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A Parsonal Point of View ~

Open Letter Addressing the SCOTUS Same-Sex Marriage Ruling

You may recall that, at the time of the recent Supreme Court ruling, Luke, Sunny and I published a pastoral letter in order to offer our perspective on this critical ruling. I have decided to include this letter for my column this month. As always, I welcome your thoughts and feedback in response. Please feel free to email or phone if you would like to discuss the matter further.

Ron

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Dear Friends,

In light of this morning's announced Supreme Court decision to recognize the right of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people to marry, we wanted to take this opportunity to offer our own statement of support for this groundbreaking ruling. We, of course, realize that this issue, more than any other in our time, has been the source of disagreement, conflict and division, both within our culture and within our church. Our United Methodist Book of Discipline still prohibits clergy from performing same-sex unions and still denies ordination to those who have a sexual orientation other than that of heterosexuality. Whether or not this stance will be changed at our General Conference in May 2016 remains to be seen.

In the meantime, we believe that it is important to affirm this step that our Supreme Court has taken and to recognize, of course, that there are still many additional steps that need to be taken before it can be truly said that ours is a culture and a church that accepts and respects all people, regardless of race, creed or sexual orientation.

In offering this affirmation, we realize that not everyone within our congregation will agree. Indeed, some may be disappointed and angry that we have chosen to do so. While it is not, of course, our desire to offend anyone, we believe very strongly that this is a justice issue, one that asks that we be clear about our conviction and open about our stance. What is at stake here is nothing less

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than the right of people to experience the happiness, love and security that is granted through the covenant of marriage. To deny this right to some while extending it to others, is, we believe, wrong and contradicts our understanding that a loving relationship is one that ought to be recognized and celebrated regardless of one's sexual orientation.

We also recognize that some will choose to interpret the Bible in ways that support those policies that refuse to grant these rights and privileges to LGBT individuals. Over the last thirty years, many of us have been engaged in extensive Bible studies regarding some of these controversial texts of Scripture. In the process, it has become clear that there are, of course, various ways of reading and rendering the meaning of these texts. We believe that in each and every case, these texts must be interpreted in the light of the context in which they were presented.

To lift a verse out of the Book of Leviticus, for example, without recognizing its context and its explicit intent of teaching the people of Israel to separate themselves from all other cultures and religious perspectives, is to seriously misread and misunderstand its meaning. Why, for example, should we disregard the bulk of the Levitical instructions (i.e., separating dairy from meat products) and only choose to take the teaching on homosexuality to heart?

Good Bible study requires that we consider the context and learn to interpret the meaning of a passage accordingly. What was intended to reinforce an ancient and often primitive practice need not be read or understood in the same light as those passages dealing with the timeless principles of our faith.

In our reading of the Bible and in our understanding of the timeless principles that it offers to us, we believe that the primary mandate is to love, value and include all people — including and perhaps especially those who may be different from us. Jesus, in what He taught and in the way He lived, is the One who continually reminds us of this responsibility to love and accept everyone — without exception.

Having stated our conviction as clearly as we can, we would like to express our hope that you will join with us in the ongoing work of making the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church a place where ALL people are accepted and included, regardless of what they believe, who they love or how they choose to live their lives. As a Church that professes to be a place of open minds, open hearts and open doors, let us dare to be a people who are committed to doing just that in the ways in which we live out our lives.

While it is difficult, in the wake of this ruling, to evaluate just what the ripple effects will be and exactly where the winds of change will take us, let us take heart and hope in the knowledge that we follow in the footsteps of the One who broke down the barriers of his time and drew the circle of God's love wide enough to include any and all. Rest assured then that we are in good company.

Grace & Peace,

Ron, Sunny and Luke

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

Sort Medical Supplies at Med-Share in August

Our Missions Committee is hosting another mission project to Med-Share in San Leandro, on Saturday, August 15, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers will sort medical supplies which are then sent to medical teams around the world. To learn more about Med-Share, visit their website.



Visit our website to [sign up](#) and download Parent Permission Form (for children participants between 10 and 17 years of age). John Green will be leading this team. Contact John: (925) 837-9419; bubalegs@comcast.net.

Important: Plan to arrive 5-10 minutes before our shifts for sign-in and orientation. Please wear comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. The warehouse where we will be working has no heating or A/C. Closed-toe shoes are required: no sandals, flip flops or high heels.

Register Now for Lodestar 2015 Mission Trip

Camp Lodestar is in the Sierra foothills, about a 2.5-hour drive from Danville. It is one of the main camps used by our church conference. The camp has lodges, cabins, a dining hall, swimming pool and other facilities. We will be staying in one of the lodges.

Consider joining us as we assist the camp with much-needed repairs and maintenance. There is work for all levels of interest and abilities. This year, we are offering both full week and half week options.

Full Week: Monday morning, September 28 through Saturday after lunch, October 3. \$200

Half Week: Wednesday evening, September 30 through Saturday after lunch, October 3. \$125

Cost includes all meals (in the dining hall), snacks and incidentals. Housing charge waived in return for our work. Scholarships are available. Please contact Steve Elliott at [925-362-8697](tel:925-362-8697) or SAE612@msn.com for more information, or go to the SRVUMC website to sign up.

Mission Saturday has grown! Bigger and Better! *Volunteer opportunities from September 19 to October 3*

This year, "The Church Will Leave the Building" for **two weeks!**

Habitat For Humanity build in Martinez - Saturday, September 19, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Habitat Playhouse build in the church parking lot - Sunday, September 20, 12:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Glide Memorial breakfast serving and service - Sunday, September 20, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Iron Horse Trail cleanup - Tuesday, Sept 22 and Thursday, September 24, 9:00 a.m.

AniMeals food packing in Lamm Hall - Saturday, September 26, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

CC Food Bank - Saturday, September 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Stop Hunger Now food packing in Wesley - Saturday, September 26 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Additional information and sign-ups are available [online](#), or we will have sign-ups after each church service in the courtyard.

California-Nevada Annual Conference of the UMC Convenes in Burlingame



This year's California-Nevada Annual Conference met June 17 through June 20 with both clergy and lay members to celebrate 167 years and conduct Conference business. Reports, presentation of awards and scholarships, and addresses filled these four days, together with some elections and budgetary discussion. Before the 2015 session opened, however, attendees celebrated communion, and opportunities for worship occurred throughout.

Theme: "Engaging Faith in the Public Square"

This year's guest speaker, Lutheran minister Alexia Salvatierra, addressed the Conference in its first two days with topics relevant to the theme. She also led attendees in small group discussions of the questions she posed. Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. challenged Methodists to live their faith through public service. This kind of mission work can be accomplished through organizations familiar to SRVUMC, like Habitat for Humanity and Trinity Center.

Business Conducted in 2015

- **The legislative agenda presented five resolutions that could be advisory to General Conference for changes in wording in the Book of Discipline regarding inclusiveness.** A total of 34 resolutions appeared in Sections and through the Consent Calendar.
- **Delegates were elected to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.** Portland, OR will host the General Conference in May 2016, and Jurisdictional Conference will be in Scottsdale, AZ in July, 2016. For information about volunteering, see www.westernjurisdictionumc.org/gc2016
- The annual conference celebrated the **chartering of three new United Methodist Churches:** Cambodian Bayside UMC, Alameda, CA; First Taulanga-U Tongan UMC of Sacramento, CA; and Reno First Tongan UMC, Reno, NV.
- **Five congregations were designated as mission congregations:** East Salinas Family Center, Salinas, CA; Mision Metodista Hispana, Soledad, CA; San Jose Tongan Fellowship, Sunnyvale, CA; Hmong Fellowship, Marysville, CA; Korean Fellowship, Clovis, CA

Familiar Names

- San Ramon Valley UMC registered **Ron Dunn, Sunny Ahn, and Luke Ham** as well as Lay Members **Joanne Van Bezey, Don and Carole Johnson.**
- The El Camino Real District Dinner was hosted at a local UMC by retiring **District Superintendent Kristie Olah. Reverend Staci Current** will assume district superintendent duties on September 1.
- Appreciation was given to **Phil Bandy** as retiring director of the Conference Volunteers In Mission program. Phil and Deb have been active members of SRVUMC and now live in Vallejo.
- **Steve Elliott** received one of the Bishop's Awards for his community service and Volunteers In Mission (especially Haiti). His wife, **Rev. Dr. Kim Risedorph**, is currently pastor in Asbury, but both are former members of SRVUMC.

National Council of Churches Speaker

August 9 at 12 Noon

“San Francisco East Bay: What does the Lord require of you?”

The President and General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, Jim Winkler, will speak at a luncheon at **San Ramon Valley UMC (Alamo) August 9, 2015 at 12:00 noon**. His topic is “San Francisco East Bay: What does the Lord require of you?”

Winkler, formerly the head of the Commission on Church and Society of the United Methodist Church, now works on a global level with different denominations in ecumenical and interfaith work. He is an outspoken advocate for justice around the world and has traveled extensively since he took on this new position in 2014. Winkler is an excellent speaker who inspires Christians to live out their gospel faith.

Please sign up at your local church to attend the luncheon and submit a donation of \$5 per person by August 2. Invite your neighbors from different churches or faith communities and tell your church their names, so that we know how many people to expect.

Winkler will preach at Lynnewood UMC, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, at 9:30 a.m. also on August 9. If you have questions, please call Heather Hammer [925 846-0221](tel:925-846-0221).



What Is the CA-NV Annual Conference? See Page 4.

According to www.cnumc.org, the United Methodist Church is a "connectional church," which means Methodist churches pool resources for their work in the world and share leadership to govern their policies. The churches of the conference combine their efforts to focus on missions, among them the Imagine No Malaria campaign, for which SRVUMC presented a \$10,000 check this past May.

San Ramon Valley UMC falls within the El Camino Real District, one of four districts of the CA-NV Annual Conference. Each district within the Conference consists of 40 to 50 clergy circuits. The idea behind this structure is that pastors within a given circuit can support and challenge one another, sharing vision and collaborating. All told, there are more than 350 United Methodist Churches and Fellowships among these four districts, and 80,000 people identify themselves as members of these churches.

Men's Breakfast and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Demonstration

Wesley Center on Saturday August 15 at 8:00 a.m.

SRVUMC member Steve Foster, a certified AED instructor, will demonstrate potentially life-saving Automated External Defibrillator. Our church has two of these devices: one located in the usher room and the other in the kitchen. This demonstration will consist of videos and hands-on instruction with mannequins. Although this very important demonstration does not lead to full Basic Life Support Certification, it will familiarize participants with this easy-to-use apparatus to potentially save someone's life. Become informed, and enjoy a hail and hearty breakfast. A \$6 donation is requested for breakfast. *For AED program and breakfast reservations please RSVP Dean McWilliams osi310@aol.com to confirm your attendance.*

JUNE DISCOVERY CLASS

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP ON JUNE 21, 2015



BAYAT, LIZ joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. Liz is a senior marketing consultant in Silicon Valley. Her husband, David, owns Greens Landscaping, Design and Construction.



BRADEN, RICH joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. Rich is a sales manager. His wife, Jamie, is also in sales.



DOMINICI, PAM & BOB transfer from St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. Pam is a retired teacher, and Bob is a retired CEO of a biotech company.



SAMFORD, JOE joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. Joe is a retired fire fighter and paramedic. His new wife, Carol (Webb), is already a member of SRVUMC.



SKETCHLEY, MARTI & SKETCH transfer from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Danville. Sketch is self-employed, and Marti is a retired flight attendant.

Facilitators for this class were Ron Dunn, Sunny Ahn and Devon Drake.

Welcome, everyone!



Update - Imagine No Malaria

Congratulations goes out to the congregation! We achieved our goal of raising \$10,000 for the Imagine No Malaria Initiative. As a district we also achieved and surpassed our goal of \$100,000 by raising \$118,159. At the recent church conference, it was announced that more than \$377,000 was raised during the fundraising challenge, resulting in two district superintendents taking pies to the face and two superintendents shaving their heads on stage.



Psst!...2015 Golf Scramble set for October 10.

- San Ramon Golf Club
- Sign-ups begin September 1
- \$55/player for green fees, cart and prize fund
- Contact Paul Kuelz at paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net or [925-831-3128](tel:925-831-3128)



Between the Bookends



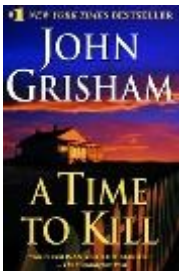
By Sally Christopherson, Librarian

Summertime reading is in full force right now — time for a few books that are meaty and have enough pages to plumb the depths to make a story come alive.

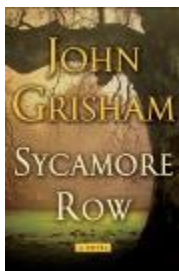
Here are four titles that you won't soon forget:



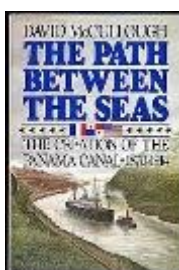
Blum, Jenna. *Those Who Save Us.* Anna is a young German girl who survived WWII, along with her three-year-old daughter. After the war's end, she married an American GI and moved to Minnesota. Now that little girl is grown and is a professor of German history. She has found an old photo of herself and her mother, seated with a German SS Officer. Her mother refuses to explain or even discuss the photo. Is she this man's daughter? Was her mother a partner in the cruelties of the SS? Trudy would do almost anything to learn the truth.



Grisham, John. *A Time to Kill.* Written as his first novel in 1989, this story of small-town lawyer Jake Brigance became John Grisham's best-selling novel.

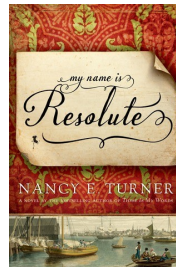


Grisham, John. *Sycamore Row.* Twenty-four years and several novels later, he has revisited Jake Brigance once again and created a sensation in the publishing world. Many thanks to Floy Blair for giving this to our Library. Now we have both of them!



McCullough, David. *The Path Between the Seas; the Creation of the Panama Canal, 1870-1914.* There is no finer historian than David McCullough, whose writing is impeccably researched and then given to us in clear, fascinating prose that makes the

events come alive. Planning a cruise through the Canal? Or maybe you've already taken that trip? This book is required reading to enjoy and appreciate the engineering marvel that became the Panama Canal. Originally a malarial swamp, American engineers and doctors made it possible. Many thanks to Don and Carole Johnson.



Turner, Nancy E. *My Name is Resolute.* If you are a lover of historical fiction, this will go on your list as one of the best. Resolute Talbot (yes, that's her name) lives a rich, privileged life in Jamaica, until her parents are killed, and she and her sister are kidnapped by pirates. Sold, indentured, and finally sheltered by nuns in Canada, Resolute learns weaving. It will be her salvation as a way to survive and make a living when she makes her way to the American colonies. This is an account of what the English colonists endured as England relied more and more on the colonies as a source of income to finance their European wars. Historically accurate, this is a page-turning, heart-stopping account of why the American Revolution became irrevocable.

*Blessed are those who can give without remembering...
and take without forgetting.*
— Elizabeth Bibesco, 1897-1945

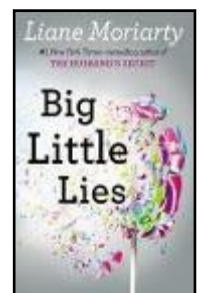
Afternoon Book Group

Monday, 1 p.m.

Room 202, Wesley Center

August 17 — *The High Divide: A Novel* by Lin Enger (Ruth leading)

September 21 — *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty (Dan? Leading)



August Communion Offering



This month, our communion offering supports local chapter Habitat for Humanity of East Bay/Silicon Valley (Habitat EBSV) in its All Faiths Build funding goal of \$300,000.

SRVUMC and the All Faiths Build

The All Faiths Build has defined its funding goal as \$300,000, an amount sufficient to build two homes in the Muir Ridge neighborhood of Martinez. To keep the momentum going, an anonymous donor has pledged \$150,000 to Habitat EBSV and challenged area congregations and individuals to match this funding. Presently, the Habitat EBSV website marks its progress toward its goal at \$225,000, so this month's offering can make a substantial difference toward reaching this goal.



Remember us? Eleven of us participated in the four-day Building on Faith Framing Blitz at the beginning of the summer!

Habitat EBSV saw the participation of SRVUMC volunteers in its Building on Faith Framing Blitz in Martinez back in June. This event kicked off the current All Faiths Build project. At that time, more than 500 volunteers from 40 diverse faith communities worked together to frame seven houses in its Muir Ridge Development. Volunteers, community supporters, families who

will own the Muir Ridge homes, and Habitat EBSV staff pulled together to frame houses up to the roof trusses, build and stand walls, install stairs and put in flooring. Other efforts in the Building on Faith Framing Blitz included preparing, donating and serving food as well as fundraising efforts.

Habitat in the East Bay Area

Habitat EBSV was formed in 1986, ten years after the first chapter of Habitat for Humanity was founded in Americus, GA. Since its founding, the local chapter has helped over 460 low- and very low-income families in Alameda, Santa Clara and Contra Costa County. Its mission is perhaps especially important in this region, where according to a 2014 report by the California Association of Realtors, fewer than 23% of families can afford a median-priced home.

Families who qualify for Habitat's assistance meet three criteria: 1) household income is less than 30 to 80% of the area median income, 2) need housing, and 3) are willing to contribute significant labor to construct their own or their neighbor's home.

If you would like to volunteer on an individual basis, visit <http://eastbay.volunteerhub.com/Events/Index> to register with Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley.





Widows/Widowers Grief Recovery Groups Fall 2015 Schedule

Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a spouse recently or within the last few years? Sharing our experiences during this 10-week class is extremely helpful to our healing process. Find hope, support and successful ways to process this significant life event. Course is open to all widows and widowers. Enrollments are now being accepted. Pre-Registration required. The workbook is \$15. ***Please call the contact at the church where you would like to attend the group.*** Brochures will be sent upon request.

Sundays, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

August 16 – October 25, 2015

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BERKELEY

2407 Dana Street, Berkeley

CONTACT: MERRILEE MITCHELL 510-482-5296

merrileehm@sbcglobal.net

Tuesdays, 3 – 5 p.m.

September 15 – November 17, 2015

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49 Knox Drive, Lafayette

CONTACT: BEV FELLOWS 925-949-7628

beverlyfellows@comcast.net

Sundays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

September 27 – December 6, 2015

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH OF OAKLAND

4000 Redwood Road, Oakland

CONTACT: RUTH HAMILTON 510-444-7325

walkingwoman@msn.com

Wednesdays, 7 – 9 p.m.

June 29 – September 7, 2016

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

4455 Del Valle Pkwy, Pleasanton

CONTACT: LINDA HUSTED 925-833-9013

lihusted@sbcglobal.net

SRVUMC Members: Check Your Email for Finance Committee 2015 YTD Overview

This email will include the Finance Committee's report for the AD board meeting of July 21, 2015. The email will include more detail than appears here. Some highlights from this report:

- Through June, Total Income is just slightly below plan.
- Total Expenses through June is favorable to plan.
- Through June, we have a Year-to-Date Net Surplus in the General Fund of \$34,786.

	June YTD Actual	June YTD Budget	Pos/Neg Budget
Total Income	\$ 565,929	\$ 572,236	\$ (6,307)
Total Expenses	\$ 531,143	\$ 554,382	\$ 23,239
Net Position	\$ 34,786	\$ 17,854	\$ 16,932

Senior Scoop

Tues., August 25, Noon — Annual Senior BBQ!

Featuring Ted Wolfram as “guest chef” at the grill. Seniors will bring side dishes and desserts to share. Sign-ups not required! Come and bring a friend!

NOTE: If you can't wait that long for more August cookout fun, then don't forget the last Grill & Chill on Thursday, August 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. Chili dogs and a karaoke fest finish out the 2015 season. Sign up in the courtyard after services, by calling the office at (925) 837-5243, or online at the church website.



The Christ Care Book Group

This group meets **10 a.m.** in the **church library** to review and discuss its books.

August 26 — *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion.

September 23 — *Queen of the Desert* by Georgina Howell

Upcoming: October selection is *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins.



Acolyte Initiation and celebration on Sunday, Aug 30th after the second service. RSVP and Details to follow.

Minion Madness SRVUMC Minions on Parade Win First Place

At this year's Danville Fourth of July Parade our own marching, dancing Minions, complete with full band and singers, delighted the crowd and mesmerized the children. Clearly the crowd favorite, we also took first prize in our division and the Judges' Favorite award! Congratulations to everyone involved in this fun and successful outreach event.



SRVUMC CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Sometimes it's easy to know the wise choice. You probably know by now that a healthy breakfast of fruit, yogurt, and granola is a wiser choice than the greasy, fast-food goodness of a sausage, egg, and cheese biscuit. It may pain you because you love a good breakfast from a fast-food joint, but you know that the healthy choice is the wise choice. But what happens when the wise choice isn't as easy to spot? Maybe you're deciding between a few great job opportunities or figuring out the best neighborhood to raise your family. You weigh the pros and the cons of each choice and seek guidance from wise people. You even take time to pray about it. And in the end, you trust that the choice you made is best.

As parents and leaders, we've learned this over time. But our kids are just starting their journey of discovering wisdom, and unfortunately, our choices aren't always cut and dry. As our kids grow up, they'll soon learn that not every decision they'll have to make is as clear as we might wish. That's why giving kids a strong foundation of wisdom is important. We want them to be equipped to face whatever choices they may encounter in the future, so we're taking the next several weeks to talk about wisdom.

We define wisdom as finding out what you should do and doing it. It's not simply about the difference between right and wrong, but about what is wise as we see life from God's perspective. Jesus knew this firsthand. The Bible says that He grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Wisdom is valuable. We're hoping to help kids dig deep into the Bible and discover some of God's wisdom along the way that will help them in the years to come. After all, finding wisdom isn't that difficult—all you have to do is look.

Week 1 Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, ask God for wisdom.

Week 2 Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, hang out with wise people.

Week 3 Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, think before you speak.

Week 4 Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, look before you leap.

Week 5 Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, find out what Jesus said.

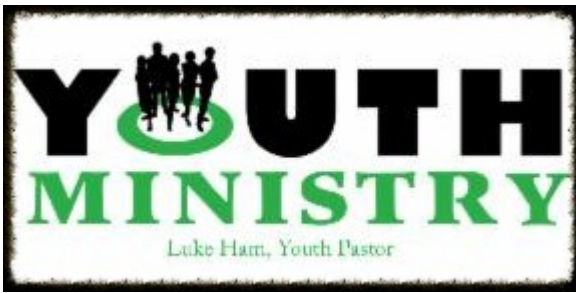
For those of you wanting to join the Archangel Choir this fall, we invite you to attend Archangel Camp. Space is limited.



August 17-20, 9 a.m. to Noon

SAVE THE DATE

AUG 30 ACOLYTE INITIATION 7 CELEBRATION
SEP 19, 26 MISSION SATURDAY
SEP 27 FAMILY PICNIC, HAP MAGEE PARK
OCT 2 FALL FAMILY CAMP
OCT 18 3RD GRADE BIBLE DEDICATION
OCT 25 PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY
NOV 29 ADVENT FESTIVAL
DEC 24 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
MAR 20 EASTER EGG HUNT AND BRUNCH



Greetings!

It has been a fantastic summer for our youth at SRVUMC!

Besides just having fun, we have also had some meaningful service opportunities this summer! Our High Schoolers attended the **Sierra Service Project** in Stockton and our Middle School and High Schoolers went to **Gleanings of the Hungry** in Dinuba, CA. At

SSP, we built fences, painted, picked up litter on the beach, built cages for animals, and put on a new roof all in one week! At Gleanings, we processed thousands of pounds of dried fruit that will be sent to hungry people throughout the world!

Also, a special thanks to the **over 30 youth volunteer helpers at our Vacation Bible School** this year! I know the younger kids really appreciated your presence and look up to you!

As our summer starts to wind down we look now to our fall programming. Please do not forget that **Fall Retreat at Monte Toyon** will take place from **September 11 to 13** and youth group kick-off will be on **September 16**.

Blessings,

Luke



Among Ourselves

Health Concerns...

Merrybell Loesel	Lisa Traylor
Harriot Siegrist	Richard Carter
Connie Erickson	Nancy Sabin
Phyllis Roth	Marilyn Mathis
Karen Scalzi	Dick Greeno
George Swallow	Jean White

Good-Bye

Ed Bader has moved to Lincoln, CA near Sacramento to be closer to family. He wanted to let everyone know that the move happened sooner than he expected and he didn't have a chance to say good-bye, but he will miss everyone and appreciates the love and support of this congregation. Ed's new address is:

1080 Sun Valley Loop

Lincoln CA 95648

ecbader2@gmail.com

Our Christian Sympathy To

Jo Lane Little's family and friends on her death on 6/30. Memorial planned for 7/22, 1:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Linda Schardt's family and friends on her death on 7/10.

Continued Prayers For...

All those who continue to live with long-term illness, unemployment, life decisions, and sickness in their families: Bill Andrew; Lyn Bristow; Steve Colman; Lenore Cooper; Jeni Evans; John Evans; Brigitte Greene; Dick Greeno; Ann Hatfield; Dave & Lillian Holleman; Cary Johnson; Johnny & Donna Johnston; Del Kennedy; Daphne Kimbell; Jada Koonce; Alleen Landstrom; Larry Liggett;

Margaret Matteson; Alex Maddux; Ruth Meier; Mary Ogden; Alice Reynolds; Ethel Ricker; Mike Robinett; Phyllis Roth; Ann Schroeder; Dick & Pat Shoner; Joan Webb; Jean White.

Name Tags

Please contact Shannon Dever in the church office if you need a new name tag (\$6/ea.)

August Birthdays

1 Don Carlson	9 Allyson Cerda	Marilyn Milam	Duncan Miller
Michael Cerda	10 Jim Bunker	Jeanie Rheault (91st)	Anna TenElshof
Wai Chang	Cadi Stephenson	Marla Schleicher	Jeannine Woolery
Chuck Clark	Carol Warnock	Talia Stivender	27 Carole Lynne Keller
Chris Hagebush	11 Sung Ahn	20 Robin Hammond	Marilyn Mathis
Geoff Portman	Brian Beck	Carol Koepp	28 Sharon Brockman
2 Susie McKnight	Jason Skeoch	21 Kelly Kerr	Rikki Robinson
3 Kim Maddux	Gary Swanson	Ford Higgins	Jean White (92nd)
Amy McWilliams Hess	Sarah Warnock	22 Deanna Clark	29 Gene Brown
Brett McKnight	12 Scott Birkby	Liz Cooper	Nell Marie Forsey
Courtney Randall	Julie Klug	Alleen Landstrom (94th)	Bob Korinke
Tammy Webb	Heather Weis	Olivia White	30 Victoria da Roza
4 Scott Armanini	14 David Bain	23 Jeremy Brown	Joanie Deis
Teresa Merchant	Bette Smith	John Fenoglio	Jeff Presnell
Julie Shipp	15 Steve Beagles	Helen Grabel (95th)	31 Nancy Balles
5 Mary Mitchell	Dolores Mullican	Nick Rossi	Sean Greenwood
Sarah Schroeder	16 Brenda Finney	Mike Sherrill	Sheila McClelland
6 Tom Andrew	Joyce Kayser	24 Mandy Bain	
7 Meghan Bennion	Andy Mathis	Megan Bain	
Lindsey Garnick	Jenny Swanson	Ron White	
Scott Garnick	17 Dominic Albertoni	25 Peg Jackson	
8 Kelli George	Matt Donatelli	Shirley Wible	
Jerry Osborn	Thomas Mathis	26 Charlie Adam (91st)	
Dan Woolery	19 Dick Greeno	Chris Knese	



August Wedding Anniversaries

1 Sandy & Chuck Clark (51st)	Caroline & Steve Marsh	Julie & Al Shipp	27 Sylvia & Bruce Benzler
3 Gloria Holleman & Gary Osterhout	8 Stephanie & Luke Ham	Shirley & Jerry Slater (60th)	Julie & Bill Dastic (55th)
Dolores & Thomas Mulligan	11 Laura Macomber Weeks & Dave Shaw	21 Maggie & John Stienstra	Margaret & Gary Hansen (54th)
Mary & Bill Nelson (58th)	17 Stephanie & John Fenoglio	Sandy & Paul Yarmolich	28 Louise & Brad Farrow
5 Sue & Jim Hardy	Sharon & Dennis Greene	24 Carol & Jim Warnock	29 Rose & John Larkins
Lea & Tim Hickman	Heather & John Morgan	Karen & Larry Watson (52nd)	Millie & Terry Sherman (51st)
Sandy & Barry Pihowich	Nancy & Al Tiedemann	25 Nancy & Quentin Alexander (58th)	30 Carole & Don Johnson (57th)
7 Alexis & Niles Bybel	19 Marilyn & Todd Christian (54th)	Sylvia & John Corson (58th)	
	20 Barbara & Don Carlson		

September Celebrations

Birthdays

1 Dianne Ehlers Meaghan Krakoff Marianne Skeoch	Brad Soderlund	Gary Osterhout	Brad Stribling
2 Louise Farrow Julia Philbert Brian Stephenson	9 Sheryl Kerr Jerry Metcalf	Jaclyn Vazquez	22 Jan Baldwin Craig Schultz
3 Ariel Carpenter Catherine Ehlers Lucille Eichelberger (91) Alice Miller	Sue Pang	17 Mackenzie Dimler Kelly Nakaso	23 Irv Skeoch
4 Sharon Leyman	10 Alan Christian Ray Tombaugh	18 Ela Altamirano Bill Andrew	24 Alonzo Altamirano Hayden Higgins
5 Jillian Ericson Caitlin Flanagan	Jennifer Townsend Jeff Stroin	Dawn Boyd David Coombs	Suzanne Korinke John Place
6 Nicholas Stocking Ray Winter	11 Marissa Ogden Terry Stocking Linda Stone Carol Webb	John Harrison Mira Samara	Nick Tsai Keith Wesselschmidt
7 James Smith Steve Wood	12 Brigitte Greene	19 Lyn Arscott Yuri Beagles	25 Linda Albertoni Eng- man Gwen Bastin (97) Peggy Crawford Don Johnson
8 Carrie Metcalf Sarah Fulcher Ekua Impraim Corey Merchant	13 Sandi Cook Alice Reynolds (94)	Gregg Mannell Helen Smith Ted Wolfram	26 Bethany Metcalf Pat Ryan
	14 Bill Fulcher Nathan Morones Mike Nicco	20 Marci Milligan Larry Pasquale	27 Scott Ericson
	15 Cole McKnight 16 Geoff Greenwood Merrybell Loesel (95)	Judy Takeda 21 Don Brockman	28 Clayton Clark 29 James Kocins 30 Nell Ryan

Wedding Anniversaries

1 Carole Lynne & Ed Keller (52nd) Patricia Ludwig and Mike Prenger	Nicky & Mark Jewett Carrie & Brad Tolstedt	11 Jamie & Rich Braden Joanne & Bill Van Bezey	20 Jana & Ali Vojdani Amy & Sam Sidhom
2 Brenda & Doug Domergue	5 Amanda & Steve Lee	12 Jan & Bill Foulds	23 Annette & Dan Whiting
3 Susie & Jim McKnight (55th)	6 Rebecca & Tom Byrom Elaine & David Hage- bush Julia & Tom Philbert	13 Tammy & Adam Webb Joan & Dave Webb (57 th)	24 Jeryn & Steven Smario Stephanie & Christo- pher Campbell
4 Laura Brady & Doug Merritt	8 Cara & Blaine Mucklow 10 Dot & Gene Ives (61st)	16 Lee & Bill Rust 19 Teresa & Jeff Stroin	26 Karen & Brian Steffy 28 Connie & David Lowe 30 Aimee & Chris Knese