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# Valley Messenger

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## No Refunds on *The Passion*

Back in 2004, I was running errands and saw a sign outside the local movie theater: NO REFUNDS ON THE PASSION. I read the sign while in the midst of preparing for Good Friday worship. That's so true, I thought! There are no refunds on the Passion.

I went on with my errands, grateful for the movie theater's statement of faith. Then it dawned on me. The sign at the movie theater referred to a movie currently in release, *The Passion*. That movie was a very gory, very bloody depiction of Jesus' crucifixion. Local movie goers were leaving the theater after the movie had started and asking for refunds. Thus, the policy: NO REFUNDS ON THE PASSION.

While the sign was intended to warn theatergoers, I understood it differently. There are no refunds; there is no way to ignore Jesus' passion or suffering.

Many of us don't want to hear about Jesus' suffering. We'd prefer to focus on the joy of Easter. However, there'd be no need for a Resurrection if there had not been a Crucifixion. Over and over again, we need the good news of Resurrection joy because we have experienced suffering.

We have all been forever changed by the COVID pandemic. We have church members who have lost loved ones to COVID. We have church members who are suffering with long COVID.

We are aghast at the suffering in Ukraine.

As people of faith, we name the suffering and experience hope because God is present always. That's the message of Holy Week. We—you—need all of these worship services in order to follow the way of Jesus. See you in worship during Holy Week.

—Grace and Peace, Pastor Kim

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### Next Issue: May 2022

Have something you'd like included in next month's Messenger? Please submit your articles to Lisa Jancarik at [media@srvumc.org](mailto:media@srvumc.org) by **April 15, 2022.**

# Announcements

## Holy Week Worship

Go ahead and add these Holy Week services to your calendar now. Why? According to a February [Gallup poll](#), here's a connection between prioritizing worship and experiencing well-being.

Let's worship together! Our services will be in-person and livestreamed:

**April 10:** Palm Sunday with Easter Egg Hunt for Kids

- Worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m. *(Still at 9 a.m. until May 1! See below)*
- Continental Brunch at 10 a.m.
- Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m. *(RSVP to [lroy@srvumc.org](mailto:lroy@srvumc.org) to participate!)*

**April 14:** Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

**April 15:** Good Friday, 7:30 p.m.

**April 17:** Easter Morning

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in Courtyard (in-person only)
- 9 and 11 a.m. Traditional Worship. Sunday School 9 a.m.

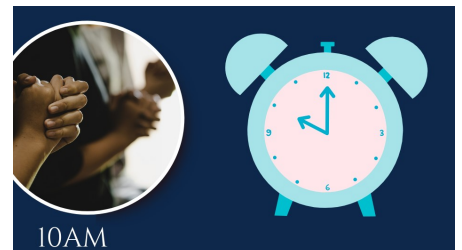


## ***New Time for Worship and Sunday School Starts Next Month!***

**10 a.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2022!**

### ***Livestream and Posted Worship Services To Continue***

You've reached out to us, and we've been listening. Families with children would welcome a later start time on Sunday morning. Older members who need extra time to get up, take medications, and get to worship. The vast majority of you seem to welcome the 10 a.m. start, but we'd still like to hear from you ([krisedorph@srvumc.org](mailto:krisedorph@srvumc.org)). As our in-person worship service grows, we will consider offering an earlier, more contemplative service to those who need an earlier time.



## **Become a Member!**

If you enjoy this community of faith, then consider our hybrid Discovery Class to become a member. Additional self-paced, online videos by our leaders discuss all the United Methodist basics. Email Pastor Mantu to be put on the list for scheduling for this after-Easter class: [mjoshi@srvumc.org](mailto:mjoshi@srvumc.org).



# Announcements

Dear San Ramon Valley Community,

On Sunday March 13, we announced that Pastor Mantu Joshi will be the new senior pastor at Walnut Creek UMC, starting July 1, 2022. You can read the announcement letter from our District Superintendent Samuel Hong [here](#).

We will miss Pastor Mantu. His preaching nourished our souls. His leadership of our social media ministry and small group ministry enriched us beyond measure. His creativity and humor delighted us.

This new appointment is a great opportunity for Mantu and his family. He will stay in the area, his girls will stay in their current schools, and Heidi will continue her career working at John Muir Health/UCSF Family Medicine Residency.

In the Methodist tradition, pastors are appointed to churches by the bishop. At our ordination, we take vows of itineracy, meaning we will go where the bishop appoints us. A great deal of thought and prayer surrounds these decisions, balancing what each church needs with a pastor's gifts and strengths.

In the next few weeks, we'll hear about who our new associate pastor will be. In the meantime, we will process this news and look for every opportunity to appreciate Pastor Mantu. We will send him off with our blessings at a special gathering later this spring.

I know that this news takes some getting used to, so please do not hesitate to reach out to me ([krisedorph@srvumc.org](mailto:krisedorph@srvumc.org)) or Pastor Mantu ([mjoshi@srvumc.org](mailto:mjoshi@srvumc.org)). We want to hear from you as together we move into the future.

Grace and peace and well-being,

**Pastor Kim Risedorph**



**Heidi Joshi (left), Pastor Mantu (center) and “youth” John Green (right) participating in November’s youth walk. The staff directory photo didn’t seem to capture the animated character we’ve had among us. Congratulations, Pastor Mantu, and we’re delighted that your energy isn’t going too far away. —Editor**

## **Bonus Points on the Lead Article**

**Q: Can you remember who directed the 2004 film The Passion of the Christ.**

Hint: You might go “Mad” trying to think of this Australian actor’s name.

**Check your answer on page 6 of this newsletter. No cheating: We know you have Google!**



# Announcements



## A Message From Interim Bishop Sally Dyck

Dear Clergy and Laity of the California-Nevada Annual Conference:

Grace and peace to you in this Lenten season. Every journey brings some detours and unexpected stops along the way and this Lenten journey is no exception.

Many of you have read the [announcement](#) sent [March 9], stating that the Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops received two complaints against Bishop Minerva Carcaño, the resident bishop of the California-Nevada Annual Conference. As a result, she was placed on leave from her episcopal responsibilities for 60 days while the complaints are being addressed.



**Bishop Sally Dyck**

While Bishop Carcaño is on leave, I have been asked by the College of Bishops to serve as the interim bishop. I was elected a bishop in the North Central Jurisdiction in 2004. I served the Minnesota Annual Conference (2004 to 2012) and the Chicago area (2012 to 2020) before retiring. In my retirement I serve as the ecumenical officer of the Council of Bishops, and I will still have many responsibilities in that work. I live in Napa, CA, where a number of family members also reside, where there is beautiful weather and great hiking opportunities!

As interim bishop, I have been asked by the College of Bishops to work with the appointive cabinet and provide overall direction to the extended staff. I will work directly with Rev. Mike Harrell, the Assistant to the Bishop, to oversee the day-to-day operations of the conference and will assist with the assignment of clergy appointments.

The California-Nevada Annual Conference will keep moving the mission of the church—to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world—forward over these next 60 days through our respective ministries as local churches, annual conference work (including appointment-making), and other mission endeavors.

This is an emotionally charged time for everyone. It's such a turbulent time in our world and church with the war in Ukraine, pandemic fatigue and loss, racism in our communities

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and churches, climate change that directly impacts California and Nevada, and the upheaval in The United Methodist Church as some churches seek to separate from the denomination. We're all exhausted, and each one of us carries heavy burdens in our personal, professional and church lives. But the Holy Spirit will empower and strengthen us as we remain faithful to our calling.

As we journey together during this season, I will be praying for you and ask that you pray for the conference and for Bishop Carcaño. This will be my prayer for you as we journey together in this season: I pray that, according to the riches of (God's) glory, (God) may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through (the) Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God (**Ephesians 3:16-19**).

Bishop Sally Dyck

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## **Church Council Approves the 2022 Budget**

**By Jeff Stroin**

Finance Committee would like to thank Church Council members for their approval of the proposed 2022 operating budget. As we move into a fully reopened church for the first time in two years, much has changed with respect to how church income is forecasted and expenses are managed for operations. Pledges—long considered the most reliable and accurate of income forecasting tools—dropped over 16% in 2021. They remained consistent for 2022. Last year, thanks to strong pledge fulfillment and better-than-anticipated contributions from individuals and families that did not make a formal pledge, income was \$63,348 better than forecast in 2021.

Difficult expense controls resulted in a 15% reduction in year-over-year operating expenses, enabling our church to complete 2021 with a slight net income surplus of \$23,300. More importantly, we did not have to dip into reserves to balance the budget. All things considered, this was a remarkable achievement, and your Finance Committee is forever grateful for the contributions by our entire church to get through a most challenging year.

- In 2022, the approved operating budget takes into account a return to a fully reopened church campus.
- Income projections forecast a modest 4.8% increase in revenues, based on pledge totals for 2022 (nearly identical to 2021), non-identified givers who don't make formal pledges (the fastest grow-

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ing segment), and projected rental income for our facilities (first time in two years).

- Expenses are expected to increase 15% over 2021. Increases by category are detailed in the line-item budget. Key expense category increases are summarized as follows:
  - ⇒ Approved increases for pastoral staff and non-appointed staff workers, most of whom had not had any increase in two years.
  - ⇒ SPRC requested, and Church Council approved, new hire additions and replacements for the church office and operating ministries as we fill open positions that were not filled in 2021.
  - ⇒ Virtually every nonemployment-related expense will be impacted by fast-rising inflation. We project insurance costs, utilities expenses, campus security costs, cleaning services and miscellaneous costs to increase significantly in 2022.

So how does a 4.8% increase in revenues balance a 15% increase in expenses required for an approved 2022 operating budget? That's where the PPP loan reserve funds come into play. Because we did not have to use any of those reserve funds to balance the 2021 budget, we have room in this year's budget to use some of that money to balance this year's budget. The Finance Committee recommended using about half of the reserved PPP loan funds to balance the budget only if revenues come in at or below expectations. The balance of unused funds will be used to replenish key underfunded special church funds, like capital repairs and maintenance, if we have the monies available to transfer.

Juggling the important work of our many ministries while balancing a challenging budget is the difficult work of this committee. But we, along with Church Council, are aligned that at this time this is the best way to use church funds and provide financial support for our many ministries. If anyone needs more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to our church office or to me directly, Jeff Stroin, your Finance Chair for 2022.

## Answer to the Lead Article Question on Page 3

Actor and director Mel Gibson produced, cowrote and directed the 2004 film *The Passion of the Christ*. Although the film was nominated for three Academy Awards and grossed over \$600 million, the film was also broadly criticized for its graphic violence. Eventually, Gibson recut the film to remove five minutes of particularly unsettling imagery.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Passion\\_of\\_the\\_Christ](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Passion_of_the_Christ)

# Announcements

## Perk Up! Coffee Hour Needs Volunteers!

### Sign up for May and June



Sunday morning is complete when we can gather for fellowship time! We will limit to coffee, tea, juice and cookies. You can recruit someone to help, of course. Anita has updated the instruction sheet and posted it on the bulletin board in the kitchen, and she usually responds to text and email questions. There are no changes from the last time you served (do you remember that far back?). **Please contact office staff or Anita Weir-Ball at [ballweir08@att.net](mailto:ballweir08@att.net) to volunteer.**

## Notice for All Roush Kitchen Users

### Training Guidelines as of March 12, 2022

A gradual, staged reopening is being planned for our kitchen services based on state and county guidance. Our team is committed to keeping everyone safe and to meet the county codes required to maintain a certified kitchen.

- **All groups and individuals who plan to prepare and/or serve food or beverages on campus must attend a training session prior to the event.** This includes those who support funeral and other community events.
- **Every person must present their own valid COVID vaccination card prior to or during the training session to have officially completed the training.** This information will be maintained per church practices. We emphasize the need to maintain this safe practice of vaccination in our kitchen at this time. If you have misplaced your card, then you can get a scan code for proof of vaccine at <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/>.
- **Training times and locations are on a request basis.** Please contact Anita Weir-Ball before the event to review Safe Food Management requirements to maintain our kitchen certification. Groups may invite Anita to attend a meeting to complete the training. As with coffee hour volunteers (see above), all other groups wishing to use the kitchen must also complete the training (e.g., Men's Breakfast, Food for Thought, Youth, Korean Church members).
- **Sol Cuenco now manages the campus calendar, including use of the Roush Kitchen.** Schedule with Sol for any use of any church facilities, including the Rousch kitchen, and complete the required training per the above.

It is so exciting to be able to return to campus under safe guidelines. There may be changes depending on how COVID variants impact our county going forward.

**Please contact Anita Weir-Ball at [ballweir08@att.net](mailto:ballweir08@att.net) with questions.**

# Spiritual Growth

**New Date! June 3 to 5, 2022**

## **SRVUMC Women's Retreat**

**Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz, CA**

**Registration Open Until April 15**

Led by our own Pastor Mantu Joshi! Based on Kirk Byron Jones' book *Rest in the Storm* and centered on the scene where Jesus calls for calm in the storm (**Mark 4:35-41**). Focus on self-care and sabbath. Bring your adult daughters or other young women!



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## **Blessed are the Peacemakers—A New Small Group!**

Faith Marsalli is a recently retired Quaker minister who pastored in Klammath Falls, OR for over twenty years. She was recorded/ordained as a Quaker minister in 2002. Faith describes herself as an ecumenical, progressive Christ follower. She has facilitated small groups for forty years in various settings and believes amazing things happen when people gather within a circle of trust and safety. Faith is excited to enter into new adventures in ministry at this stage of her life. Faith is also the proud mother of two wonderful adult daughters. Watch for upcoming opportunities to study and worship with Faith. She writes:

With Jesus as our Guide, we will explore concrete ways to practice peacemaking in a time of alarming polarization within our culture. How might we sow seeds of peace in our families, workplaces, and the wider community? How do we remain calm, curious, and compassionate when we disagree? How do we creatively discern a third way through conflict? Being a peacemaker takes practice, patience, and love. I invite you to come and take this journey of discovery with us!

Blessings,

~Faith



**Faith Marsalli, facilitating the new Peacemakers small group.**



# Spiritual Growth

## Great Decisions

**Begins April 24, 11:30 a.m.**

**Location TBD**

What are the great global policy decisions facing the U.S., and how should Christians respond? This series of weekly discussions on critical global issues uses a guide prepared by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). This program is part of an annual, nationwide program, whereby groups of concerned citizens throughout the U.S. will discuss why the issues are important and why we should be concerned. The decision to hold Zoom or live meetings at the church will be made later.



The series will be facilitated by Lyn Arscott. A twenty-minute video prepared by the FPA will be shown on each topic followed by a facilitated discussion. The discussion series guidebooks are available from the [FPA website](https://www.fpa.org/) for \$32 plus postage.

If you are a regular member of Dave Coomb's or Lucinda Huffaker's Sunday school classes, Lyn has your email and will send the link and briefing notes every week. If you are not on that list, email [lynarscott@comcast.net](mailto:lynarscott@comcast.net) to be placed on the list. The first two topics are:

### **Sunday, April 24: Outer Space**

The launch of Sputnik 1 in October 1957 marked the beginning of the space era and of the Space Race between the United States and the Soviet Union. In the 21st century, there are many more participants in space, including countries such as India and China, and commercial companies such as SpaceX. How will the United States fare in a crowded outer space? *By Eric Berge*

### **Sunday, May 1: Climate Change**

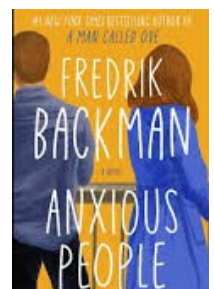
The ideological divide in the United States on the subject of climate change has impeded progress in curbing greenhouse emissions. But extreme weather events at both ends of the thermometer have focused attention on the consequences of inaction. What role will the United States play in future negotiations on climate? *By Ron Bee*

### **Afternoon Book Club**

**April 18, 1 p.m.**

**Zoom or Wesley Rm. 202**

*Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. Discussion leader Teresa Stroin.



# Out Into the World

## Mission Trip to Assist With Recovery From the Camp Fire

**June 26 Through July 1**

The Camp Fire, November 2018 was the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history. Tragically, 85 people died. The fire burned over 150,000 acres and more than 18,000 structures. The towns of Paradise, Concow, Magalia and Butte Creek were largely destroyed.

We will be working in Paradise teamed with Hope Crisis Response Network (HCRN). We will receive our work assignment about a week beforehand. HCRN is providing the tools. We will drive up on Sunday, June 26, work that week, and then return Friday afternoon, July 1. HCRN provides our housing. Each bedroom accommodates two people, with a shared bath between rooms, plus gathering room and dining area.

The limit on this trip is twelve people, so sign up now. The cost will be \$175, including the cost of carpooling, food and accommodations. *For questions or to register, contact Steve Elliott at [sae612@msn.com](mailto:sae612@msn.com) or 925-362-8697.*



*Camp Fire, 2018 destruction.*

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## Hope UMC Maintenance Mission

**Friday, April 8 and Saturday April 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Hope UMC has been serving Sacramento for nearly 100 years. The current building was built in 1986. With a modest-sized congregation, it needs some help with maintenance. The proposed work is to remodel several Sunday school rooms—fresh paint and new flooring, plus a few other things.

We will paint the rooms and perform a few related tasks, with the new flooring to be installed by a contractor after we finish. Come for one or both scheduled days: Those who are available for two days have the option of staying a night at the church.

All meals, tools and supplies will be provided, with cost of travel as the only expense to volunteers. Carpools for those coming from the Bay Area depend on signups. Registration will be onsite.

*You must be fully COVID vaccinated, including a booster. For questions or to sign up, contact Steve Elliott at [sae612@msn.com](mailto:sae612@msn.com) or 925-362-8697.*



*Hope UMC of Sacramento.*

# Out Into the World

## UMCOR International Disaster Relief Responds to Ukrainian Needs

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church.



*One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.*

*Read more about the United Methodist Church on Page 14 of this newsletter. Our April Communion offering will also support UMCOR's Ukrainian relief efforts.*

### Related Email Scam: “Bishop Brown” Emails



If you have received email from someone posing as Bishop Brown directing you to send contributions to a specific account that is not the UMCOR one above, then this is a scam. If you wish to support Ukrainian relief efforts, please use any of the above avenues.

## Hope Solutions Seeking After School Support Volunteers



We need compassionate and patient volunteers to provide academic support and mentoring for the children in our after-school programs. High school sophomores through adulthood are highly encouraged to commit to one afternoon a week for the rest of the school year. *Volunteers must complete a vetting process and be fully vaccinated and boosted if eligible. If you are interested in volunteering in our after-*

*school programs, please complete our interest form [here](#).*



# Out Into the World

## California-Nevada Conference Relief for Tonga

On January 15, 2022, an enormous underwater eruption threw ash and debris miles into the air and created tsunamis. The small island nation of Tonga covers thirty-six islands, home to 105,000 people. Lingering ash in the atmosphere complicated existing respiratory issues for some residents, and many sources of fresh water were contaminated with ash and saltwater.

Our church's June communion offering will support Tongan disaster relief. In the meantime, please check the [conference's existing page](#) to make a gift toward the Tonga Recovery Fund.

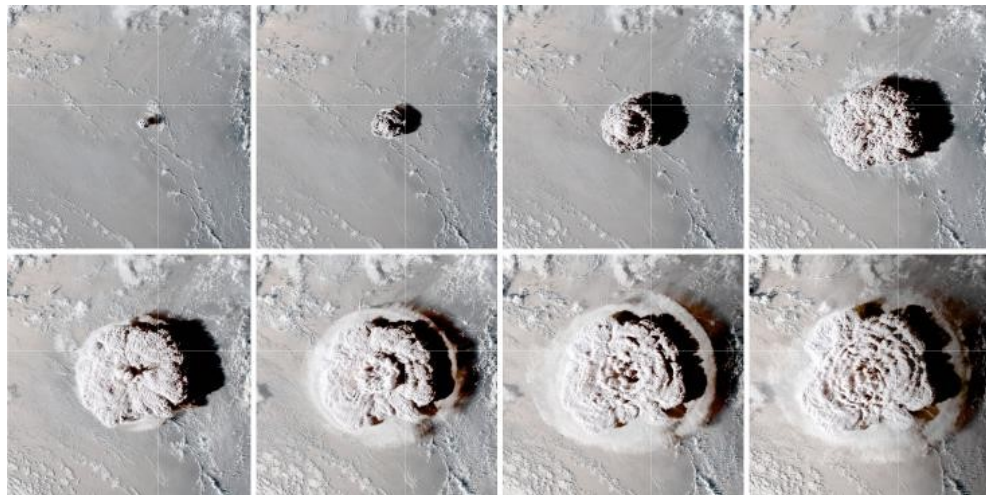
**More about the science of the eruption itself:**

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/149474/tonga-volcano-plume-reached-the-mesosphere>

**Some efforts made by others in the U.S. to assist in Tonga:**

<https://hawaiicatholicherald.com/2022/03/16/local-tongan-catholics-send-aid-back-to-island-nation/>

<https://stanforddaily.com/2022/03/09/disaster-and-diaspora-tongan-students-share-stories-of-resilience-after-devastating-tsunami/>



*Photo: [NASA Earth Observatory](#), by Joshua Stevens, 2022. The lower, smoother-looking plume shows ash dispersal in the lower stratosphere. The part that looks like a flower in the middle is ash exploding into the upper stratosphere.*





# Out Into the World

## Participatory Readings of “Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence”

Organized by California Poor People’s Campaign

April 4, 2022, 6 p.m.

St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church

The speech Martin Luther King Jr. gave will be read at Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church by members of San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church, Peace Lutheran Church and Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church. It is open to the public.

On April 4, 1967, exactly one year before his tragic assassination, in his prophetic speech, “[Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence](#),” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. declared: “I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values...we must rapidly begin the shift from a thing-oriented society to a person-oriented society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights, are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered.”

[The Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival](#) has picked up Dr. King’s unfinished work, weaving the interlocking injustices of systemic racism, systemic poverty, environmental devastation, militarism and the war economy, and a distorted moral narrative of Christian nationalism, into one “moral fusion” campaign.

This year’s public readings of “Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence” are part of a mobilization by the California Poor People’s Campaign building towards the June 18, 2022, [Mass Poor People’s & Low-Wage Workers’ Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls](#). This will be a generationally transformative gathering of poor and low-wealth people, state leaders, faith communities, moral allies, unions and partnering organizations.

Before that, on May 16, the Poor People’s Campaign national mobilizing tour will stop in Los Angeles, where co-chairs Bishop William J. Barber II and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis will be present to Mobilize, Organize, Register, Engage, Educate and Empower people for a movement that votes.



# Communion

## UMC and Ukraine

Ukraine spans 233,031 square miles, but has only ten United Methodist churches within the country itself. Their combined congregation totals about five hundred people. The churches are located mainly in the major cities, with a presence in Kyiv largely serving foreign students. The official Ukrainian population is about 44.3 million people.

Many of Ukraine's churches predate the Soviet era and have endured despite suppression by the Kremlin. In fact, the United Methodist presence is more than 130 years old, although for much of the Soviet Era, Ukrainian Methodists had to register with the church in Tallin, Estonia, because Moscow didn't permit them to register at home. During the 1990s, mission initiatives reestablished the ties with the United Methodist within the Soviet bloc. Now, all of Eurasia has been folded into the larger United Methodist Church.

Today, the Ukrainian Methodist congregations are focused on helping other "internally displaced people"—in other words, Ukrainians driven out of their homes by the Russian attacks. They also assist with general humanitarian aid and helping those who are crossing borders into neighboring countries, like Poland. UMCOR and United Methodist leadership within nearby countries also continue to assist with basic needs, like food, water and shelter.

### Sources

<https://umcmmission.org/march-2022/a-church-under-siege/>

<https://umcmmission.org/news-statements/appeal-for-peace-in-russia-ukraine-conflict/>



Coming Soon  
April 17<sup>th</sup> April-Easter Communion  
Sunday  
UMCOR – Ukraine  
Humanitarian Relief  
100% of all monies go to:  
The homeless, the children, food,  
clothing and a quiet safe place to stay.

*When you make your gift, use **Advance**  
#982450 to indicate that your donation is for  
Ukrainian relief efforts.*

# Preschool

## Chapel Time in Preschool

**By Norma Jean Bunker**

Each week Laura Roy teaches a Bible lesson to the preschool classes. They are based on "Fruits of the Spirit" as found in Galatians 5:22-23. These fruits are love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Each week, Laura's story is based on the monthly focus. The children hear about how Jesus teaches us these fruits and how we can apply them to our everyday life. These lessons are supported by additional activities and songs. Teachers have books in their classrooms to read that also support "Fruits of the Spirit."



**"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things."—Galatians 5:22-23**

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## Lead Tot Spot Manager Needed

**Sunday Morning During Worship, 8:45 to 10:45 a.m.**

Give your quality time to children from nursery to age four, usually two to six children each Sunday. Start immediately, pending required Methodist background check/training, cost covered by SRVUMC. Opportunity for extended hours as we move into more programming. Lead would be working with a second caregiver. Payment is on payroll. **Please contact Laura Roy at [lroy@srvumc.org](mailto:lroy@srvumc.org) if interested.**



## Assist Your Local Easter Bunny With Egg Hunt Treats

**Deadline April 3**

Candy, small toys and plastic eggs needed for our Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 10. If you can buy prefilled eggs with candy that would be **amazing!** Otherwise, please bring candy and empties, and we will fill them. Please bring to Sanctuary or main office. Thank you!

***What's inside? We dunno yet...you have to drop it off at the Sanctuary or the office!***



# Family Ministry

## Food Truck Party: On a Roll With God!

***Join us for Vacation Bible School! Invite your neighbors, friends and family!***

**July 25 to 29, 9 to 11:30 a.m.**

### **SRVUMC Campus**

Ready to cook up some fun? Food Truck Party VBS invites children of all ages to get “on a roll with God” as a parade of food trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party!

Register here: <https://www.myvbs.org/srvumc!>

\$50 per child, or \$45 per child for families with three or more children attending. Student take-home music download Card is \$5.

Contact Laura Roy, Director of Family Ministries, at [lroy@srvumc.org](mailto:lroy@srvumc.org) with your questions.



## UMC Summer Camps for Youth!

Click [here](https://www.calnevypm.org/) for the California-Nevada Conference plans for youth to get back to camp this summer. The plan is for in-person gathering with masks and safety protocols, with adjustments as needed made sometime in May. Start thinking about your summer camp plans or explore more youth opportunities at <https://www.calnevypm.org/>.

- Adult and Family Camp—June 12 to 18, 2022
- Japanese-American Camps
  - Jr. High Camp—June 26 to July 1, 2022
  - Asian Camp—July 24 to 30, 2022
- Fijian Youth Camp—July 4 to 8, 2022
- Toyon Camp—July 9 to 15, 2022
- Shasta Family Camp—July 16 to 22, 2022
- Camp Lodestar—July 17 to 23, 2022
- Korean Youth Camp—Date TBD



CAMPING & YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
**MINISTRIES**  
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
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# Family Ministry

## Calendar

**Last Kids' Kindness Club, April 3, 10 a.m. in Wesley Hall:** Wreaths for Danville Post-Acute Rehab. While kids are creating, parents have some devotional time with Pastor Kim!

**Palm Sunday, April 10:** Everyone is invited to a continental brunch in Wesley Hall at 10 a.m., followed by a children's egg hunt at 10:30 and craft activity afterward in the courtyard. **RSVP to Laura Roy at [lroy@srvumc.org](mailto:lroy@srvumc.org).**



## Sunday School

Join us for in-person Sunday school! Sundays, 9 a.m., Wesley Hall. No need to register! Tot Spot will depend on staffing availability.

Middle- and high-school Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in Fireside Hall.

There will be no Zoom Sunday school. We invite children to join us for Kid's Kindness Club at 10 a.m.

## Puzzled: Believe in a Bigger Picture!

*Hope is believing that something good can come out of something bad.*

### Week One

Lazarus Raised: John 11:1-45

*Whatever happens, remember how powerful God is.*

### Week Two

Palm Sunday: John 12:9-16

*Whatever happens, remember God is still working.*

### Week Three

Crucifixion and Resurrection: John 18:1—20:18

*Whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive.*

### Week Four

Jesus Appears to Thomas: John 20:19-29

*Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.*

**"In this world you will have trouble.  
But be encouraged! I have won the  
battle over the world."**

**—John 16:33b, NIV**

# Celebrations

## Birthdays

1 Steve Brown Julien Hansen	10 Dave McWilliams 11 Jim Ball Craig Schleicher	Eric Johnson 21 John Evans Bonnie Roberts
2 Annette Warwick Dave Webb	12 Alice Anthony Madison Luecht	Brian Uitti 22 Randy Christensen
4 Linda Green Gregg Lane Joanne Van Bezey	Joe Voelker 13 Ed Davidson Bee Gee Millinich	Jill Shibuya 23 Boyd Hasik 24 Rafael Altamirano
5 Jayne Schnittker 6 Lonnie Bristow (92) Sam Colman Spencer Drake Taylor Munk Lee Russ Sarah Stribling	Rosanne Ogles 14 Christy Campbell Cliff Campbell Madeline DeWalt Bruce Koliha 15 Alexis Bybel Ruth Riffin	Larry Henderson Kendra Peters Christina Rowland Debbie Koos 25 Donna Lindquist 26 Karen Brown Steve Garnick
7 Martha Kitajima Jan Knadle Paulette Ove Johnathan Robinson	16 Doug Altamirano 18 Shelley Lettis Matthew Longstreet 19 Jennifer Andres Max Niederauer Nancy Vazquez	Joyce Rodgers 27 Lynne Henderson 28 Nancy Reynolds Dan Whiting 29 Shirley Stephenson Vera Robinson
8 Nancy Benvenuto Jeryn Blair Trudy Pasquale	20 Bill Dastic	30 Brent Willman
9 Randy Helms		

## Anniversaries

3 Ginger & Warren McGuffin (50)	Sara & Jim Rossini	20 Laurie & Terry Stocking
7 Jean & Chuck Desmond Kathy & Adam Kennedy	11 Marilyn & George Clarke Winnie & Brad Stribling	24 Lael & Gerard Takiguchi Kirsten & Scott Ericson
8 Linda & John Green Teri & Steve Hawk	12 Debbie & Greg Koos Deborah & Johnathan Robinson	26 Melanie & Boyd Hasik (52)

# Among Ourselves

## Health Concerns

Shana Carroll  
Lonnie Van Duinen

Melinda Love  
Peter Ruotsi

## Continued Prayers For

All those who live with long-term illness, unemployment, life decisions, and sickness in their families, Bob Bailey, Bob De Chene, Connie Erickson, Felicia Hillard, Kay Jones, Joan Lee, Ann Schroeder.

## In Celebration of the Life

Memorial service of **Sandy Clark** is scheduled for April 23.

Our sympathy and prayers for the Crawford family on the passing of **Horace Crawford**.

*Last month, on March 31, Sandra Greenwood and Ed Davidson celebrated their first wedding anniversary. We apologize for the oversight and always welcome updates to the Celebrations page.*

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