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## FPCL NEWS & EVENTS

*Staying Connected*



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### Financial Report as of September 30, 2020

We continue to be grateful for the ongoing generosity of our congregation. September saw the financial impact of COVID-19 catch up to our church. While our deficit is much smaller than anticipated when Session approved the budget, the trend suggests that our deficit will continue to increase as 2020 comes to an end.

#### Operating Fund

	Actual	YTD Budget
Income	758,459	848,793
Expenditures	761,199	911,155
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,740)	(62,362)

### Beatitude Challenge in November: Let's Love More!



During the month of November Children's Ministry is putting out a challenge for our kids and families. As we learn about the Beatitudes this month we are inviting kids to join the challenge and put love into action! **Families can pick up Beatitude Challenge Bags beginning November 5th** at the church. Families are encouraged to take a bag for each child. In the bag you will find some small projects for your kids to complete that can make a big difference! **If you are interested in picking up a bag, please let us know!** They will be available in the church courtyard on November 5th and 6th from 9-3pm. **Questions? Contact [brie@fpcl.us](mailto:brie@fpcl.us) or [jen@fpcl.us](mailto:jen@fpcl.us)**

## Christmas Giving Tree Program

FPCL has partnered with Tri-Valley Haven's Holiday program for many years which helps meet the needs of families during the Christmas season. This year, due to COVID-19 and restrictions, Tri-Valley Haven has transformed their procedures and is asking for donations of **cash or gift cards** so they can safely serve thousands of individuals who are in great economic need.

Now, more than ever, this holiday program is essential and with FPCL's donations all households will receive pre-bagged food, a Safeway card or a turkey, and a Walmart or Target card.

**You can mail or drop off a check at the church office made out to FPCL with "Giving Tree" on the memo line. If you prefer, you can drop off Safeway, Target, or Walmart gift cards. Donations need to be received in the church office by Monday, December 7th**

Thank you for sharing God's love with others.



## FPCL Presbyterian Women's Virtual Christmas Gathering

**Saturday, December 5, 2020 - 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm**



**What could be better than to gather via Zoom and get into the Christmas spirit!**

We will be able to peek inside a home or two to see some Christmas decorations and we hope everyone will share a special Christmas ornament or decoration and share why it is special to you. We will have a Christmas story, music and a Christmas cookie recipe exchange.

If you want to participate in this gathering **please e-mail Phyllis Brewer at [dpbrewer@pacbell.net](mailto:dpbrewer@pacbell.net)** to let her know you want to join the festivities. Everyone is invited. See you there!

## Covid-19 Service Opportunity for Refugee Families

FPCL's Refugee Services Committee is back at work with **Jewish Family Community Services East Bay (JFCSEB)** to help support refugee families that have been resettled in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties! Four new families have arrived in the last month. They and other families who have been here a while are facing very difficult economic stresses due to Covid-19. **JFCSEB** has set up **two Amazon wish lists** for those desiring to help. Due to contact free delivery safety protocols during the pandemic, the items ordered will be sent directly to the **JFCSEB** office for distribution. **Both links are DIFFERENT** and both contain an address from which you may request a donation receipt (in the info section). **Click either link to help:**

- **Diaper Drive:** They are in desperate need of diapers! After adding an item(s) from the link below to your cart, proceed to checkout and **choose Ami Dodson-Drive Coordinator's Gift Registry Address** to ensure the diapers are delivered directly to the person managing the diaper drive at JFCSEB.  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/BG2U7V1LK0QP?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/BG2U7V1LK0QP?ref_=wl_share)
- **Household goods/electronic devices commonly needed by newcomer families:** Proceed to checkout after adding the item(s) to your cart and **choose Kathryn Winogura's Gift Registry Address as the delivery address** to ensure the order will go directly to the JFCSEB office to be distributed by those handling donations.  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/A1KP8RBO8RXW/ref=cm\\_go\\_nav\\_hz](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/A1KP8RBO8RXW/ref=cm_go_nav_hz)

Both Ami Dodson and Kathryn Winogura are **JFCSEB managers** with whom FPCL's Refugee Services Committee have worked closely and they are trusted.

*Yours in Christ, Sheri Fried, FPCL Refugee Services Committee member*