



# Valley Messenger

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## *Pastor's Pulse ~*

## **Living With Hope**

Several years ago, I was a part of a nonprofit called Partners for Change. We offered a two-year program to individuals and families motivated to find financial stability and permanent housing. The key ingredients included a twelve-week class that covered financial and personal issues, a weekly meal together that helped us become a community, and a strong mentoring program that lasted eighteen months.

Once I asked graduates what they valued most about the program. The common theme in their answers was: **hope**. One woman said, "I feel safe enough to feel hope." I wasn't expecting that answer; I thought they'd say the mentors, or curriculum or the community was what they valued most. The emphasis on hope was a game changer for me. Because community members experienced hope, they changed how they went about their daily lives and decisions. Since then, I've been more aware of the power of hope. What a difference it can make to live with hope, rather than hopelessness.

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The most powerful way to live our faith is to live with hope.

Hope is distinct from thinking good thoughts or optimism. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks put it this way: "**Optimism is the belief that things will get better. Hope is the belief that, together, we can make things better. Optimism is a passive virtue, hope an active one. It takes no courage to be an optimist, but it takes a great deal of courage to have hope.**"†

Our sermon series in September is called "Living with Hope." We'll be exploring what hope looks like and how to cultivate the courage that feeds hope. Hope is an active belief that we can make things better, and hope is cultivated when we look around and notice the kindness, goodness, and generosity of others. Let's notice, and then write a note of thanks. As part of practicing hope, I'm inviting us all to be on the lookout for ways to notice and appreciate the goodness of others. And then, write at least one thank-you note a week in the month of September. Texts, emails, handwritten notes—all count. Your kids can join in and draw a picture to send to someone. Let me

† *The Dignity of Difference*, p. 206, [www.rabbisacks.org/quotes/](http://www.rabbisacks.org/quotes/)

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know what that experience is like for you and your family.

When we have the courage to live with hope, when we have eyes to see the good that is happening, we are connecting to the Power that comes from God's Presence, right here with us. May it be so for us!

***Pastor Kim***

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## ***Get Intentional!***

## **Discover, Promote or Start a Small Group...**

## **...or take a Class**

## **SRVUMC Courtyard Sunday, September 8, 2019**

You think people coming together once a week to sing hymns and listen to a preacher preach made Christianity the world's largest religion? You think it's been around 2000 years on the strength of Sunday School, committee meetings and the occasional potluck? Think again.

Christianity's strength lies in this: it is an engine of human transformation. It bestows new life.

It invites people to learn and challenges them to grow. It encourages faithfulness. Transformation happens when people come together in Jesus' name in small groups and classes. This is where the life of the church comes alive.

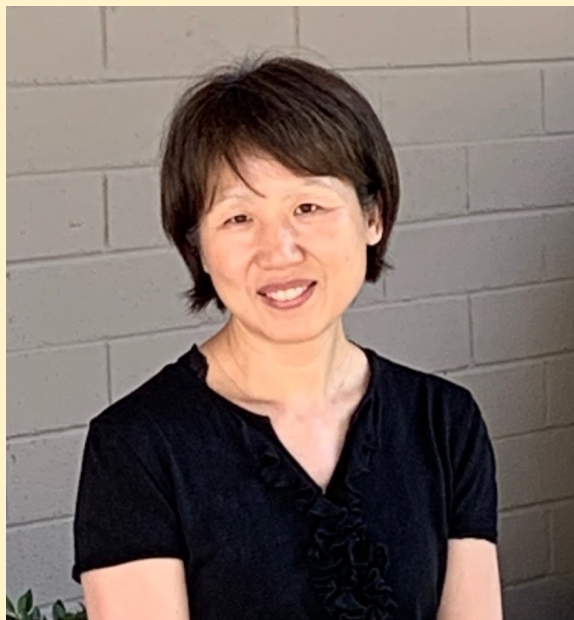
We have book studies, Bible studies, and we study how God is active in our everyday lives. We have grief groups, support groups, men's groups, women's groups, parents' groups, prayer and meditation groups, yoga and ukulele groups, Taizé groups, morning groups, evening groups, hiking and eating groups; we study what faithful practices do to the brain, and how to take the weekly sermons into the world. In such groups God's Spirit has a chance to come alive as we grow closer to one another, to God, and to our world.

Please come to church on September 8 and look around at what we offer, in the courtyard. If you come to the first service, then stay after. If you prefer the second service, then come early. And if you don't find something that interests you, then talk to **Pastor Dan**. Maybe we'll start something new.

## **What's Happening This Week?**

Here is an *incomplete* list of meetings and events appearing in our [online calendar](#):

- Taking the Sermon Into the World (Sun, 10:30 a.m., Rm. 202)
- Gospel According to Uke (Mon, 6 p.m.)
- Yoga (Mon and Fri, 9:15 a.m.)
- Middle School Youth Group (Wed 6 p.m.)
- Afternoon Book Group (Mon, 1 p.m., 202)
- Men's Faith Sharing (Sat, 8 a.m.)



## Welcome Julia Wang New Part-time Accountant

Julia joins the SRVUMC staff for twenty hours per week.  
Stop in and say hello!

## Be an Acolyte!

### Inviting All 2nd to 6th Grade Children!

The word "acolyte" is from an ancient Greek word that means "attendant", or "follower." Light and fire remind us that God is here with us. When you bring the light (fire) into the Sanctuary where people are gathering to worship, and when you light the candles, you are reminding the people that God is with us at home, at school, and at work as well as in the worship service. When you light the torch again, before extinguishing the candles, and then walk out with your torch lit, you remind the people what when we scatter out into the world, God will be there with us. Lit candles also remind us that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

Acolytes are scheduled to serve on a rotating basis for the 9 a.m. Sunday service.

Contact Laura Roy at  
[lroy@srvumc.org](mailto:lroy@srvumc.org).



## Taking the Sermon Into the World Discussion

**Sundays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Wesley Center, Room 202**

We explore how we each will bring the day's worship themes and Scripture into our own lives and into the world we live in. Discussions are facilitated by members taking turns. Come join us in our efforts to help God's Kingdom to come on Earth as it is in Heaven! Guided by **Laura Sanchez**.





# Body, Mind, and Spirit...

## Sister Helen Prejean Book Event

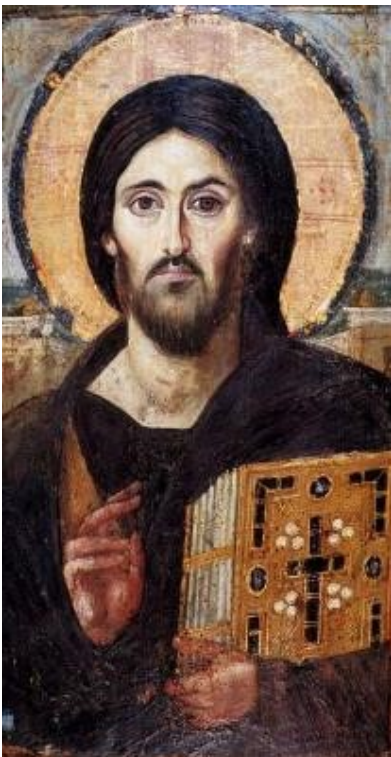
September 6, 7 to 9 p.m.

### Danville Congregational Church

Danville Congregational Church is cosponsoring with Rakestraw Books to bring Sister Helen Prejean, author of the acclaimed *Dead Man Walking*, as well as her powerful new memoir, *River of Fire*, to Danville!

This event will look at Sister Prejean's revelatory, intimate memoir, *River of Fire*. There will also be some discussion of her efforts to abolish the death penalty. In *River of Fire*, Sister Helen shares the story of her growth as a spiritual leader, speaks out about the challenges of the Catholic Church, and shows that joy and religion are not mutually exclusive. *River of Fire* is a book for anyone interested in journeys of faith and spirituality, doubt and belief, and "catching on fire" to purpose and passion. It is a book, written in accessible, luminous prose, about how to live a spiritual life that is wide awake to the sufferings and creative opportunities of our world. We hope you'll consider joining us! Please share widely with your communities and networks.

Buy tickets at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search terms "Helen Prejean Danville" if you are reading a print newsletter). Your \$40 ticket includes a signed copy of *River of Fire*. A significant portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit the Contra Costa Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).



## How Jesus Became God

Adult Class, 24-part Video Series

10:30 a.m., Begins Sunday, September 15

*Fireside Room*

Announcing a new adult class coming in the fall: "How Jesus Became God" is the subject of a 24-part video series presented by [Bart Ehrman](#), professor of religious history at University of North Carolina. The class will be led by **David Coombs**.

In the first century, Jesus was believed to be the Messiah or Anointed One (the Christ, according to Paul). Only the Gospel of John referred to Jesus as the Word incarnate or fully human and fully divine. This understanding of Jesus changed in the Fourth Century. Ehrman will lead us from the culture and religions of the First Century to the Council of Nicaea in the Fourth.

*If you are not on David's email list and would like a PDF of the chapter titles and a synopsis of the first lecture, please contact David Coombs at [dfcas-soc@comcast.net](mailto:dfcas-soc@comcast.net).*

*Images Oldest known icon of Jesus Christ, 6th Century, in St. Catherine's Monastery, Egypt. Published by Hard-scarf under Creative Commons license.*

## SRVUMC

# Estate Planning & Charitable Giving Seminar

The Endowment Committee is planning a “**Lunch and Learn Program**” focused on the subjects of Estate Planning and Charitable Giving, potentially scheduled for Q4-2019 or Q1-2020 time frame.

### The Proposed Agenda:

- Welcome, Opening Prayer and Lunch
- The Importance of Legacy Planning
- Are Your Estate Plans Ready?
- Charitable Techniques/Tax-advantaged Gifting
- Questions & Answers

### Key Questions for Potential Participants:

We need your help to finalize the seminar content and timing. The Endowment Committee would like to know:

- Would you attend the proposed program, if made available at a convenient time?
- Reviewing the proposed agenda, are there other related estate planning/charitable giving subjects you would like to see covered?

*Please respond directly by September 30 by calling Bob Dominici at 925-788-6121 or emailing [rjdomo@aol.com](mailto:rjdomo@aol.com).*

## Nurturing the Seeds of Compassion

### Monthly Afternoon Interfaith Retreat on Compassion

By the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa and SRVUMC  
Sunday, September 8, 2 to 8 p.m.  
San Damiano Retreat Center



Spend an afternoon in learning, sharing, good conversation, and being “opened” by experiencing spiritual practices on compassion from a different faith tradition each month, this month **Paganisms with Elder Dr. Felicity Grove**. This double session, including dinner, focuses on **mindful of how little we know, how should we speak to one another?** An extraordinary experience!

Karen Armstrong's book, *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* is our guide.

Contact **Bill Rust**, [wrusjrarb@aol.com](mailto:wrusjrarb@aol.com) to register or for a program brochure. The \$40-60 fee includes dinner.

## Psst...New Adult Sunday Class To Start September 8

Watch for information from Bill Rust about an adult class here at SRVUMC exploring Karen Armstrong's book, *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*. Bill will lead the class over twelve weeks at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The class will engage Armstrong's faith-based principles of compassionate living more directly than the retreats have done and will stress their application to us in our daily practical living.

# September Communion Offering

## ALS CURE Project

ALS is a horrendous disease attacking the neuromuscular system of the body, slowly and systematically rendering the person paralyzed and unable to breathe.

Locally, ALS CURE Project is a not-for-profit organization which Mike Piscotty started after the passing of his wife, Gretchen, in May of 2018 from ALS. ALS CURE's mission is to research towards a laser-focused goal of coming up with a cure for ALS. With the support from The Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Mike is able to operate this effort without any ALS CURE employees. Mike works for ALS CURE gratis and expects to continue in that manner such that all funding raised will go directly towards ALS CURE's one goal of curing ALS from humanity. As awful as this disease is and with the extraordinary medical advances giving us unprecedented views into the human body, a new drug for ALS hasn't made it to market since 1995, leaving those with ALS and their families with little hope.



ALS CURE has two objectives:

1. Leveraging the profit motive and research funding portfolios of biotech and pharma companies, we are creating a business model which will award a large cash grand prize to the company producing the cure for ALS. The grand prize will be funded through philanthropy. The prize will be awarded when the ALS cure is confirmed and the philanthropist accepts an anticipated Nobel Prize.
2. To accelerate the timeframe associated with producing the ALS cure, the ALS CURE project will raise funding and conduct project scope-oriented research targeted at establishing ALS biomarkers which will be made public to aid the biotech and pharma companies in producing the ALS cure.

If you would like to read more information on ALS CURE Project, please go to their website at <https://alscure.net/>.

### Some Facts About ALS

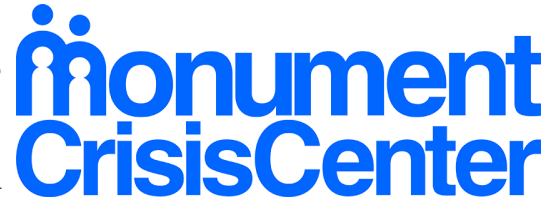
*Per the ALS Association website, [www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org) (not affiliated with the ALS Project)*

- ALS stands for "atrophic lateral sclerosis."
- About 90% of ALS cases occur without family history. It is not contagious.
- An estimated 5000 people per year are diagnosed with ALS in the US. It is thought that 16,000 people have the disease at any given time.
- The estimated cost to develop a drug is between \$2 billion and \$3 billion.

# Upcoming Mission Opportunities

## Volunteer at Monument Crisis Center's Senior Moments Breakfast—

**Friday, September 20, from 8 a.m. to Noon.** Fall is in the air and it's time to help the seniors at the Monument Crisis Center celebrate the season by volunteering at their semi-monthly Senior Moments breakfast. The Senior Moments breakfast is a time when the seniors who are clients (low-income) at the Monument Crisis Center can come for a free breakfast, health talk and screenings, and socializing with bingo and other activities. The mission counsel would like to have twelve (12) volunteers to help at the Senior Moments breakfast as a mission to help our community. We will help the staff at the center decorate, sign in clients, serve the breakfast and socialize (e.g., playing bingo, and clean up). *Monument Crisis Center is located at 1990 Market St., Concord, CA 94520.*



## Volunteer at the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano—Saturday, September

**28, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Started in 1975, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano stores and distributes donated and purchased perishable and nonperishable food items. They distribute food directly to low-income people at community sites and make food available for other nonprofit organizations serving ill or needy people and children. For more information on the food bank, please visit their website at [www.foodbankccs.org](http://www.foodbankccs.org)



Food donation bins are also located in the church narthex and in the entrance to Wesley Center.

If you are interested in volunteering for any or all of the dates, please contact **Lee Rust** at [chijocol@aol.com](mailto:chijocol@aol.com).

## Save the Date!



**Sunday, October 13**

**Sign in 1 p.m.**

**Walnut Creek Civic Park Gazebo**

Show up for sign-in at 1 p.m., and then walk starting at 1:30 p.m. with people of all ages, including kids in strollers. Pets welcome! The walk is on the paved sidewalks of downtown Walnut Creek and wheelchair friendly. You choose to do either 3km or 4.2km.

Twenty-five percent of proceeds benefits Winter Nights Family Shelter in Contra Costa. The remaining funds supports hunger relief locally and around the world.

For more information, visit <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/walnutcreekca> or contact **Anne Crisp** at [annecrisp@yahoo.com](mailto:annecrisp@yahoo.com).

## Altar Flower Arranging Team

Decorate once every six weeks, and you will be reimbursed for floral supplies. Please contact the church office if you're interested in learning more: (925)837-5243.



## Join the Bulletin Board Team!

Do you enjoy being creative? The Bulletin Board Team needs you! You will be able to design a board for the Wesley Center or the front hallway. Inspiration may come from the Pastor's Scriptures, Pinterest, or your own artistic talents! This is an every-other month or quarterly project depending on the season or sermons. The job may be shared with other team members.

*Please contact Trudy at [taboyer8@gmail.com](mailto:taboyer8@gmail.com).*



# Mission Memories...

## Wildfire Recovery in Mendocino County

The last few years have been the worst in California history for wildfires—acres burned, homes lost, and cost. Among the recent large fires, two devastated Mendocino County in Northern California. The focus of our July 2019 mission trip was to assist with rebuilding from the 2017 and 2018 fires in the Redwood Valley and Potter Valley communities near Ukiah.

Our team of eight was blessed to help two families, Bill's and Sharon's. Bill is a retired Navy veteran. Sharon is a special needs teacher, and her husband, Randy, is the custodian at a local school. Bill and his wife have been living in a FEMA trailer since his house burned down. Sharon and her family (five kids) moved in with one of her daughters.

What we found most amazing is how upbeat and resilient these survivors are. The human spirit is an amazing thing. They lost everything, but their faith carries and comforts them. We are grateful for the opportunity to meet and work for these wonderful people.

This trip was hosted by UMCOR and Hope City, the faith-based nonprofit we worked with in Lake County. We are so impressed by the organization and dedication Hope City brings to their purpose. The Mendocino recovery is scheduled to take two years with local coordination funded by an UMCOR grant and construction delivered by Hope City and volunteers.

The goal of our week included finishing the final few tasks so that Bill could move into his home. It was special to be there the day he and his wife started moving in. Our main project was to finish two decks and build a ramp for Sharon's new home. Despite some very hot days, the team successfully completed our goal.

Our mission workdays were characterized by just the right blend of hard work, Christian comradery, great meals and getting to know a new place and people. As is our tradition, we presented both Bill and Sharon a homemade quilt from the Quilting Group at Asbury United Methodist Church. It is always a touching moment for us and our clients—a moment of reflecting on challenges overcome and anticipation of better things to come.

In Mission Together,

*Steve Elliott, Roger Everett, Coleman Johnson, Ron Logan, Steve Wilson, Steve Collup, Jill and Kendall Hornbeck*





# Mission Memories...

This year's **Monument Crisis Center's Annual Backpack Day** was a huge success! Thank you to all of you who donated backpacks and also to those who donated monetarily through the July Communion offering. Thanks to the congregation at SRVUMC and other donors, community sponsors, and supporters, over 1000 kids in our community are now ready to start school!

Thank you again,

**Paul Kuelz**



*Top: Hundreds of backpacks lined up, packed full of school supplies and ready for kids to choose! At Monument Crisis Center's (MCC) Backpack Day, volunteers escort kids through the backpack area while their adults wait outside. This arrangement lets the kids have total say in which backpack they want. Bottom: People line up outside MCC well before the event starts, and excitement is high!*



## Prime Time Activities for September

**Always remember! First and third Tuesday of the month.** First Tuesday is Potluck and Presentation: bring a dish and learn something new! Third Tuesday is Lunch with Friends, a really good meal just for fun and fellowship, the best \$5-10 lunch in the Valley!

### Tuesday, September 3—Potluck and Presentation, Noon, Wesley Center

Our very own Zan Alexander (Quentin and Nancy Alexander's daughter) will share with us her experience as a Defense Department Procurement Director during the Bush years and two wars. How she handled senators and congressmen asking for monies, allocations and equipment which were outside the "rules" and how she managed this tough situation. So interesting!

**Wednesday, September 11—Outing for any church people: Jelly Belly factory in Vacaville!** We have a scheduled, docent-led tour of the Jelly Belly factory in Vacaville! I've always wanted to do this! Samples too! We'll meet in the church parking lot at 9:30, or meet together at 11 a.m. in Vacaville if you drive on your own. Please contact either **Jerry Ricker** at [jerryricker@astound.net](mailto:jerryricker@astound.net) or 925-382-2862, or **Nancy Benvenuto** at [nancy@NancyBenvenuto.com](mailto:nancy@NancyBenvenuto.com) or 925-784-1955. *So fun!*

### Tuesday, September 17—Lunch with Friends, Noon, Wesley Center

Woohoo! Chef John Sanders is back! John will make his sausage ragu, which is soooooo good and different from most Italian fair. Caesar salad with homemade croutons, garlic bread and hot fudge sundaes for desert. Best \$5-10 meal in the Valley! Bring a friend!

Join us just for the fun and fellowship!



## Watch Our Celebrations Page...

...and help us know if we've missed some birthday or anniversary information from you, your family or friends who are members here. Also, if the Celebrations page is including

the names of people who no longer attend, then you might email [newsletter@srvumc.org](mailto:newsletter@srvumc.org) to provide the correction. Thanks!

## Afternoon Book Group

**Monday, September 16, 1 p.m.**

**Rm. 202 Wesley Center**

***The Night Tiger* by Yangsze Choo**

(Nancy G. leading)







# Between the Bookends



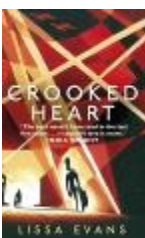
By The Library Committee

The following two books were also given in memory of Paula Boswell.



**Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee, *Oleander Girl*.**

In this novel which begins in India, Korobi (Bengali for Oleander) travels to the US shortly after 9/11 on a personal search. This has been called an “Indian Jane Austen novel” and was Danville-San Ramon’s 2016 City Read’s choice.



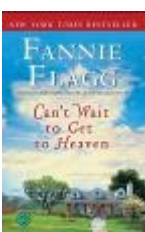
**Evans, Lissa, *Crooked Heart*.** The Blitz is on in London, and children are being evacuated to safer places. It means that ten-year-old Noel is shipped to St. Albans, where he has the misfortune of ending up in the care of Vera Sedge. Vera is no prize—she’s usually on the wrong side of the law as she tries to eke out a miserable

living, and she’s a nervous wreck as a result. But Noel has issues as well. He’s mourning the loss of his free-spirited god-mother, he has a huge vocabulary peppered with Latin phrases, and when he sees what Vera is up to, he’s on board. This odd couple will win your heart, and you’ll never get a clearer picture of London during WWII.



**Lanier, Laura Lewis, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*.** This slim volume with its glowing watercolor illustrations, Scripture excerpts, beloved hymns, and inspirational narrative is a source of great beauty. It provides reassurance that in all seasons we are supported by the love

and the grace of God.



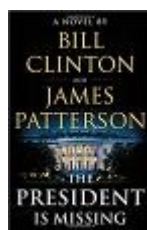
**Flagg, Fannie, *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*.**

Have you ever wondered what heaven is like? Elner certainly felt like she found out. Although she had been told many times not to climb a ladder, she did it in order to pick a few figs. However, she did take a tumble and fell unconscious. After being rushed to the hospital and never regaining consciousness, she was declared dead!



*Please place books that you are returning to the library in one of the two boxes designated for returns. This helps us with the checking-in process.*

Now the next part of her life begins. As you read, you become aware of what a significant effect Elner had in her neighborhood. Therefore, when she is declared dead, her loved ones realize how much she added and gave to them and the community. This is certainly a delightful, thought-provoking read.



**Clinton, Bill and Patterson, James, *The President is Missing*.** This riveting novel is a successful collaboration between a man who understands the pressures of the presidency and one who is a master writer of the mystery/thriller genre. While most of the story is told from the viewpoint of the fictional president of the United States, it does shift occasionally to narration by other characters, such as a female assassin and a wily terrorist. The interaction of a complex group of characters, including world leaders, US government officials, and public servants as well as villains, makes this a fast-moving story about the terrible vulnerability of our overwhelming dependence on computers and the necessity to guard the internet with all resources possible to avoid a far-reaching disaster.

Some suggested children’s books:

- *Leo the Late Bloomer*
- *The Girl Who Loved Horses*
- *The Brand New Kid*
- *Two Bad Ants*



*“It is a great thing to start life with a small number of really good books which are your very own.”*

—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle





## Greetings from United Methodist Preschool!

Have you heard the cheerful voices and seen the energetic movement of preschoolers around the church campus? Our school year began at the end of August, and we were happy to start the year fully enrolled with sixty-six children ages two through five.

Our three-week summer program, ***Animal Adventures***, was fun and learning-filled. Each week the children learned about animals who live in our backyards, hills, and meadows. We borrowed real animals from the Lindsay Wildlife Museum's Natural History collection to give children an up-close and personal look at the animals we were learning about during summer school. Since many of our preschoolers had seen the featured animals in their environment, they were excited to share what they already knew about the animals and eager to learn more.

In addition to our lively summer program, we experienced an abundance of change within our teaching staff. One longtime teacher retired, and another moved on to pursue personal interests. While we were sorry to see our friends leave, this allowed other staff members to be promoted into lead teacher roles, and a new assistant teacher, **Megan Murphy**, joined the preschool in August.

**We will launch a new Monday, Pre-K Enrichment program.** With kindergarten becoming more academic over the last few years, this Monday program will enable Pre-K children to attend preschool five days a week, giving them an extra day to practice new skills.

We feel passionate about providing a holistic learning experience to the children at UMP. Teachers weave traditional learning experience with learning about how to be stewards of the environment through recycling and gardening. Children delight in music time with **Beth McClelland**, and **Laura Roy** nurtures children's spiritual development through chapel time.

The preschool stays in tiptop shape through the ongoing "handyman" help of **Boyd Hasik** and **Brian Roberts**. We extend our deepest thanks and appreciation for their continued assistance. From light-fixture repair to towel-dispenser installation, furniture assembly to package delivery, rug shampooing to bat-cave construction, these guys are our superheroes! Their kindness and generosity are heartwarming.

We wish you a Happy Fall and look forward to seeing you around campus!

Sincerely,

**Paulette Ove**

**UMP Director**

### Psst...Did You Know?

Prime Time Players have organized a tour of the Jelly Belly factory in Vacaville, but any church people can go. The tour takes place on Wednesday, September 11.



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## Calendar



**September 8—BBQ for Families of Children Birth Thru Grade 5. 3 to 5 p.m., Hap Magee Park.** Join us for a relaxing BBQ to kick off the new school year. Hap Magee has everything—a great play and water feature area with lots of room for fun! We have secured some picnic tables. We will supply hot dogs, drinks, chips, salad and shaved ice. *Donations accepted to cover the cost. RSVP to [lroy@srvumc.org](mailto:lroy@srvumc.org).*

**September 13 thru 15—Monte Toyon Youth Retreat.** Contact Rebecca Bernstein at [rbernstein@srvumc.org](mailto:rbernstein@srvumc.org) for more info.

**September 22—Acolyte Celebration and Training. 10:30 a.m., Wesley Hall.** *See more info about becoming an acolyte on Page 3.*

### Save the Date!

**October 26—Trunk or Treat! 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot.** Start planning your trunk! Contact **Laura Roy** at [lroy@srvumc.org](mailto:lroy@srvumc.org) if you want to be part of the fun!

**December 1—Advent Festival. Noon to 1:30 p.m.** Watch for more info!

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## Sunday School Topics

### WEEK ONE

GENESIS 28:10-22 Jacob's Dream  
SAY THIS: You can trust God no matter what.

### WEEK TWO

GENESIS 37, 39:1-2 Joseph Sold by His Brothers  
SAY THIS: When you think you're alone, you can trust God is with you.

### WEEK THREE

GENESIS 40 Joseph in Jail  
SAY THIS: When life doesn't make sense, you can trust God is with you.

### WEEK FOUR

GENESIS 41 Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams  
SAY THIS: When the pressure is on, you can trust God is with you.

### WEEK FIVE

GENESIS 42-45 Joseph Forgives His Brothers  
SAY THIS: You can trust God has a plan.

**T R U S T:** Putting Your Confidence In Someone You Can Depend On.

**REMEMBER THIS:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding.  
PROVERBS 3:5, NIrV

## 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 Tot Spot, either service.*

## Weekly Programming

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

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

## Music

**Children's Choir:** Sundays, starting September 8, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m., TK thru grade 5, meets upstairs in Judson. The choir sings the second Sunday of the month. They also perform for the Christmas concert, Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, and the May Music Concert. Questions? Please contact **Beth McClelland** at [iteachk@pacbell.net](mailto:iteachk@pacbell.net)

**Youth Choir**—Grades 6 to 12, Sundays 3 to 4 p.m. in Judson, 2nd floor.  
**Teri Hawk**

**Bros and Belles Choir**—Grades 6 to 12, Practice Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m.  
**Winnie Stribling and Floy Blair.**  
Rehearsals begin September 22 at 4 p.m.

## Parent Connection

**Second Sunday of the Month, Begins October 13, 4 to 6 p.m., Fireside Room**

Dinner and monthly topic discussion with childcare available in Tot Spot.

**Email Laura Roy** at [lroy@srvumc.org](mailto:lroy@srvumc.org) to sign up for childcare.

# Among Ourselves

## Health Concerns...

Sean Brown	Catherine Godbey
Shana Carroll	Marilyn McCurdy
Tony Cooper	Maria Sturdivant
Bob Dees	

## Continued Prayers For...

All those who live with long-term illness, unemployment, life decisions, and sickness in their families: Barbara Brick, Horace Crawford, Doug Domergue, Felicia Hillard, Cary Johnson, Johnny Johnston, Lea Patteson, Lillian Scherer; Ann Schroeder, Joan Webb, Jeannine Woolery

## Our Christian Sympathy To...

**Kal Peters** and her family on the loss of Kal's mother August 5.

## Name Tags

Please contact **Patsy Kyles** in the church office if you need a new name tag (\$8/ea.)



# September Celebrations

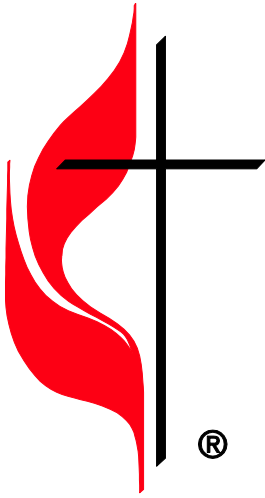


## *Birthdays*

1 Dianne Ehlers	Bethany Metcalf	Bill Andrew	Kristina Toma
Meaghan Krakoff	10 Alan Christian	David Coombs	24 Alonzo Altamirano
Marianne Skeoch	Jeff Stroin	John Harrison	Tim Buckley
2 Louise Farrow	Ray Tombaugh	Maria Kirby	Kerry Davis
Brian Stephenson	Jennifer Townsend	Charlie Rigolfi	Hayden Higgins
3 Ariel Carpenter	11 Lilly Hickman	Mira Samara	Suzanne Korinke
Catherine Ehlers	Jackson Ludlam	19 Lyn Arscott	Jane Lang
Lucille Eichelberger <b>(95)</b>	Marissa Ogden	Kirsten Ericson	John Place
4 Austin Maddux	Terry Stocking	Gregg Mannell	Nick Tsai
Ellie Maddux	Linda Stone	Ted Wolfram	Keith Wesselschmidt
5 Jillian Ericson	12 Brigitte Greene	20 Marci Milligan	25 Peggy Crawford
6 Nicholas Stocking	13 Sandi Cook	Larry Pasquale	Linda Albertoni Engman
Ray Winter	14 Elena Fenoglio	Carsyn Poole	Don Johnson
7 James Smith	Bill Fulcher	Lydia Sidhom	Alex Maddux
Steve Wood	Nathan Morones	Judy Takeda	26 Seth Naples
8 Sarah Fulcher	Mike Nicco	21 Don Brockman	Pat Ryan
Ekua Impraim	15 Cole McKnight	Sam Stephenson	27 Scott Ericson
Corey Merchant	16 Gary Osterhout	Brad Stribling	28 Kailey McKnight
Carrie Metcalf	Jaclyn Vazquez	22 Jan Baldwin	Adrianna Skeoch
Brad Soderlund	17 Connor Choy	Craig Schultz	29 James Kocins
9 Sienna Isbell	Kelly Nakaso	23 Holland Ericson	30 Nell Ryan
Sheryl Kerr	18 Ela Altamirano	Irv Skeoch	

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

1 Carole Lynne & Ed Keller <b>(56)</b>	8 Cara & Blaine Mucklow	Amy & Sam Sidhom
Patricia Ludwig and Mike Prenger	11 Jamie & Rich Braden	23 Annette & Dan Whiting
2 Brenda & Doug Domergue	Joanne & Bill Van Bezey	24 Jeryn & Steven Smario
3 Susie & Jim McKnight <b>(59)</b>	12 Jan & Bill Foulds	Stephanie & Christopher Campbell
4 Laura Brady & Doug Merritt	13 Joan & Dave Webb <b>(61)</b>	26 Karen & Brian Steffy
Nicky & Mark Jewett	15 Elizabeth & Robert De Chene <b>(71)</b>	28 Connie & David Lowe
5 Amanda & Steve Lee	16 Lee & Bill Rust	
6 Rebecca & Tom Byrom	19 Teresa & Jeff Stroin	
Judy & Brad Kobsar	20 Jana & Ali Vojdani	



# SEPTEMBER 2019

## Worship Schedule

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

Living Water Worship, 10:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary

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

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