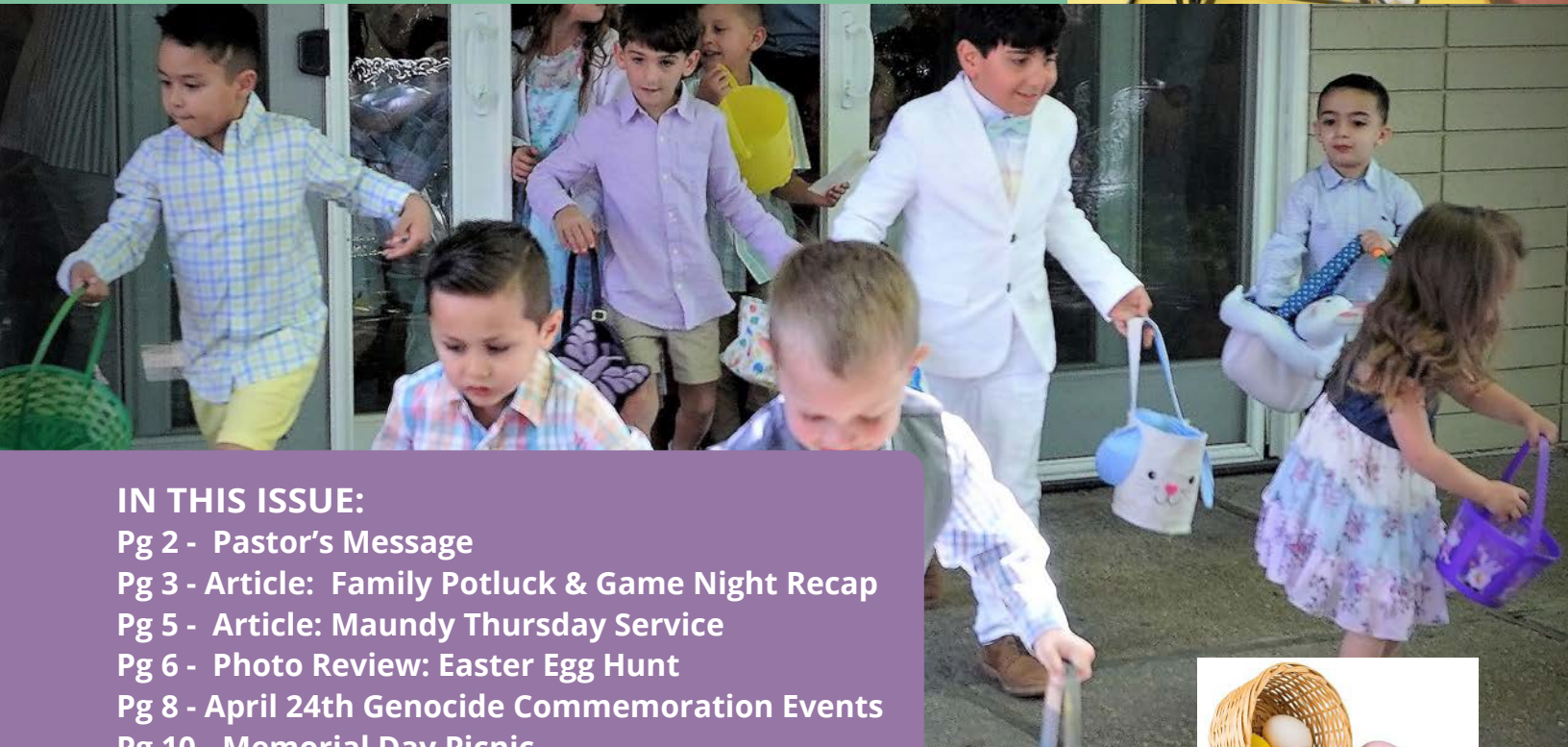




Sunday Morning Study (SMS) each week @ 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room

## Check out the recap of FAPC's Family Potluck & Game Night

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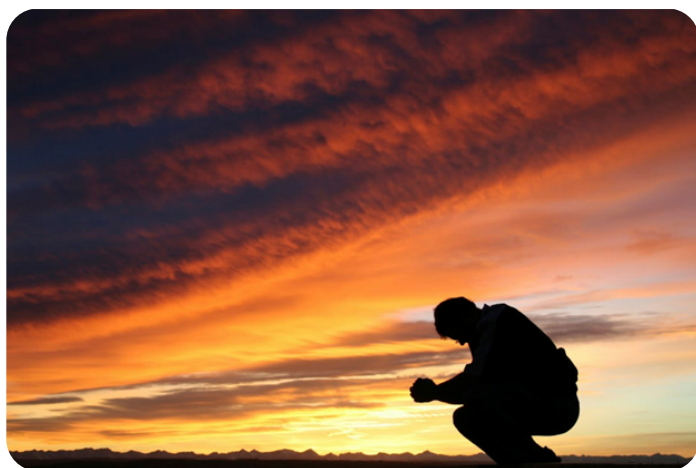
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**One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of His disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."**

- Luke 11:1 (NIV)

What would you love to learn from Jesus? As we've begun studying the Book of Revelation, many have expressed the deep desire to learn about Christ's return. Even the disciples asked Jesus about that!

I would love to learn how to communicate with and understand people. Jesus had an uncanny ability to understand what lay "behind" people's comments and questions. Somehow, He could see through people and communicate effectively to them in a way that cut to their hearts. I'm sure some of



this was the guidance of the Holy Spirit. However, whether it is the Spirit's leading or wisdom in dealing with people, I'd love to learn that from Him!

Some would love to learn about how to lead men and women to accomplish great things. Jesus was the most effective leader in all of history! There are even books that try to discern the "Leadership Secrets of Jesus."

The only thing that the disciples explicitly asked Jesus to teach them, however, was how to pray. John the Baptist had apparently taught his followers to pray. They wanted Jesus to teach them to pray. What followed was what we call "Hayr Mer" or "The Lord's Prayer."

Next month, we'll look more specifically at the content of the prayer, but this month, I want us to reflect on the irony of their request. They asked their Rabbi—God in human flesh, the One who could multiply food, who could walk on water, change the weather, heal disease with a touch or a word, cast out demons—to teach them how to depend upon God rather than their own strength.

Jesus is seemingly the least likely candidate to teach about depending upon God. Yet, in reality, He is the perfect teacher! He said, "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does." (John 5:19) Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, depended entirely on the Father. Many times in the Gospels we see Jesus spending time alone with the Father.

Who are we to imagine that we can follow the Lord faithfully without spending time in prayer? Since listening to a podcast in February, this question has been at the forefront of my mind. Who do I think I am to serve Christ without depending entirely upon Him?

Oswald Chambers, the author of the amazing daily devotional, *My Utmost for His Highest* says, "We slander God by our willingness to serve Him without knowing Him." Enough!

Check out this podcast. Let it turn your life upside down like it has for me. Let's ask Jesus, like the disciples did, to teach us to pray!

Also, please join in the Armenian Genocide Commemoration events this month. Our community needs followers of Jesus to be a part of these gatherings of collective lament, sorrow and comfort. Through us the Lord can bring His presence, perspective and comfort.

Because He lives

**Prayer Requests?**  
Submit your requests online at [fapc.net](http://fapc.net) or via ChurchCenter app.



# Family Potluck & Game Night



## First Armenian Presbyterian Church Unites in Laughter and Fellowship at All-Church Family Potluck & Game Night

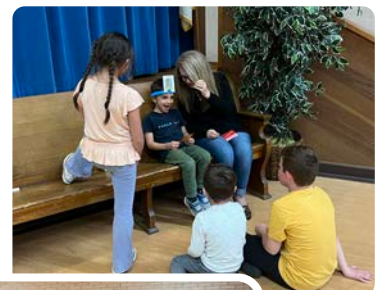
**Close to 80 Attendees from Toddlers to Adults Enjoy an Evening of Games, Food, and Community Bonding**  
- by Lisa Tokatian

On Friday night, March 15th, First Armenian Presbyterian Church held an All-Church Family Potluck/ Game Night. If you did not attend, you really missed a fun family evening!! We had close to 80 people in attendance, from toddlers all the way to adults. What a potluck spread we had!

We broke bread together as a church family and began to play various board games, card games, tavloo and Bingo headed by our own Steve Marashian with table prizes for the winners. You could not tell who was having more fun playing Bingo, the players or Steve and his assistant, Lucas. Young and old attendees enjoyed fellowship through games. Our fellowship hall was full of laughter and chatter.

It was the goal for our church family to get to know one another better in an informal environment and become closer as a church family. The photos attest to that goal.

Thank you to all who came out and supported this church event. The response to game night was so positive and another will be planned in the near future. Come out to have some church family game night fun! You will not be disappointed!!!





# Family Potluck & Game Night



# First Armenian Presbyterian Church Observes 126th Annual Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service

## Members Gather for a Solemn Evening of Worship, Communion, and Reflection on the Meaning of Maundy Thursday - by Phil Tavlian

Eighty members and friends gathered at the FAPC Campus on the evening of March 27<sup>th</sup>, for the 126th Annual Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service. Guests convened in the Fellowship Hall for a Lenten Dinner of Vosprov Kufra and an array of Near Eastern accompaniments.

At 7 P.M. the assembled gathering went to the Sanctuary where Senior Pastor Gregory V. Haroutunian delivered the invocation and shared a reading from Revelation 5:6-14. Vocalists Jesse Dunbar and Nerses Kalayjian and Organist Michael Varlas led the congregation in the singing of hymns, including “My Hope is Built,” “O Sacred Head Now Wounded,” “And Can It Be,” and “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus.”

The hymns alternated with members’ readings of the Holy Scriptures, including passages from Exodus 12:1-14, John 13:1-17, Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Luke 22:14-27, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-22. Badveli Greg led the Pastoral Prayer and delivered the worship message, “Exchange Rates,” a meditation on 2 Corinthians 8:9. He concluded: “We celebrate tonight; we mourn tomorrow; we will be silent Saturday; and we will celebrate Easter Sunday.”

The service concluded with the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the singing of the Hayr Mer, and Badveli’s benediction of dismissal. Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples, humbly washed the feet of His disciples, and commanded them to do the same for each other.



# Easter Egg Hunt



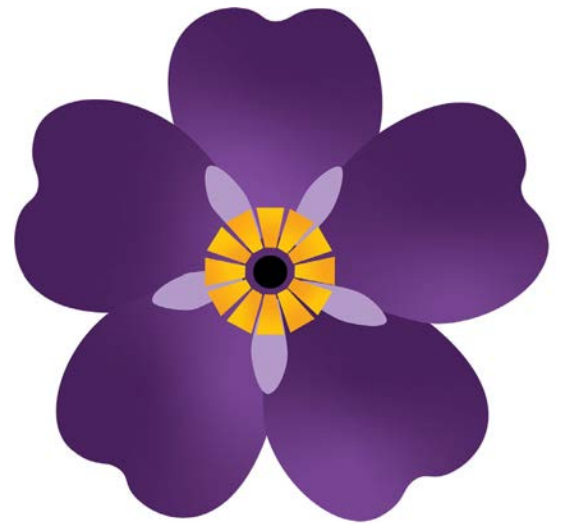


# Easter Egg Hunt



First Armenian Presbyterian Church *Presents*

# PROCESSING TRANSGENERATIONAL GRIEF



*Associated  
With*

The Armenian Genocide, the 2020 Artsakh war and its recent occupation by Azerbaijan and the deportation of 120,000 Armenians.



Armenian Genocide Commemoration

# SUNDAY *APRIL 21* *at 4:00 PM*

a lecture followed by Q & A with

**Dr. Tamar Sevajian, LMFT**  
*Complicated Collective Grief*

**Rev. Vatche Ekmekjian, AMFT**  
*Historical Truth & Geopolitics*

**Susan Haroutunian Cunningham, LPC**  
*Trauma & Epigenetics*

**refreshments will be served.**



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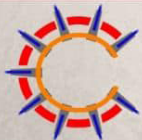


# 2024 ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 | 6:30PM  
FRESNO STATE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE MONUMENT

*Keynote Speaker*

**Stefani Booroojian**  
KSEE24 Anchor & Reporter



**ARMENIAN GENOCIDE  
COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE**  
FRESNO

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APRIL 24, 1915 COMMEMORATION  
OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Armenian Genocide Commemoration  
and Annual Flag Raising  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Keynote Speaker

Council Vice President  
Mike Karbassi

Beginning at 10:00 AM Fresno City Hall - Flagpole  
2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721  
(Corner of Fresno and "P" Streets)



Memorial Day Picnic

Memorial Day Picnic

Volunteers  
needed

Several Opportunities to Serve:

- Set Up / Clean Up
- Guest Check-In / Registration
- BBQ Assistance
- Cooking Prep
- Serving





# 2024

## MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC



# MAY 27

11AM - 3PM

- Kebab Plates & Hot Dogs
- Snacks & Beverages
- Armenian dancing
- Live Music
- Bounce houses
- Train rides and more...



Featuring the  
Richard Hagopian Band

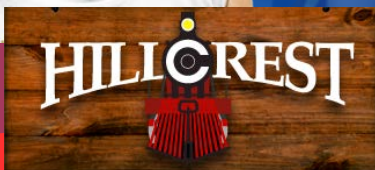


*Free  
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Registration is Required  
for all attendees.



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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Have Questions?  
Contact Nataly Wairdian  
nataly@fapc.net

**JUNE 17-21**  
**9AM-NOON**



*Register Online*

# Men's Bible Study



The Wednesday Men's Bible Study Luncheon Group has now joined the Church Family in the study of Revelation under the guidance of Senior Pastor Greg Haroutunian. The Men's Bible Study Luncheon Group meets at noon on Wednesdays in the Fireside Room Kitchen. Men of all ages are invited to attend as their schedules permit. Please contact Administrator Jacci Rustigan at [jacci@facp.net](mailto:jacci@facp.net) to be placed on a no-obligation E-list for the Bible Study Luncheon Group.

# Armenian Men's Bible Study

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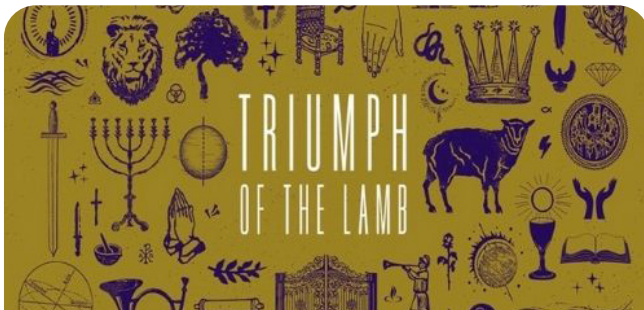
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Բոլորը ողջունելի են:



# Sunday Morning Events



Sundays: **9:00 A.M.-9:45 A.M.** in the Fireside Room!

In our new Sunday Morning Study (SMS), Badveli Greg will lead us through the *Book of Revelation*.

1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH



JOIN US FOR  
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
JOIN OUR FAMILY OF BELIEVERS AS WE GATHER AT HIS TABLE



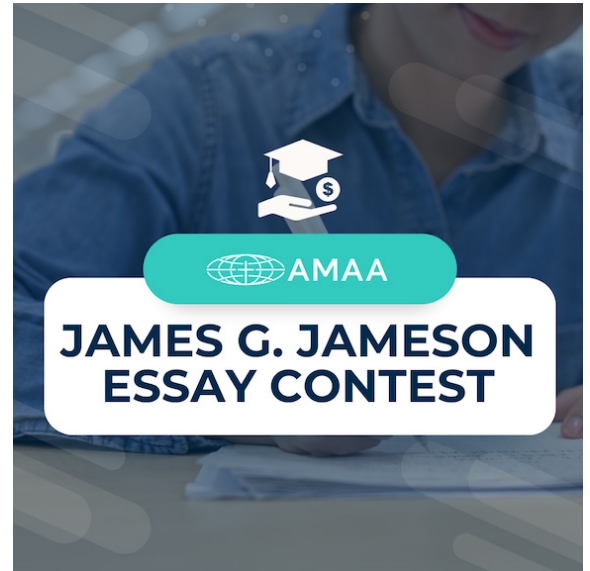
# Empower Your Words: Enter the AMAA Essay Contest!

The Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) has announced the **2024 James G. Jameson Essay Contest**.

High School and College/University students of Armenian descent are eligible to participate. The essays must be previously unpublished, written in English, and with a length of 1,000 to 2,000 words.

The topics for the contest must touch upon some aspect of Armenian heritage and experience, such as religion, history, culture, literature, language, art, architecture, geography and economics.

Essays are judged based on merit through criteria including content, style, logic, reasoning, coherence and usage.



## The deadline for entries is May 1, 2024.

Entries and/or inquiries should be directed to:

**James G. Jameson Essay Contest,**  
c/o of The Armenian Missionary Association of America,  
31 West Century Road, Paramus, NJ 07652

or emailed to [lucy@amaa.org](mailto:lucy@amaa.org).





## AMAA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Each Academic year the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) offers scholarships to full-time undergraduate students of Armenian descent studying in North America.

Students interested in applying for scholarships should personally request the Link for the Application Form by calling 201-265-2607 ext. 127 or by email, [lucyr@amaa.org](mailto:lucyr@amaa.org) or [sponsorship@amaa.org](mailto:sponsorship@amaa.org). Previous recipients must reapply each year. It is the responsibility of the student to request an application form.

***Incomplete items and/or missing documents will automatically disqualify an applicant.***

**Applications open in February and must be completed online, not later than May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.**

Awards are made by the Scholarship Committee, which takes into consideration the applicant's grades, financial need, the tuition cost of the college he/she will attend, accomplishments, future leadership potential and good character references. **Please note, Scholarship Grant checks are issued directly to academic Institutions and not individuals.**





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# 2024 AEUNA BIENNIAL



June 27-30, 2024



San Francisco Bay Area (San Mateo)

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts,  
but all its many parts form one body, so it is  
with Christ.*

*1 Corinthians 12:12*



SCAN to LISTEN

Sign into Spotify to enjoy the FAPC Worship playlist and learn the new songs that will be performed during Worship service.



You are invited to the  
Fresno State  
Armenian Students Organization

*50th  
Anniversary  
Celebration*

Join us in celebrating 50 years of ASO with  
dinner, music, memories and more!

co-sponsored by the Armenian Studies Program

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Doors open at 6pm

**Moravia Wines and Event Venue**

3620 N Bishop Ave, Fresno, CA 93723

Dressy-casual attire

Students- \$35 | Adults-\$45

Sponsored table (10 seats)- \$600

Contact us to purchase tickets

Payment and RSVP by April 26th: (559) 974-7773

fresnostatasa@gmail.com

# Women's Retreat

Friday, April 12, 2024 - Sunday, April 14, 2024

Age Group: 18+ All Women

## MEET OUR SPEAKERS CAMP AREV WOMEN'S RETREAT 2024



Lena Ekmekjian



Cynthia Ketenjian



Ani Kassabian



With Special Guest Comedian  
**Ruzanna**  
Featuring Saturday Night



Lucy Chakerian



Kim Haroutunian



# Men's Retreat

Friday, April 26, 2024 - Sunday, April 28, 2024

Age Group: 18+ All Men

## MEET OUR SPEAKERS

CAMP AREV MEN'S RETREAT 2024



REV. AREN BAHADOURIAN



REV. ARA CHAKERIAN



WITH SPECIAL GUEST COMEDIAN  
**ANTIC**  
FEATURING SATURDAY NIGHT



REV. RAZMIG MINASSIAN



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## High School

Sunday, July 14 - Saturday, July 20  
Age Group: 9th - 12th

## Juniors

Sunday, July 21 - Saturday, July 27  
Age Group: 3rd - 5th Grade



## Junior High

Sunday, July 28 - Saturday, August 3  
Age Group: 6th - 8th Grade

## College & Career

Friday, Sept. 13 - Sunday, Sept. 15  
Age Group: 18+ College & Career





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# April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Easter Holiday Office Closed Sister Church ZOOM Call	2	3 Men’s Bible Study 12:00 pm FSR	4 Women’s Bible Study Fireside 9:45 am	5 Strengthening Relationships - 6pm FSR	6 Strengthening Relationships - 8:30 am FSR
7 Sunday Morning Study - 9am Prayer Bridal Room - 9:45 am Sunday School - 10:45 am Worship Service - 10:30 am Arm. Family Bible Study - 12:30 pm FSR CA Armenian Home Service - 1:45 pm	8	9 AEUNA Pastors’ Retreat Women’s Bible Study 2:55 pm Women’s Zoom Bible Study 5:55pm	10 AEUNA Pastors’ Retreat Men’s Bible Study 12:00 pm FSR	11 AEUNA Pastors’ Retreat Women’s Bible Study Fireside 9:45 am	12 WOMENS RETREAT (Camp Arev) Young Couples Bible Study - 7:30 pm FSR	13 WOMENS RETREAT (Camp Arev)
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