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## A Personal Point of View ~

## Small Victories

Dear Friends,

The air waves are filled with the news of a severe earthquake in Mexico. At this writing, over 295 children and adults have lost their lives. People in the neighboring communities have poured out to share love, concern and assistance. Every means possible is being used to help excavate the site. Heavy machinery is digging through the rubble, people are using shovels, and some are digging with their bare hands, all in the hope of finding someone still alive.

The workers are tired and still they work; some are grieving and still they dig. Some have set up food stations to feed the workers. Other are flooding the Mexican Consulate to ascertain if their loved ones are alright, and still others are asking how they might help.

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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](mailto:newsletter@srvumc.org) by **October 15, 2017**.*

It is hard to hear of yet another weather-related tragedy. In recent weeks there have been thousands who have been affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria and now the earthquake in Mexico. Many people on the ground and around the world continue to be generous in their response, support and prayers.

It appears we have entered into a time where extreme weather conditions and the forceful movements of the tectonic plates will become our new normal.

So, what do we do? How are we to think about this possible new normal? The question the hurricanes and the earthquake raises for many, both inside and outside of the Church, is where is God in all of this?

I don't have a definitive answer; however, I think I've happened upon a hint. I along with our small group, the Chatty Crones, are reading a book by Anne Lamont.

Anne Lamont has written ***Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace***. These small victories, she describes, are not big enough to make a dread disease go away, or a hurricane, or for that matter an earthquake. The small victory is people volunteering in the recovery efforts. It's a small victory that moves others to dig for survivors with their bare hands. It is a small victory that moves family and friends to stand by

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their loved ones and strangers in times of crisis.

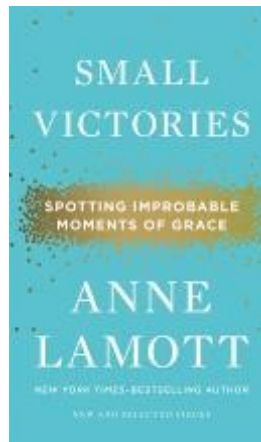
I wish God's presence and activity would shine BIG and BOLD. Perhaps I wish God would be like Rambo— tear the doors down and make hurricanes and earthquakes simply disappear. God isn't like that, and sometimes, I can miss God if I'm not paying attention, and maybe that is true for you as well.

When the problems become so big that I get absorbed in them, Anne Lamont suggests looking up and looking around, even in the darkest of times, to see where God is working. When we do, we can experience small victories.

It's a big lesson to learn and right now, I need a victory, even if it's a small one. And so, I pray for the grace to pay attention and I pray that same grace for you as well.

Blessings to you and yours and I thank you for all the ways you support and care for those in need.

***Pastor Lorraine***



## **Did You Know?**

SRVUMC has already collected over \$10,000 for UMCOR hurricane relief.

See page 7 of this newsletter for more about our local role in creating “small victories.”

## **Afternoon Book Group**

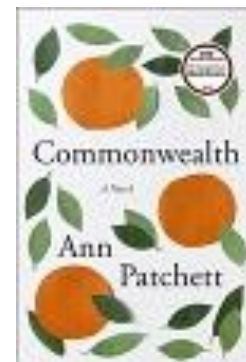
**Mondays, 1 p.m., Room 202, Wesley Center**

**October 16—*Wake* by Dan O'Connor (Marilyn leading)**

**November 20—*Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett**



October



November

## Church Council Meeting Takeaways

September 19, 2017

### Dave and Mary Kat DeWalt Honored; Consultant Scheduled for October; Recruiting Underway for ARC Director of Recreational Ministry

**Resolution Honoring the DeWalt Family:** The Church Council approved a resolution expressing gratitude and appreciation to Dave and Mary Kat DeWalt for their generous contribution to build the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC). The full resolution reads:

*WHEREAS, Dave and Mary Kat DeWalt offered to provide funds to build an activity and recreation facility on the grounds of San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church, and the Church accepted such offer, and*

*WHEREAS, Construction of the facility, named the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC), was completed and is open for use, and was dedicated on September 10, 2017.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church Council, on behalf of the congregation, with deepest gratitude, expresses appreciation to Dave and Mary Kat DeWalt for their family's generous contribution to fund the construction of the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC), which was dedicated and consecrated on September 10, 2017, for the ministry of recreation in the service of all people within the Church and the community.*

*SO RESOLVED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.*

**ARC Update:** The center is in week thirteen of operation through the efforts of over thirty volunteers. Terry Sherman reports that efforts to fill positions in the ARC Commission are ongoing, including the position of chair.

**Finance Committee Report:** Throughout August, total income is \$40K favorable to plan. Pledges and gifts were favorable thanks to a large single donation. It is hoped that the favorable variance will remain above \$35K so Church Council Reserve Fund will not be tapped to balance the budget. Total expenses are \$22K favorable to plan, with program expenses currently \$1K unfavorable to plan, owing to some new programs being implemented.

<b>2017 YTD Overview for General Fund</b>				
	Jan-Aug ACTUAL	Jan-Aug BUDGET	Pos/(Neg) BUDGET	Full 2017 BUDGET
Pledges, Gifts	\$ 759,623.00	\$ 701,064.00	\$ 58,559.00	\$ 1,077,000.00
Other Income	\$ 19,649.00	\$ 37,412.00	\$(17,763.00)	\$ 68,200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 779,272.00</b>	<b>\$ 738,476.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,796.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,145,200.00</b>
Appointed Staff	\$ 193,388.00	\$ 196,664.00	\$ 3,276.00	\$ 297,775.00
Non-appointed Staff	\$ 312,152.00	\$ 337,572.00	\$ 25,420.00	\$ 505,763.00
Apportionments	\$ 75,673.00	\$ 70,944.00	\$ (4,729.00)	\$ 108,950.00
Office/Property	\$ 130,829.00	\$ 130,657.00	\$ (172.00)	\$ 205,000.00
Programs/Other	\$ 24,401.00	\$ 23,335.00	\$ (1,066.00)	\$ 37,450.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 736,443.00</b>	<b>\$ 759,172.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,729.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,154,938.00</b>
<b>Net Position</b>				
<b>Pos/(Neg)</b>	<b>\$ 42,829.00</b>	<b>\$ (20,696.00)</b>	<b>\$ 18,067.00</b>	<b>\$ (9,738.00)</b>

In light of the program expenses presently in unfavorable balance, Council approved a motion for the Finance Committee to recommend an expenditure threshold above which programs will need to seek approval from the Church Council and a path-way by which those programs might seek approval for significant expenditures.

Church Council also approved a motion to hire a consultant to review the Church's employee handbook. The consultant estimates \$4,300 fee for the review. The last review of the handbook occurred ten years ago and it is likely to need changes.

**Staff Parish Recruiting Committee (SPRC):** Don Field reports that the program for consultant **Jim Griffith** is roughly as follows:

**Friday, October 20** – meet and greet with committees, including Finance and Board of Trustees.

**Saturday, October 21** – meet individually and in small groups with “influencers” throughout the day.

**Sunday, October 22** – attend worship; Individual meetings with groups like Finance, Lay Ministry, Board of Trustees

**Monday, October 23** – meet with leadership of Church Council and committee heads to offer recommendations and feedback.

SPRC is also recruiting for the position of **ARC Director of Recreational Ministry**. Gary Swanson has posted a job description calling for 25 hours/week on Indeed.com. Some discussion followed the report on this process about the number of hours this position is likely to require, talent pool and budgeting, with no resolution to change the current plan.

**Nominations:** Positions in the Finance Committee still need filling, and ARC leadership for some challenging roles is still being sought. Also, leadership development training is scheduled with an expert in social media to expand Church outreach in this space.

**Other business:** Laura Roy reminds us **Trunk or Treat** is slated for October 28 (see page 11 this newsletter for details).

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10th Annual San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church  
Harvest Festival and Boutique  
Saturday, November 4, 2017  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
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





# ARC Dedication Ceremony

Sunday, September 10, 2017

*"The ARC can be and will be a place for bringing people together in the spirit of community." – Pastor Ron Dunn*

After five years of planning, permitting and construction, we finally dedicated the ARC on Sunday, September 10, 2017. We were blessed by the presence of the **Bishop of San Francisco, Minerva Carcaño**; the **Supervisor of Contra Costa County, Candace Andersen**; and **Assemblywoman Catharine Baker**. We were further blessed by the many people who helped make our dream a reality including the donors, **David and Mary Kat DeWalt**; the architects **Galen Grant and Peter Sandholt**; the builder **John Clawson**; the legal advisor **Nadia Costa**; and the many church volunteers who were involved in the project. **Jim and Anne Burk** were also recognized for their important work in laying the foundation for our recreational program.

The donors were enthusiastically applauded for their generosity. The attendees made it clear how much they appreciated the gift. David mentioned that his family have been blessed by their involvement in this church, and they were delighted to be in a position to make this gift. **Pastor Ron Dunn** explained the vision of our recreational ministry which emphasizes the importance of teaching values and a sense of community to all users while they are enjoying the recreational facility. Pastor Ron emphasized, "the ARC can be and will be a place for bringing people together in the spirit of community."

Supervisor Candace Anderson expressed her thanks to the church for reaching out to the community with our ministry, and she presented the church with a certificate of appreciation from the County. Assemblywoman Catharine Baker reinforced the need for people to get along with each other and also presented the church with a certificate of appreciation from the State of California.

Bishop Carcaño delivered a moving message about the need to bring people together in these troubled times. She then led the dedication ceremony assisted by Pastors Ron Dunn and **Lorraine McNeal**. The attendees were delighted with the music presented by our **Living Water Band** together with our exceptionally gifted singers, **Greg Zema** and **Kristin Princiotta**. **Lyn Arscott** was the Master of Ceremonies for this event and did a wonderful job. A special thanks to Lyn and the ARC Building Committee, as well, for outstanding work in leadership through the trials and ultimate triumph of the ARC construction. Well done!

It was a good day and a most significant moment in the life of our congregation, one that enabled us to begin the "next chapter" of our story with energy, passion and joy.



*Jim Burk, David DeWalt, Anne Burk, Terry Sherman, Supervisor Candace Andersen, Lyn Arscott, Bishop Carcano, Pastor Lorraine McNeal, Pastor Ron Dunn*



*Assemblywoman Catharine Baker presenting a certificate of appreciation to SRVUMC.*



*County Supervisor Candace Andersen presenting a certificate of appreciation to SRVUMC.*



*What? You couldn't make the ARC dedication? Well, here's what you missed. Thanks to George Clarke for the great photos on this page.*



*Food! Roni Item pitches in with serving the treats.*



*SRVUMC's own Living Water provides the great music.*

## Regular Events at the ARC

**ARC All-Church Family Free Time:** Bring your friends and family and join in the fun at the ARC! **No Charge**

Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Sundays, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**ARC Drop-In Basketball.**

Make some time in your week for good times and good health with pick-up hoops.

Saturdays, 5 – 7 p.m., \$4/person.



*Enough of the “cool kids” show up...*



*...to attract the paparazzi!*



# Hurricane Relief and October Communion Offering

Late August brought the end of summer and a string of angry weather to parts of the U.S. and places in the Caribbean. Here in California, we watched anxiously for news of family and friends. In the storm's path, 20 churches in the Texas Annual Conference served as emergency shelters. Throughout that state, churches and their volunteers have been busy collecting and distributing resources (read about one Methodist pastor's "God moments" in disaster relief [here](#)). **Here in California, San Ramon Valley UMC and churches like ours hastily redirected the September Communion offering to hurricane relief. The October offering similarly supports the ongoing cleanup and relief efforts in hurricane-stricken areas.**

## Did You Know? (Facts per [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com))

- Texas had not seen a storm of Harvey's magnitude since **Hurricane Carla in 1961.**
- Top rainfall attributed to Harvey was 51.88 inches (over four feet!), recorded near Highlands, TX. **The region receiving over 40 inches of rain spanned an area the size of Delaware**—the area receiving more than 20 inches was bigger than West Virginia! Houston's Hobby Airport fell within this zone.
- Texas' Harris County saw 70% of its land and an estimated **136,000 structures flooded.**

## UMCOR Cleaning Kits

On Sunday, September 17, volunteers donated time and money to assemble cleaning kits between services. These buckets full of supplies will be picked up on October 14 by a truck arranged by the California/Nevada Conference. Our SRVUMC buckets will travel with buckets from other regional churches to the distribution center in Salt Lake City before making their way to Texas. Each 1.5-gallon bucket with resealable lid contains:

- Liquid laundry detergent (50-oz. total)
- Liquid household cleaner (12-16 oz. total, no spray)
- Dish soap (16-28 oz. bottle)
- Clothesline and 50 clothespins
- Heavy-duty Trash Bags (24-roll)
- Cleaning wipes (18, no terry towels)
- Air freshener (aerosol or pump)
- Kitchen gloves (2 pairs, reuseable)
- Work gloves (1 pair, cotton or leather)
- Scouring pads (5, no wrapper, no soap, no stainless steel), sponges (7) and scrub brush
- Dust masks (5)

This listing of components is not as detailed as UMCOR's very specific instructions, including information about weight limits and how to pack items. UMCOR has posted [online instructions](#) for making the cleaning kits and asks that we not collect items that haven't been specifically requested.



*Left: Volunteers assemble buckets between services on September 17. Right: Susan Gest puts together her buckets.*

# Upcoming Mission Opportunities

## LOCAL

**October 8 - Mission Sunday** – Playhouse Build and Rise Against Hunger Food Packing (Rise Against Hunger formerly Stop Hunger Now!)



**October 15 – CROP Walk in Walnut Creek**—Read more or make a donation at:

[www.crophungerwalk.org/walnutcreekca](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/walnutcreekca). Our Mission Council arranged this event. To learn more about this walk and the program, please contact **John Green**, [bubalegs@comcast.net](mailto:bubalegs@comcast.net), (925) 837-9419.



## WORLD

### Join Us on Our Upcoming Mission Trip to Guatemala

We will be returning to Guatemala to volunteer at a hospital, a home for disabled persons and to distribute 100 wheelchairs in Antigua and Guatemala City. There are many people in this country who cannot afford a wheelchair. We will be teaming with the Rotary Club in Guatemala City to select and equip individuals who are in desperate need one. This mission will be a rewarding way to live your faith in service to others.

The travel dates are **Saturday, January 27 to Saturday, February 3, 2018**. In addition to volunteering, there will be the option to do a little sightseeing. The preliminary cost estimate is \$1,800 per person for airfare, hotels, meals and other related expenses.

Registration is open now and will conclude around **November 1**. But the sooner you decide to join us, the better. We are limited to twelve (12) volunteer slots. For questions or more details, please contact **Paul Kuelz** at [paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net) or at (925) 831-3128.



**October 4-11—Fall Mission to Haiti, Pennsylvania Community and School Support Team.** Cost \$650 plus airfare. Contact **Warren McGuffin** at 925-828-8090 or email [warren@mcguffin.com](mailto:warren@mcguffin.com). Warren remained in Haiti through hurricane Maria.



# Mission Volunteers & Communion Giving

## Special Offerings

Lent - Haiti Solar Ovens \$16,050

## September 2017 Volunteers

- Coffee hour - 14 volunteers
- Sodbusters - 20 volunteers
- Food For Thought - 20 volunteers
- Souper Center - 4 volunteers
- Sunshine Singers - 18 volunteers

Month	Entity	Amt
Jan	Haiti	\$2,625
Feb	Limb Restoration	\$1,348
Mar	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1,694
Easter	Rise Against Hunger Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Council Richmond Interfaith 1 <sup>st</sup> Methodist Church - Salinas	\$2,000 \$1,200 \$1,000 \$2,840 \$2,840
April	Trinity Center	\$2,330
May	Local Youth Mission	\$2,031
Jun	African University Weed CA Fire Recovery	\$200 \$1,163
Jul	Monument Crisis Center Stand for Families Free of Violence	\$791 \$791
Aug	Guatemala Wheelchair Program	\$3115
Sep	Hurricane Harvey	\$8,230
Oct	Fred Finch Youth Center	0
Nov		0
Dec	UMCOR World Aids Day Youth Homes BAAYFS	0 0 0
Christmas	Winter Nights Global Missions UMCOR	0 0 0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$34,198</b>

## SRVUMC To Host Town Hall on Housing Needs

### Supervisor Candace Andersen

Saturday, October 14, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Great Hall of Wesley Center

San Ramon Valley UMC has been asked to host one of the five Town Halls to be held in the next month in each supervisory district of Contra Costa County. These sessions are being sponsored by two organizations active in our county's efforts to deal with growing poverty in our area—Ensuring Opportunity, and the Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition (MFAC). Our Congregation is active in MFAC's Shelter and Housing Task Force. Attendees will include residents and elected officials of Supervisor Andersen's District, which covers parts of San Ramon, Walnut Creek, Danville, and Lafayette. We hope members of SRVUMC contribute thoughts and suggestions about meeting the housing needs of those who live and work in our community. Light refreshments provided by MLK Peace and Justice Committee.



*Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen*

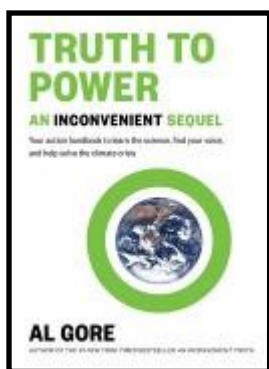


# Between the Bookends



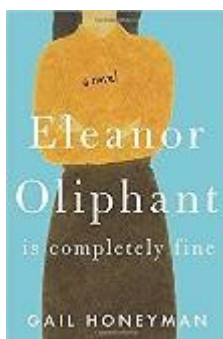
By Sally Christopherson, Librarian

Do you know why I love book groups? Because it's a chance to share why you loved a book or vent about what you didn't. Remember, no two people ever read the same book.\* Everyone has different life experiences and different takes on what is funny or moving or tragic. I've had my nose in a book for most of my life, and I've never been able to appreciate Nancy Drew, or *Alice in Wonderland*, or *Lord of the Rings*. But I loved Trixie Belden, *Wind in the Willows*, and Frank Herbert's *Dune*. So read on, fellow bibliophile, with no guilty pangs about what you like or don't like! Just keep reading!



**Gore, Al. *An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power*.** This is the follow-up volume to Gore's earlier *An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming*. Numberless scientists have declared that heavy use of fossil fuels is adding to the world's increased warming. As we see icebergs breaking up, snow disappearing from Kilimanjaro, and more and more megafires and severe tropical storms, things are not looking good. There is

resistance to the scientific data, and Al Gore's mission is to convince us to believe it and take action. Here's what he has to say.

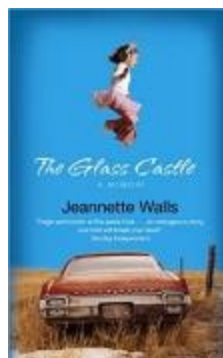


**Honeyman, Gail. *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*.** Haven't read anything lately that makes you sit up and take notice? Meet Eleanor Oliphant—she's quirky, clueless and says exactly what she means. She's also a model employee, but she drinks way too much vodka. You'll find yourself touched by her loneliness, yet laughing out loud at her unexpected wit, and finally, falling in love with her. Hold on until the ending—when you'll

think to yourself, "Why didn't I see that?" A must-read.



**Hyde, Catherine Ryan. *Allie and Bea*.** If you liked *Take Me with You*, here is another outing by an author who seems to have the key to plumbing human nature. Bea is a widow who is one step away from being homeless and Allie is a wealthy teenager who in one night becomes a ward of the court when her parents are arrested for tax fraud. Neither one is perfect, but they connect in a scary incident and begin a wary relationship that changes both their lives.



**Walls, Jeannette. *The Glass Castle; A Memoir*.** Jeannette Walls was blessed—and cursed—with free-thinking parents. Her brilliant, charismatic father was a violent alcoholic and her disengaged mother seemed to care more about her art aspirations than her children. After growing up in a family that was beyond dysfunctional, Jeannette Walls has emerged as a writer like no other—telling her story honestly and never sparing her parents but unable to mask the

love she felt for them until the end. As you begin this book, remember what Bette Davis said: "Fasten your seatbelts; it's going to be a bumpy night." Reading what Jeannette and her sisters and brother lived through is indeed a bumpy night, but you won't put this one down until the last page—and then you'll think about it.

***A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one.***

**—George R. R. Martin, 1948-  
(author of *Game of Thrones*)**

\*Edmund Wilson said that (1895-1972).



# Help Trunk or Treat!

**Saturday, October 28, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

## ARC Parking Lot

Calling groups and families in the church community! Decorate a car “trunk” in a theme of your choice and hand out some candy to our visitors and families. The theme decorations can be as simple or as elaborate as your team would like. Help us connect with local families, especially those who came to VBS or preschool!

- Some fun themes for decorating could be island décor, a favorite sports team, a hobby, pirates, pumpkins or fall, a Bible story, favorite children’s book...so many fun ways to go!
- We will have snacks and a jump house too!

Contact **Laura Roy** at [lroy@srvumc.org](mailto:lroy@srvumc.org) if you want to be a part of the fun!



### ***Save the Date!***

## **2018 SRVUMC Women’s Retreat**

**February 2-4, 2018**

Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz

“Walk with Me”

On the Road to Emmaus

**Led by Pastor Steve Garnass-Holmes**



*(registration details upcoming)*

### ***It’s a Brunch in Honor of...YOU!***

## **Endowment Committee Thank You Brunch**

**October 7, 11 a.m.**

**Wesley Center**

There will be no solicitation at this event; it is genuinely to thank you for your gifts to the SRVUMC Endowment Fund. Following the brunch, there will be a brief presentation to report on the work of the Endowment Committee and how your gifts continue to provide programs and facilities to support the mission of SRVUMC.

**RSVP to Quentin Alexander at [qmarsden@aol.com](mailto:qmarsden@aol.com) or 925-820-1593, or call the church office at 925-837-5243 by October 2.**

### ***Save the date!***



## **Our Annual All-Church Conference**

**Sunday, October 29, 2017, 3 p.m.**

**Fireside Room**

Facilitated by our new District Superintendent, Shinya Goto.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!







**Tuesday, October 3—Prime Time Potluck and Presentation.** Join us for a private screening of the 2017 Academy Award Winning film *SING*. Check out the link below – apparently a GREAT film!

<http://oscar.go.com/video/best-live-action-short-film-nominees/sing-trailer>

Please bring a dish to share, or stop at the deli or bakery – your company is what we really want.

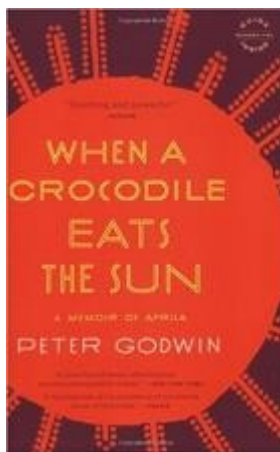
**Tuesday, October 17—Prime Time Lunch with Friends.** Join us for Chef John Sanders homemade beef stew, and all his homemade (really good!) sides. Best \$5 meal in The Valley. Over 55? Join us!

**Tuesday, October 31—Cross Generational Halloween Parade and Party** with the Methodist preschool. Costumes optional (but encouraged – the little ones love it!!). \$5 courtesy donation. Homemade mac 'n' cheese (*warm this year – I promise!*) and all the sides. Reading corner volunteer?



## Christ Care Book Group October 25, 10 a.m.

Meet to review and discuss *When a Crocodile Eats the Sun* by Peter Godwin.



To advise, the Christ Care Book Group will not meet in November or December 2017.



*Who doesn't love a senior potluck? This month, catch a showing of SING! with your meal! Photo by George Clarke.*



## Calendar

October 1 – Family BBQ at Hap Magee

October 21—First monthly Youth volunteer trip to St. Vincent De Paul.

October 28 – Trunk or Treat (see page 11)

December 3 – Advent Festival

## Children's Ministry Sunday Topics:

### WEEK 1

Bottom Line: Remember, everything belongs to God.

### WEEK 2

Bottom Line: Use your time wisely.

### WEEK 3

Bottom Line: Use your things wisely.

### WEEK 4

Bottom Line: Use your money wisely.

### WEEK 5

Bottom Line: Live like you know what really matters.



## 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.*

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Youth Director

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## Music

These choirs are free and open to everyone to participate.

**Cherub Choir** (Preschool through Grade 1) and **Archangel Choir** (Grades 2 to 5)

### Beth McClelland

Practice Wed from 3:15 to 4 p.m.

Performances the second and fourth Sundays of each month September through May

### Youth Choir

### Terri Hawk

Grades 6 to 12

Practice Sunday 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Rm. Perform third Sunday of each month

### Bros and Belles Choir

### Winnie Stribling

Grades 6 to 12

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

## Tot Spot Childcare Lead Teacher

**Paid position.** We are looking for an adult lead Tot Spot caregiver starting immediately. Two Sundays per month from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Safe Gatherings background check and training required.

If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact **Laura Roy** at [lroy@srvumc.org](mailto:lroy@srvumc.org) or (925)837-5243 ext. #106.

## 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.

# Among Ourselves

## Health Concerns...

Sandy Clark  
Sandy & Bill Gsand  
Debbie Kelly  
Sketch Sketchley  
Jeannine Woolery  
Jean Spencer  
Mary Ellen Brown

## Our Christian Sympathy To...

Sally Andrew and family on the death of her father.  
Nathan Metcalf and family on the death of his father.  
Teri Hawk and family on the death of her uncle.  
Gary Swanson and family on the death of his brother-in-law.  
Nancy Garnick and family on the death of her father.

## Continued Prayers For...

All those who continue to live with long-term illness, unemployment, life decisions, and sickness in their families: Bill Andrew; Gene Brown; Lenore Cooper; Jeni Evans; John Evans; Brigitte Greene; Dick Greeno; Dave & Lillian Holleman; Cary Johnson; Johnny Johnston; Daphne Kimbell; Alleen Landstrom; Edith Liggett; Margaret Matteson; Alex Maddux; Mary Ogden; Lea Patteson; Mike Robinett; Mary Roush; Lillian Scherer; Ann Schroeder; Pat Shoner; Jean Spencer; Carol Webb

Samford; Joan Webb; Jeannine Woolery.

## Name Tags

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



# October Celebrations

## Birthdays



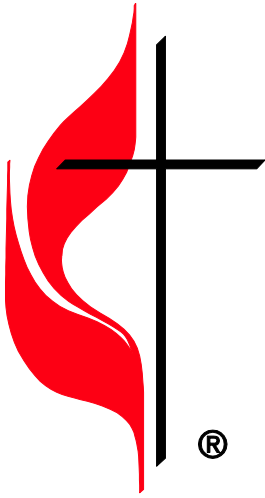
1 Jeff Doyle	9 Anita Ho	Greg Sallee	
2 Bruce Fitch	Darrellyn Orr	23 Bruce Benzler	
Sam Hawk	Ann Radick	Nancy Campbell	Sandy Pihowich
Kim Maier	10 Paula Lyons	Jana Vojdani	Bob Schleicher
3 Jim Johnson	Jim Rossini	Ann Knies	26 Rochelle Hoff
Heather Morgan	Bob Sada	Kelly Milligan	28 Bill Foulds
4 Lance Schlichter	11 Robbie Barton	24 Jim Laird	29 Jen Birkby
5 Betty Dorsey	Susan Dowling	Lauren Nakaso	Aubrie Flores
Grace Hickman	12 Layne Alfrey	Jonathan Vasquez	Allie Metcalf
6 Wendy Cooper	Kellen Armanini	Karen Watson	Bob Millinich
Dylan DeWalt	14 Christine Miller	25 Emily Doran	Dale Stevenson
Ron Dunn	Danni Sherman		
Pat Elam	Larry Watson		
Millie Sherman	16 Liz Bayat		
7 Morgan Dowling	17 Bill Lettis		
Lydia Fenoglio	Ken Randall		
Lisa Laird	18 Joe Anderson		
Barbara Schneider	Ida Dandridge		
8 William Barton	Mikala Choy		
Doug Domergue	Priscilla Wolfram		
Dennis Greene	19 Walt Torgersen		
Thomas Valdriz	21 Sharleen Keen		



*Happy 90th birthday to Sheila McClelland, celebrating here with the Fabulous Folder group.*

## Wedding Anniversaries

2 Beth & Brett McKnight	15 Jen & Scott Birkby	Rhonda & Brad Poole	24 Kathleen & Nader Saghafi
6 Susan & Rick Doran	Karen & Ken Randall	Sherrie & Don Weis	
9 Liz & Skip George	16 Susan & Craig Schultz	20 Lynn & Joe Sanguedolce	29 Cherrie & Joe Anderson
Jackie & Rudy Ceragioli (58th)	17 Margo & Ron Cefalo	21 Beth McClelland & Joseph Voelker	
12 Cadi & Brian Stephenson	Tami & John Mitchell	22 HollyAnn Melton & Ted Nguyen	
13 Devon & Buck Drake	Nancy & Epi Vazquez	23 Joan & Lyn Arscott (52nd)	
14 Marti & Sketch Sketchley (50th)	18 Barbara & Bill Schneider (65th)		
	19 Marla & Stanley Nakaso		



# OCTOBER 2017

## Worship Schedule

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

Non-Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m., in the Sanctuary

Child Care for birth-kindergarten is available during the morning services in the

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