

The Outlook

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"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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Cindy Lawler, Pastor

October 8, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship on Facebook and In-Person

October 12: Psalm 66:1-12, Luke 17:11-19, "Faith that is whole"

October 19: Psalm 119:97-104, Luke 18:1-8, "Faith that Persists"

Rev. Cindy Lawler, preaching

The Pumpkins Are Coming This Sunday, October 12, 2025

On Sunday, October 12, 2025, the pumpkins are scheduled to arrive at noon. We will then need your help to unload pumpkins and set up the patch. The truck will most likely arrive while we are in church or shortly thereafter, so please plan to bring "pumpkin unloading clothes" to change into if needed. We will have hot dogs, chips, dessert, and water to keep up your energy. We will also need help setting up, decorating, or selling during the rest of the day as we will be selling pumpkins until 8 PM. In the past, we have even sold pumpkins during unloading.

Community Fun Day has returned and will be Saturday, October 25 from noon until 4 pm. The community remembers that we have awesome bakers at Wesley and look forward to our bake sale. So if you bring cookies, cupcakes, brownies, Rice Krispie treats, the bake sale will be a huge success. Again, the coat give away was a huge success. We attracted more business by hanging the coats on the fence and were able to bless many needy folks last year. Please clean out your closets, shop the thrift stores, or make cash donations and we'll buy them for you.

-Blessings, Carolyn

Please Note

Pastor Cindy's cell phone number is 408-821-2443. Please add her number to your phone so it will be easier to connect in the future!

It is almost Pumpkin time! I am going to make cookies for the unloading party, and I need to get the butter out of the freezer to soften up, because yes it needs to be real butter. The baker in me says margarine does not have the same water content as butter so it is not the same, and my taste buds agree! It must be butter. The right ingredients are super important to get great cookies. Cream of tartar comes next, perhaps one of the most important ingredients, is what many would call trash. Did you know that Cream of Tartar is a waste product from wine making or grape juice storage? Yes, it comes from the crystals that form in the juice and must be filtered out. I would love to know who figured out these waste crystals could be used in baking. Why am I writing about cookie baking? Because I think it gives us a lesson on looking at things around us, everything, no matter how unexpected can be uses by God for good. As we begin our time of pumpkin patching, lets use this opportunity to talk to our neighbors, greet them and listen to them. The one we would normally dismiss may be the person who God sends to act as the beginning of a sweet relationship.

I'll see you in the patch!
God Bless, Pastor Cindy

Prayers

Prayers of concern for Linda T. with cellulitis in her left leg again; for peace at The Orchards Post Acute S.N.F.

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Fall Card Writing 2025

Thursday, November 6, 2025, 1:30 PM

First Congregational Church

5 Real Road, Bakersfield, CA 93309

Parking lot-off Stockdale Highway
beside white chapel

*Bring: pen and postage stamps (first class) Note: Greeting cards will be provided. Contact Person: June Braun (661) 205-4587.

*Postage to mail cards will be provided. If you are able to donate stamps, we can put a blank, stamped envelope inside the card for the detainee's use at Mesa Verde and Golden State Annex. California City does not allow blank stamped envelopes.

