



# Church of the Foothills September 2019 Sower

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# Calendar SEPTEMBER 2019

Every Sunday (8:30am) and every Friday (10am) - Book Study  
Every Wednesday (6:30pm) – Men’s Book Study  
Every Thursday (7pm) – Choir Rehearsal (resumes September 12<sup>th</sup>)

Sunday	1	Communion Sunday
Sunday	8	Committee & Board Meetings after church
Tuesday	10	Men’s Breakfast, Danny’s Deli, 8am
	10	Council Meeting, 7pm
Sunday	15	Aloha Sunday!
Tuesday	17	Dining for Women, Candace Reynold’s home, 6pm
Saturday	21	Ladies’ Lunch, Peking Restaurant, 5960 Telegraph Rd. (See article)
Tuesday	24	Men’s Lunch, Main St. Steakhouse, noon

*\*Sunday October 13 Installation Service for Rev. John Forrest, 3pm*

Audio recordings of the weekly sermons  
are now available on our website:

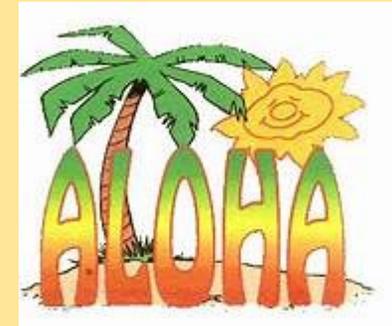
<https://www.churchofthefoothills-ventura.org/>  
under the “Church Life” tab.

You will find previous editions of the Sower  
there, as well.



**No FOOD  
SHARE date  
until  
December**

Great turn out  
in August!



## Aloha Sunday

**Come join in the fun  
Bring your friends!  
September 15, 2019**

*Potluck sign-up on bulletin board*



Dear Church,

It's been such a joy to continue the process of getting to know you over the past month. I've been sharing stories of my life during my sermons since I've been here. I hope that you're getting a better sense of who I am and some of the things I care about. I've loved hearing how those stories connect to stories in your lives.

On Sunday, September 15 we will welcome the choir back from their Summer hiatus and bless our kids and educators on their new adventures of this academic year by celebrating Aloha Sunday. In my sermon, I'll reflect on how we can live with more fully into a Spirit of Aloha. The Board of Fellowship is preparing a festive celebration after the service. You won't want to miss it!

As this Summer draws to a close and we settle back into the rhythms of the year, let us gather ourselves back into community to bless and celebrate life together. I feel truly blessed to be your pastor and look forward with great anticipation to all the blessings this Fall will bring as we grow, learn, share, eat, and live the life of faith together.

Blessings,  
John Forrest



**INVITING ALL WOMEN  
ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT  
NOVEMBER 1, 2, & 3**

**Mt. Calvary Monastery  
505 E. Los Olivos Street  
Santa Barbara**

**Deposit of \$50 now due in the office.  
Questions? See Cheryl Bruckner or Sigrid Wong.**

**Come view the list on the church bulletin board of those who  
plan to attend. 25 is maximum capacity.**



***We continue to ask for help with  
Sunday School***

**Please see Lena Martinez if  
interested or sign up on our Church  
bulletin board.**



Choir rehearsals resume on  
Thursday, September 12 at 7:00pm. All are welcome.  
You do not need to know how to read music,  
but you do need to like singing!

**From O&B – Ventura Social Services Task Force  
Faith Subcommittee**

**PLEASE ATTEND  
EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP**

**Thursday September 12, 2019**

**5:30 PM- Reception**

**6:00-8:00 PM-Program**

**Poinsettia Pavilion**

**3451 Foothill Rd. Ventura, CA 93003**

**Development and Ongoing Operation of  
Ventura's First Permanent Shelter  
for the Homeless**

**Scheduled to Open Late December 2019**

**Please RSVP to [partnersforchangeventura@gmail.com](mailto:partnersforchangeventura@gmail.com)  
to plan for seating**

**A Word from Endowment**

The Endowment Committee hopes you will consider the Church of the Foothills Endowment Fund when making a gift in memory or honor of friends and family. Your gift will help ensure a strong future for Church of the Foothills while also helping grow the funds available annually to augment the work of Church of the Foothills.

This year, the Endowment will provide \$9978 for programs not funded by the annual budget. Half will help the church and half will expand the Church's outreach into the community. Church Council has approved half (\$4989) going to Trustees (new playground), and half going to Outreach & Benevolence Board (Project Understanding). With every donation, you'll receive an acknowledgment and our thanks. We'll send an acknowledgement card to the person or family honored by your gift.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or committee members Sharon Groeneveld, Linda Marsi, or Nancy Merrick. Any confusion about Endowment, please, please inquire.

***GAME NIGHT!***

***Pizza, fun, games and fellowship for all!***

*We will have a selection of board games to use, but  
please also feel free to bring your favorite.*

**Who-** everyone is invited; bring a friend!

**Where-** Pizza Man Dan's on Victoria

1413 S. Victoria Ave; near Wendy's and 99c Store

**When-** Friday September 27th @ 6pm



Many years ago, a group of Foothills' ladies began monthly lunch outings to develop new and closer friendships. Currently we meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 11:30am. We are hoping to generate new interest as many of our wonderful friends have departed.

Peking Restaurant  
5960 Telegraph Rd, Ventura  
Sat. Sept 21, 11:30am

Sign up on bulletin board is helpful for reservations.  
Karen MacConell, 805-525-4311

## ***DINING FOR WOMEN***

Our next dinner will be at Candace Reynold's home. Please request evite if interested in learning about this worldly service. We are excited to share DFW's mission.

Featured Grantee  
Edu-Girls, Inc - India



Sustained Grantee  
Guatemala  
Community Conservation



Join us – You will be inspired!

### **Note from Deacons**

As Aloha Sunday brings our church family back from their summer adventures, it is also the perfect time for us to reflect on how we can enhance our Sunday morning worship. The Deacons Board asks you to consider volunteering an occasional Sunday as an Usher or Greeter. Both opportunities are an excellent way to see who is here. Sign-ups for Greeters (and Flowers) are on the bulletin board.

We currently have a short list of individuals who rotate as Ushers and would joyously invite a few more folks to add to the rotation. If interested, please contact Craig in the church office. He is currently working on the 6-month schedule for October 2019 through March 2020. We will schedule a brief training to answer any questions or resolve any concerns you may have before your Sunday of service.