I was present to the present moment noticing their always alert movements. What came next to my thoughts was this Matthean text, “Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them” [Matthew 6:26].

And then a deeper insight came, God’s provision for you will be enough. I even heard an inner voice remind me, saying, “God is with you, now and always, no matter what is or what is to come.” Could it be that the disciples knew this truth as well? We don’t know. Remember, we only see dimly. But we do know that they came to claim this truth because you and I have the gift of faith today. That morning, I gave thanks to God for the countless generations of people who knew this truth and dared to share it with others so that I might know this truth today.

We may see dimly, but each of us have experienced the truth of God’s presence in our lives. Let us dare to share what we have seen and experienced through the Risen Christ.

Daring to Share,  
Pastor Cheryl



## One Great Hour of Sharing Fill Up Those Fish Banks!

The young disciples received their fish banks on Sunday, March 23 and they are busy filling them up with change. Of course, the rest of us can gather our loose coins as well as consider a larger gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering that will be received on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025.

This offering supports three PC(U.S.A.) programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People, which all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. This is certainly an offering that helps us love our neighbors! Thank you in advance for supporting this special offering!

## STAFF WHEREABOUTS



The office will be staffed by Judy Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from noon until 4:00 P.M. Pastor Cheryl is always available by phone and by appointment.





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## *Contemplative Corner*

### *Praying with the Gospel of Luke*

Do you have a favorite resurrection story? Luke's telling of the resurrection story names three women although other women were there as well: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. Mark's Gospel names the two Mary's, but then names Salome instead of Joanna. Matthew's Gospel names only Mary Magdalene while telling us that the other Mary was with her. How would you like to be known as the "other Mary?" In John's Gospel it is only Mary Magdalene that goes to the tomb. Four different story tellers tell us about the same story.

Of course, this is why I appreciate that we have four different accounts of this day that changed history forever, not unlike all of us sharing about a memorable event we experienced. We would all have a different take on what happened. We would all be seeing the event through our own lens, seasoned by our life experiences. So, I invite you to pray with our resurrection story from Luke this year and see what detail surprises you or resonates with your memories of these stories.

"But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they (Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and other women) went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen."

What details caught your attention in these first five verses? Where do you see yourself in this story? When have you been terrified by a holy encounter? When have you found yourself feeling distraught or grieved only to be surprised by joy? As we move towards Holy Week that culminates with Easter this month on April 20, let's open ourselves to the possibilities of a radical encounter with God.



## Lenten Soup Suppers Continue

Angela Lambert, Moderator of Deacons, and Patti Robertson, Moderator of Spiritual Formation, have coordinated their efforts to organize and host our Lenten Soup Suppers. In March we had four wonderful evenings of food, fellowship, and study of the Lord's Prayer with plenty of active participation during the discussions.

In April we have three more Soup Suppers, which start with dinner at 6:00 P.M. and conclude no later than 7:30 P.M. Here are the three Wednesdays in April and what we will be discussing:

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|---------------------|--|
| Wednesday, April 2  | Dinner and Study on "Give Us Our Daily Bread"  |
| Wednesday April 9   | Dinner and Study on "Forgive Us"   |
| Wednesday, April 16 | Dinner and Study on "Save us from a Time of Trial."<br>We will also share in communion since the Symphony Recital will be held in the sanctuary on Maundy Thursday . |

## Multiple Ways to Financially Give to *The First Presbyterian Church of Redlands*

Did you know that there are multiple ways to contribute financially to the life and ministry of our church? Here are some options for you to consider:

1. Sunday mornings in worship
2. Gifts can be mailed to PO BOX 2009, Redlands CA 92373
3. At our website on our homepage ([www.fpcredlands.org](http://www.fpcredlands.org)) there is a give button that allows for online giving
4. There is a phone app **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** where you can give electronically as well.
5. You can also use your bank's bill pay function.

If you need assistance with any of the online methods, please let the office know and someone will be assigned to walk you through them! We give thanks for the financial gifts that make our ministry possible.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
**FOR February, 2025**  
**Submitted by Luann Bangsund**



	Month of February		Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Operating Income</b>					
Donations	14,326.00	17,028.34	27,190.00	34,056.68	(6,866.68)
Rent	12,956.95	11,738.88	24,658.90	23,477.76	1,181.14
Other	6.64		13.88		13.88
Total Unrestricted Income	27,289.59	28,767.22	51,862.78	57,534.44	(5,671.66)
<b>Unrestricted Expense</b>	(22,744.17)	(28,546.01)	(49,257.74)	(57,092.02)	7,834.28
<b>Unrestricted Income</b>	4,545.42	221.21	2,605.04	442.42	2,162.62
Principal Payments on Loan	(585.07)		(1,167.79)		
<b>Cash for Operations</b>	3,960.35		1,437.25		

**Financial Overview**

Income from Donations is lower than budget (expected) for both the month of February and Year to Date (January through February). This is not surprising and the committee was reminded that we often receive large year end gifts and several donors give only once or twice a year, so being lower than budget is to be expected.

The committee discussed reasons that expenses were also lower than budget. This is not due to spending less but is related to the timing of when certain expenses are paid. Two of our larger expenses are utility payments and property insurance. Normally utility bills are paid at the beginning of the month following the usage but the payment for electricity for the month of December was made in December. As a result, year to date there has only been one month of electricity paid rather than two. Also, the payment of insurance for the first quarter was made in December so the expense of approximately \$2,200 per month was not included in either January or February. Starting with the second quarter, insurance expense will be spread out evenly over the months in the quarter.

And then there is **Per Capita!** Each year we pay to the Riverside Presbytery “per capita”, which is essentially dues to them and PCUSA for being part of PCUSA. This year the amount of Per Capita is \$44 per member based on our membership at December 31, 2023 (one year lag). The total amount we owe this year is \$6,380 and will be paid out over five months starting in March.

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Spring has arrived! God blessed us with some rain showers of love to refresh our hillsides of emerald green and our mountains with a late winter snow. He always knows exactly what we need as we travel through our journey of Lent in preparation for Easter. As we had a few warm delightful days to remind us that Summer will be here before we know it, let us not forget what a glorious time we are in right now. As we journey ever so closer each day to Easter, we draw even closer to the gift God provided to us in his son's resurrection.

The Deacons have been busy at work both in the community and in our congregation. With your giving generosity we have been able to reach the next generation in our community by continuing to support Youth Hope. It is so important to reach the young people amongst us to let them know they are not alone and their stories are inspirational and touching to us. We continue to support the Refresh and Renew program which supports those in our community who need that helping hand the most. Those who need a hot shower and a way to literally feel clean again. These are just a couple of things we continue to do.

One of the ways you can support the Deacons is by purchasing an Easter Lily that will joyfully adorn the front of the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. You may purchase one as an Easter delight for a loved one, in memory of a loved one, for a friend, neighbor, or for your garden. Each year it will bloom just in time for Easter to remind someone of the resurrection.

I would like to thank you all for your sign-ups for flowers each Sunday. It has been a delight and joy to see all your celebrations and upcoming events. We love sharing in all of it.

It has been amazing to see all of the wonderful Coffee Fellowship goodies that you have all signed up and brought and we cannot say a big enough thank you. If you would like to sign up and bring a special something, please do not be afraid to sign up. We would love to devour your treats!

As we move through this season of Lent and Easter together, remember that God places us together in each other's paths just when we need it the most. Just when we think we can't do one more day of bleakness, he provides us with a glimmer of hope. As most of you know, I love birds and have traveled wide and far to see many birds of the world. We are truly blessed to have a pair of Bald Eagles right here in our own backyard in Big Bear with chicks to grow and take flight. Here's a link to see them in a live web cam: <https://www.friendsofbigbearvalley.org/eagles/>

God is once again showing us hope for another day. May God bless you today and always.





## Spiritual Formation Committee Update

By Patti Robertson, Moderator

We are in the middle of the Lenten season and are very busy with a couple of our projects.

Soup Suppers are happening every Wednesday at 5 P.M. in Classroom 1. We have a couple of different soups to choose from and it is a fun time full of good food, good friends and good fellowship! Our discussions follow Pastor Cheryl's sermons, The Lord's Prayer: Hope for Our Times. This gives us a chance to voice our opinions on the part of the Lord's Prayer that Pastor Cheryl used for her sermon for the week. These will continue Wednesdays, ending on Wednesday April 16. All are invited and it is a night you do not have to cook!



Put April 16 on your calendars as Pastor Cheryl will be serving communion at Soup Supper on the 16<sup>th</sup> instead of the 17<sup>th</sup> because there will be a Symphony recital in the sanctuary on April 17<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday. All are invited and it is a night you do not have to cook!



### Scrip (Gift Card) Sales

Do you buy your groceries from Stater Brothers? You could be supporting the church while grocery shopping if you purchased gift cards

from the church! Do you enjoy Panera Bread for breakfast or lunch, or Starbucks for some coffee and treats? Again, you could be supporting the church while enjoying these treats! We also have American Express and Visa Cards. These are a few of the vendors that sell gift cards at a discount to non-profit organizations like our church. This allows the church to earn a small percentage of each dollar ordered for our Christian Education endeavors. Let us know what vendors you frequent, and we can see if Scrip is available!

Also, know that e-Scrip is available anytime as there is no shipping costs associated with these purchases. We make physical scrip purchases approximately 4 times a year to reduce shipping expenses.

Wilson Kayange is our coordinator, and he will have the Scrip (gift cards) available on All Church Sundays as well as the last Sunday of each month. Please let him or Pastor Cheryl know your needs, as we order the plastic gift cards 4 times a year, although eGift cards can be ordered whenever there is a need!



## April Happenings

Sunday school is available all Sundays, except the first Sunday of each month during morning and evening worship, thanks to our wonderful lead teachers Serena Shahid and Wilson Kayange. As your pastor, I am grateful for those who commit to helping our young and youth disciples grow in faith. If you would like to be a part of those who teach let Sereena or Wilson know.

A big thank you to each Young Disciple and Youth who has helped lead worship through the sharing of the Prayer for Illumination -- Veronica Cunningham, Penelope Cunningham, Zachery Emmanuel, Hunter Polchow, Lorence Kayange. Thank you, parents, for helping your Young and Youth Disciples participate! If your child or youth has not had an opportunity and would like to, please let Wilson Kayange know! Wilson schedules our young disciples and youth for this opportunity.



**Save the dates for Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer.** We partner with the First United Methodist each summer for Vacation Bible School and VBS is planned for **Monday, June 16 through Friday, June 20**. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss it! Volunteers are welcome to assist, just let Pastor Cheryl know of your interests.

**May we instill in our children and youth a lifelong passion for nurturing their relationship with God!**

**Thursday, April 17, 2025**

## Symphony Recital in the Sanctuary



The final Symphony recital for this Spring season will be held on Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 P.M. The Redlands Symphony Brass Quintet with musicians David Scott (Trumpet), Luke Hilland (horn), Phil Keen (trombone), and Scott Sutherland (Tuba) will blow the roof off of First Presbyterian Church

with an evening of amazing brass quintet music! You won't want to miss this one. Tickets are on sale online and at the door on the night of the concert.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS—MARCH 2025



The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Redlands held its regularly scheduled Stated Session Meeting on Monday evening, March 17, 2025, via a Zoom Meeting, and took the following actions:

- Received the Unaudited Financial Report for the month ending February 28, 2025. (The Property and Finance article in this Messenger has the numbers.) ;
- Approved changes to the Expenditure Authorization and Check Writing Policies;
- Approved Gerardo Castro and Lucille Castro as additional offering counters for 2025;
- Approved the February 17, 2025, Stated Session minutes as corrected;
- Approved a Session Covenant, which governs our behavior and relationships with one another and the congregation;
- Approved receiving two new members with joy: Linda Cotton and Rooha Shazeb.

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### *Financial Highlights*

A reminder: **All members of the church are asked to contribute toward this payment of Per Capita.** So please, if you haven't already done this, make your payment of \$44 per member. We don't expect to receive that from every member but we did build in the expectation of receiving \$3,000 from members and year to date have received only \$1,820.

### **Property Overview**

As usual, our intrepid committee has taken care of problems big and small that come up on our campus. Like when the furnace didn't start up one Sunday this month. We are so blessed to have brave and willing volunteers to decide to turn a valve that got everything going. Thanks, team!

Work is going to be done on the cell tower, which is located in the bell tower on the sanctuary. This work is being overseen by Paul Raine. This will provide additional rental income of \$750 per month. So you might have to put up with some inconvenience for a month or so.

The committee approved the use of our beautifully remodeled sanctuary for a performance of one of the University of Redlands choirs in March and for a piano recital in April. Previously approved is the use of the sanctuary for a Symphony recital which was held March 20. John Knox Hall continues to be used most days and evenings.

### **Other**

The committee reviewed its standing rules and financial policies and proposed a couple of changes to clarify what the committee's responsibilities are. The changes to the financial policies were sent to Session for approval.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me or Pastor Cheryl.



## Outreach Update



Did you know that as a church we support the Redlands Area Interfaith Council (RAIC)? This organization works to promote dialogue across the diverse faiths represented in our city. The organization works to build relationships that help improve the overall health of our community. This organization sponsors the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, which will be held Thursday morning May 1, 2025, in the Casa Loma Room at 7:00 A.M. The bell choir from the Adventist Academy will perform, youth speakers from diverse faith traditions will speak, and Mayor Saucedo plans to speak. Breakfast Tickets cost \$25 this year. See Al Polchow to register for the event.

**A big thank you to everyone** who participated on March 22 with the Share Ministry held at University United Methodist. We served about 30 individuals from the community a hot lasagna lunch. A big thank you to all those who volunteered by serving and/or preparing or bringing food. Many hands made the work light. The next Share Ministry is Saturday, May 24 and we will be serving a Mexican lunch with an enchilada casserole, beans, bananas, and of course, desert! If you would like to help with the next Share Ministry, contact Pastor Cheryl.

The Outreach Committee has supported the following mission endeavors in the first quarter of 2024:

- Redlands Area Interfaith Council - \$250
- Bread for the World - \$250
- Presbyterian Education Board (Elementary School Scholarships in Pakistan) - \$800 (See page 14)
- We have also released the \$1,400 of special giving in response to the LA Fires for PDA. Thank you for responding to a critical need with your financial resources.

If you have any questions about where our budgeted mission dollars of \$12,000 go, you can ask Harry Muaya the Session moderator of the Outreach Committee or Pastor Cheryl.





## The Gift of the Connectional Church

### Why Per Capita

Did you know that as a member you have an annual responsibility of \$44 for Per Capita? ***Have you fulfilled your responsibility?*** This annual donation called Per Capita supports the gift of our Connectional Church.

As of March 23, we have received **\$1,920.00** towards our commitment of **\$6,380**. Here is how this gift will be distributed for use by the various levels of our connectional church:

Presbytery	\$30.31
Synod	\$ 2.85
General Assembly	\$ 10.84

Per capita exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share the costs that belong to the whole church.

Our gift will be paid in 5 increments, starting in March. Please consider your membership gift of \$44 per member. Thank you for your faithful support of our ministries!



## Holy Week!

### April 13 through April 20

Sunday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Week starts with morning and evening worship on Palm Sunday. At the morning service that we will welcome three new members!
Wednesday, April 16	Final Soup Supper in Room One with Maundy Thursday Communion!
Thursday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Symphony Recital in the Sanctuary at 7:30 P.M.
Friday, April 18	Ecumenical Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 20	Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service in Vine Street Community Park at 7:00 A.M.
Sunday, April 20	All Church Easter Worship Service at 10:00 A.M. to celebrate that Christ is Risen!

As we walk with Jesus through this week, may the Spirit deepen our understanding of God's deep abiding love for all of humanity and creation. God's love is the animating force of our lives and this church, giving us the courage to bear witness to the Risen Christ!





FRIENDS of PEB

*Supporting education in Pakistan...*

March 11, 2025

First Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 2009  
Redlands, CA 92373

**Thank you for your Gift!**

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5, NIV)

THANK  
YOU

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Friends of PEB, I want to thank you for your generous scholarship donation of \$800, which will help a deserving Pakistani student receive a quality education!

There are more than 25 million children not able to attend school in Pakistan. That is nearly 40% of the school age population, most of whom are girls. Every year, donors such as yourselves bring hope to children in Pakistan by contributing scholarship funds, building safer school structures, furnishing dormitories for residential students, improving academic curriculum, and more. Currently nearly 6,000 students are being educated in PEB's 25 schools. Many of them will be the first in their family to be literate. Thus, their lives and that of their family and village are being forever changed!

Together, we are transforming lives and building brighter futures for the children of Pakistan. We are truly blessed by your friendship. Thank you for your support!

With Gratitude,

Tina Marshman

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Friends of PEB, Inc.

***Thank you so much for your gift! You may already know this, but many of our supporters don't realize that their employers will match charitable contributions. Does your employer do matching gifts?***

**For your records: A donation of \$800 was received on March 11, 2025.**

Friends of PEB, Inc is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. You may access financial statements and tax status by visiting our website, [www.friendsofpeb.org/financial-information](http://www.friendsofpeb.org/financial-information). For PEB's website, see [www.peb.edu.pk](http://www.peb.edu.pk).

**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

**9:00 A.M. to Noon**



On April 26 there are several projects being sponsored locally by churches and other community groups to Celebrate Earth Day. We are having our own event at Vine Street Community Park from 9:00 to Noon. You can come and just enjoy the park, or you can bring a few gardening tools to help with taking care of the park. We will have some information available about the plants in the park and why they were chosen. The amount of water the plants needed was factored into the design. Invite neighbors to come and enjoy the park we built to share with the community. The Outreach Committee is sponsoring this event, and they will provide light refreshments for all who come.

Here are some other events (<https://www.redlandsearthday.org/participate#h.emutuwj2uo7r:>)

Rolling Hills Herbs and Annuals  
1304 Rolling Hills Road  
Redlands, CA 92374  
10 AM to Noon

Three Sisters Organic Farm Tour  
30370 San Timoteo Canyon  
Redlands, CA  
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

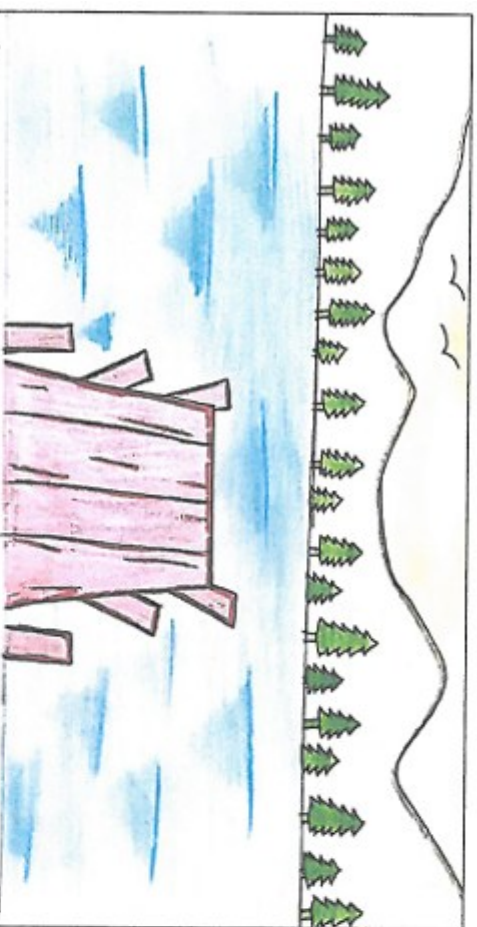
Redlands Conservancy  
31313 Live Oak Canyon  
Redlands, CA  
9:00 AM to Noon

Asistencia  
UCCE Master Gardeners of SBC  
26930 Barton Road  
Redlands, CA 92373

Burrage Mansion  
Gleaning  
1205 W Crescent Ave  
Redlands, CA 92373

A.K. Smiley Library  
For Children and Youth  
9 AM to 2:30 PM





Dear friend,

I'm Aden Shahbaz. I hope you'd be fine. I'm overwhelmed with joy and gratitude as I write this letter to express my heartfelt thanks for supporting my education. My two brothers are also studying in this institute. My father is a former ~~sis~~ challenging for him to support me. Your kind support enabled me to work harder for my goals. I'm interested in business and economics. I want to become a successful entrepreneur, so I can create jobs and make a positive impact on my community. Your help has given me the confidence to pursue my dreams.

Aden Shahbaz  
Class 10<sup>th</sup>



Aden Shahbaz

Christian Girls' High School, Sangla

Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan, 2024-25



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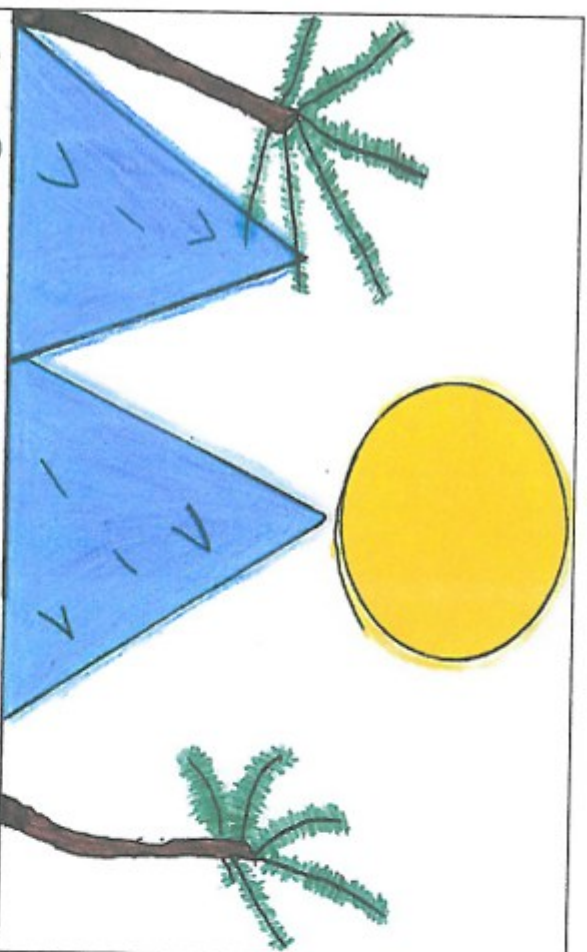
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