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A Parsonal Point of View ~

Close Encounters of the Best Kind

In his excellent book, *The Heart of Christianity*, Marcus Borg suggests that the essence of the Christian life isn't found in emphasizing the importance of correct belief, but in experiencing "a relationship with God that transforms the present." In Borg's view, the Christian life is all about relationship and transformation. I believe that Borg was exactly right in lifting up this summary of the Christian life.

"Correct belief" is, of course, a matter that is subject to a wide variety of opinions and preferences. While some will tell you that their belief system is the "correct" one, others will suggest that, no, they have it all wrong. Their system is the one that is correct and all others are misguided. And so the debate continues without any prospect of helpful resolution. It's not that belief doesn't matter. It's just that it is a mistake to think that there is one set of beliefs that is divinely ordained and all others fall short. I have the strong suspicion that if we could move beyond the need to argue about "correct belief" and simply learn to respect the beliefs that differ from our own, our world would be a much more peaceful place.

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Have something you'd like included in next month's Messenger? Please submit your articles to: Lisa Jancarik newsletter@srvumc.org by February 15, 2016.

In keeping with the understanding that the experience of transformation is central to the Christian life, our Lenten theme this year will be entitled, "Close Encounters of the Best Kind." Using the narrative of the Gospel of John, we will be considering six "close encounters" that Jesus had with individual people and the transformative difference those encounters made in their lives.

Included in this "cast of characters" are some very unlikely candidates. We will begin by examining Jesus' encounter with the leading religious leader, Nicodemus, under the cover of darkness—also known as "Nick at Night!" (**John 3:1-16**) We will then move on to consider the conversations that Jesus had with the Samaritan woman at the well (**John 4:1-42**), the lame man by the pool at the Sheep Gate (**John 5:1-18**), the woman caught in adultery (**John 7:53-8:11**), the man who had been born blind (**Luke 9:1-40**), and Pilate, the Roman Governor (**John 18:28-40**).

Even a brief survey of these encounters will reveal that no position or place in the social order was off limits to Jesus. He would talk as easily with the poor and the marginalized as he would the rich and the powerful. His intent was the same: to

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communicate the power of God's transforming love to any and all who would choose to open their hearts, their minds and their very lives to its message.

In these each of these "close encounters" that are included in the narrative John's Gospel, we see the evidence of lives that are changed and hope that is restored. As we examine the storylines of each of these characters, we will also consider the ways in which their stories connect with our own stories, the ways in which their experience of transformation may help to give shape and substance to our own experience of transformation.

If transformation is, as Marcus Borg suggests, the essence of the Christian life, then we would do well to pay attention to these close encounters in the hope that they will inspire our own encounter with Jesus on the journey that we call faith.

I am looking forward to the Lenten season and this special opportunity to explore the ways in which God is still at work in our lives and relationships, transforming us even as we seek, in God's name, to transform the world around us.

I hope that you will plan not only to be with us for Lenten worship (beginning February 14), but also to share in a small group that will be meeting each week to reflect upon these texts and discuss the meaning that they hold for us in our present moment of time.

Grace & Peace,

Ron

P.S. Small Group Sign-ups are currently taking place in the courtyard before and after worship.



Jesus and the Samaritan Woman. Mario Sironi.

Living the Questions

Fireside Room, Sundays at 9 a.m. until Lent Begins

LTQ is a video series. Each themed session runs between 25 and 30 minutes and contains short segments with contributions by Marcus Borg, John Cobb, Jack Spong, Dom Crossan and others. LTQ is an opportunity to understand the scriptures in a progressive, non-literal way. David Coombs leads this class and wants you to know about this inspiring video series.

Report from the Administrative Board and All Church Conference

The Administrative Board, at a special meeting held **October 20, 2015**, approved adoption of a Strategic Plan. The following Strategic Initiatives will drive SRVUMC forward in carrying out the Church's Mission: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world:*

- Create opportunities for people to connect and belong
- Develop thriving family ministries
- Service in everything that we do
- Outreach to and attract key segments of the population
- Develop & expand ministry through effective use of technology and social media
- Create a worship environment that is engaging, meaningful and memorable
- Utilize effectively the facilities and enhance the appearance of the campus

Church Website: [Strategic Plan framework and details](#) and the [Strategic Plan Frame Work PowerPoint Presentation](#).

On **November 17, 2015**, the Ad Board approved a recommendation to the All Church Conference to restructure the Administrative Board in accordance with the organization chart described below and on the Church Website at [Church Council Organization Chart](#) and [Restructuring the SRVUMC Administrative Board](#). The All Church Conference, which met immediately following the Ad Board meeting, approved the recommendation.

The new governance body will be effective **March 1, 2016** and will be named **Church Council**.

The Ad Board also approved recommendations to the All Church Conference to approve the compensation packages for 2016 of Pastors Ron Dunn, Sunny Ahn and Luke Ham, effective **July 1, 2016**. The All Church Conference approved the recommendations.

Also approved was the revised Preschool Supplement to the SRVUMC Employee Handbook.

The minutes of the Administrative Board and the All Church Conference meetings are posted on the Church website.



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FUN TIME FUNDRAISER

San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church
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COMMUNITY/NEIGHBORHOOD

CRAB FEED

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February 20, 6:00 p.m., Wesley Center

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RESERVE A TABLE! INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS
ALL The CRAB YOU CAN EAT

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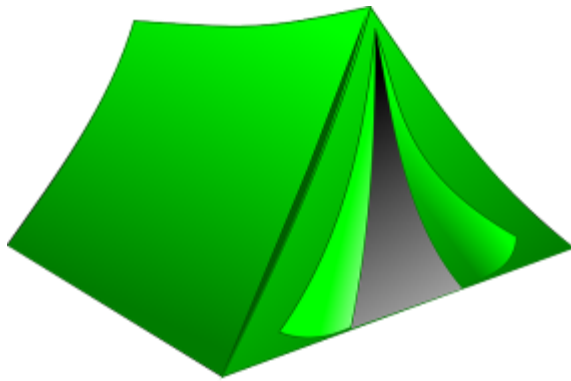
Tickets On Sale @ Fellow-Ship-Call Dean McWilliams or
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Upcoming Mission Opportunities

LOCAL



Habitat for Humanity Restore in Concord: Contact Alice Impraim, (925)389-3185 or aliceimpraim@yahoo.com.



Winter Nights Shelter: February 1 to 15. We're partnering with Danville Congregational Church to house 27 people (16 are children). Help with **meal preparation and set up/take down** (Email Bob Baker at rbaker3600@aol.com), **child activities and tutoring** (email Jane Lang at janelang1@yahoo.com), and **overnight hosts** (email Jerry Ricker at jerryricker@astound.net). Donations of BART cards or gas cards or cash donations are also welcome if you can't volunteer your time.

Winter Evening Shelter at Trinity Center: Trinity Center needs to provide dinner for 29 homeless people and two staff from Thursday, Jan. 14, through Sunday, Jan. 24. Very few meals have been promised so far for these 10 nights. You can help by providing a meal for 12, 24 or 36. Simply prepare the meal and drop off at Trinity Center (1924 Trinity Ave., Walnut Creek). Contact Peggy Crawford for information: 324-8041, pcraw2164@aol.com.

Annual Homeless Count for CC County: Thursday, Jan. 28 and Friday, Jan. 29. Volunteers must attend one 90-minute training session: Jan. 23, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Antioch; Jan. 24, 3:30 to 5 p.m., Walnut Creek; Jan. 25, 12 to 1:30 p.m., Martinez; Jan. 26, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Richmond. Contact Paul Kuelz at paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net.

Interfaith San Ramon Valley Welcome the Stranger:

Volunteers are needed to assist two brothers with rides to attend daily English classes at Acalanes Community center from **Monday to Thursday, starting next week**. Pick up at **8:30 a.m.** from San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Dr., Danville, and collect at **12 noon** from Acalanes Community Center, 1963 Tice Valley Rd. To sign up, access signupgenius.com and choose "Find a Sign Up." Enter email stevemason200@gmail.com and select search. When you select Welcome the Stranger with a Ride, choose a date to provide a ride. It's appreciated if a driver picks up and collects on the same day to limit confusion, but any ride helps!



Rebuilding Mission to Weed, California: Help rebuild from the destructive "Boles Fire" of 2014 fire. The fire destroyed half of the town and much of the surrounding area. The UMC California Nevada Conference is now sponsoring a long-term recovery effort in the region. We will carpool to the area on Saturday, June 25 and return on Thursday, June 30. It is approximately a four-hour drive. We will be staying at the Mount Shasta United Methodist Church. As we get closer to the mission date, we will have a better idea of the scope of work. Please check the Church website for updates. More details to follow. For more info, contact Larry Pasquale (925)640-8799 or larry_pasquale@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

WORLD

Habitat For Humanity - El Salvador: Work side by side with partner families and friends from Habitat East Bay/Silicon Valley and Habitat El Salvador. February 27 to March 6, 2016 (9 days). Trip cost is \$1,630 and approximately \$600 in airfare. Contact Tori at (510) 803-3375 or TBommarito@HabitatEBSV.org.



Haiti Mission Trips: March 10-18, March 19-25, and sometime in August. Contact Warren McGuffin for more information, warren@mcguffin.com.



UMVIM Trip to Guatemala: Planning meeting on January 30, 2-4 p.m., 1910 Spring Lake Dr., Martinez. Contact Paul Kuelz for details email paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net.

Mission Memories...

There's always a way to get involved! Here are some moments from the past year. Clockwise from upper left: Bagging meals for Stop Hunger Now!; GLIDE construction work; Painting playhouses for a Habitat for Humanity fundraiser. Church isn't just for Sundays.



Finance Committee Letter: 2016 Year-to-Date General Fund

Dear Friends,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the current status of our Stewardship campaign in support of our financial requirements for 2016.

Consecration Sunday took place on November 15, 2015, and follow-up activities have been ongoing since. Following is a summary of the campaign results as of January 6, 2016:

	Pledging	
	<u>Households</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
<i>2015 Pledgers who have yet to reply</i>	<i>43</i>	<i><u>\$112,500</u></i>
New Pledge	21	\$ 32,224
Increased Pledge	90*	\$480,857 (*18.7% average increase)
Same Pledge as 2015	83	\$326,564
Reduced Pledge	<u>20*</u>	<u>\$ 76,060</u> (*19.0% average decrease)
TOTALS	214	\$915,705

What are the ramifications of these results? Our 2016 expense budget as it currently stands is \$1,173,027 which equates to a year over year increase of 4.83%. Based on pledge results to date along with other planned revenue sources, **we are currently projecting a deficit of approximately \$160,000 for fiscal year 2016** in order to attain a balanced budget.

We clearly have a financial concern of which we want you to be aware.

What can we do? Over the years in similar situations, members have said, "If you would have told us, we could have helped." We certainly need to test that hypothesis this year. It is hoped that two things can happen:

- For those of you who have not responded with a pledge to the 2016 campaign, particularly those of you who pledged in 2015, we would ask you to consider making a pledge in this time of need. (Again, the 43 pledgers in 2015 mentioned above totaling \$112,500 account for two-thirds of the \$160,000 projected deficit noted.)
- Those of you who have already responded with a 2016 pledge may want to consider increasing your pledge up to the 15% that we requested in the campaign. Thanks to those that have already done so.

Either of the above actions may be accomplished by contacting Shannon Dever, Office Administrator and Membership Secretary, in the church office or one of the Campaign Committee members listed below.

What happens if we cannot secure additional revenue to achieve a balanced budget? Depending on the magnitude of the projected deficit we will need to evaluate expense reductions. The Finance Committee has already scrutinized those things that can be eliminated. Additional reductions could come in many forms. We do not want to speculate at this time with specifics, as we continue to have faith that our membership will yet support our church in a similar manner as they have in the past.

We thank you for your consideration. We would like to have your positive response no later than January 22.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to call any one of us.

Your Stewardship Campaign Committee,

Fred Toney (925) 838-9182, *Lyn Arscott* (925) 820-2095, *Steve Marohn* (925) 719-0147, *Cindy Rudow* (925) 736-1695, *Epí Vazquez* (925) 648-4408, *Rebecca Ten Elshof* (925) 202-5707, *Brad Tolstedt* (415) 250-2090, *Ron Dunn* (925) 837-5243.

February Communion Offering

This month, our Communion Offering supports two organizations enabling independent mobility for the people they serve.

Limb Restoration Fund

Brad and Louise Farrow had been members at SRVUMC, and as a Church we have funded part of their good work in Mexico. Together with a group of dedicated volunteer professionals, the Farrows have held clinics in Mexico twice a year for more than ten years. The group fabricates and delivers braces and artificial limbs. Clinics typically run for two weeks at a time. The devices provided through the clinics range from recycled and off-the-shelf braces for ankles, feet or knees to custom-made prosthetic devices and plastic jackets to support the spine. To date, the volunteers have made more than 500 artificial limbs and braces.



A clinic volunteer and a Limb Restoration Fund client in Mexico check out a prosthetic limb together.

The Limb Restoration Fund and its partners, Mobilize Mankind (an Oregon-based nonprofit) and the Rotary Club Balandra of La Paz, Mexico keep costs down by recycling every possible component of prostheses (artificial limbs) and orthoses (braces). These include leather straps, plastic corsets and exoskeletal components. However, each clinic requires about \$3,500 USD for supplies and materials which are not recyclable. These supplies include resins for molding custom parts, pigments and glues, rivets, leather, fabric and more.

PET Mobility Project

The [PET \(Personal Energy Transportation\) Mobility Project website](#) describes this organization's origins with a conversation in 1994 between Reverend Larry Hills and Reverend Mel West. Reverend Hills had noticed the great mobility struggles facing victims of polio or landmines in the region of his mission work, Zaire (now Congo) in Africa. Reverend West contacted product designer Earl Miner to develop three-wheeled, hand-cranked wheelchairs.



Adult crank PET. Other designs for children and for users not able to crank are available.

By 1995, the first prototype was ready for testing. Extensive field testing resulted in a vehicle which is now rugged, simple and inexpensive to produce and maintain. The basic design can be adapted for either a bed or a seat, as well as for an adult or a child. A pulled model is available for users who lack the strength to use the hand crank. Each unit now costs about \$300, according to the organization's website.

By 2004, over 1,000 PETs had been produced and shipped from shops throughout the U.S. Today, that number has reached 50,000 PETs. Last year, shipments of these personal mobility devices reached Uganda, Ivory Coast and other African destinations, and also Nicaragua, Honduras, Haiti and Mumbai, India. Additionally, the organization and its affiliates also collect other devices to assist with mobility, including canes, foldable walkers, crutches and wheelchairs.

ARC Carpool Plan

Show YOUR Commitment!



Fifty years ago the slogan, “The Beatles Are Coming” excited a nation. This year “The Athletic and Recreational Center Is Coming” excites the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church congregation. The anticipation is building; let’s get ready to welcome it!

With the impending construction to begin in February, it is important for us as a congregation to focus on reducing the number of vehicles on campus and along city streets during Sunday services. **The Board’s approval was given with the condition SRVUMC would develop and promote a carpool program, and Contra Costa County will be holding us accountable!** We need to seriously

own this responsibility to carpool as a necessity to meet the Conditions of Approval, to be considerate of our adjacent neighbors, and to prepare ourselves for **50 reduced parking lot spaces** during construction.

As a temporary measure during construction, the second service will be moved from 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. effective February 7, 2016.

Additionally, the designated Carpool parking spots will be increased from 4 to 40, of 108 total newly striped slots.

Each one of us can make a small contribution to change that will benefit the greater good by carpooling with friends and neighbors who routinely drive separately. Limit the number of vehicles while enjoying the company of others. Our Transportation Planning Committee suggests numerous ways to reduce traffic on Sundays, as follows:

- _____ I will carpool with _____
- _____ I will ride with others in my worship program group (choir, youth, ushers, other parents, etc.)
- _____ I will not park on El Portal Drive or across the street from the church
- _____ I will use only ONE car from my usual multi-car family
- _____ I will attend the second service to help balance the traffic
- _____ I will park on La Gonda Drive or at Hap Magee Park and walk to church

You will be seeing ARC Carpool Commitment cards distributed during worship services and in your small groups. Please take a moment to complete the card for your household and return it during service or to the Church office. Please give prayerful consideration to making a small personal sacrifice that will benefit our entire church community tenfold. If you have any questions or brilliant ideas for improvement, please contact annekuelz@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you for YOUR commitment!

Lenten Program to Aid Mobility

This year, our Lenten giving program will be a combined effort with Asbury UMC and Lynwood UMC and will focus on the Wheelchair Foundation. Started in June 2000, The Wheelchair Foundation just delivered their one millionth wheelchair. Their goal is to ship their next million within the next five years. Their Mission statement reads:

“The Wheelchair Foundation is a nonprofit organization leading an international effort to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, create global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult in the world who needs one, but cannot afford one. For these people, the Wheelchair Foundation delivers Hope, Mobility and Independence.”

It is estimated that at least 100 million children, teens and adults worldwide need a wheelchair but cannot afford one. **\$150 helps purchase, ship and deliver a new wheelchair to a person in need** and supports the mission of Wheelchair Foundation. **Our goal, between the three churches, is to fill one small container or 110 wheelchairs.** Once our goal is reached, we will send a group of volunteers from our churches to deliver the chairs firsthand. For sponsoring a container, we can pick a developing country from a list of approved destinations where The Foundation already have established and successful distribution relationships. Currently, the list includes 152 countries. For more information and FAQ's please see the Foundations website at <http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org/about/mission>

This program will run during the Lenten Season, starting on Ash Wednesday, February 10 and run through Easter. We will keep everyone updated on the progress of the program. Thank you and Blessings.

SRVUMC Mission Council



ISRV Refugee Task Force

The Interfaith San Ramon Valley Refugee Task Force is looking for a volunteer from our church to be part of their discussion. Meetings are held once a month, in the evenings and rotate among Tri-Valley faith communities. At this time, approximately twelve houses of faith are involved in solving, and being a part of, the refugee solution. Church member Tom Kring presently serves on the task force, but he is seeking a replacement owing to other commitments. Contact Tom Kring at (925)968-0605, tkring1@comcast.net or Paul Kuelz at (925)831-3128 paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net.

Five New Sodbusters Needed!

The Sodbusters serve our church by volunteering **one Friday morning per month** to help keep our lawns and gardens mowed, edged, swept, pruned and weeded. The Sodbusters have been at this work for five years with a fair number of charter members. The result of their efforts is a significant improvement in the appearance of our grounds and thousands of dollars in annual savings. We have a great crew, but we've lost some members due to health issues and scheduling conflicts. We need five new Sodbusters to join the team so that we can continue this important work.

Please contact Gary Swanson at garyswanson811@gmail.com or at (925)437-2887.

Kindness Matters Corner



To all readers: Where do you think all of these kindness stories come from? The Internet? Nope! YouTube, newspapers, magazines? Nope! Try again. You are thinking way too big. Every story is homegrown! Every one is the story from our SRVUMC family. Each is a kindness given, a kindness received, or a kindness observed in our Tri-Valley area!

You may directly share your stories of kindness to the website in this way: Send your story to kindness@srvumc.org. Your story will be posted to the church website within a few days.

Acts of Kindness are 24/7. Three recent ones:

This note was received after a dinner was prepared by a Kindness Korps member and taken to a church member following a death in the family:

"What a thoughtful way to reach out to someone. The dinner was delicious (both nights!), but having a nice, relaxed visit was truly the "icing on the cake." It's particularly nice for those who usually eat alone to enjoy fellowship during a meal. You really impressed me with the organization of the whole process. You made it seem so effortless! I do appreciate your care and concern—it makes the hard times in life a bit easier to feel the love of friends surrounding us. Thank you again for being there for me."

Dinner and a Wonderland Christmas Activity. Another **Kindness Korps** member prepared and delivered dinner to a housebound member. But there was more! After dinner, they drove around and looked at Christmas lights. People with love and kindness in their hearts never cease to amaze by the ways they think of to lighten the burden of others!

Are You Kidding Me?! A Grocery Story from a Church Mmember: "I'm laboring at my work station check-out counter today when two gentlemen customers approached me and asked if they could pay for some of our customer's groceries. And they did! The act made several customers very happy today. It even motivated one of the recipients to keep the kindness going. I have seen this on the news, but I had never experienced it. It was an awesome experience! Thank you, gentlemen, for reminding me there are good and kind people in our world!"

Kindness Matters Editor's Note: *The kindness ceased when one who had received \$12 of free groceries looked behind at the next customer who pulled in with two full carts! Just imagining! Just kidding!*

You may directly share your stories of kindness to the website in this way: send your story to kindness@srvumc.org. Your story will be posted to the church website within a few days.

The Church Rummage Sale Is Only a Few Weeks Away!

Sale on March 4 and 5, Drop-offs March 2 and 3

Sorting stuffed closets and cupboards to put away all that Christmas stuff (decorations and new treasures)? Remember the church and our annual Rummage Sale coming up March 4 and 5.

If you have questions about an item, or perhaps have a slightly larger one that you want us to consider, feel free to contact **Carole Lynne Keller (925-254-5949)** or email to elk-clk@comcast.net. Do remember: keep it clean, folks!

Share Your...

- Linens, Dishes and Cookware
- Knick-knacks
- Electronics
- Sports Gear and Toys
- Jewelry
- Books
- Holiday
- Clothing (including purses and shoes)

Senior Scoop

Adventuresome Seniors Potluck—Tues., February 2 @ Noon in FIRESIDE ROOM

(Winter Nights is in Wesley Center)

Adventuresome Seniors get together on the 1st Tuesday of the month for a potluck followed by a program in Wesley Center. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share—or just stop by the deli on your way over!

Program: Join Jerry Ricker on a Photo Safari!

Lunch with Friends—Tues., February 16 @ Noon

Lunch with Friends is a home-cooked, sit-down meal, served in Wesley Center on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. These lunches are the friendliest place in town!

Chef John Sanders will be cooking—menu TBD.

Senior Faith Sharing Book Club—Tues., February 16 @ 1:15 p.m.

This session we will be reading “Being Mortal” by Dr. Atul Gawande. Pastor Ron Dunn will be facilitating the discussion. Group will meet in the Library after Lunch with Friends.

FIELD TRIP—Wed., February 24—NILES ADVENTURE

Activity to be determined—but it will be fun, so SAVE THE DATE!

SRVUMC Sorts and Packs at Contra Costa Food Bank



SRVUMC volunteers inspected and sorted food donations at Contra Costa County Food Bank on January 10. Lee Rust organized this rewarding experience with an organization well-known for its good work in the region. Watch for an opportunity to join in the fun yourself later in the spring!

Youth, Children and Family Ministries

Music

We invite you to join our Children and youth choirs. These choirs are free and open to everyone to participate.

Cherub Choir

Aimee Knese

Preschool through Grade 1

Practice Wed from 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Sing in 9 a.m. worship on the 3rd Sunday of the month

Archangel Choir

Teri Hawk

Grades 2 to 5

Practice Wed at 3 p.m.

Sing in 10:30 worship on the 4th Sunday of the month

Youth Choir

Terri Hawk

Grades 6 to 12

Practice Sunday at 3 p.m.

Performances TBA

Bros and Belles Choir

Winnie Stribling

Grades 6 to 12

Practice Wed from 5:15 to 6 p.m.

Performances TBA

Contact Us!

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Sundays

Sunday School Topics

Kindergarten to Grade 5:

Cooperation

Feb 7: We can work together to get God's work done.

Feb 14: We can work together to help someone else succeed.

Feb 21: We can work together to change someone's life.

Feb 28: Working together can point people to Jesus.

Grades 6 to 12:

Stepping up

Bottom Line: Stepping up = seeing God in your situation.

Bottom Line: Who God is matters more than who you're not.

Bottom Line: God knows what He's doing so keep walking.

Every Sunday

9 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday school meets

K to Grade 5: Lamm Hall

Grades 6 to 12: Room 202

10:30 a.m. Nontraditional Worship

Confirmation meets in room 201 until 11:45 a.m.

Childcare for all ages in children's building, downstairs, either service.

Weekly Programming

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6 to 8) On Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

High School Youth Group (Grades 9 to 12) On Sundays from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

High School Dinner Night Out (1st and 3rd Sundays) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

See our weekly email newsletters for locations

Calendar

February 4: High School Dinner Out at 6:30 p.m., Location TBA

February 12 to 15: Middle and High School Disneyland Trip; See Luke Ham for details

February 18: High School Dinner Out at 6:30 p.m., Location TBA

February 28: Confirmation Trip to GLIDE

Stay Tuned

March 4 to 5: Confirmation Trip to Bishops Retreat

March 20: Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch at 11:45 a.m.

March 31: VBS 2016 Registration Opens

April 16 to 17: 30-Hour Famine for Middle and High School

April 24: Acolyte Training at 11:45 a.m.

Announcements

VBS July 11 to 14

VBS Registration Opens March 31

We invite you to bring candy to donate for our Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch. Please bring wrapped candy without nuts before Tuesday, March 15 to the church office for Stephanie Ham.

Among Ourselves

Health Concerns...

Carol Sayers
Carole Johnson
Sam Sidhom
Horace Crawford
Jada Koonce
Melanie Hasik

Our Christian Sympathy To...

The family of Phyllis Roth on her death on January 11. No information about a memorial service as this time.

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; Gene Brown; Lenore Cooper; Jeni Evans; John Evans; Brigitte Greene; Dick Greeno; Ann Hatfield; Dave & Lillian Holleman; Cary Johnson; Johnny Johnston; Del Kennedy; Daphne Kimbell; Jada Koonce; Aileen Landstrom; Margaret Matteson; Alex Maddux; Mary Ogden; Alice Reynolds; Ethel Ricker; Mike Robinett; Ann Schroeder; Dick & Pat Shoner; Carol Webb Samford; Joan Webb.

Name Tags

Please contact Shannon Dever in the church office if you need a new name tag (\$7/ea.)

Oops!...Sorry to These February Birthday Folks!

Some February birthdays got cut off in our last edition of the *Messenger*. There's still time to offer these folks your best wishes for their upcoming natal day!

21 Heather Clay

Bill Hubert

22 Lindsay Koos

David Shin

Harriot Siegrist (94)

23 Kal Peters

24 Elisa Ericson

Maddy Preece

Dorothy Ruby (94)

25 Andrea Bourgeois McWilliams

26 Bob Garner (95)

Suzanne Stephens

Trevor Willis

27 Elaine Borge (98)

28 John Corson

Elaine Hagebush

Laura Sanchez

29 Mike Alfrey

Patti Ongman

March Celebrations

Birthdays

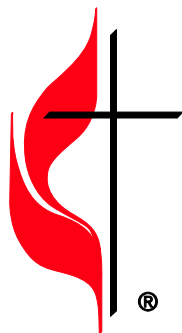


1 Bart Jacobi	Beth Lewis	Liz Field	
Joe Rousseu	14 Roberta Blendow (91)	23 Brad Kobsar	
2 Stuart Kirby	15 Betty Jo Bennett	Miles Robinson	30 Kristen Charbonneau
Al Tiedemann	Brad Braden	Karen Scalzi	Corin Drake
3 Debra Carter	Cathy Colman	24 Susie Codd	Sam Hoff
Stephanie Fenoglio	Lucy Hooper	Steve Ramos	Kevin Peters
Joel Jung	Gene Ives	Chris Shiber	31 Michael Foster
Steve Roath	16 Justin Walz	Judy Slinger	Candice Newburn
4 Mike Scalzi	17 Ariel Bohleen	25 Marcus Durrenberger	Brian Smith
Ryan Shelp	Jack Gordon	Catherine Godbey	Greg Warwick
Travis Turley	Betty Hinz	Marianne Templeton	
6 Ed Keller	19 Jim Burk	26 Bob Garner	
7 Amber Marx	Chase Domergue	Kyle Knapp	
Cindy Rudow	Nicky Jewett	Carl Ogden	
Adam Webb	Lori Pavel	27 Dianne Anderson	
8 Gentry Higgins	20 Denise Greene	Elizabeth Beck	
Kathy MacLean	Bill Van Bezey	Jason Chang	
John Sublett	John VanderWerf	28 Chris Chang	
9 Terry Sherman	21 Al Dudas	Brad Judd	
Paige Steffy	George Knies	Sarah Koepp	
11 Karen Sanson	Maile Ogden	29 Lori Ratto	
13 Ellen Kocins	22 Joan Arscott	Katie Riemer	

Wedding Anniversaries

1 Anne & Don Robertson	Lori & John Pavel	29 Ruth & John Nelson
5 Kirsten & Langley Choy	14 Jenny & Ron Ormiston (52 nd)	Marilyn & Berry Scott (58 th)
6 Judy & Gene Flick	20 Dawn Boyd & Patrick Davis	30 Nancy & Bill Sabin
Amy & John Riedel		
8 Cindy & Tony Leonard	22 JoAnne & Jess Erickson (59 th)	
Andrea Bourgeois	Erin & Rich Lowther	
McWilliams & Dave McWilliams		
Nancy & William Mills	25 Sherry & Sanjiv More'	
	26 Dianne & Roger Ehlers	

FEBRUARY 2016



Worship Schedule

Traditional Worship, 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Non-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary

Child Care for birth-kindergarten is available during the morning services in the Children's Building

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