



Valley Messenger

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Pastor's Ponderings ~

I remember our very first visit to San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church. It was summer of 1996. My husband, Steve, and I were church shopping.

Rev. John Corson was preaching—and his message included imagining a church where all were welcomed. I loved that vision! After worship, we picked up our 6-month-old son in the nursery. Gabe was cooing and laughing with nursery room attendant Laura Brown (now Haggerty). And it just kept getting better. We came back the next week, and usher Johnny Johnston remembered us...by name! Rev. Debra Brady was preaching, and we appreciated her meaningful sermon. (That was the first time I had seen a woman in the pulpit. That changed everything for me.)

A few months later, Gabe and I were baptized. Steve and I joined the church and got involved. We both volunteered in the youth program. Steve also enjoyed teaching Sunday School and working with missions and outreach. Thanks to generous

childcare at church, I took Disciple classes; joined the Women's Faith Sharing group; trained as a Stephen Minister and later as a Stephen Leader. When I was pregnant with our daughter, Rebecca, these small groups hosted baby showers and welcomed her.

One morning in our Women's Faith Sharing group, Julia Philbert looked at me and said: "You should think about going to seminary and being a pastor." Her words rang true, and I did just that!

Before I officially start as your new lead pastor on July 1, I already know I appreciate and cherish you! In so many ways, SRVUMC shaped our faith life and my ministry.

And if we have not yet met—let's make that happen. Please invite me to your small group gatherings: give me some dates and times, and I'll be there. **This summer, I'll be at Grill and Chill gatherings on Thursday evenings**; let's have dinner together (*the only one I'll miss is August 2*). On Tuesday afternoons, I'm available to walk on the Iron Horse Trail at 4 p.m. Email me at krisedorph@srvumc.org and sign up for **Tuesdays July 3, 10 or 24**. I'll add more dates in coming months.

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Pastor Dan Sturdivant and his wife Maria will also be joining the community. I'm so grateful that Dan has been appointed associate pastor and look forward to our ministry together. Join us in worship on July 1, and let's all wear our name tags. Together, all of us will have the opportunity to be God's love in the world. That's the most direct route to meaning, purpose, and joy. I look forward to the journey.

Blessings,

Pastor Kim



Join us for the 14th Annual Grill & Chill for July Five Weeks of Food and Fun on Thursday Nights!



Did you miss Week 1 with the VBS kids on June 28? There's still plenty more Grill & Chill to go!

Week 2 – July 5, 2018

A dinner of Hawaiian meatballs and then be entertained with hula dancers and ukulele music. Bring your grass skirts and learn how to hula. Come join the hukelau!

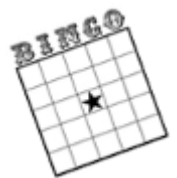


Week 3 – July 12, 2018

Join us for specialty hot dogs, and then follow with a fun game night!

Week 4 – July 19, 2018

You can't go wrong with a traditional summer BBQ of ribs and some fun rounds of BINGO.



Week 5 – July 26, 2018

Wind down the summer with a fabulous BBQ pork tenderloin dinner and some line dancing.

Suggested donations

\$8 for adults

\$5 for children 4-12 yrs

\$20 for family (up to 4 people)

Please sign up in the Courtyard after church services or by calling the office at (925) -837-5243.

Church Council Takeaways

June 12, 2018

- Staff changes in place for the summer
- First Mega Sports and Faith Camp a success
- Watch for fall tutoring program through Peace & Justice Committee

Board of Trustees: Sodbusters are examining options for plant replacement in the courtyard. Their suggestions will come to the Board of Trustees for approval. Narthex/Sanctuary work continues according to expectations. Currently awaiting estimates for air conditioning and fresh paint in the Children's Ministry rooms. The pastor's office is also to be painted before our new pastor moves into the space. **Observe that Wesley Center fellowship hall is locked during the week for protection of equipment.**

Preschool: Classes for the 2017-2018 school year were dismissed on June 1. A parent survey indicates great satisfaction with teachers and staff, curriculum and the range of programs offered. Parent demand also compelled the addition of a second Extended Care classroom. We welcome experienced early childhood professional **Laurie Jackson** to the role of **Teacher Assistant**. She will fill the post vacated by **Manelle Merrill**, who will take the post of **Office Administrator**/

2018-2019 Preschool Enrollment

- 2-day Program: 11 children (5 slots available)
- 3-day Program and 4-day Program: FULL
- Current daily licensing capacity is 50

Bookkeeper. Manelle holds a B.S. in Accounting from Boston University. She replaces **Patsy Kyles**, who has taken an **Office Administrator** position in the church office.

Children and Family: **Laura Roy** reports 25 regular Sunday School attendees on their roster, with about 12 to 15 average attendance. The summer months are seeing the typical drop-off in weekly attendance. **Beth McClelland** led 12 children in the choir this year, and they have taken a break for the summer. The May 20 movie night featuring **Coco** saw 30 attendees, including several families from the preschool. The **Mega Sports and Faith Camp** held June 4 to 7 saw 30 children (20 not from SRVUMC). **See page 12 for photos from this camp.** **Vacation Bible School** (themed "Rolling River Rampage, Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God") had 55 children signed up, ages three through fifth grade, the maximum possible with schedule and staff. The Children's Committee will meet in July and will do a curriculum evaluation.

Peace and Justice Committee: Partnerships continue with outside organizations Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense; Housing/Shelter Task Force of the Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition of Contra Costa County; and Beth Chaim congregation, the last of these leading a meeting to address hate, bullying and gun violence among San Ramon Valley youth. Watch for upcoming efforts, including Summer Sunday Sermon events planned for the Fireside Room and a fall tutoring program led by **Judi Bauerlein**.

Finance Committee: May total income was favorable to plan; however, Pledge/Giving was \$20K under budget. Giving will have to track at about \$80K/month to stay on or above budget. Total expenses for May were favorable to plan

despite some health insurance costs running slightly above plan. Technical maintenance is 54% over budget: the committee has asked Jeff Lang to implement Technical Maintenance billing. Through May the General Fund has a YTD net surplus of \$72.8K to budget. This favorable variance can be attributed to strong giving during January through May. The impact of the new pastors on the remaining 2018 Appointed Staff budget is forecasted to be about \$17K under budget or a positive variance.

	Jan-May <u>ACTUAL</u>	Jan-May <u>BUDGET</u>	Pos/ (Neg) <u>BUDGET</u>
Pledges, Gifts	\$ 538,987	\$ 509,665	\$ 29,322
Other Income	30,196	21,630	8,566
Total Income	\$ 569,183	\$ 531,295	\$ 37,888
Appointed Staff	\$ 112,882	\$ 113,790	\$ (908)
Non-Appointed Staff	193,009	219,352	26,343
Apportionments	54,135	51,490	(2,645)
Office / Property	87,487	90,241	2,754
Programs / Other	10,375	18,051	7,676
Total Expenses	\$ 457,931	\$ 492,924	\$ 34,993
Net Variance Pos/ (Neg)	\$ 111,252	\$ 38,371	\$ 72,881

Men's Retreat May 2018

The Men's Faith Sharing Group made a Men's Retreat to Villa del Mar in Santa Cruz from May 18 to 20 this year. The leader, **Reverend Dan Studivant**, our new Associate Pastor, led them on a faith journey entitled "Leaving a Legacy."



Pastor Kim Wants to Know: What You Think About Glide?



[Glide Memorial United Methodist Church](#) is a famous landmark in San Francisco. Glide is known for its generous and needed programs in helping those who are hungry and poor.

It is a beacon of social justice. And, recent news reports have described the growing tension between Glide Foundation (a separate non-profit associated with the church) and the United Methodist Church. While Pastor Cecil retired some time ago, he and his wife remain active in the Glide Foundation. Pastors appointed to Glide have been told by the Foundation not to mention Jesus Christ in worship and are not to use terms like "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" when baptizing anyone. In fact, pastors do not even get keys to the buildings! In addition, the Foundation, where donations to the church go, has not been transparent about finances. Our Bishop and the Cabinet have been working steadfastly to address these issues and have met with angry reactions.

Because some news reports have been very critical of the United Methodist church, I thought it was important for us to know that it is a complicated issue. I feel Bishop Carcaño has bravely addressed topics that need attention, and at the same time the services provided by the Foundation are vital. What are your thoughts around this controversy? I welcome hearing from you.

—Pastor Kim at krisedorph@srvumc.org

Adult Sunday Discussion

July 8 Topic:

"Taking the Sermon Into the World"

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Fireside Room

Come and participate in a lively discussion facilitated by members of our own congregation!

Peace & Justice Thought to Ponder:

What is the difference between acting with compassion and acting for social justice?

Summer Announcement
MEN, MEN, MEN OF ALL AGES!
Annual SRVUMC Men's Fall Retreat

Senior men, big boys, young men—gather 'round!

The annual SRVUMC Men's Fall Retreat—camping, fishing, hiking, photography, reading and fellowship—is coming this fall.

Early Birds: Arrival any time **Thursday, October 4** (Enjoy an extra day and a special dinner and first choice for campsites or bunks)

Regular Arrivals: Any time prior to **5 p.m. Friday, October 5.**

Late Arrivals OK. The retreat will conclude **Sunday, October 7**, with an outdoor church service followed by cold cuts for lunch.

This annual SRVUMC Men's fall retreat is held at Crawford's Quail Run Ranch some 35 miles northeast of Red Bluff and West of Mt. Lassen. There will be activities around a retreat theme, stories, music, sharing and poems around the campfire, and plenty of free time for other activities.

- Good Eats! **Quentin's** Famous Cuisine!
- Good Music! **Warren's** Pickin'
- Good Programs! **Lyn Arscott**
- Good Fellowship! **Everyone**
- Fee including meals:
 - \$75.00 (Regular Arrivals)
 - \$70.00 (Early Arrivals)



For more information and/or to register, contact **Horace Crawford** at 925-324-8040 or hcrawpcraw@gmail.com
Car pools will be available. *Please send your fee directly to Jerry Ricker by September 1, 2018.*

Homeless Helpers of Walnut Creek

Need a little help with some work and want an easy way to help a homeless person? If so, please read on:

One of the things that I enjoy doing during my retirement is to find and coordinate day work for some of the local homeless individuals. I do this to help some of the homeless have some work and thus earn a bit of money from time to time.

Should you wish to have a homeless person come **pull weeds, rake, blow, trim, clean house, paint, water, weed whack, help with moves, or other work** just contact me. I currently have about eight individuals that do good work and need work. Some have vehicles or bicycles, while others bus or BART. I drive some to and from work sites and others walk. I ask users to pay them \$15.00/hour, cash, and if they are on site around lunchtime to provide them lunch (Subway, Taco Bell, etc. or sandwiches and soft drinks or water).

We typically work in Alamo, Concord, Danville, Lafayette, Martinez, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek

Here is my contact information should you want some "Homeless Helpers":

Horace Crawford at hcrawpcraw@gmail.com or call (925) 324-8040.



Did You realize ARC Has Been Operational for a Year Now?

ARC Update

Based on Rick Dodge's Report to Church Council, June 12, 2018



The ARC will celebrate its first year of operation on June 26, 2018. It has truly been a very successful launch of our activity and recreation facility. By all who have seen it and used it, the one common statement has been "wow." It has served its objective of providing a recreational outlet for both church members and their families as well as members of the public who are not church members. We continue to be so grateful to the DeWalt Family for their vision and generosity.

- The success of the facility economically is clearly dependent upon the over 30 volunteers who staff the facility when it is being utilized, and the six to eight young people from our Church Youth Group who are employed when volunteers are unable to do so.
- To date, we have been virtually 100% occupied with participants from our Tri-Valley area in sports such as **bas-ketball, soccer and volleyball**.
- A new manager, **Joey Fuca**, was hired and his sports-related background in basketball has enabled him to develop and maintain a smooth-running operation.
- Another accomplishment is that the ages of the ARC participants range from the very young six- to eight-year-old boys and girls who come to learn soccer skills, to the seniors who flock to the facility to play pickleball each day.
- Pickleball continues to be an extremely popular activity, and the ARC is open for this sport many hours each day of the week. Each day, ARC hosts approximately 20 to 30 players, and once each week an instructor introduces new players to the finer aspects of the game.
- Outside groups have brought their sports teams to the ARC for special occasions. The **San Ramon Valley Fire Department** held a challenge between Chief and firefighter graduates, and **Dylan DeWalt's** own college, **Pacific Lutheran University** used ARC for a basketball shoot-around workout to prepare for their a basketball tournament in Santa Cruz.
- In early June, a very successful **Mega Sports and Faith Camp** was held with 30 children (20



not from SRVUMC) in attendance. **Joey Fuca** was the basketball coach, **Lauren Nakaso** coached soccer, **John Green** was a huddle coach and **Laura Roy** ran the rallies.

- VBS took place in late June, themed "**Rolling River Rampage, Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God.**"

Fifty-five children, from three-years-old to rising 5th graders signed up.



- This fall, an **after-school program** will be introduced two days each week to emphasize studying and playing athletics.
- A newly added **drop-in basketball program** starts this month.



Pacific Lutheran University Lutes, including our own Dylan DeWalt, held a special practice session.



This new class of San Ramon Valley firefighters played basketball at the ARC during a January outreach program.

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

LOCAL

Food Bank of CC & Solano, 4010 Nelson Ave, Concord, Saturdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **July 7 or September 22.** Contact **Lee Rust**, chijocol@aol.com or 925-820-9047.



Save the date! SRVUMC Golf Outing at Boundary Oaks, **Saturday, September 15.** Details and sign ups to follow soon.

WORLD

October 13 to 20, 2018—Traveling to South Texas to assist with recovery from Hurricane Harvey, one of the most damaging storms on record. We will be working in the **Corpus Christi area** rebuilding homes. We will be preparing our own meals and staying at the First United Methodist Church in Sinton, Texas. The church has sleeping rooms with bunkbeds, a kitchen, gathering areas, and a shower trailer.



Damage from Hurricane Harvey to the South Texas region.

The cost of the trip will be \$200, plus airfare of about \$400-\$450. For more information contact **Steve Elliott** ([925-362-8687](tel:925-362-8687) or sae612@msn.com).

November 11 to 17, 2018—Traveling to **Lake County, California** to assist with recovery from the Valley Fire. We will be in the Middletown area.

Mid-January, 2019—Returning to **Guatemala** to volunteer at a hospital/long term care facility and to distribute wheelchairs in Antigua and Guatemala City. Monetary donations are needed as well. Please reference "Guatemala Wheelchair" on your donation.



Mid-February, 2019—Returning to **Puerto Rico** to assist with hurricane recovery. This will again be a joint trip with other churches in the Cal-Nev Conference.

Please contact Paul Kuelz at 925-831-3128 for more information on these opportunities.

Mission Volunteers & Communion Giving

May 2018 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	Food for Thought	\$1,816
Feb	Limb Restoration Open Heart Kitchen	\$638 \$638
Mar	UMCOR Sunday	\$1,936
Easter	CC Interfaith Council CC Interfaith Housing Greater Richmond Interfaith Project Rise Against Hunger Habitat for Humanity	\$2,000 1,200 1,000 1,612 1,612
May	Local Youth Mission	\$1,560
Jun	Trinity Center African University - Conference	\$200 \$1,825

Totals		\$16,037
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Mission Memories: October 8, 2017



Right: Rise Against Hunger! Left: Habitat for Humanity Playhouse Build. Thanks to George Clarke for these two photos.

July Communion Offering

This month, our Communion offering supports two organizations serving the needs of local families for decades.

STAND! For Families Free of Violence

[STAND! For Families Free of Violence](#) is a Bay Area organization committed to eliminating family violence. They offer “a complete spectrum of prevention, intervention and treatment programs.” Specifically, STAND! provides children’s therapy, childcare and children’s educational programs to abused children and children impacted by domestic violence. The organization also trains legal and law enforcement personnel, human services professionals, educators and healthcare providers.



STAND! Against Domestic Violence began in the 1970s as a single telephone line in a utility closet in Contra Costa County. By the 1980s, the dedicated volunteers who staffed it had built their organization into one of the Bay Area’s leading domestic violence community services. Meanwhile, another organization, Family Stress Center, was expanding its services to include parenting education, the Latino Family Program and Proud Fathers. The two nonprofit agencies cooperated to share effort and skills. In 2010, they unified as STAND! For Families Free of Domestic Violence, and today this organization is the sole provider of comprehensive services for those impacted by domestic violence in the region. Visit their [website](#) to learn about the organization’s October Rebuilding Lives Luncheon.

Monument Crisis Center Celebrates 15 Years

Based in Concord, [Monument Crisis Center](#) offers nutritious food and other resources to families in Central and Eastern Contra Costa County. Last year, Monument provided about one million meals to its clients.

Monument began in 2003 with a small group of concerned citizens. Startup funding came from Safeway Foundation, the Salvation Army, Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill and independent donors, while enthusiasm came from area high school students. Today, Monument serves over 4,000 different households per year, and each distribution serves between 80 and 120 families. The group purchases food from the food bank, but it also receives private food donations.



Monument’s core effort is food distribution, but it is not its only program. Additionally, this organization:

- Provides a Youth Enrichment Program, offering after-school tutoring, a teen center and summer camp for school-age kids.
- Hosts a resource fair annually, acquainting visitors with opportunities for employment, health and wellness, and English language classes available locally. Their most recent resource fair occurred in May.
- Provides lunch and bingo through the Senior Moments program, as well as health screenings and some groceries with this opportunity to socialize for senior citizens.

From your Endowment Committee: How To Maximize Your Investments

Do you own highly appreciated stock or other investments that, if sold, would result in a high tax bill? Are your CDs or other investments producing a lower return or less income than desired? If you are looking for ways to manage your investments, maximize their worth and minimize taxes there are a number of charitable strategies that can help you achieve your goals. Here are three options to consider.

1. **Outright Gift:** One of the easiest ways to lower taxes on an investment is to make a tax-deductible gift of the asset to your church.
2. **Charitable Gift Annuity:** CDs or other investments that produce little or no income can be exchanged for a "charitable gift annuity" that makes fixed payment for life.
3. **Charitable Remainder Trust:** Investments that have appreciated can be used to fund a "Charitable Remainder Trust" that will generate income and tax savings.

If you wish to discuss any of these options please contact your tax preparer or your Endowment Committee chairman, **Dick Lam**.

Thanks,
Jerry Ricker
925-382-2862



Former Catholic Missionary Priest **Dr. Michael Barrington** Men's Breakfast Group 8 a.m., Saturday, July 21 Wesley Center

Dr. Michael Barrington will talk to the Men's breakfast Group about his experiences as a missionary in Nigeria. He has written a book called *The Bishop Wears No Drawers* about his ten years as a missionary priest in Nigeria. He spent a year as a hermit in Northern Ireland and is now active in providing monitoring and evaluating services to humanitarian organizations such as USAID, UNICEF and OXFAM.



Afternoon Book Group

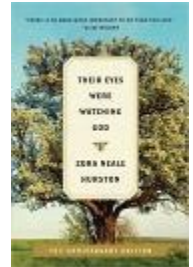
Monday, 1 p.m.

Rm. 202, Wesley Center

July 16—*The Tuscan Child* by Rhys Bowen (Sharon leading)



August 20—*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston (Marilyn leading)



The Youth Group is looking for two sectional couches to replace the old ones in the Youth Room.

Youth Ice Cream Social!

July 11, 6 to 8 p.m.

SRVUMC Youth Room



Drive-in Movies!

August 14

Solano Drive-Ins, Concord

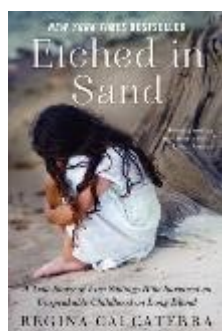
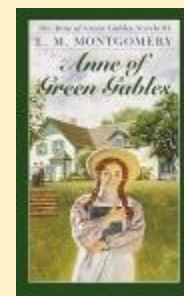
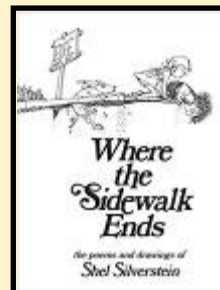
Watch for more info from the Youth Ministry!



Between the Bookends

Paula Boswell

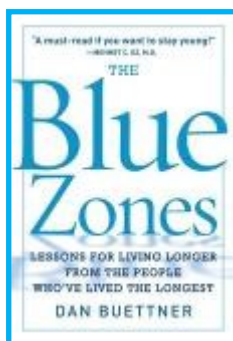
To the Parents of Young Children: Did you know that our church library has hundreds of books for children, from pre-school to early teens, from the hilarious poetry of Shel Silverstein's *Where the Sidewalks Ends* to *Anne of Green Gables*? We invite you to come and check it out, Room 101 in the Wesley Center. The door is always open. Please follow the simple directions on how to check out a book.



Calcaterra, Regina, *Etched in Sand*.

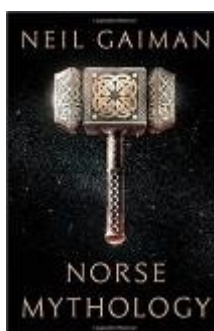
This gripping memoir is written by the middle child of five siblings, four girls and a boy. With a vicious, alcoholic mother, the five children struggle throughout their childhood to survive and to remain together. This tale of their coping strategies and their perseverance in the face of incredible odds against them reveals some

kind souls along their path, but it also shines a light on the gaps and sometimes unbelievable shortcomings in our social services and in our foster care system

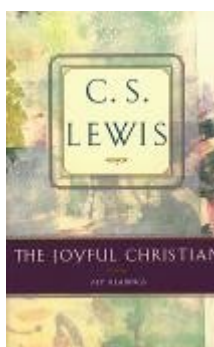


Buettner, Dan, *The Blue Zones*. Living a long and healthy life is the quest of Dan Buettner. He has interviewed people of very advanced age from around the globe to learn their life habits. Clusters of such people, in areas called Blue Zones, are the center of this fascinating book. Though each Blue Zone is unique they share some common threads. These

threads evolve into a helpful guide at the end of the book to assist each reader to live a better and healthier life into the golden years.



Gaiman, Neil, *Norse Mythology*. This is a recap of some of the best-known tales that created and led to the Scandinavian culture. A wonderful book that consolidates a number of Norse myths into an enjoyable read with believable characters and a great ending.

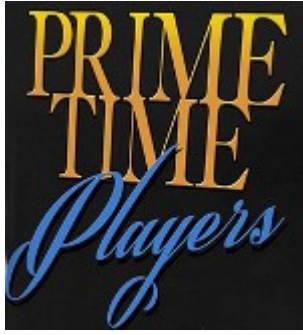


Lewis, C.R., *The Joyful Christian*. This thought-provoking book has various quotes from many of the author's other works. A very entertaining read, great to share with friends over a cup of coffee or via email.



Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.

—Mason Cooley



Wow what a busy spring we've had! My head is spinning! It's July, and we have two new pastors and LOTS of activities to enjoy!

Tuesday, July 10—Prime Time Potluck and Presentation, 12:00 noon, Wesley Center.

Please join us for a three-way conversation with our new **Senior Pastor, Kim Risedorf**. Our distinguished **John Orr** will interview Pastor Kim, and Pastor Kim will interview **Nancy Benvenuto**. Our group will learn about Pastor Kim's story, and Pastor Kim will learn about our Prime Time Group. If you've ever wondered what the Prime Time Group is and does, please join us. And, of course, we ALL want to get to know our new pastor! Bring a dish or stop at the

deli or bakery.

Tuesday, July 17—Prime Time Lunch with Friends, 12:00 noon, Wesley Center. Chef **John Sanders** will make a homemade Cobb chopped salad—soooo good! Fresh rolls and strawberry rhubarb pie for dessert. Doesn't get much better than that! Enjoy a sit-down thank-you lunch, great food and fellowship. A \$5 goodwill donation is requested—and THAT's a deal for such a great lunch. Please join us!

Saturday, July 21—Oakland A's v. SF Giants—5:00/7:00 p.m. game start, Oakland Coliseum. Contact **Jerry Ricker (925-382-2862, jerryricker@astound.net)** to purchase tickets to the game (\$51). Twenty-five of us will attend the game and enjoy fireworks after! So fun! Now THAT's summer!



We had a blast at our first **Mega Sports & Faith Camp** held in the ARC from **June 4 to 7**. Thirty kids came each day, most from the community. Our sports focus was two days of basketball and two days of soccer. Through both sports stories and Bible stories about Jesus and His team of disciples, the kids heard about what it means to put team first. A big shout out to our coaches **Lauren Nakaso** (soccer), **Joey Fuca** (basketball), **John Green** (huddle), and **Hudson Poole** (huddle)! Their energy and expertise helped make the camp a great success! Two neighborhood junior high students were assistant coaches. I had a great time being the rally coach and story teller. The feedback from our team, parents and kids has been very positive. I think we found a great way to share our gym and minister to kids in our community! —Laura Roy





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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.*

Calendar

July 11—Ice cream social, 6 to 8
p.m. in the Youth Room

July 19—Bingo is back! BBQ and
Bingo! Come to **Grill & Chill, 6-8
p.m.** in the courtyard. Suggested do-
nations are \$8 for adults, \$5 for chil-
dren 4-12 yrs, \$20 for family (up to 4
people.) *Please sign up in the
Courtyard after church services or
by calling the office at (925)-837-
5243.*



August 14— Drive-in movies at
Solano Drive-Ins with the Youth
Group. Watch for more info!

Sunday School for July

Week One:

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

Bottom Line: Trust that God is always with you.

Week Two:

Philip and Nathaniel

Bottom Line: Find friends who help you trust Jesus.

Week Three:

Peter Walks on Water

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, keep your cool.

Week Four:

Peter and John before the Sanhedrin

Bottom Line: When Jesus is with you, you can face anything.

Week 5:

Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love

Bottom Line: Live like you believe what God says

Memory Verse: "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in
you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."—

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

We really would love for you to jump in as Children's
Sunday school teacher. Kick-up your heels and start
your fall off by investing in the life of a child! Is Jesus
calling you to make the difference in the life of child?
One Sunday a month? **Contact Laura Roy at**
lroy@srvumc.org.



Summer at SRVUMC!

*Youth Group and music
for children and youth
resume in September!*

Among Ourselves

Health Concerns...

Elizabeth de Chene

Jo Ann Hirsch

Joyce Kayser

Our Christian Sympathy To...

To the family of **Jean Spencer** who passed away at the age of **95**.

To the family of **Gene Brown** who passed away at age 86.

Thank You...

Dear Friends,

Special thanks to **Bill and Joanne Van Bezey** and all the people (AV, Table Decorations, Music-Choir and Band, Kitchen Crew, Servers, Setup, Take Down, Cleanup and Office Support) who made my retirement luncheon a grand celebration. You have lavished me with beautiful cards, warm words of appreciation and great love. It has been my deep honor and privilege to have served with you in ministry. Thank you for your generosity and making this a great year. May God bless you and the work of your hands.

Blessings to you and yours,

Pastor Lorraine

Continued Prayers For...

All those who continue to live with long-term illness, unemployment, life decisions, and sickness in their families: Johnny Johnston; Edith Liggett; Lea Patteson; Lillian Scherer; Ann

Schroeder; Joan Webb; Jeanine Woolery.

Name Tags

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

With Gratitude...

Although it doesn't often happen, words escape me as I try to describe my thoughts and feelings after last evening's retirement celebration. I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the outpouring of love and well wishes that you extended to me and my family. It was an experience that we will savor in the years to come—an unforgettable evening of "roasting" and "toasting" that touched us deeply. Your kindness and generosity defy description.

A special thank you to **Jim and Anne Burk, Linda and John Green, Larry Henderson** and the "heavenly host" of the many people who worked so hard to make this the most meaningful retirement celebration that I could imagine. Although words are clearly not adequate, a simple "thank you" will have to suffice. Susan and I love you all and will miss being a part of your wonderful family.

May God bless you and keep on the journey that lies ahead.

Love,

Ron

July Celebrations

Birthdays



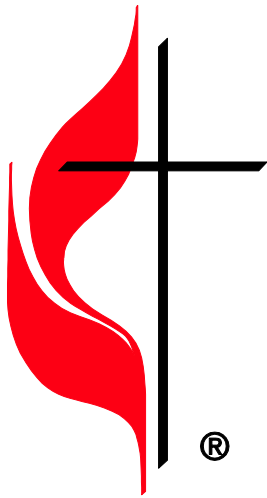
1 Olivia Durrenberger	Kellie McFarland	19 Judy Baker	
2 Sarah Garnick	Sherrie Weis	Diane Barley	
Lisa Glover	Katie Wolfram	John Orr	25 Willy Adam
3 Greg Benvenuto	13 Devon Drake	Marilyn Scott	26 Ryan Leontini
4 Don Field	Fern Hibdon	20 Lauren Alfrey	Bill Sabin (91)
6 Xan Alexander	14 Amy Riedel	Esi Impraim	Corinne Warnock
Susan Hinzle	Kim Soderlund	John Marshall	27 Cherrie Anderson
Stephanie Ricker-Schmalz	Robert Winter	Ben Ten Elshof	Dan Duggan
7 Brenda Domergue	15 Marilyn Christian	21 Christine Duggan	Darlene Greeno
Emily Lucente	Karen Garnick-Randall	Carol Fhlug	Malia Malin
Fred Toney	Gloria Holleman	Harry Hanover (91)	Valerie Miller
8 Billy Andrew	Bob Lambert	Ginger McGuffin	Jerry Ricker
9 Graydon Bazell	Donna Paula-Willis	Bill Rust	28 Tony Pelletier
10 Shannon Dever	Briggs Wood	22 Beth McKnight	Janet Steffy
Ryan Dunn	16 Vlad Balyuk	Shirley Slater	Brian Stocking
Meghan Flanagan	Melissa Stroin	Larry Stone	29 Joseph Saghafi
Vin Hirsch (90)	17 Nancy Alexander	23 Judy Benedict	30 Mark Miller
Kathy Kennedy	Allison Lowe	Pam Lewey	Jeff Schroeder
11 Ross Rudow	Steve McAdams	Mitch Nicco	31 Ed Bader
Marti Starnes	Caroline Walsh	Kathy Sheppard	Gail Soldavini
Teri Voegtle	18 Matthew Hickson	Georgia Wilkens	Greg Willis
12 Linda Ashcraft	Vera Knowles	24 Whitney Tiedemann-McCollum	

Wedding Anniversaries

2 Bonnie & Brian Roberts (52nd)	Jane & John VanderWerf	21 Liz & David Bayat	31 Liz & Ron Cooper
5 Carol & John Sayers (55th)	9 Debbie & John Hammond	Tim & Megan Buckley	Marci & Kelly Milligan
6 Kathleen & Kevin Isbell	Linda & Curtis Jimerson	Nancy & John Harrison	
Judy & Randy Slinger	15 Kerry & Scott Davis	Alice Anthony & Alex Iantano	
7 Teresa Fimby-Christensen & Randy Christensen	16 Rebecca & Roger Ten-Elshof	22 Jennifer & Don Andres	
8 Kelly & Erik Benjamson	17 Trudy & Larry Pasquale	23 Marianne & Bruce Templeton	
Pam & Alan Christian	18 Sunny & Sung Ahn	28 Beverly & Steve McAdams	
	20 Katy & Gregg Mannell		

Goofs!

If we've made an error concerning your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office so we can get it right.



JULY 2018

Worship Schedule

Traditional Worship, 9:00 a.m. in the Wesley Center

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

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

Children's Building

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