

THE COMPASS 2017-18

A GUIDE TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR...

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Our Pastor's Perspective

This Is Our Story...

Every congregation has a story to tell. Every family of faith has a narrative to share. Certainly that is the case with our own church family—the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church. As some of you may be aware, our story began 60 years ago in the summer of 1957 when a handful of members of the First Methodist Church in Walnut Creek became “missionaries” to Alamo with the intention of starting a new congregation. Suffice it to say, they were successful in their efforts as a new faith community began to take root and grow in what had once been a walnut orchard. Over the years that have come and gone, our church and its story have continued to grow. Thanks to the witness of many, both lay and clergy, who have served this church so faithfully over that time, we can be justifiably proud of the legacy that we have inherited—a legacy of compassion and service, of justice and peace, and of love and grace. SRVUMC has become known in our community for its choice to practice a faith that is open and inclusive, a faith that is thoughtful and proactive. Truly, we have a story that is worth celebrating!

Our story, however, is far from complete. It is still being written in the words and witness of those of us who have inherited this rich legacy. With the completion of our new gymnasium known as “The ARC” (Activity, Recreation Center), we now begin the next chapter of our story. It is exciting to think about the new possibilities for ministry that this recreational facility is already creating. We have been blessed with the opportunity to make the ministry of re-creation one that touches many lives within both our church and community.

The pages of this most recent edition of “The Compass” seek to provide both the detail and the definition of the unfolding story of our ministry. They help to give witness to the many and varied ways in which God’s Spirit is at work in the various programs, activities and offerings that are a part of the ministry that we provide. It is my hope that you will find this little booklet to be a helpful guide in charting the course of your own involvement and investment in the life our congregation. Every congregation does indeed, have a story to tell. As I trust you will see and sense in this booklet, our story continues to grow in some new and exciting ways.

Grace & Peace,

Ron

Rev. Ron Dunn

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...to deepen & enhance

Worship that is thoughtful
and passionate

Worship Opportunities

Worship Services

We offer two Sunday services. Childcare is provided during both:

-Traditional worship is held at 9:00 A.M. in the sanctuary. This service includes traditional liturgy and hymns, and features the Chancel Choir.

-Non-Traditional worship is held at 10:45 A.M. in the sanctuary. This interactive service features eclectic music selections and our Living Water Singers & Band, as well as the Chancel Choir.

-**Children's Worship - 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. begins in the Sanctuary.**

9:00 - 10:00 A.M. Nursery through Pre-Kindergarten childcare with CPR-trained staff in Tot Spot.

10:45 - 11:45 A.M. Childcare for all ages in Tot Spot. See page 7 for more information.

-**Middle School and High School Worship:** Meets Sundays from 9:00-10:00 A.M. throughout the school year. During this time we worship God, hear a relevant message from Jamere Crawford and then break into small discussion groups to dive deeper into the Word.

-**CenterPoint**, a contemplative, meditation-based service, is held on Wednesdays during Lent and Advent at 6:30 - 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary.

Seasonal Services & Activities

Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch

March 25, 2018

Everyone is invited to our Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch! It's fun for all ages! The egg hunt and activities will take place following the 10:45 A.M. service. Please bring a dish to share.

Family Advent Festival

December 3, 2017, 12:00 noon, Wesley Center

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. What better way to start off the beginning of Advent than joining with your church family to enjoy a soup lunch, Christmas crafts, music, hot cider, and cookies!

Trunk-or-Treat

October 29, 2017, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, parking lot.

Put on your Halloween costume and join us for an evening of fun. Enjoy popcorn, hot chocolate, a jump house, trick or treating and more! RSVP @ www.srvumc.org

Craft Fair Holiday Boutique

10th Annual Craft Fair, November 4, 2017, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M., Wesley Center

Outreach opportunity, church fundraiser, and a chance to display the artistic talents of our church and local community members. If you have creative talents, we welcome your participation! Shop for all your Christmas gift needs and stay for a delicious homemade lunch. Contact: Shannon Dever, sdever@srvumc.org

Christmas Concert, December 10, 2017, 4:00 P.M. featuring all our musical groups. What a great way to start the season!

Christmas Eve Services, December 24, (Pageant) 4:00, 5:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 P.M.

Ash Wednesday Dinner (6:00-7:00 P.M.) & Service (7:00 P.M.), March 1, 2017

Maundy Thursday Service, April 13, 2017, 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday Service, April 14, 2017, 7:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017, 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 A.M.

Children's Ministries

Director of Children's Ministries, Laura Roy, 925-837-5243 x106, lroy@srvumc.org

Sunday School & Worship

9:00-10:00 A.M. - Kindergarten through 5th grade begins in the Sanctuary for the Children's Moment, then disperses to age-appropriate classrooms in the Tot Spot. We want kids to see how God's word fits into their lives, to learn how to talk to God, and to build friendships that will last. We focus on three big ideas; I need to make the wise choice; I can trust God no matter what; I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

Pre-Kindergarten through Nursery/Childcare

We provide quality childcare from CPR trained staff for infants through children attending pre-kindergarten at 9:00 a.m. in the Tot Spot. During the service we use a curriculum called Buzz in our circle time to introduce simple prayers, songs, and

Bible stories. We know that kids are in different places developmentally so we offer this circle time as an option.

At 10:45 A.M., we provide childcare for all ages in the Tot Spot.

Youth Ministries

Sunday Mornings

Middle School and High School Worship

Meets Sundays from 9:00-10:00 A.M. throughout the school year. During this time we worship God, hear a relevant message from Youth Director Jamere Crawford, then break into small discussion groups to dive deeper into the Word.

Confirmation Class (Grade 8)

10:15am-11:45A.M., Wesley 204

An opportunity for 8th graders to learn about Methodism, affirm their belief in Christ, and join the Church. This class meets Sunday mornings and includes fieldtrips, a mentor program, and service opportunities.

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Snacks, team building activities, games and conversation are all part of our weekly High School Youth Group which meets in the Wesley 206 from 4:00-5:30pm.

Wednesday Evenings

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

6:00-8:00 P.M. - Come join other youth for a time of fun and fellowship each Wednesday evening. We start off every youth group with dinner together (\$5 donation suggested) followed by some games and activities. After our game time, Jamere will lead a lesson and then High School and Middle School will be separated for a time of discussion and questions.

Thursday Evenings

Thursday Night Dinner Out (High School)

Meets the first and third Thursday of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at various spots. This is a time to enjoy fellowship together while eating a tasty meal. We will be meeting in local restaurants, coffee houses, and in each other's homes. Contact Jamere for this week's meeting place!

Intentional Faith Development Practice Group

Bill Rust, Leader: wrusjrarb@aol.com

The Intentional Faith Development Practice Group focuses on growing our faith experience as individuals and as a congregation, and seeing and shaping our actions, on the church campus and in the community, of our faith.

This task force is an umbrella organization of other faith groups. At the same time, it is also a “laboratory” for task force participants and others who wish to join them in exploring what the experience of a faith-driven life feels like, and how to invite others to experience this for themselves.

The Intentional Faith Development Practice Group hopes that every adult will participate in at least one program this year.

Adult Education

The mission of the SRVUMC Adult Education Committee is to help the adult community of SRVUMC consider our faith in the context of the world we live in and to be able to articulate this faith.

Our offerings for the fall are a Bart Ehrman video discussion on the New Testament led by David Coombs at 9:00 A.M., modified forms of the Disciple format offered at 10:45 A.M. during the year, and an open discussion on social principles & social creed of the United Methodist Church at 10:45 A.M. In addition, the Adult Council intends to again provide popular series such as Great Decisions in 2018 and Advent and Lenten series classes. Check the church’s Web site, srvumc.org - Adult Ministries, for current adult Sunday morning topics throughout the year.

For more information please contact David Coombs, chair of the Adult Education Committee, dfcassoc@comcast.net

Adult Small Group Faith Development/Bible Studies

Drop-In Disciple II, “Feeding Your Faith, Living Your Faith”
Sundays (beginning Sept. 17), 10:45 A.M., Room 202, Bill Rust, Leader. Faith nurturing and faith-in-action study/discussion. For everyone, wherever you are on the faith journey. Follows the Disciple Bible Study format. “Disciple” is a widely-acclaimed Methodist-developed ecumenical Bible study program used by millions of people in many denominations and faiths.

Friday Morning Drop-In Coffee Group

Fridays, 8:30 A.M., Bill Rust, Leader. Informal faith nurturing/biblical inquiry discussions over morning coffee. All are welcome! Meets at a local coffee place.

Open Table Discussions, "Taking the Sermon into the World"

Sundays (beginning Sept. 10), 10:45 A.M., Fireside Room

Leader: Members of the MLK Peace & Justice Committee

Bible Study/Discussion Series

Sundays (beginning Sept. 17), 9:00 A.M., Fireside Room, Dave Coombs, Leader. Bart Ehrman video/discussion series on the New Testament.

Adult Retreats, Conferences & Trips

Men's Retreats

2018 Retreat, Villa Maria del Mar in Santa Cruz, May 18, 19 & 20

Quail Run Ranch Retreat (Horace Crawford's ranch):

Oct. 12-15, 2017

Oct. 4-7, 2018

Wise Women's Retreat (Local retreat, usually in May, for women of all ages - TBA)

Women's Retreat

Contact: Linda Jimerson, 925-736-4299, lindajimerson@comcast.net]

Dates: February 2-4, 2018

Location: Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz, CA

Retreat Leader: Pastor Steve Garnaas

Theme: "Journey with Jesus" based on the story of the road to Emmaus

Music Ministry

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 10, 2017, 4:00 P.M.

Features all of our musical groups performing glorious Christmas music. It's a wonderful way to kick off the season.

Adult Opportunities

Chancel Choir

Rehearsals: Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 P.M., Choir Room. This soprano, alto, tenor, and bass choir sings a variety of wonderful sacred choral literature each Sunday at the 9:00 and 10:45 worship services. They also sing on several holy days and at special services and concerts throughout the year. New members are always welcome.

Please contact the Director.

Director: Bruce Koliha, 925-980-0645, brucekoliha@gmail.com

Living Water Ensemble

Rehearsals: Singers - Thursdays, 6:15 - 7:30 P.M., Choir Room.

Singers & Band - Sunday mornings at 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., Choir Room

Performs each Sunday at the 10:45 A.M. Non-Traditional service in the Sanctuary, beginning at 10:40 A.M. with gathering music.

Director: Greg Zema, 415-519-5600, gregzema@gmail.com

Carillon Choir (handbells)

Rehearsals: Watch for rehearsal calls in the Mini-Messenger and The Valley

Messenger. Performs periodically during Sunday worship and on special occasions.

Ability to read music is always a plus, but all of the pieces chosen keep in mind the varying degrees of musical experience in our group. New and interested ringers are always welcome. We are privileged to possess a 5-octave set of Schulmerich handbells and a 5-octave set of Malmark handchimes, all of which have been donated by various church members in the past.

Director: Winnie Stribling, 838-2601, Winnie_stribling@msn.com

Floy Blair, 925-935-4290, floyblair@comcast.net

Children's and Youth Choirs

Come sing with us! All children, Pre-K through 5th grade

Sunday Singers

Pre-K-5th grade (3 years, 9 months by September 1st)

We come together each Sunday and close our Sunday school time with singing for approximately 15-20 minutes. In addition to building community, children will be learning a variety of traditional hymns and songs. They will develop their creative

expression, musicality, and work with some percussion instruments. We will try and pick songs that blend with lessons being taught in Sunday school. Our musical ministry will be to share one song a month with the congregation.

Director: Beth McClelland, iteachk@pacbell.net

Children's Choir

Pre K- 5th grade for children who love to sing and perform.

Children interested in performing in any of the special concerts will spend 15 minutes after Sunday school and work on selected music. We will focus on rhythm, pitch, and performance skills and continue to grow skills as the year progresses.

These practices will begin the first week of October.

Director: Beth McClelland, iteachk@pacbell.net

Youth Choir

Rehearsals: Sunday mornings, 10:00 -11:00 A.M., Conference Room

(Starts Sept. 24, 2017) For youth in grades 6-12, this is a fun choir featuring contemporary music and the choir sings in parts. We sing in worship on the 3rd Sunday of the month in worship.

Director: Teri Hawk, hermhawk@aol.com, 704-560-6004

Bros & Belles Youth Handbell Choir

Rehearsals: Wednesday afternoons, 5:15 P.M., Music Room

A middle/high school group of boys and girls interested in handbell ringing. No experience is necessary, but knowledge of notes on the scale and some music reading ability is helpful. We meet on Wednesdays at 5:15 pm, prior to the middle school supper and youth program beginning at 6 pm. Besides learning how to play handbells, players also improve their music reading and proficiency skills. Bros and Belles play during services at various times in the church year, at the annual Christmas concert, and at other church events. Join Bros and Belles! It's a fun group to learn, socialize, and be in a team sport!

Director: Winnie Stribling, winnie_stribling@msn.com

Assistant: Floy Blair, floyblair@comcast.net



Small Groups enable deeper spiritual growth & commitment

Small Groups

Connecting with others through dynamic small groups is intended to move us, of the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church, forward in our vision to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to enhance small group ministry in ways that enable deeper spiritual growth and commitment.

Refer to the Small Groups Brochure or our website, srvumc.org, for a list of small group offerings.



...to give witness to our faith
through *Service* to others

Service Opportunities

Our Care Programs

The Kindness Korps. The Kindness Korps program is based on Circles of Connection and Love. For those in need, congregation members will provide meals, transportation, visits, communications (cards, e-mails, phone calls).

Since 2015, the Kindness Korps has been our main care process on the block. Our congregation members, friends, and constituents are assisted by the Kindness Korps. Formal procedures are in place to identify persons who might request assistance. Based on confidentiality, specific individuals in the program management will contact the person in need or a member of their family in order to identify the type of assistance requested. There are four areas of assistance: transportation, meals, visitation, and communication. Each has a cadre of people (the Korps) wanting to provide that service. The Coordinator of the particular Korps selects a Korps member to furnish the assistance.

Kindness Korps Managers are:

- Liaison: Linda Green
- Facilitators: Peggy Crawford, John Green & Joan Pierce

Korps Coordinators:

- Transportation: Jerry Ricker
- Meals: Roni Item
- Visitation: Jane Roath
- Communication: Carole Lynne Keller

Service Groups

ChristCare Visitors

[Leader: Suzanne Stephens, 925-820-8249, suzzst@aol.com]

MLK Peace & Justice Committee

[Leader: Joyce Kayser, 925-820-4507, joycewkay@gmail.com]

Trinity Center & Food for Thought Program Team

[Leader: Dick Lam, 925-930-0707, RichardCLam@aol.com]

Singing at Sunrise Assisted Living & Danville Post-Acute Rehab Center

[Leader: Suzanne Stephens, 925-820-8249, suzzst@aol.com]

United Methodist Women

[Leader: Bonnie Roberts, 925-846-2035, badbrindie@att.net]

Opportunities in Mission

Help Discovering Your God-given Gifts

Having trouble - as Frederick Buechner says - finding where "your deep gladness and the world's hunger meet?" Kathleen Saghafi, our Director of Membership & Mission, is chartered with helping you identify or discover your God-given gifts and then working alongside you to locate a place where your unique gifts can be put into action. Contact: Kathleen Saghafi, 837-5243 x110, ksaghafi@srvumc.org.

Angel Tree

During the Christmas season, agencies in our community send us a "wish list" for their clients who are in need of our help and generosity during the holiday season. The gift suggestions are written on Angel Cards and hung on our Angel Trees in the church narthex. Volunteers are needed to support this project by working with the agencies to develop the gift list, produce the Angel Cards, and decorate the Angel Trees. After gifts are collected, volunteers are needed for delivering gifts. If you would like to head up this project, please contact Linda Green, Marla Schleicher, Beth McClelland or the church office. For those wanting to provide gifts to those in need, watch for Angel Tree announcements as the holiday season approaches.

Contacts: Linda Green, 925-837-9419, lgreen@srvumc.org

Marla Schleicher, 925-648-0517, marla.k.sch@gmail.com

Beth McClelland, 925-831-0810, iteachk@pacbell.net

Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Family Services

Founded by Rev. Patrick E. Davis for the purpose of providing support for girls, ages 10 to 17. The Bay Area Alliance provides a program of quality educational and residential services for girls who are at risk for abuse and neglect. We also provide placement for both boys and girls in qualified foster family homes through our Foster Family Agency. The Bay Area Alliance supports children and youth who are either moving toward reunification with their families or emancipation toward independent living at age eighteen. Volunteers provide mentoring, support social and entertainment activities and provide educational or life skills sessions with residents.

Contacts: Rev. Patrick Davis, 925/325-4449, baayfs@yahoo.com

David SeChrist, 925/609-6990.

Website: <http://www.baayfs.org/>

Benevolent Giving Committee

Meeting Dates: At call of chairperson

The Benevolent Giving Committee coordinates the monthly offerings from Sunday communion services and other special offerings such as Christmas and Easter. These offerings go to local, national and international charitable organizations and to UMCOR. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR is working in more than 80 countries worldwide, including the United States.

Contact: Ed Keller, elk@ski.org; 925-254-5949

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH) provides a service-enriched housing program, supported by an interdenominational faith community, which enables families to volunteer to assist with various community activities.

Contra Costa CROP Hunger Walk

Annual walk event to fight hunger, both globally and in your local community, October 15, 2017, Civic Park (Broadway & Civic) in Walnut Creek. Register at 1:00 and walk at 1:30 P.M. Choose 3K or 4.2K walk. Twenty-five percent of funds raised support the Winter Nights Rotating Family Shelter.

Contact: John Green, bubalegs@comcast.net, 925-837-9419

Food Bank for Contra Costa and Solano

The Food Bank for Contra Costa & Solano collects and distributes food to needy people in our county. Our Church has clearly labeled barrels in Wesley Center and the narthex of the sanctuary for the ongoing collection of non-perishable food. Please bring your contribution to the church and place them in the containers. Additionally, 3-4 times a year teams of 15-18 volunteers work in the Food Bank, sorting and packaging contributed foods. The monetary collection from the bagel table at our Sunday hospitality periods is sent to the Food Bank.

Contact: Lee Rust, 925-820-9047, chijocol@aol.com

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley

Habitat for Humanity International (HfH) is an ecumenical Christian housing organization that helps low-income families build decent affordable homes they can own. Both skilled and unskilled volunteers are welcome. SRVUMC entered a covenant relationship with HfH in 2001 to provide prayers, volunteers and financial contributions. Consider helping on site. Weekday volunteers are needed.

Volunteers are accepted with or without construction skills, as skills are taught daily by site supervisors and crew leaders. For more information or to complete an online volunteer application form, visit their website at www.habitatbsv.org

Mission Committee

Meeting Dates: At call of chairperson

The Mission Council is responsible for the overall direction, coordination, and sponsorship of our mission program. The Mission Council defines our church vision for mission work and develops a plan to make our vision a reality. If you would like to participate in this council, or would like to talk about starting a mission program, please call Ron Dunn at the church office.

Contact: Paul Kuelz, 925-831-3128, paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net

Local Missions

Meeting Dates: At call of chairperson

The Local Missions Committee organizes and coordinates “hands on” mission work in the local area. Past projects have included upgrading a home in Antioch, upgrading the Trinity Center homeless shelter headquarters in Walnut Creek, and building wheel chair ramps for those in need of them.

Contact: Paul Kuelz, 925-831-3128, paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net

National and International Missions

Our church has organized many mission teams to Guatemala and Haiti, in addition to sending teams to help in the reconstruction of the US Gulf Coast from hurricane damage, particularly in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. These teams are organized by team leaders as the leaders become available. Church members are also encouraged to join teams lead by members of other Methodist churches. Information is posted on the church website www.srvumc.org under Ministries. Our church works closely with the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) organization in the planning of mission trips.

Open Heart Kitchen

1st Wednesday of the month

The Open Heart Kitchen in Livermore provides noontime meals to needy people.

Contact: Steve Elliott (Asbury UMC), 925-362-8697, sae612@msn.com

Mission Sunday, September 23 - October 15, 2017

No longer one day of mission, but many! All members and friends of SRVUMC are invited and encouraged to participate in at least one service project during our concentrated effort to make a difference in our world, our community and our life. Mid to late September is the regular timeframe. 2017 events include: Habitat Playhouse Build and Rise Against Hunger! food packing, the CROP Walk, and a trip to the Food Bank.

Contact: Paul Kuelz, 925-831-3128, paulkuelz@sbcglobal.net

The Souper Center

3rd Thursday, 10:20A.M. - 1:30 P.M. Meet in church parking lot to carpool to the center together. The Souper Center provides a daily noontime meal to low income/homeless persons. On the 3rd Thursday of every month, volunteers from our church travel to the Souper Center to serve hot meals prepared by a chef.

Participate one time, or on an ongoing basis.

Contact: Lee Rust, 925-820-9047, chijocol@aol.com

SHELTER, Inc.

The mission of SHELTER, Inc. is to prevent and end homelessness for low-income, homeless, and disadvantaged families and individuals by providing housing, services, support, and resources that lead to self-sufficiency. SRVUMC supplies meals and miscellaneous supplies for the Martinez shelter during one week each spring. Volunteers are required to prepare and serve meals.

Trinity Center & Food for Thought Program

Several teams of volunteers meet Friday mornings around 8:00 A.M. to prepare & deliver a meal for the homeless at Trinity Center in Walnut Creek (St. Paul's Episcopal Church) and discuss biblical topics.

Contact: Dick Lam, 925-930-0707, RichardCLam@aol.com

Winter Nights

The Winter Nights program is a program organized by the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County to house needy families for a temporary period in church facilities.

Each winter for a two week period, SRVUMC volunteers prepare daily meals for the clients staying on our campus, and also conduct evening activities ranging from toys and activities for small children, to tutoring those in school.

Website: www.cccwinternights.org

Contact: Susan Dowling, sue_dowling@comcast.net; 925-648-5184



...growing & maintaining a thriving
Children's & Youth program

Children's and Youth Programs

Children's Worship & Sunday School

Please see the **Worship** section for information on children's worship and Sunday school classes on page 7.

Children's Activities

For more information on children's ministries, programs, and special events, contact Laura Roy, Director of Children and Family Ministries at 925-837-5243, x106 or at Iroy@srvumc.org

Groups & Special Events

Acolytes (2nd - 5th grades)

At our 9:00 A.M. service, Acolytes are responsible for bringing the Light of Christ into worship. Acolytes are open to 2nd through 5th grades. Acolyte training is held in the fallm 10:15 - 11:15 A.M. in the sanctuary. Please commit to scheduling first with Laura Roy at Iroy@srvumc.org

Sunday Singers and Children's Choir

Please see the Music section on pages 12 for information.

Children's Christmas Pageant

December 24, 2017 at 4 P.M., Christmas Eve family service.

We welcome children to take both speaking and non-speaking parts in our children's Christmas Pageant. No auditions are held but children are asked to sign up and attend practices. Sign up online at www.srvumc.org

Family Advent Festival

December 3, 2017, 12:00 noon, Wesley Center

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. What better way to start off the beginning of Advent than joining with your church family to enjoy a soup lunch, Christmas crafts, music, hot cider, and cookies!

Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch

March 25, 2018

Everyone is invited to our Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch! It's fun for all ages! The Egg Hunt and activities will take place following the 10:45 A.M. service. Please bring a dish to share.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 25 - 29, 2018, from 9:00-11:30 A.M. for ages 3 & potty-trained through 5th grade

Join us for five amazing days of camp! Participants learn songs, play games, participate in an interactive daily Bible story, and so much more! Registration opens online on February 28, 2018, at www.srvumc.org

Volunteer Opportunities

Children's Sunday School Teachers and PALs

Serve as part of a rotating team helping with our Sunday School Program at 9:00 A.M. Teaching or Assisting (PAL) is easier than you think and so much fun! And a great way to help change the life of a child at SRVUMC! We have awesome, teacher friendly, curriculum and provide training.

Youth Worship & Sunday School

See the **Worship** section for information on youth worship and Sunday school, pg. 8.

Youth Events and Trips

For more information on youth ministries, programs, and special events, contact Jamere Crawford, Youth Ministries Director, at 925-837-5243, x109 or jcrawford@srvumc.org

College-Search Road Trip

Spring Break 2018

This is a chance for high school sophomores and juniors to hit the open road with friends as they explore where they want to apply to college. We will be staying at churches and college campuses as we explore some of the best universities the West Coast has to offer. We will construct our itinerary in the pre-trip meeting in order to make sure we visit colleges people are already interested in.

Disneyland Trip (Grades 6-12)

Join us on President's Day weekend as we travel to the "Happiest Place on Earth!"

Freshman Kidnap

Can't tell when or where... but it happens annually.

Youth Fall Retreat

This event is held at the beautiful Monte Toyon Conference and Retreat center in Aptos, CA near Santa Cruz. This is the kick-off event for our youth program and generally all youth try to get to this one. It's a blast.

Youth Fund Raiser

April 18, 2018, 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. Spaghetti Feed & Talent Show - maybe an auction, too!

Youth Summer Camps

There are several camps that are offered through the CA-NV Conference of the United Methodist Church. The dates of these camps can be found on the conference website at www.cnumc.org. These camps are offered to elementary, middle school, and high school age youth.

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)

Please see music section on page 12

Youth Mission Trips

Our youth group does mission work throughout the year locally, nationally, and internationally. Local examples are: 30-hour Famine, Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco, St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen (new for 2017), and Faith Fellowship.

Sierra Service Project (SSP) (Grades 9-12)

The Sierra Service Project (SSP) is a non-profit organization providing life-changing experiences through acts of service repairing Native American homes or homes in low-income urban areas. High School youth and young adults are invited to experience the profound power of serving people who have a culture and life experience different from their own.

YouthWorks (New for 2018)

Each summer YouthWorks provides life-changing Christ-centered mission trips for over 30,000 students and adult leaders in over 70 communities across North America. Because we want everyone to experience a mission trip, we provide lots of affordable options while maintaining high quality experiences.



Preschool

United Methodist Preschool

The United Methodist Preschool serves the preschool age children of our church and community.

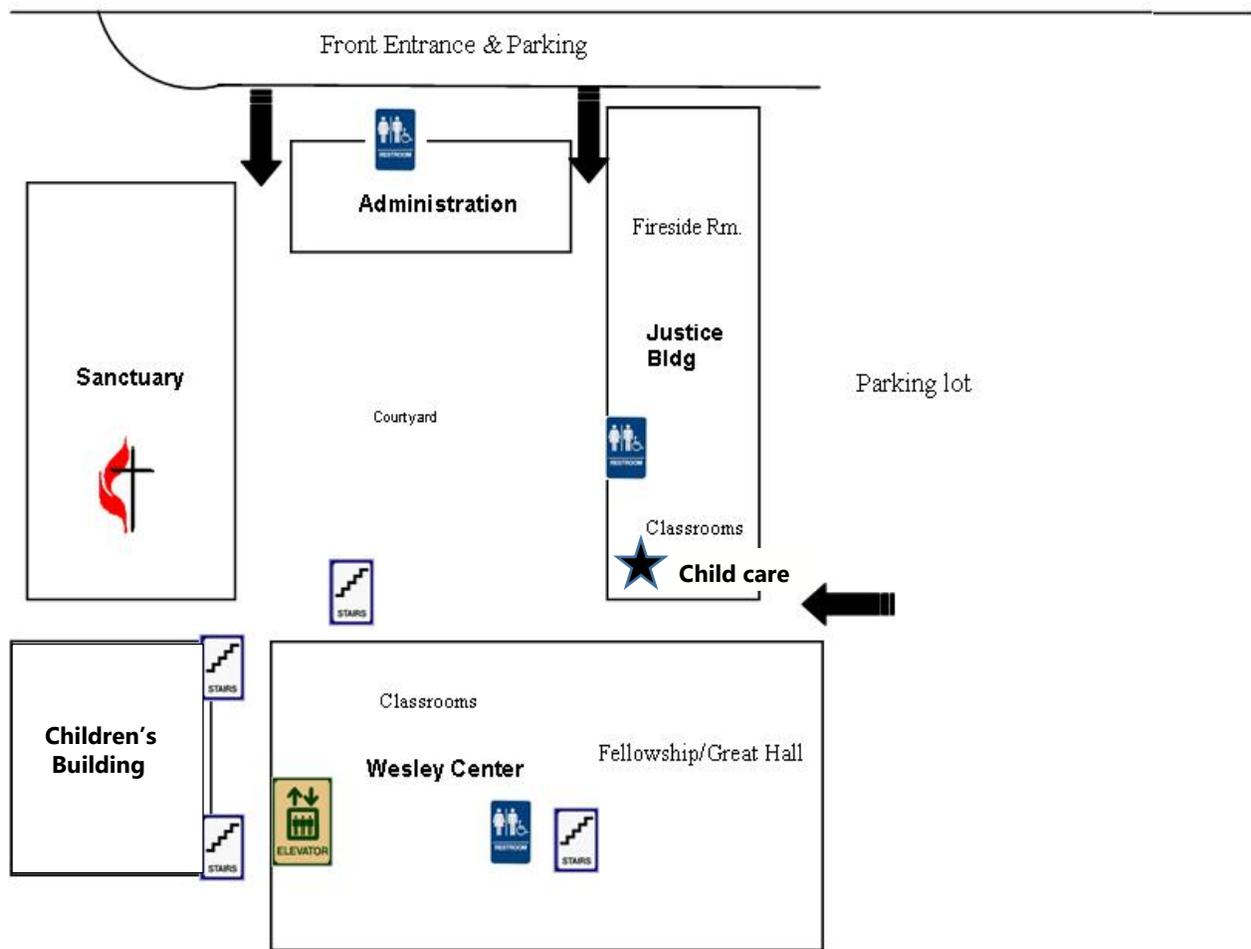
Its mission is:

- To provide a child-centered, developmentally appropriate preschool program promoting the growth of each individual child, emotionally, socially, intellectually, physically, and spiritually, in a manner natural for him or her;
- To carefully plan a program that exposes children to materials and experiences that nourish their development in a warm and loving atmosphere;
- To advocate for children that, in childhood, learning occurs through play; and,
- To emphasize the development of the whole child and celebrate the spirit of childhood in a Christian environment.

For more information, contact Paulette Ove, Director, 925-837-2788,
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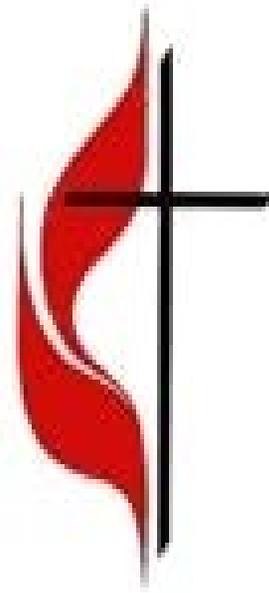
Campus Map

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