



Valley Messenger

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Pastor's Pulse ~

A Way Forward

Dear Congregation-

The United Methodist Church has been struggling with how we understand our faith, sexual orientation and gender identity. People of faith see things differently, and we here at SRVUMC are not all of one mind.

The United Methodist Church is at a crossroads, and I want us to be informed as events unfold. My colleague, **Reverend Kathy LaPoint-Collup** has summarized the key legislative approaches that the United Methodist Church will vote on in February of 2019. She gave me permission to quote her summary here. Kathy will be speaking at **Lynnewood UMC on Sunday November 4, at 7 p.m.** Bring your questions and insights—I hope to see you there.

In 2016, the General Conference (Worldwide) of the United Methodist Church made the decision to establish a commission

on **A Way Forward** to deal with the denomination's impasse on issues related to human sexuality. The commission was appointed by our Bishops and developed three models for the special session of the General Conference to consider. A complete report (all 93 pages) can be found here: http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/council-of-bishops/news_and_statements/documents/Way_Forward_Report_Final_ENGLISH.pdf

The special session will be held **February 22 through 26 in St. Louis**, and the sole item is receiving and acting on the report of the **Commission on A Way Forward**. However, the United Methodist Judicial Council has ruled that the General Conference may receive reports from other agencies on this matter. So, there will be additional reports on this specific matter that will be considered.

Summary of the Three Plans Taken From UM News Website:

One Church Plan (recommended by the Council of Bishops): The one-church model would allow different United Methodists in different places to make different decisions regarding ministry with or by LGBTQ persons rather than maintaining a single standard that operates everywhere throughout the

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worldwide church. This plan would remove restrictive language from the Book of Discipline and give conferences, churches and pastors the flexibility to “uniquely reach their missional context in relation to human sexuality without changing the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church.”

United Methodists in central conferences in Africa, Asia and Europe would retain the authority to adapt the Book of Discipline and could continue to include their traditional language and values.

This plan would also protect the rights of United Methodists whose theological convictions will not allow them to perform same-sex weddings or ordain LGBTQ people.

This means Annual Conferences would decide on whether or not to ordain LGBTQ clergy. Local Churches would decide whether or not to allow same-sex weddings in their sanctuary. Pastors would decide whether or not to perform same-sex weddings.

Kim’s comments: Prior to 1972, the United Methodist Church did not have any harmful language in our Discipline concerning the LGBTQ community so removing this language returns us to our roots and honors all of us as sacred creations of God.

Traditionalist Plan: This plan would affirm the current language about homosexuality in the Book of Discipline (BOD) and seek to strengthen enforcement for violations of church law. In the BOD, it is written, “The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Therefore, self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church.”

Kim’s comments: I do not see this as being consistent with the mission and teachings of Jesus. Our current stance denies that all of God’s people are a sacred creation of God.

Connectional-Conference Plan: This plan would create three connectional conferences based on theology or perspective, each having clearly defined values (accountability, contextualization and justice). The three connectional conferences would function throughout the worldwide church and the five existing U.S. jurisdictions would be abolished.

Adaptations to the Book of Discipline would be allowed by each connectional conference. Annual conferences would determine their affiliation with a connectional conference. Local churches who choose a branch other than the one chosen by their annual conference could vote to join another conference. This plan would require multiple amendments to the denomination’s constitution.

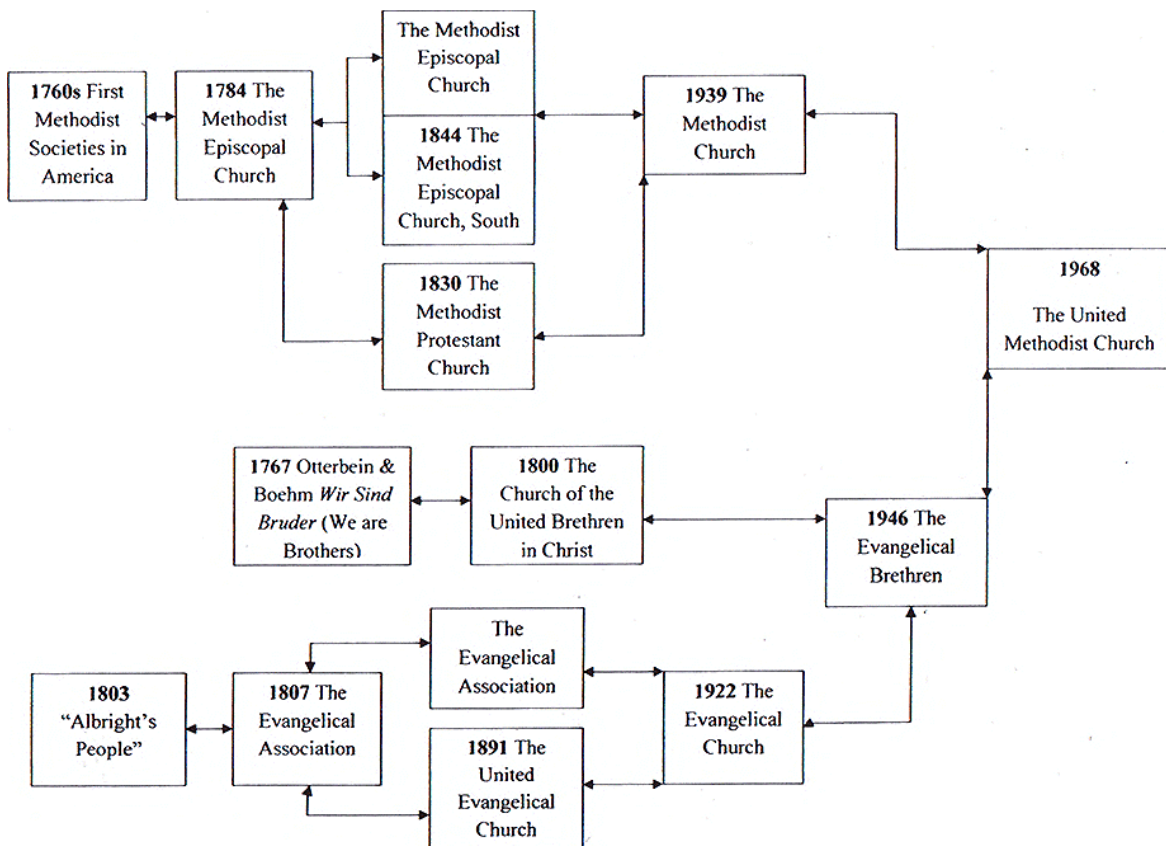
Kim’s comments: This approach is complex and would take much additional legislative action in order to be implemented.

There are seventeen denominations that are part of the Methodist/Wesleyan movement in the United States. Even within the United Methodist denomination, divisions and mergers are a part of our history, as the diagram on Page 3 illustrates.

As always, I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this, and any other topic.

One day, one prayer, at a time,

Kim



Our current United Methodist family and the various denominations from which it came.

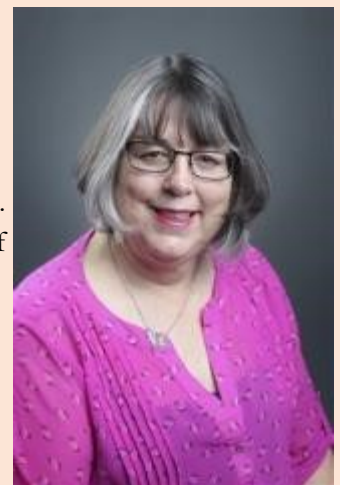
The United Methodist Church at a Crossroads

Sunday, November 4 at 7 p.m.

Lynnewood UMC, 4444 Black Ave, Pleasanton

Come to the Sanctuary for a conversation about this extraordinary time in the life of the UMC. In February of 2019, our denomination will hold a General Conference for the sole purpose of deciding its stance on the full inclusion of LGBTQ people in the life of our church. **Rev. Kathy LaPoint-Collup**, who is one of the pastors at Asbury UMC and who is a member of our California-Nevada delegation to General Conference, will be our speaker. Kathy is part of an elected team that has been studying and preparing for General Conference over the past year. Come and hear what's at stake and what might be possible for us as a denomination moving toward our future. *Light refreshments will be served.*

You can learn more about Rev. Kathy online in the introductory letter sent to Asbury UMC when she was appointed there.



Rev. Kathy LaPoint-Collup

Join us in worship in November!

Sunday November 4 All Saints Day. We remember and give thanks for those whom we love and miss on this earth.

Sunday November 11: Holy Communion (note change in date). After worship, come tour the new youth room!

Sunday November 18: We worship in our new Sanctuary and dedicate our new organ.

Sunday November 25: Thanksgiving Service and consecration of our new Sanctuary.

Peace and Justice Committee

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”

November 11, at 6:00 p.m.: Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County (ICCCC) is honoring **Dr. Charles Tinsley**. The event is also the annual meeting of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County. SRVUMC is one of the 108 churches that supports the Interfaith Council. Temple Isaiah, 945 Risa Rd., Lafayette. Vegetarian potluck, beverages provided. Save the date!

January 21, 2019: We are excited to announce **Reverend Dr. Charles Tinsley** is SRVUMC speaker for our celebration of Martin Luther King.

Dr. Tinsley is retiring after 25 years of service as head chaplain for Contra Costa Juvenile Hall in Martinez. He has served a similar population at the Orrin Allen Boys Ranch in Byron. According to **ICCC's website**, “[h]e has been recognized for his innovative approach to helping young people make it into college and away from the problems that used to plague them both locally and nationally.”

Come join us the first Monday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Church Library for more Peace and Justice forums.

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.



Save the Date!

Our Annual I-SRV (Interfaith)

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.

SRVUMC

Join our neighbors from temples, mosques and churches for a feast of music and reflections. What better way to celebrate the heritage and meaning of this holiday? **Reception after worship service.**

11th Annual San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church

Harvest Festival and Boutique

Saturday, November 10, 2018

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



Angel Tree Returns for Christmas 2018

November 11 Through December 2

Look for trees November 11 in the Wesley Center and then in the Narthex for the three weeks to follow. Christmas trees will be decorated with gift requests for you to choose from. Each card's request has been given to us by one of the seven agencies our church will be helping this year. Although it may seem early to be undertaking this project, the shopping and distribution must be done by early December so gifts can be distributed in a timely manner.

This Christmas program has been a very successful outreach mission project for many years. The seven agencies our church will be assisting this year are: **STAND! For Families Free of Violence, Bay Area Rescue Mission, Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Family Services, Trinity Center, East Salinas Family Center and Life Program, Mt Diablo Unified School District Outreach, and the Fred Finch Youth Center.** Thank you for keeping the Angel Tree needs in mind as you plan for Christmas this year.

For questions contact **Beth McClelland, Linda Green, Roni Item, or Nancy Garnick.**



Annual Christmas Tea Invitation

*Every Woman at SRVUMC Welcome to
Celebrate Christmas Together!*

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Wesley Center

Beginning at 1 p.m.

- Announcing special guest Gospel singer Kelly Gilbert!
- Bring a finger-food dish to share...unless you're 80+ years old, in which case your company is the only treat requested.
- RSVP on Sundays after services in the Church courtyard, or call **Debbie Hammond at 925-785-4653.**



November Communion Offering

Hope City is a volunteer rebuild camp partnering with **Santa Rosa First United Methodist Church**, as well as many other faith communities in the Lake County area. Our November Communion offering will focus on the fire recovery in Lake County and coincide with our upcoming mission trip **November 11 through 17**. All of the offering supports Hope City.

Hope City is a ministry of Hope Crisis Network. The network organizes volunteers from religious and secular groups alike, including colleges and universities, civic groups and companies into teams for rebuilding projects. They have been active in the region impacted by the Lake County fires, providing building materials, onsite management and tools for the past few years. They are able to provide comfortable housing and meals to their volunteers.

According to the [Hope City website](#), Lake County has been impacted by fire more than any other county in California, in terms of number of fires and acres burned. The group serves families whose homes were destroyed in the Rocky, Valley, Clayton, Sulfur, Pawnee and Mendicino Complex fires. According to www.CA.gov, the final number of acres consumed by the Mendicino Complex (Ranch) Fire alone was 410,203.



Images above from CALTRANS and published on a Wikimedia.org page about these fire. Above, aerial shot of the smoke. Below, a Middletown, CA, welcome sign burns.

Welcome to Hope City

Wildland Fires

Lake County, CA

On behalf of Hope City, we would like to thank you for choosing to serve alongside us in Lake County, CA. We know that you have many options to choose from with disasters occurring more frequently and appreciate the time and energy your group is giving this community in need. Hope City is a volunteer rebuild camp partnering with Middletown Bible Church, The Bridge, Community Baptist Church, Santa Rosa Bible Church, Santa Rosa First United Methodist Church and the Hope Crisis Response Network as well as a building partner with Team Lake County.

The disaster you are responding to is known as the Valley Fire which began on September 12th, and was extinguished on October 6th, 2015. The incident DR-4240 started as a small fire of about 400 acres and grew to devastate over 10,000 acres within 12 hours. By the time the fire was extinguished it had injured four while taking the lives of four others and burned 76,000 acres destroying 2000 structures, 1300 of which were homes.

After such devastation, the community was left in a state of great loss and grieving. With the poverty rate resting at 25%, and a high unemployment rate, we are seeing close to 45% of the population as either not insured or under-insured. Needless to say, Hope City is grateful for your willingness to help achieve the goal to rebuild homes in a community where the need is great.

During your trip, Hope City will be working to ensure the team's success during the week and also making sure there is an appropriate amount of meaningful work and opportunity. We will also be praying that God works through the hearts of each individual involved and works through you to strengthen relationships with each other and families you will work alongside.

Tim Saunders, Volunteer Coordinator

(Editor's Note: This message is published in its entirety as received by Paul Kuelz.)

What Does It Take to Become a Stephen Minister?

And What Do You Receive in Return?

Okay, admit it. Stephen Ministry has crossed your mind a few times. You might even have picked up a brochure or talked with a pastor about it. But now you want to take a closer look at the idea of becoming a Stephen Minister. Maybe you're wondering: Is this right for me? Here are some guidelines that might help you in your decision making.

Gifts

A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of mercy, who shows compassion and gives encouragement to those he or she cares for. Many Stephen Ministers say that they receive much more from the caring relationship with their care receiver than they give.

Commitment

A Stephen Minister devotes time, energy, and resources to this ministry. In return, a Stephen Minister has the opportunity

to participate in a meaningful ministry, make a major difference in another person's life, and grow as a joyous child of God.

Training

A Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of training before ever meeting with a care receiver. He or she learns about listening, assertiveness, confidentiality, and many other aspects of caregiving. After completing the initial training, he or she engages in continuing education. Stephen Ministers find that their relationships become richer and deeper at home, church and work, and with friends.

Dedicated Service

A Stephen Minister serves whole-heartedly. This isn't a casual ministry. It involves prayer, thought, consideration, study, and commitment. In return, the Stephen Minister receives grateful thanks from his or her care receiver, our Stephen Leaders, the congregation, and our Lord.

Accountability

A Stephen Minister is accountable to God, the congregation, the Stephen Leaders, the other Stephen Ministers, and the care receiver. In return, he or she receives support, encouragement, and guidance in Small Group Peer Supervision.

Continuous Learning

A Stephen Minister is open to adjusting and adapting his or her caregiving to fit the needs of the care receiver. He or she learns more about caregiving at each meeting with a care receiver and at each supervision session. Stephen Ministry is an experience of continuous learning, growth, and joy.

Stephen Ministry at SRVUMC

SRVUMC will be conducting a training class for new Stephen Ministers starting **January 6, 2019**. The Holy Spirit may be calling you to the joy, commitment, growth, meaning, training, service, and care of being a Stephen Minister. Pray for God's guidance as you consider this opportunity.

Want to Learn More?

If you feel called to this ministry, or simply have questions about how it works, feel free to contact **Pastor Kim** at kris-edorph@srvumc.org or **Stephen Leader, Al Banisch**, at albanisch@comcast.net. Or feel free to pick up a Stephen Ministry Application in the church office. So that we best prepare for January training, please return it to the office, addressed to Kim, by **November 10**.



Enough

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity



Stewardship Season offers us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the relationships between our faith, our values, and our relationship with money. Our Stewardship theme this year is ***Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity***. In a culture where having “enough” seems to have become a never-ending pursuit, the stories and teaching of the Bible remain incredibly relevant. In worship we explore what it means to cultivate contentment and be defined by generosity.

Upcoming Missions

WORLD

January 19 through January 26—Wheelchair Distribution in Guatemala. Teamed with Asbury UMC and Lynnwood UMC, we will be going to Guatemala to help distribute 100 wheelchairs in Antigua and Guatemala City. In addition to the wheelchairs, we will work a couple of days at a hospital in Antigua. **Contact Paul Kuelz at paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net or 925-831-3128 or Steve Elliott at sae612@msn.com or 925-362-8697.**



February 15 through February 23—Assisting With Recovery in Puerto Rico. Hurricane Maria destroyed the island in 2017, and it will be a long and challenging recovery. We would like to continue helping! Last year we worked in small villages along the coast. Our team will stay at a retreat camp or local church, depending on our assignment this time. The estimated cost of the trip (airfare, housing, meals) and a registration packet is available. **Contact Paul Kuelz at paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net or 925-831-3128 or Steve Elliott at sae612@msn.com or 925-362-8697.**



Volunteers assisting with last year's rebuilding efforts in Puerto Rico, where recovery is ongoing.

Did You Know?

Habitat for Humanity isn't all heavy lifting and carpentry skills. Check out **Habitat for Humanity East Bay** for ways to pitch in that range from data entry to working at one of the organization's ReStores.



Mission Memory...



Habitat for Humanity Playhouse build, 2017.

2018

Mission Communion Giving

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
July	Monument Crisis Center STAND Against Violence	\$1,279 \$1,279

Month	Entity	Amt
August	Guatemala Wheelchair Program	\$1,771
September	Rise Against Hunger	\$1,742

Totals		\$20,113
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Meal Packing Event

Canceled

The **Rise Against Hunger** meal-packing event originally scheduled for **November 4** has been **canceled** until services have returned to the Sanctuary.

Watch for more information about when this event will be rescheduled in the coming months.

Harmony.

Find it at San Ramon Valley UMC
Sun 9 & 10:30 a.m.



We're dedicating our new, world-class organ
November 18, so the music will be awesome, too.

2018-2019 Trinity Center Evening Program

December 3 to March 29

Thank you for helping us keep our participants safe, dry, and warm this winter. Our Evening Program provides members with a hot meal at Trinity Center and overnight shelter at the Armory. We need a lot of assistance to make this program a success.

Meals need to be prepared (hot dinners as well as sack breakfasts and lunches ****food safety guidelines will be provided****), volunteer drivers are needed, and volunteers are needed at the Armory evenings and overnight.

We depend on church, youth, business, and civic groups as well as individuals to help our homeless community stay safe, dry and warm during the winter months. Be sure to spread the word for us: invite others to help!

Dinners Served at Trinity Center - 1271 S California Blvd, Walnut Creek/Overnight Program-1800 Carmel Drive, Walnut Creek.



SAN RAMON VALLEY CHORALE

December 2 and December 8

4 p.m.

San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church

Many of you have enjoyed past concerts by the SRV Chorale, conceived in 2016, directed by Bruce Koliha and accompanied by Nadia Blank-Koliha. The Chorale is comprised of a blend of talented alumni from local high schools, as well as accomplished singers from religious and community organizations. Our varied repertoire is classical, eclectic, and challenging.

Our **Fall Concert, "From Darkness to Light"** gives hope to our troubled world with music by Eric Whitacre, J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms and more! **Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and are available at www.svchorale.com or the door.** Don't miss this treat for eyes and ears!

Contact **Shannon Dever** for more information: **925-743-3068** or shannondever62@gmail.com.

2019 SRVUMC Women's Retreat

February 1 to 3, 2019

Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz



"We spend our lives working hard, searching and stirring for enough—for something that will make us feel full, whole and joyful. But, what if everything we need is already here, right in front of us?"

"More Than Enough" led by Pastor Kathi McShane.

Registration: Sunday, November 4 and 11 in Wesley Center. See Church website for details/registration form or pick up hardcopy in Narthex.

Note: Bring your adult daughter or other young woman (many of us are) for a special surprise!



Between the Bookends



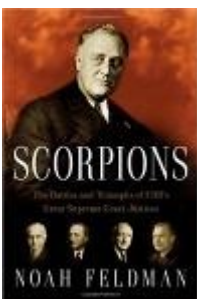
By Paula Boswell

November brings with it a few holidays: Veteran's Day and, of course, Thanksgiving Day. Unless you have a lot of family over, these may be good times to curl up with a great book.

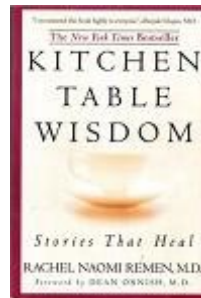
We have four excellent new books to check out:



Hore, Rachel, *A Week in Paris*. When Fay, a British teenager, goes on a cultural field trip to Paris with her high school class, she gets the strange feeling she has been there before. Her mother refuses to tell her anything about her past life. When Fay has a chance to visit Paris again for a week as a young woman she begins to unlock some secrets her mother refused to talk about. She finds several people who knew her when she was three and four years old, living in Paris during World War II's Nazi occupation. Slowly Fay begins to unravel the mysteries about her early life. A great book for readers who love historical fiction. Thank you, Annemarie Warwick.



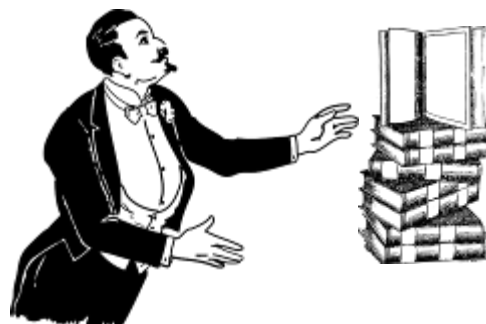
Feldman, Noah, *Scorpions: The Battles and Triumphs of FDR's Great Supreme Court Justices*. Supreme Court Justices Felix Frankfurter, Hugo Black, Robert Jackson and William Douglas came to the court between 1937 and 1941. All were committed to FDR's New Deal principles. The author makes us privy to their rivalries and disagreements. He then shows us how their theories of constitutional law evolved during their time on the court as he analyzes a number of creative decisions rendered between the late 1930s and the mid 1950s including *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954). While focusing on these four indisputably important judges, Feldman offers a highly readable account of the Supreme Court's role from the Depression through the early Cold War years. A timely read! Thank you, Caroline Walsh. While on the subject of Supreme Court Justices, you may also enjoy Sonia Sotomayor's old favorite: *My Beloved World*.



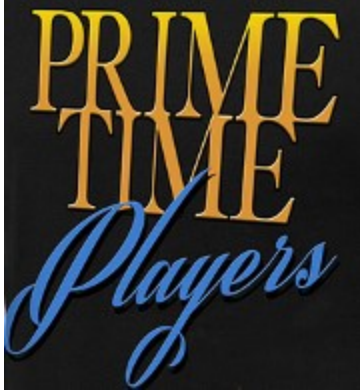
Remen, Rachel Naomi, *Kitchen Table Wisdom: Stories That Heal*. This wonderful book has been around for over twelve years but it's just as timeless now as ever. It consists of uplifting and inspiring stories, each just a few pages long. They are all gems, especially for those who are on a steep journey of life. Beautifully written.



Granger, Jean, *What Once Was True*. An Irish WWII story. One house in Ireland, upper class versus a servant family, and a war that changes everything that "once was true." Class lines melt and disappear when people realize they are fighting the same battle. Thrown in is some mystery and romance. It will give you hours of reading pleasure.



"A book is proof that humans can work magic."—Carl Sagan



Wow! Fall is in the air, cool crisp weather, and it's beginning to feel like the Holidays! We will only have one event in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Tuesday, November 6—Prime Time Potluck and Presentation

Our speaker is one who has walked the Pacific Coast Trail! Come hear about his experience. Please bring a dish to share or stop at the deli or bakery. It's always interesting and fun, and there is always plenty of food. Join us!

Looking toward December:

Wednesday December 12—An outing to Walnut Creek to see the historic film *White Christmas* on the big screen at 4 p.m. Meet at the church or meet us there. Just for fun!

Tuesday, December 18—Traditional Prime-Time Christmas Luncheon. Chef John Sanders will make his amazing all from scratch turkey lunch. Sooooo good. Absolutely the best \$5 Christmas lunch in the valley!



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





Calendar

November 10—Kids Give Back, Fairfield Food Bank, 11 a.m. You can still email Laura Roy at lroy@srvumc.org to sign up!



December 2, 2018 —Advent Festival, 10:45 a.m., Wesley Hall, Crafts, Soup, Fun

December 24, 2018 —Family Service, Christmas Pageant, 4 p.m., Sanctuary

January 27—Kids Give Back Trinity Winter Homeless Gift Boxes, NEW DATE! Noon to 2 p.m. in Wesley. Email Laura Roy at lroy@srvumc.org to sign up!

MOM, POP & Tots

In Tot Spot, Third Tuesday of the Month, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

- *Coffee, Tea, Snacks*
- *Kids time to play*
- *Monthly discussion topics*

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.

Children's Ministry Sunday Topics:

WEEK 1

Exodus 25:8-9; 28:1, 3; 31:1-11; 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43, Building the Tabernacle

SAY THIS: God wants us to work together.

WEEK 2

Exodus 17:8-13, Joshua Wins the Battle Over Amalekites

SAY THIS: Work together to help someone succeed.

WEEK 3

Luke 5:17-26, Jesus Heals the Paralytic/Four Friends

SAY THIS: Work together to help someone in need.

WEEK 4

1 Corinthians 12:12-27, One Body but Many Parts

SAY THIS: Work together to point others to Jesus.

Parent Connection

Dinner and Monthly Discussion

Second Sunday of the Month, 4 to 6 p.m.

Fireside Hall, Childcare in Tot Spot

Email **Laura Roy** to sign-up for childcare at lroy@srvumc.org.

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.

Contact Us!

Laura Roy

Children's and Family Ministries (Children through Grade 5)

lroy@srvumc.org

(925)837-5243 ext 106

Jamere Crawford

Youth Director

jcrawford@srvumc.org

(925)837-5243 ext.109

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

Teri 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.

Among Ourselves

Health Concerns...

Catherine Godbey
Cameron Jacobi
Johnny Johnston

Continued Prayers For...

All those who continue to live with long-term illness, unemployment, life decisions, and sickness in their families: Lea Patteson; Lillian Scherer; Ann Schroeder; Joan Webb; Jeannine Woolery

Our Christian Sympathy To...

The family of **Iris and Hall Downey**, on the loss of their son, **Mike Downey**. A memorial service was held **Friday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.**

Name Tags

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

November Celebrations

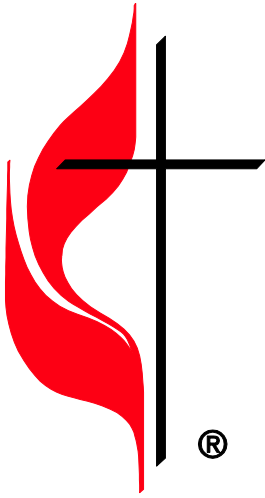


Birthdays

1 Jacque Foster	9 Steve Marsh	Jack Nelson	
Rob Rudow	Charlene Tallett (94)	Barbara Valdriz	24 Pat Patteson (97)
Brad Tolstedt	Lara Mays	Al Ziarnik	26 Monica Albertoni
Connie Winter	Katie Wong		Ryan Howard
		16 Donna Bain	Jessica Merchant
2 Kate Kocins	10 Natty Oberhauser-Lim	Lael Takiguchi	Fred Schreiber
Julia Morgan	Gay Scott		Annemarie Warwick
Kristin Schleicher	Susie Steele	18 John Coombs	
Marge Wood		Kelly Finney	27 Margo Cefalo
3 Joey Gallo	11 Mary Nelson	John Green	Todd Christian
Jo Ann Hirsch		Bob Knowles	Steve Koepp
Myla Niederauer	12 Julie Dastic	Thelma Orr	
LaVena White	Melissa Lotz	Charlotte Speck	29 Brad Hawthorne
			Paul Kuelz
4 Corinne Cooper	13 Sandy Greenwood	19 Gerard Takiguchi	Hal Lyons
Nicole Cooper	Mark Jewett		
	Dick Lam	21 Steve Hawk	30 Jefferson Armanini
5 Gemma Heddle Sepull			John Evans
	14 Felicia Hillard	22 Mary Nygreen (96)	Daniel Glover
6 Susan Millinich	Suzan Rowland		Stephanie Glover
David Ongman	Steve Wilkens	23 George Clarke	Linda Farhang
		Adam Kennedy	George Nelson
7 Susan Thomas	15 Tim Hickman	Kiyana Mostaghim	Elke Torgersen
	Karina Marsh	John Sayers	

Wedding Anniversaries

1 Val & Duncan Miller	13 Saba & Shadaab Kanwal	Priscilla & Ted Wolfram
LaVena & Ron White	Tamra & Kevin Keen	30 Ann & Jeff Schroeder
2 Susan & Patrick Dowling	16 Laurie & Joe Rousseu	
6 Le Anne & Bart Jacobi	17 Shannon & Bill Dever	
(58th)	Jennifer & David Shin	
8 Deirdree Walsh-Krumrei & Gary Krumrei	18 Teri & Scott Armanini	
10 Sharon & Don Brockman	21 Dory & Tom Schramm	
11 Catharine & Dan Baker	27 Lynne & Larry Henderson	
	(53rd)	



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Worship Schedule

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

Non-Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m. through Nov. 18, after which it begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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

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