



# The Valley Messenger

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*A Parsonal Point of View ~*

## **The Once and Future Church**

As we move through our current series of sermons on “The Once and Future Church,” we are thinking about the challenges that we face as we move through what Bill Easum has called, “a crack in history.” This is the term that he has used to describe this period of profound change and upheaval in our culture—a time in which institutions (including the Church) that once played a central role in our culture are now viewed with suspicion and even hostility. According to Easum and Loren Mead (author of “The Once and Future Church”), the Church must adjust to the changes and challenges that it currently faces, or it is not likely to have a future.

With that sobering assessment in mind, we have been thinking and, hopefully, talking together about the ways in which we might respond to this challenge of change. There isn’t, of course, one specific blueprint or template that we can follow as we carve out our path. There isn’t a “one size fits all” approach that can be adopted. Each congregation must find its own way

and its own path to relevance and vitality. That is precisely what we are attempting to do in this current phase of our life together.

The good news is that in some tangible ways, we are, in fact, making progress. Our investment in the key areas of mission/service, small groups and music/worship remains strong and we are seeing positive signs of life and vitality in each of these areas. This, of course, does not mean we have “arrived” at our intended goal, but it does suggest that we are on the way.

The more challenging—not necessarily bad—news is that we must continually adjust to a culture that is continually changing. It is not as if we can make a significant change and then check it off the list as if we have now “done change.” We may have taken a step, but there are always, of course, more steps to take, more adjustments to make.

With a new strategic plan that is now unfolding and a new recreational ministry that is currently being shaped, we have a wonderful opportunity to create and develop a ministry outreach that is timely and able to meet the needs not only of our own members, but those who are members of our local community as well.

Thanks to some generous gifts, we have been able to upgrade

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our courtyard and make it into a more hospitable area for our Sunday morning coffee hour and other gatherings. Our meditation garden is also being redesigned to accommodate small gatherings such as weddings and outdoor communion services. As you, no doubt, have noticed, we have taken initial steps to “open up” the chancel area in the sanctuary by downsizing our pulpit, lectern and worship table while slightly increasing the square footage of the chancel itself.

These physical changes to our facilities and landscape are being made in the hope of making our campus more useable and adaptable to the needs of our ministry in the future. In effect, these efforts are “pouring the foundation” upon which we will build our various ministries and programs in the years to come.

While the challenge of change is never easy to address, there is, I believe, an energy and excitement to be found in the realization that not only do we have the capacity to meet this challenge, but we also have the capability—the gifts, creativity, vision and passion—that will enable us to be thoughtful in our planning and bold in our outreach.

While the church of the future will likely have little resemblance to the church that once was, the one thing that simply will not change is the need that we have and that our world has for the “Good News of Jesus Christ” and its witness of peace, justice, love, compassion and grace. Now, as much as ever, our world needs those who will use whatever contemporary means and methods they have available to communicate this one unchanging conviction.

The writer of Hebrews sums it up rather well in the eighth verse of chapter thirteen:

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”*

It's up to us to find the creative and contemporary ways in which this timeless message can best be communicated and received.

Grace & Peace,

## **Endowment Fund Opportunities**

If your appreciated stocks and investments are not producing the income you would like, you may want to take advantage of charitable strategies offered by the SRVUMC Endowment Fund. Two approaches are a **Charitable Gift Annuity** and a **Charitable Remainder Trust**.

- A gift annuity makes fixed payments to you for life.
- A remainder trust will generate income and tax savings.

Both plans will save paying capital gain taxes on appreciated investments, saving more to produce income for you. A gift to Endowment is a gift that keeps on giving.





# September Discovery Class

**New Members Received into Our Fellowship on September 11, 2016**



**DOYLE, CARRIE & JEFF, Brian, Elise, Jason**



**ELAM, PAT**



**LONGSTREET, VICTORIA & GREG,  
Lauren, Matthew**



**PARK, JUNG & GLEN**



**RUOTSI, SUSIE & PETER**



**STEVENSON, SUSAN & DALE**

# Trinity Center Gears Up for the Armory!



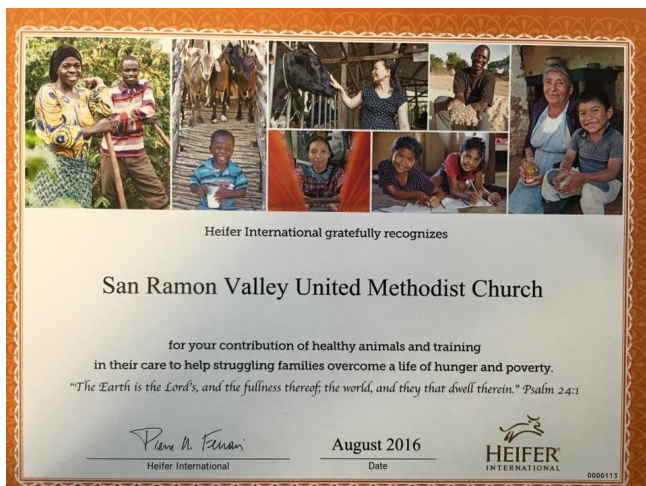
## Ways You Can Help with This Exciting Program

The Walnut Creek City Council approved the use of the Walnut Creek Armory for Trinity's evening program **November 12, 2016 through March 30, 2017**. We need lots of volunteers! If you can help with one or more tasks, please contact **Nora Hudson**, Evening Program Volunteer Coordinator via email: [norah@trinitycenterwc.org](mailto:norah@trinitycenterwc.org)

- **Cooks:** Prepare and deliver dinner for Saturday and Sunday evening (Loaves & Fishes will provide weeknight meals). Meals should be simple but healthy: main dish, vegetable/salad, fruit and/or dessert, beverage; 38 servings
- **Dinner Support:** Set up and serve; Cleanup of areas used for evening meal 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.  
**Drivers:** Six or seven needed, with van or large SUV; Drive to and from Trinity Center daily. Two shifts: 6:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
- **Evening Floor Monitor, Early Shift:** From 5:30 to 11 p.m. Set up tables, chairs for check-in and dining; Set up sleeping area with mats and blankets; Monitor the interactions of members and ensure safety is met; Assist with check-in, dinner, evening activities, log incidents; Lights out is 10:00 p.m.; Participate in shift change debrief  
**Evening Floor Monitor, Late Shift:** 11:00 p.m. to 7 a.m. Debrief with Early Shift at 11 p.m.; Monitor the interactions of members and ensure safety is met; All members should be sleeping at this time; Log any incidents; 6:00 a.m. assist with wake-up and clean up and storing of blankets and mats. 6:45 a.m. assist with loading vans.
- **Fund Development Team:** We need to raise an additional \$70,000! Host a fundraiser; Help with sales of Downtown Retail Discount Cards
- **On call:** Available to assist with any of the roles as necessary  
**Overnight Monitors:** Four volunteers at the Armory each night. Two monitors/shift: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

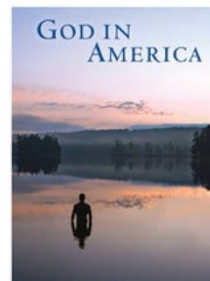
**Other ways to help?** DVDs of movies for members to watch before lights out are greatly appreciated. You can label it if you'd like to have your DVD returned.

*Trinity Center will have special ways you can help during the holidays. More info about these opportunities to come!*



**Official thank-you from the Heifer Project to this year's VBS for their contribution.**

## God in America Discussion Beginning September 25, 9 a.m. Fireside Room



Join David Coombs on Sundays beginning **September 25** for a discussion based on PBS series "God in America."



# Upcoming Mission Opportunities

## LOCAL

**UMCOR Depot Mission Trip:** Registration is now available for a mission trip to the UMCOR Depot in Salt Lake City, Utah, where UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) stores supplies for emergency response. November 7 to 11, **traveling on November 6 and returning November 11.** We are limited to a group size of ten to twelve participants. The cost estimate is **\$450 per person** for airfare, housing, ground transportation and meals. For info, contact Paul Kuelz at [paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net) or 925-831-3128.



## WORLD

**Guatemala City and Antigua Mission to Distribute Wheelchairs—January 23 through 29, 2017.** We have sent the Wheelchair Foundation payment for 110 wheelchairs, or one small container load. SRVUMC, Asbury UMC and the Foundation made the decision that Guatemala would greatly benefit from these wheelchairs. Contact **Paul Kuelz** for more information at [paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net) or call 925-831-3128.



## SRVUMC Women's Retreat 2017

**Friday evening, February 3 through lunch Sunday, February 5, 2017**

**Theme: Betty's Diner**

**Led by Faye Orton Snyder**

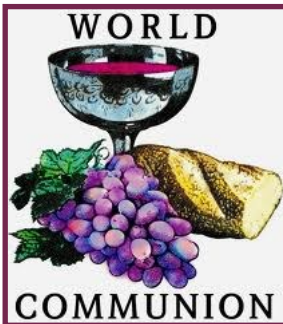
**Fees:** \$270 for a double room, \$315 for a single room

**Registration Dates:** Sunday, November 6 and November 13 at 10:15 in Wesley Center. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and is not complete until we have your check. We regret we cannot "hold" a room for you until a later payment. A check is required to complete registration. ***Make your check out to: SRVUMC.***

***Do not make a check out until your registration form is accepted on Registration Day!***

**Cancellation with refund deadline:** December 15 (on or after December 16, women should find a replacement or consider donating their registration fee for a scholarship). **Scholarships:** A \$5 scholarship donation will be welcomed by all who would like to participate. Please let the registration desk know if you would like to attend but would appreciate financial assistance. ***We will also have printed forms available in the Narthex.***

# October Communion Offering



**World Communion Sunday** is a celebration of Christian unity and cooperation celebrated by several Christian denominations. This year, the day is marked on **Sunday, October 2**. According to [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org), Methodists everywhere are called upon to consider the inclusiveness of the church.

Many of us are familiar with the **Heifer Project**. Most recently, our acquaintance was renewed with the Sunday School's collection efforts donating a cow through this organization. This month, the church as a whole has a chance to share with this nonprofit group seeking to end world poverty.

Remaining communion offerings will support **UMCOR's** disaster relief efforts in the California **Lower Lake Fires** and for those affected by the **Louisiana flooding**.



## Mission Volunteers & Communion Giving

### Special Offerings

- > Wheelchair \$2,397
- > Refugee Resettlement 5,035

### August Volunteers

- > 16 Coffee Hour volunteers.
- > 20 Sodbuster volunteers helped mow, blow, trim and cleanup the grounds and landscaping of the church campus
- > 25 volunteers helped prepare and serve Friday "Food for Thought" lunch at the Trinity Center in Walnut Creek
- > 4 volunteers to the Souper Center
- > 24 Sunshine Singers

Month	Entity	Amt
Jan	Haiti	\$2,415
Feb	P.E. Transportation Limb Restoration	470 470
Mar	One Great Hour of Sharing	1,342
Easter	Stop Hunger Now Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Council Richmond Interfaith	3,309 3,309 3,000 1,000
April	Trinity Center	1,668
May	Local Youth Mission	1,847
Jun	Weed Ca Fire Recovery	1,779
Jul	Monument Crisis Center STAND	879.50 879.50
Aug	Fred Finch Capernaum	825.50 825.50
Sep	Stop Hunger Now Habitat Playhouses	
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$24,019</b>

# Church Council Q & A

## Continued from the September 2016 Newsletter

Last month, we explored how the Church Council relates to San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church. We also saw a list of its various responsibilities to the church as a whole. We also saw an explanation of the Charge Council, which links SRVUMC to the general United Methodist Church. This month, we continue the discussion with a look at the internal organization of the Church Council.

### ***How is the Church Council organized?***

The Council Chair and Vice-Chair, Co-Lay Leaders, Secretary and Chairs of Trustees, Staff Parish and Finance were appointed to the Administrative Board by the Church Conference on November 17, 2015. These positions transitioned to the Church Council on March 1, 2016.

The Chair of Strategic Development & Implementation, a new position, was filled by Jim McKnight, who volunteered for the position. Also, the Co-Chair of Nominations and Lay Leadership (formerly Committee on Lay Leadership) was filled by Fred Toney, a then-current member of that committee. These appointments will be recommended for ratification by the Church Conference in November 2016.

The Practice Groups are new. The Administrative Board asked those who agreed to chair the Groups to serve, and they agreed to do so. These appointments will also be recommended for ratification by the Church Conference in November.

### ***Who are the current members of the Council members?***

Chair – Terry Sherman  
Vice Chair – Jim McKnight  
Co-Lay Leader – Debra Carter  
Co-Lay Leader – Lea Hickman  
Secretary – Maggie Stienstra

#### **Administrative Committees**

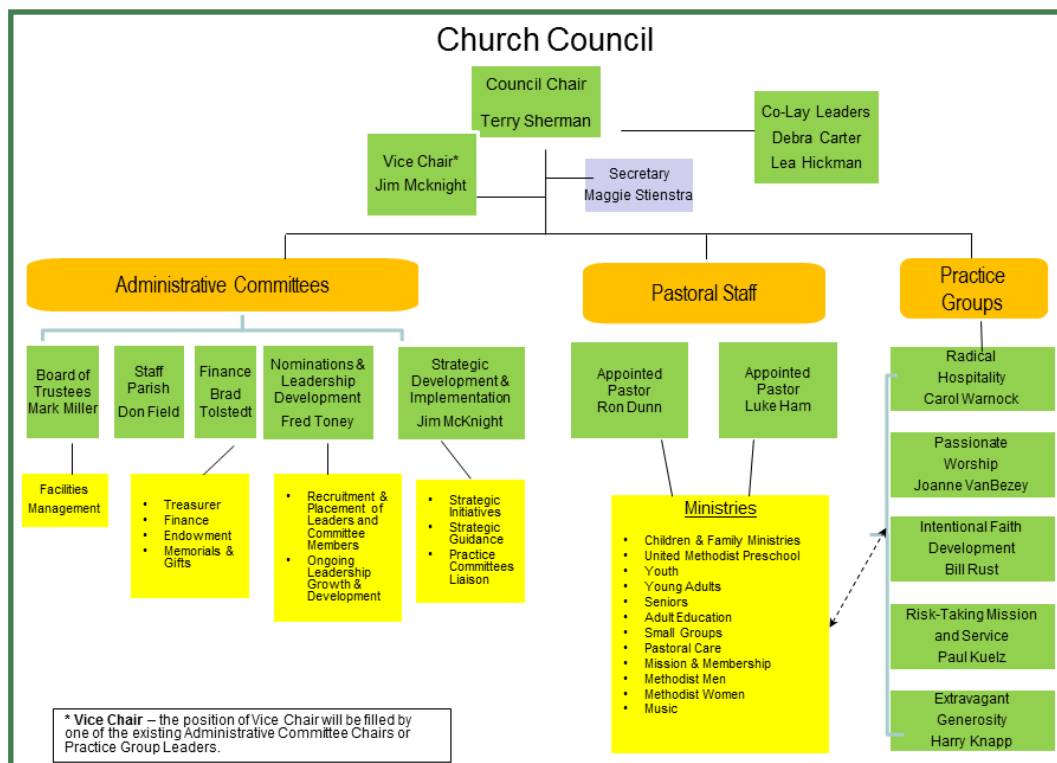
Board of Trustees Chair – Mark Miller  
Staff Parish Relations Chair – Don Field  
Finance Chair – Brad Tolstedt  
Nominations & Leadership Development Co-Chair – Fred Toney  
Strategic Development & Implementation Chair – Jim McKnight

#### **Pastoral Staff**

Ron Dunn  
Luke Ham

#### **Practice Groups**

Radical Hospitality Chair – Carol Warnock  
Passionate Worship Chair – Joanne VanBezey  
Intentional Faith Development Chair – Bill Rust  
Risk Taking Mission and Service Chair – Paul Kuelz  
Extravagant Hospitality Chair – Harry Knapp



# Church Council Report

The Church Council met at 7:00 p.m. August 16 in the Fire-side Room.

Co-Lay Leader Lea Hickman reported that she and Co-Lay Leader Debra Brady have received feedback from the congregation regarding **diversity (gender and age) in leadership roles at SRVUMC**. Fred Schreiber, with 45 years of experience in Human Resources, will attend the next Council meeting to lend perspective on this matter.

Finance Committee representative Rhonda Poole reported that **income and expenses through July were favorable to budget**. Finance is optimistic that the year may close with a surplus.

The 2017 budget process starts earlier this year with initial draft budget to be submitted to stakeholders for input. **Finance Committee's goal is to recommend a budget to the Council at the October meeting.**

Finance Committee's recommendation to allocate funds to the Council Reserve Fund for this year will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Paul Kuelz, Risk Taking Mission & Service Practice Group Chair, reported that **the refugee family from Yemen relocated from Daly City to Foster City**. Catholic Charities East Bay and the United Methodist Circuit refugee task force, under Liz Bayat's leadership, had hoped to move them to the East Bay where services would be more readily available for them. The refugee task force will assess the situation and continued funding of the family. **A way forward will be reported back to the Council at the next meeting.**

**Mission Saturday** will be on Sunday, September 18. Two mission outreach opportunities will be available for families: Habitat for Humanity Playhouse Build of 2 playhouses and Stop Hunger Now packing of 15,000 meals. Other service opportunities will follow in upcoming weeks. The trip to the UMCOR depot in Salt Lake City and the Guatemala mission trip to deliver wheelchairs are almost fully staffed with volunteers.

Trustees Chair Mark Miller reported that **significant trenching will begin in the parking lot on September 20, which will temporarily reduce parking spaces through October**. And, although the ARC project is currently a couple of months behind schedule, the contractor remains optimistic that construction will be completed in **February 2017**.

Jim McKnight, Vice Chair and Strategic Development & Implementation Chair, complimented Children's and Family Ministries' efforts in developing and promoting the proposed children's facility space, the **Tot Spot**, as an instrument in implementing the SRVUMC strategic initiative to ***Develop Thriving Family Ministries***.

The following list of guidelines to support the **Tot Spot** proposal were discussed:

- A Child Care license (like Preschool) will not be pursued at this time.
- A fee will not be charged for child care service at this point.
- Two attendants will be present when children are in the facility.
- Parents of children must remain on campus during the duration of the child's stay at the facility.
- Stephanie Ham will post the conditions that exist for the parents so they can read them when dropping off their children.
- Approximate cost to the church to establish this facility: Children's Ministries \$6,000, BOT \$2,000.

The Council approved a motion to set up a Tot Spot child-care service in Lamm Hall for the purpose of encouraging families with children to utilize these facilities and ultimately join in the ministries of our church.

Jim presented a **decision-making process for committees and groups to follow for use of space on campus**. A committee or group identifies needs for space and presents a request to the Board of Trustees. Trustees will evaluate the request and make a proposal to the Council for approval.

Jim reported that the **Mission Council will merge with the Risk Taking Mission & Service Practice Group as the Council structure continues to be fine-tuned**. He also reported that the Practice Group chairs continue to nail down their committees and fill openings.

Fred Toney, Co-Chair Nominations & Leadership Development Committee, reported NLDC is in the process of filling positions on Committees and Practice Groups for next year. He encouraged the Committee and Practice Group Chairs to identify and submit names to the NLDC, specifically looking through the lens of diversity regarding age and gender.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair Don Field reported that the search for the **Director of Youth** has produced a promising candidate but would require that the position be



filled as a full-time position. **The Council approved the position as full-time.**

**Beth McClelland** has taken on the position of **Cherub Choir Director.**

Laura Sanchez of MLK Peacemakers reported a new program, ***The World Has Met Itself: The Dynamics of Interfaith Spirituality and Practice***, led by Thomas P. Bonacci, Director of The Interfaith Peace Project of Antioch, CA. began at the Church beginning September 22, and met four Thursday evenings in September and October.

Laura also reported that the MLK Peacemakers is changing its name to Peace and Justice Committee. ND will have more of an advocacy role than in the past.

The minutes of the August 16 Church Council meeting and written committee reports are posted on the Church website.

***Council meetings are currently scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Fireside Room. The Council will meet September 20, and again on October 18. All are welcome to attend.***

Terry Sherman  
Chair, SRVUMC Church Council

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## WINTER NIGHTS 2017

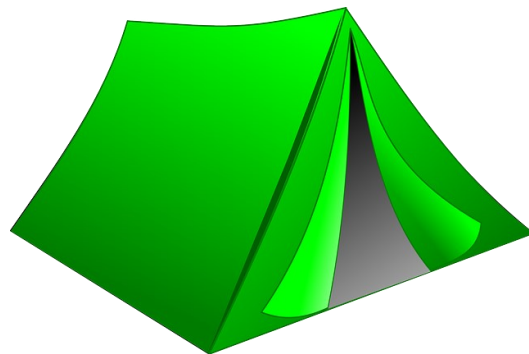
We have the privilege to host Winter Nights 2017 from **January 30 through February 13, 2017**. Last year, twenty-five congregations, including ours, hosted Winter Nights homeless families, providing shelter, food, and other needs. This year, the program begins in early October 2016, and it runs through early May 2017.

**Winter Nights Program participants will be on site for the entire two-week period between January 30 and February 13.** During this two-week period, we will split our time with St. Isidore's Parrish to provide for the daily requirements for the program. We will need people to be overnight hosts, manage laundry, handle shopping, pick up food donations, coordinate fun activities for kids and adults, tutor school children, manage site and kitchen activities, and provide meals for the group. ***If you would like to volunteer to help or to donate to this effort, please contact Susan Dowling at [sue\\_dowling@comcast.net](mailto:sue_dowling@comcast.net) or 925-648-5184.***

Donations are needed!

- Diapers of all sizes
- Baby wipes
- Deodorant
- Gas cards
- Wal-Mart or Target Gift cards
- Lysol or Clorox wipes
- Socks of all sizes
- Flashlights and extra batteries of all sizes

Additionally, the program is looking to replace its 15-passenger van.



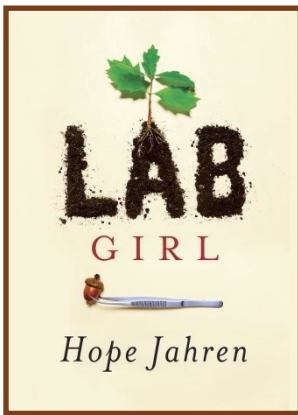


## Between the Bookends



By Sally Christopherson, Librarian

Last Sunday one of our congregation's most avid readers sought me out after church. "I need a *really* good book..." Haven't we all been in that place one time or another? (Note: After checking out the Book Cart, she found one, a real winner.) You know what is always among the choices? Nonfiction. Many people tell me they "only read fiction" or find "nonfiction boring." Nonsense. Have you read *The Wright Brothers*? Or *Boys in the Boat*? Or *Unbroken*? Stretch your mind a little! Featured today are two nonfiction titles that will keep you up and stay with you long after you put them down. Read on:



**Jahren, Hope.**

**Lab Girl.** NONFICTION. Hope had wanted to be a scientist since she was a little girl. She is now one of the foremost geobiologists in the world, and was named one of Time's 100 Most Influential People. She studies soils, plants, flowers, trees and nearly endows them with human qualities of growth and survival. Feel free to skim these chapters but don't miss her hilarious, heartwarming, strange chapters about her ongoing relationship with her lab partner, Bill. These two are true soulmates—with no romantic entanglement—who live in their lab, love their subject and are smart enough to expand our knowledge of the world. Yes, Hope marries Clint and adores him, but Bill is still her equal partner when she walks into that lab. Who knew this woman could write like this and take us right into the lab with her....and Bill?



**Ng, Celeste.**

**Everything I Never Told You.** Here in the Bay area we sometimes forget how we have forged new and better ways of simply being human. In Ohio in the 1970s, a Chinese American man married to a Caucasian woman was an odd and off-putting relationship. They had to be constantly aware of who they were and that they were "different." Add to the equation a wife who had given up med school to become a stay-at-home mother, and

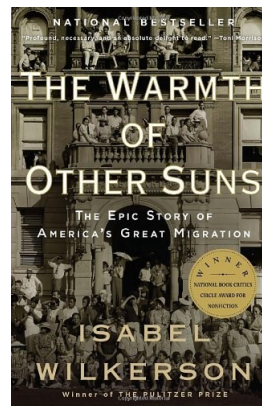
there are repercussions. Serious ones. Celeste Ng writes with sensitivity and makes us appreciative of how far we have come...and how far we have yet to go. Multiple awards.



**Umrigar, Thrity.**

**The Space Between Us.** The bookstore employee who suggested this book to me said, "This one has really stayed with me." Amen. The caste system in India has always been difficult for westerners to comprehend, but it still exists to a degree. Here is a story of Bhima, a slum woman who has cooked and cleaned for Sera, her wealthy employer for years. Their relationship goes far beyond that of employer/employee.

They have healed each other's bruises from beatings, watched over each other's child/grandchild...and yet the barrier of class still exists. Step into another world, another culture for a short visit. You won't soon forget these women and the choices they made.



**Wilkerson, Isabel.**

**The Warmth of Other Suns.** NONFICTION. It's estimated that six million blacks made the pilgrimage north and west to try to find a better life from 1915 to 1970. Using impeccable scholarship, Wilkerson tells the story through the lives of three people who made the journey and why they made it. Ida Mae, George, and Pershing have been compared to characters in *Roots*. The human details of their lives make their story real and almost impossible to put down.

*"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates' loot on Treasure Island..."*

—Walt Disney, 1901-1966

# 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 a 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](mailto:kindness@srvumc.org). Your story will be posted to the church website within a few days.

These two stories can be summarized and entitled, “Angels Appear to Those in Distress.” They involve our church family members or friends. See what you think.

**Angel Bond: No Wings, But a License to Drive!** A couple—previous church members—remains close friends with current SRVUMC members. The husband has suffered from Parkinson’s disease for some years. The couple went out to eat lunch after church one recent Sunday. When the food arrived, the husband said he couldn’t eat it and had to leave. The wife had the food boxed-up, and she went outside to find her husband leaning against their car, in the throes of an attack.

Another couple had just driven up to park. The young man hurried to the husband and put his hand on him, while telling the stricken man he was going to pray for him. The young man, recognizing the emergency, placed the husband into his car, and drove him to the hospital emergency entrance. The young couple stayed with the stricken man and his wife until things were under control. Later in the afternoon, the young man returned to see how the man and wife were doing. Later in the day, the husband was released from the hospital.

**Angels are all around us, surrounding us every day. And yet, we are unaware of them...that is, until we need them.**

**Angels Have Cash, Will Travel:** A church member traveled to Summit Hospital in Oakland for a medical check-up. As she looked for the doctor’s office, a nice older gentleman gave her directions which were very helpful and saved time. After her appointment, there was the man at the parking stand. A discussion was going on between the man and the parking attendant.

**Attendant:** \$18, please.

**Man:** I only have \$10. Could I pay tomorrow when I come back?

**Attendant:** No, sorry, and we don’t take credit cards.

**Man (very tired and now stressed, as he had been there all day):** Guess I’ll have to take Uber home and come back with money.

**Angel with Cash:** Here, please let me pay the \$8.

**Man:** Oh, thank you. Please, let me pay you back with Pay-Pal.

**Angel:** Thank you, but no. It might be me in need some day.

**The last short exchange between the man and the attendant:** Who was that masked woman?!

*“No act of kindness, however small, is wasted.” -Aesop*





# Senior Scoop

The cool, crisp weather of fall is upon us! Please join the 55+ crowd for some fun, intergenerational activities, filled with good food and good fellowship!

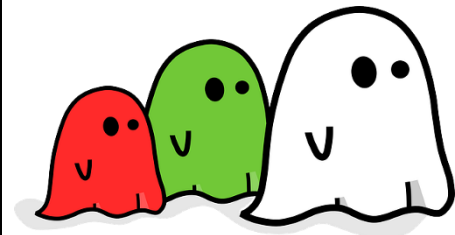
## **Adventuresome Seniors Potluck—Tuesday, October 4 @ Noon in Wesley Center**

**Program:** Favorite hymn sing-a-long. Send your requests to Jerry Ricker, and we will have a fun time singing the first verse or so of some of the “oldie but goodie” hymns we grew up with!

## **Lunch with Friends Restaurant-style Meal—Tuesday, October 18 @ Noon in Wesley Center**

Chef John Sanders will make his classic stuffed chicken breast, glazed carrots, homemade rolls and spice cake. \$5.00 donation suggested.

## **Intergenerational Halloween Parade & Lunch with Our Preschool Students and Their Families**



**Friday, October 28 at 11:45.** Find a silly and fun costume, and join our preschoolers for their parade and a yummy lunch of homemade macaroni and cheese with salad afterward. The seniors are hosting and providing lunch for the preschool. There will be an intergenerational reading corner: *bring your favorite children's book!*

9th Annual San Ramon Valley UMC

## **Harvest Festival and Boutique**

Saturday, November 5, 2016, 9:00 to 3:00

902 Danville Blvd., Alamo

- Shop for everyone on your list!
- Quality handcrafts by local artists
- Unbeatable DEALS!
- Support the SRVUMC Youth Bake Sale

**Fabulous \$5 lunch deal at the Harvest Café**

- Homemade soups & sandwiches
- Delicious homemade pies



## **Annual Golf Scramble**

**Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m.**

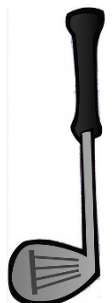
**Boundary Oaks in Walnut Creek**

*All ability levels are welcome!*

Format is four team best ball scramble. Put your own four-some together, or we will place you in a group.

Prizes for long drive (men and women) and closest to the pin on par threes.

**Cost is \$67 per person**, which covers green fees, golf cart rental and prize fund. Make checks payable to **“Methodist Men.”** Sign up after Sunday services in the courtyard or contact **Paul Kuelz at 831-3128 or [paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net)**.



**FAMILY**

**FM**



## San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church Family Ministries

### SUNDAYS FOR FAMILIES

*Children in Pre-K through Grade 5 gather in the Sanctuary and start Sunday school following the children's moment.*

**9 a.m. Traditional Worship**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL pick up locations:**

K -2, children's building, upstairs

Grades 3-5 Room 203

Grades 6-12 Room 206

**10:45 a.m. Nontraditional Worship**

Childcare during all services in children's building, downstairs.

### WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

**Middle School Youth Group**

WEDNESDAYS 6 to 8 p.m.

**High School Youth Group**

SUNDAYS 4 to 5:30 p.m.

**High School Dinner Out**

1st and 3rd THURSDAYS At 6:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Elementary topic:**

**WEEK 1 Bottom Line:** You can do what you should even when you don't know what will happen next.

**WEEK 2 Bottom Line:** You can do what you should even when you don't feel ready.

**WEEK 3 Bottom Line:** You can do what you should even when things seem impossible.

**WEEK 4 Bottom Line:** You can do what you should even when others are afraid.

**WEEK 5 Bottom Line:** You can do what you should because God is with you.

**Grades 6-12 topic: Shameless**

**Week Bottom Line:** Listen to the One who loves you.

**Week 2 Bottom Line:** Let His love eclipse the lies.

**Week 3 Bottom Line:** Choose to change you.

### CONTACT US!

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### CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS

**CHERUB/ Wednesday 3-3:45 p.m.**

**Pre-K through Grade 1**

**ARCHANGEL/ Wednesday 3:30-4:15 p.m.**

**Grades 2-5**

**BROS & BELLES/ Wednesday 5-6 p.m.**

**Grades 6-8**

**YOUTH/ Thursday 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Grades 6-12**

# Among Ourselves

## Health Concerns...

Susie McKnight  
Pete Feltrup  
Edith Liggett  
Lillian Baker-Holleman  
Barbara Brick  
Gene Brown  
Gail Soldavini

## 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; Daphne Kimbell; Jada Koonce; Alleen Landstrom; Margaret Matteson; Alex Maddux; Mary Ogden; Mike Robinett; Lillian Scherer; Ann Schroeder; Pat Shoner; Jean Spencer; Carol Webb

Samford; Joan Webb; Jeanine Woolery.

## Our Christian Sympathy To...

Jerry Ricker and family on the death of his mother, Ethel, on September 2. There will be a memorial in our sanctuary on October 20 at 1:30 p.m.

The family of Jerry Warnock on his death on September 16.

## Welcome...



*Welcome to New Youth Director Tawfick Fayed and his wife, Judy!*

## Thank You ...

Judy and Gene Benedict would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls, and good wishes during Gene's recent hospitalization. He is now back at home and continues to improve.

## Name Tags

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



# October Celebrations

## Birthdays



2	Bruce Fitch	Lydia Fenoglio	Melissa Ward	
	Sam Hawk	Lisa Laird	Larry Watson	
	Kim Maier	Barbara Schneider	16 Elyce Bayat	Jonathan Vasquez
	Laurel Portman	8 William Barton	Liz Bayat	Karen Watson
3	Jim Johnson	Doug Domergue	Ashley Dever	25 Sandy Pihowich
	Heather Morgan	Dennis Greene	17 Bill Lettis	Bob Schleicher
4	Laura Byrne Graham	Thomas Valdriz	Ken Randall	26 Rochelle Hoff
	Lance Schlichter	9 Anita Ho	18 Joe Anderson	27 Angie Comstock
5	Betty Dorsey	Ann Radick	Ida Dandridge	28 Bill Foulds
	Christina Ehlers	10 Paula Lyons	Mikala Choy	29 Erik Benjamson
	Grace Hickman	Jim Rossini	Priscilla Wolfram	Jen Birkby
6	Wendy Cooper	Bob Sada	21 Sharleen Keen	Aubrie Flores
	Dylan DeWalt	Pam Uitti	Greg Sallee	Allie Metcalf
	Ron Dunn	11 Susan Dowling	23 Bruce Benzler	Bob Millinich
	Kyle Glover	12 Layne Alfrey	Nancy Campbell	
	Heather Jackson	Kellen Armanini	Jana Vojdani	
	Jack Schramm	13 Roger Miller	Ann Knies	
	Millie Sherman	Al Shipp	Kelly Milligan	
7	Catherine Cooper	14 Christine Miller	24 Jim Laird	
	Morgan Dowling	Danni Sherman	Lauren Nakaso	

## Wedding Anniversaries

2	Beth & Brett McKnight	17	Margo & Ron Cefalo	seph Voelker
4	Colleen & Dan Woolery		Tami & John Mitchell	22 Carol & Steve Koepp
5	Kathy & Noel Sheppard		Nancy & Epi Vazquez	HollyAnn Melton & Ted
9	Liz & Skip George	18	Marilyn & Lonnie Bristow (55th)	Nguyen
	Jackie & Rudy Ceragioli (57th)		Barbara & Bill Schneider (64th)	23 Joan & Lyn Arscott (51st)
12	Cadi & Brian Stephenson			24 Kathleen & Nader Saghafi
13	Devon & Buck Drake	19	Marla & Stanley Nakaso	29 Cherrie & Joe Anderson
14	Marti & Sketch Sketchley		Rhonda & Brad Poole	
15	Jen & Scott Birkby		Sherrie & Don Weis	
	Karen & Ken Randall	20	Myra & Jack Gordon	
16	Susan & Craig Schultz	21	Beth McClelland & Jo-	