



Rabbi Joshua's Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

A touching story from TWR this week. One of our long-standing guests, Merle, came this week for a specific reason. Merle is in her 70s, from Jamaica, and is a sweet, soft-spoken woman, and a wonderful artist. Two years ago she was diagnosed with breast cancer, and last year she had a stroke. Throughout her chemo treatment, she continued to come to TWR, weakened physically but not mentally or spiritually.



Yesterday was special for her as it was the two-year anniversary of the passing of Kevin, a man she cared for over a seven-year period. She brought the program from the funeral and told me and Jane all about him, and then she pulled out a card with a \$100 donation in his memory. This is a woman who has very little income and lives on her own. We were blown away. Merle said it was a "small deposit" for all of the love and support she has gotten over the years. May Kevin's memory be for a blessing.



And, on that theme, Pasadena lost a giant of justice and compassion this week with the passing of Rev. Inman Moore at the age of 96 (pictured above). Inman was a nationally recognized United Methodist minister, with a kind and sweet soul, who lived an extraordinary life of civil rights work, justice ministry, and powerful oratory. He was married to his beloved Nellie for 73 years before she passed away a few years ago. I knew Inman for many years, seeing him at the rallies, conferences, clergy meetings, and prayer vigils in our area. He always had a kind word, and offered me tips and advice on many occasions. He is a legend in Pasadena. He will be missed and [I encourage you to read his bio.](#)

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



Gong hei fat choy - happy Lunar New Year!



We can only operate with your help!

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Join the Legacy Society

Podcast

2022-5 Battling Food Insecurity

With so many people facing food insecurity and hunger, FID is proud to operate one of the largest food pantries in the San Gabriel Valley. [Today, we hear a short interview with one of our pantry clients,](#) and then Rabbi Joshua sits down with Tim Nistler, our Food Pantry Director, to talk about current operations, the challenges of hunger, and how COVID has affected our work.



Get Social



Asuza Pacific School of Nursing

Azusa Pacific University nursing students were on hand last week, at our Bad Weather Supplies Distribution, to do wellness checks, wash feet, and provide basic medical care for those experiencing homelessness. [Read more...](#)

Leadership Pasadena

Our Director of Development, Merria Velasco, is part of the



Leadership Pasadena Class of 2022 (top right in photo). [Read more...](#)

News and Events

Bad Weather Supply Distribution

Every Thursday, rain or shine, our team will be providing services out of First United Methodist Church (500 E. Colorado, Pasadena CA 91101) between 5 – 7pm, as well as on weather-activated days (less than 40 degrees, or more than 40% chance of rain). Clients will have the opportunity to receive supplies, including ponchos, blankets, food, etc. On Thursdays, our partners at the Azusa Pacific University nursing program will also be on hand.

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EVERY THURSDAY AND ON WEATHER ACTIVATED* NIGHTS

January 6th through March 31st, 2022 | 5:00pm to 7:00pm

First United Methodist Church | 500 E Colorado Boulevard

*Weather Activated: forecast to be 40 degrees and below or 40% chance of rain

BAD WEATHER SUPPLIES OFFERINGS:

Cold Weather
Supplies

Nurse Visits /
Wellness Checks

Weather Activated*
Limited Motel Stays
(based on eligibility)





BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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