

The

Valley Messenger

A publication of San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church. Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Bless the Lent We Actually Have

March is a favorite time of year for me, as it means spring is here. As the days become longer, the weather is warmer, although still rainy at times; the trees are blossoming; and the hills around us and Mt. Diablo are all lush and green. Likewise, Major League Baseball's spring training is in full swing, while college basketball's March Madness tips off, making for an exciting few weeks toward the end of March. Even while the world comes alive again after a few months of winter, we find ourselves in the season of Lent, the forty days of preparation before Easter.

During the season of Lent, we spend time in deep reflection, as it is a time of self-reflection and dying to old ways of life so we can rise again and experience new life at Easter. While Lent has often been a time of giving something up or fasting from something we enjoy, it can also be a time of incorporating spiritual practices into our daily lives. This year, our theme is *Bless the Lent We Actually Have*. As we walk with Jesus this Lent at SRVUMC, we are studying Kate Bowler's book, *The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days* in which we are invited to live into the blessings of Lent.



Everyone is encouraged to order the book, available from multiple outlets, as well as encouraged to pick up a copy of the free daily devotion guide that supplements the book from the church office. This can be used in your personal devotion, small groups, or over coffee with a friend. Each Wednesday from March 1 to 15 and March 29 to April 5 from 11 a.m. to 12:30

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Have something you'd like included in next month's Messenger? Please submit your articles to Lisa Jancarik at media@srvumc.org by **March 15, 2023**.



Announcements

p.m. at Peet's Coffee in Alamo, I will offer a time to get together and discuss the week's devotions from the devotion guide and sermon from the Sunday before. Let me know if you can come at adavis@srvumc.org. I will be on vacation from March 19 to 25.

Whatever you do this Lent, whether you give something up, add something, and join us in reading *The Lives We Actually Have*, may it be a meaningful time for each of you as we all journey together with Jesus.

Peace & Blessings,

Pastor Andrew

Save the Dates

Sunday, June 11: Pastor Andrew's last Sunday with us. After worship, we'll gather in the courtyard and send him off with our thank-yous and blessings.

Thursday, June 22, 6 to 8 p.m.: Join in Kim's retirement party! At our first Grill and Chill of the season, we'll enjoy an outside meal and the chance to send Pastor Kim off with our thanks and blessings.

Stay tuned for additional details.

What's the Difference Between the Friday Memo and The Valley Messenger?

Both of these digital tools come to your email. Are people using them the same way? Not really.

The Friday Memo is your weekly cheat sheet for valuable info that you already know you need: registration deadlines, fees, contact information, et cetera. It's not ideal for celebrating a successful past event with a 300-word article and a photo, for example. Think of it as the email you scroll through in line at Safeway. Laura Roy edits.

The Valley Messenger newsletter is the Friday Memo's big sister. The monthly newsletter does include announcements (keep sending those!), but a reader can also find longer format, more conversational pieces and food for thought. This is where to look for that 300-word article about that recent event. Think of it as the email you scroll through while you're waiting for dinner to come out of the oven. Lisa Jancarik edits.

If you have an announcement, then please email media@srvumc.org. That email address reaches everyone attached to the Friday Memo, *The Valley Messenger* and www.srvumc.org. Sarah Stribling edits.

Announcements

Conference Opportunities

Be a part of our conference team! If you, or someone you know, is searching for a new job opportunity, please consider and share these open roles with the conference office.

Full job descriptions are attached and can be found here. Readers using devices can click on the job titles below to go to Indeed and apply.

[Associate Director of Intergenerational Ministries](#)

[Senior Administrative Assistant for District Superintendents of Los Rios and Central Valley Districts](#)

[Board of Ordained Ministry \(BOOM\) Administrative Assistant - Remote](#)

[Communications Associate](#)

For any questions or for more information please reach out to HR and Accounting Manager Angelina Garcia, (916) 374-1521, angelinag@calnevumc.org.

Digital Marketing Skills Needed Here at SRVUMC



Make your church's voice heard in the digital era. Ideally, this volunteer role will serve as part of the Online Campus Think Tank and should be familiar with

- Google Analytics
- SEOs
- Digital Marketing Campaigns

Interested? Contact Sarah Stribling at sstribling@srvumc.org.

Lead Sanctuary Decorator

Are you a planner and organizer who's looking for a place to deploy your talents? If you shouted, "That's me!" then we may have the perfect volunteer role for you.

Our Sanctuary decor team is looking for a leader who can

- organize dates to decorate the Sanctuary throughout the year
- plan and order special items like poinsettias or lilies and palms

Creativity is a plus, but you'll have the pleasure of working with two super-creative and willing volunteers who can cover that. *Please contact Patsy Kyles by calling the church office at (925) 837-5243 or by email at pkyles@srvumc.org.*

Announcements

Pastor Sam Yun To Serve as SRVUMC Lead Pastor Starting July

January 29, 2023

Dear Members and Friends of San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church,

Peace of Jesus Christ be with you. After prayerful consideration, the Bishop of the California-Nevada Annual Conference in consultation with the cabinet has discerned a new pastor, Rev. Samuel S. Yun, to serve your church as Senior Pastor, effective July 1, 2023.

Pastor Samuel is an exceptional preacher who not only inspires and encourages people but also graciously challenges them to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ. He is a visionary leader and at the same time a well-organized pastor who is capable of leading the San Ramon Valley community to a higher ground that God intends you to reach. Most of all, he is a well-rounded pastor who has proven his effectiveness as a pastoral leader. For the past twenty-eight years, he has faithfully served God's church in various capacities. To name a few, he pastored three churches as senior or solo pastor; he worked as an associate pastor for two large churches; he started a new church from the scratch; he directed camp and retreat ministries at the conference level; he guest preached across the country in various contexts; he participated in Path 1 Strategy Team for Discipleship Ministries whose focus is on developing strategies for starting new communities of faith, and he currently chairs the Core Team of the California-Nevada Annual Conference.

Under his great leadership, I trust that San Ramon Valley UMC will get stronger in all aspects of life as we strive after our common goal as a church, i.e., making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In this important time of transition, I ask you to pray for Pastor Samuel. I trust that you will welcome and support him wholeheartedly. I also ask you to pray for Pastor Kim and her husband Steve, who will soon transition into a different stage of life. God will help us move forward through this pastoral change.

Blessings,

Rev. Samuel Hong

El Camino Real District Superintendent



Pastor Sam Yun



Spiritual Growth

Great Decisions 2023

Sundays at 11:15 a.m.

Fireside Room

What are the great global policy decisions facing the US and how should Christians respond? Our church will hold a series of six weekly discussions on critical global issues using 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.

Lyn Arscott facilitates, showing a twenty-minute video prepared by the FPA on each topic, followed by a discussion. The discussion series guidebooks are available from the FPA website for \$35 plus postage. https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_materials .

If you are a regular member of Sunday school classes, Lyn has your email and will send the briefing notes every week. If you are not on that list, send an email to lynarscott@comcast.net to be placed on the list.

March 5—China and the US. For the past ten years, the United States and China have been locked in a competition for who has the greatest global influence. One major point of contention is the status of Taiwanese sovereignty, which has become even more relevant recently with the possibility that Russia's invasion of Ukraine may prompt China to take similar action regarding Taiwan. How will the United States engage a China which is increasingly seeking to expand its sphere of influence? *By David Lampton*

March 12—Economic Warfare. Waging economic warfare consists of a variety of measures from implementing sanctions to fomenting labor strikes. Such tools are utilized by states to hinder their enemies, and in the case of the United States have been used as far back as the early 19th century. Since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, economic warfare has been the main means for the west to challenge Russia. How effective will these sanctions be at convincing Russia to cease its war? *By Jonathan Chanis*

March 19—Global Famine. Fears of global food shortages have followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has disrupted grain shipments from the major grain producer. But what about countries and regions that were suffering before this impending shortage? How is famine defined, and how is it different from simple food shortages? What if any remedies are there? *By Daniel Maxwell*

March 26—Climate Migration. As climate change accelerates and drought and rising sea levels become more common, millions of people in affected regions must uproot themselves and seek safety elsewhere. Who are these affected individuals, and how might the United States aid them, and be affected by the migration? *By Karen Jacobsen*

Spiritual Growth

Walk to Emmaus

Men's Retreat April 27 to 30

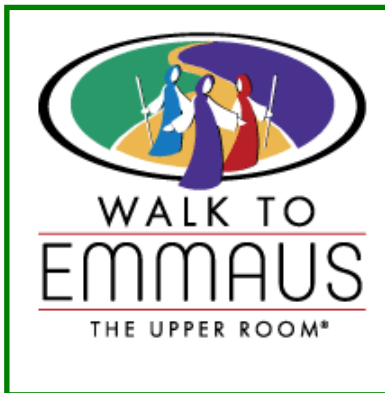
Women's Retreat May 4 to 7

Friends, are you seeking spiritual renewal? Perhaps you'd like to learn more about God's grace and love. If you or someone you know would like to experience God's grace in a personal and transforming way, The Walk To Emmaus just might be what you are looking for.

Under the umbrella of *The Upper Room*, The Walk To Emmaus is a three-day retreat offered to local churches to help grow servant-leadership among members. Individuals and couples are invited to attend at no cost.

Some members of our church, including Pastor Emeritus Ron Dunn have been active participants in The Walk To Emmaus. We highly endorse this program designed to bring you closer to Christ Jesus and in service to his people and to his church.

There is also a set of walks scheduled for this spring in Gilroy (Gilroy Presbyterian Church). ***You must be sponsored to attend these retreats, so for more information, please contact Lindsay Hiratzka at hiratzkal@hotmail.com or call (925) 413-0424.***



Did You Know?

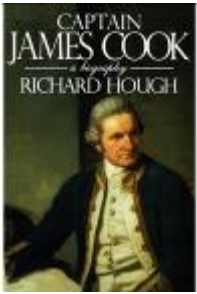
Have you decided that there are some books you just would rather read in print? Apparently, you're not alone. Following a record low in 2012, print book sales have come back, with print book sales growing by 33.45% in 2022. **Source:** <https://wordrated.com/print-book-sales-statistics/>

In our own library, the cost of replacing four books recently cost \$46.20. In the U.S., a typical price for a hardcover book is about \$14.99 to \$16.99. **Source:** <https://scribemedi.com/book-pricing-guide/>

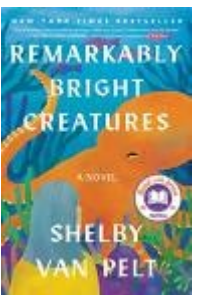
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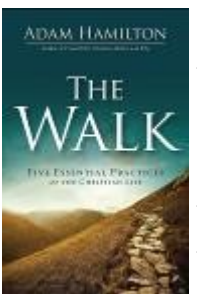
Between the Bookends



Richard Hough, *Captain James Cook*. James Cook, born in 1728, was the second son of a farm laborer living in Northern England. At an early age, James showed great ability and promise, so the lord of the manor financed James' education. Before he was seventeen, James Cook was apprenticed to a shop owner along the coast at Staiths. Cook fell in love with the sea and learned seafaring ways. He made his mark by doing an amazingly accurate job of surveying Newfoundland. Captain James Cook did three circum-navigations of the world for England. He was an expert navigator, firm but fair captain and was respected by his crew. This book uses authentic excerpts from Cook's ships' log and journal along with journals from other ship members. Maps and illustrations of his voyages also appear. Most of his maps are still quite accurate because he was that good. Cook's name appears mainly in areas of New Zealand, South Sea islands and Hawaii.

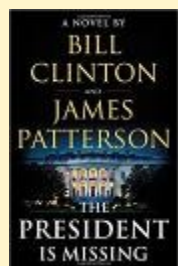


Van Pelt, Shelby, *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. This is a story of friendship, of living with loss, of mystery and of problem solving. The small town of Sowell Bay, a fictional town on Puget Sound, provides the backdrop for a plethora of interesting characters who add immeasurably to the reader's pleasure. However, the stars of this table of Marcellus, an aging Pacific octopus, and Tova, a 70-year-old widow who works as a night cleaner at the aquarium where Marcellus is in an exhibit. In what seems a completely natural sequence, the two become friends and over time are able to make life better for each other by solving mysteries and easing long-held sadnesses that have been part of their lives. Despite dealing with issues of loss, aging and loneliness, this book is uplifting and full of hope.



Hamilton, Adam. *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. Methodist minister Hamilton from Kansas City, MO, illustrates that we believers are meant to be "a living hallelujah." Our praise is not merely in words but from the heart and with every part of our being. He advocates that we worship and pray daily, individually and in community; that we study the Scriptures; and that we listen to Jesus' revelations by paying attention. Jesus not only read the Scriptures, He memorized them, prayed them, and lived them. Serve the Lord. Be open to divine interruptions. Give. We were created for generosity and sharing. These are the essential practices for Christian living.

Spiritual Growth



The Book *The President Is Missing* Truly IS Missing!

The borrower forgot to sign the card and leave it. Readers, please look for it or else the Secret Service may become even more cross with your librarians for misplacing him. Thank you for being on the lookout.

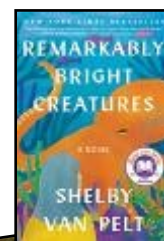
Book Club

March 20, 1 p.m.

Church Library

Our March pick is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. It is about a woman who gets to know an octopus at the aquarium where she works.

Our April book is a memoir called *The Honey Bus* by Meridith May. It is a story of a beekeeping grandfather and a girl that is saved by the bees. There are many lessons she learns from this special man. The April 17 discussion will be led by Marilyn McCurdy.



Lead Time for Priya Gupta, Church Accountant

Hello, I'm Priya Gupta, your church accountant. I look forward to work with you to support your ministries. To help me help you, please give me five days' notice to get you the information or reports you need. I work part-time and can be reached at pgupta@srvumc.org. I am here to help you. Thank you.



The Third Tuesday of the Month—Always!

Lunch with Friends

Tuesday, March 21, Noon

Wesley Center



Top 'o the Mornin' to Ye! Please join us for a cheery Irish lunch of corned beef, potatoes and carrots, and rainbow sherbet. (Will there be a pot of gold at the end of your dessert plate?) Thank you, guest chefs Roni Item and Holly Ann Melton.



Out Into the World

UMCOR Response to Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

By Susan Clark, Chief Communications Officer for Global Ministries and UMCOR

ATLANTA (February 9, 2023) – A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Turkey at 4:17 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, the most powerful earthquake recorded since 1939. In the hours that followed, at least 78 aftershocks were reported, followed by a second earthquake of 7.5 magnitude. The earthquake and aftershocks also impacted northwest Syria, where 4.1 million people depend on humanitarian assistance. Syrian communities, many of them women and children, are simultaneously facing an ongoing cholera outbreak and extreme winter weather, including heavy rain and snow. Thousands have been killed in both countries, and deaths continue to rise as rescue crews seek survivors in collapsed buildings. The humanitarian response is struggling to ramp up to meet the need among the devastation and winter weather.

UMCOR's longstanding humanitarian partner, International Blue Crescent (IBC), has multiple offices and project sites in Turkey. In IBC offices, people fill the halls as they seek shelter, warmth, and a hot meal. With the devastating damage to roads, transport and infrastructure, IBC has received hundreds of families in its Kilis Community Center for shelter, warm items, and hot meals since the first hours Monday morning. Kilis is serving as a major hub for coordination and relief efforts, including for cross-border response into Syria.

UMCOR has released initial solidarity grants to IBC and Forum for Development Culture and Dialogue (working in Syria) to help provide tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, ready to eat meals and first aid kits to those who have been displaced.

UMCOR staff members are also in touch with other partners in the region. Additional updates will be provided as more information becomes available.



Please join UMCOR in prayer for the many people affected by these devastating earthquakes, including the rescue crews seeking survivors and those caring for the injured and displaced.

Support relief and recovery efforts for this and other international disasters by donating to [Advance # 982450 here.](#)

Reprinted from the original article appearing [here](#). Lightly edited for style.

Out Into the World



Above: 2016 volunteers. Right: 2022 volunteers. SRVUMC has a long history with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. Send your mission photos to media@srvumc.org. We want to see them!



Volunteer at the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano

March 4, 11 to 1 p.m.

Looking for a way to serve? Each quarter, fifteen people from SRVUMC sign up for two-hour shift at the Contra Costa/Solano County Food-bank. It's such a meaningful way to contribute to a significant need! **Contact Anne Kuelz at annekuelz@gmail.com to volunteer.**



The Crayon Initiative

Collect on Sundays in March

Sort on Sunday, March 19 at 10 a.m.

We will collect crayons from our church family and friends. Crayons we donate and sort go to children in area hospitals. **Ask Laura Roy for details at lroy@srvumc.org.**

The Crayon Initiative is a national program that sorts and repurposes crayons for children in over 240 hospitals around the U.S. When unwanted crayons are disposed of by restaurants, schools or individuals, the result can be a waxy mess in landfills that never quite biodegrades. The Crayon Initiative manufactures new crayons from discarded ones collected at events like ours. These new crayons have a triangle shape, so they are easy to hold and don't roll off hospital trays. Read more about The Crayon Initiative at their [website](https://www.thecrayoninitiative.org/).





Thank You

UMCOR Thanks You for ALL Your Support! Two Letters of Gratitude

Dear SRVUMC,

On behalf of the many disaster survivors who will benefit from your generous donation of fifty cleaning buckets, THANK YOU! They are a sorely needed investment in our future disaster response.



January was a challenging month. The California-Nevada Disaster Response Ministry has deployed Early Response Teams five times since Christmas to assist with survivor relief. We addressed the Humboldt Earthquake and flooding in the Central Valley. We also staffed three survivor local assistance centers.

During all this we ran out of cleaning buckets. The buckets, such as donated by SRVUMC, are part of a package of assistance we offer—cleaning supplies, gift cards for immediate needs, hygiene kits and teams to help with cleanup, debris removal and immediate repairs. We served 400 households in the month from late December through late January. The financial and gifted supplies totaled about \$45,000.

You should be quite proud to be a part of the California-Nevada Conference. During 2022, the Conference responded to five wildfires and the Humboldt Earthquake. We participated in six long-term recoveries—all wildfires from 2018, 2020, 2021 and 2022. We assisted 900 households as part of these recoveries with direct survivor aid of over \$400,000.

You made a difference in so many lives.

On behalf of the California-Nevada Conference Disaster Response Ministry, thank you for your church's donations to UMCOR in 2022. We are grateful for the support of UMCOR's domestic and international disaster response and recovery.

Last year was so challenging. Among the many disasters around the world, UMCOR responded to major needs in Tonga, Haiti, and the Ukraine. In the United States, aid went to help in Florida for Hurricane Ian, flooding and tornadoes in the South and to wildfires in the Western states.

Here in California, an UMCOR grant for the 2017 wildfires funded survivor recovery assistance for several years. UMCOR is a continuing partner for 2023, matching our Conference funds, towards the ongoing recovery from the 2018 Camp Fire in Paradise. And lastly, UMCOR grants are supplementing Conference monies for survivor assistance for the 2021 Caldor and Dixie Fires.

We are appreciative of UMCOR monies in that they extend the generous donations from our church-

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Thank You

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es to the Conference Disaster Response Fund. For more information about UMCOR go to the UMCOR website at www.umcmisions.org. For more about our Conference Disaster Response Ministry, visit the Disaster Response Section of our Conference website, <https://www.cnumc.org/disaster-response-ministry>.

In Mission Together,

Steve Elliott

Disaster Response and UMVIM Coordinator
California-Nevada Conference



Whew! Fifty buckets organized and filled in record time! Special thanks to the organizers who made this operation so slick and efficient, and thank you to all our participants.



Communion

A Special Offering: UMCOR Sunday, March 19

UMCOR Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate and support the missions and outreach of the United Methodist Church. This special offering is how UMCOR funds their core operations. That way, when we give to a specific need, such as the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, 100% goes directly to that need. None of those donations go to operate UMCOR. *(See Page 9 for more information on the Turkey and Syria relief effort.)*

The United Methodist Committee on Relief, known as UMCOR, is the humanitarian aid and development arm of our denomination. It operates in four major areas:

- **Relief**, such as emergency food and supplies in times of famine, drought, and geopolitical crisis
- **Disaster Response**, immediate and long-term support for natural disasters
- **Sustainable Development**, programs focused on areas such as clean water, sanitation, food security, climate change and global migration
- **And Global Health**, education, and programs for priorities such as eliminating malaria.

Examples of UMCOR's impact this past year include:

- Relief work in the Ukraine
- Disaster responses in Tonga and Haiti
- Recovery from Hurricane Ian in Florida
- Tornado recoveries in the southern states
- Refugee resettlement

Please make your checks payable to SRVUMC, but put "Communion" in the memo line. This allows the church office to send a combined check to UMCOR and track donations.

Closer to home, we are grateful for UMCOR's commitment to addressing the legacy of California wildfires. Since 2017, UMCOR has provided \$1.7 million dollars for wildfire recovery. They just sent a \$10,000 grant in January to help Central Valley flooding survivors. Much of this funding is then matched by our Conference Disaster Response Fund.

Acknowledging the impact UMCOR has, California-Nevada churches donated \$628,000 to UMCOR in 2022. All of this went directly to U.S. and International programs. What an amazing commitment to the difference UMCOR has in our world!

In Mission Together,

Steve Elliott

Coordinator, Disaster Response and Missions
California-Nevada Conference



Youthful Energy

Preschool: Here's What the 'Sugar Bugs' Have Been Up To

What better way to show yourself some love than to take care of your teeth? This month our Preschoolers are busy learning about dental hygiene. They have the opportunity to count teeth and match different size and shape teeth to the corresponding diagram of a mouth. They are truly enjoying practicing brushing those "sugar bugs" off all sorts of teeth. They are scrubbing large Duplo™ Lego® teeth covered in Playdough™ and using sponges to scrub laminated teeth covered in shaving cream. They are learning the proper way to brush chocolate off their teeth after eating all those special treats. Exploring teeth in such fun ways will hopefully lead to lifelong dental health habits.

Danville Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics, a beloved local practice, generously donated goodie bags for all our students. The bags contain a toothbrush, floss, stickers and a helpful first aid guide for knowing what to do in case of a dental emergency. We are so grateful for all of our community helpers!



Did You Know?

According to the [National Institutes of Health](#), while the overall incidence of tooth decay has declined since the early 1970s among children ages two to five, 23% of children in this age group showed decay in their primary teeth. This data comes from 2011 to 2016 reporting.



Our Sanctuary, decorated to celebrate our commitment as a Reconciling Church on February 12. Special thanks to the team who made our message visual! Call Patsy in the church office to volunteer as lead decorator.

Youthful Energy



SRVUMC Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Talent Show and Auction!

Saturday, March 18 at 5 p.m.

Wesley Center

Menu is spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Suggested donation \$10 per person, \$15 per couple and \$25 per family. Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends and family! All proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry and mission. *Contact Pastor Andrew at adavis@srvumc.org or Justin Byers at jbyers@srvumc.org for additional information.*

Youth Happenings

Pastor Andrew

At the time of writing of this month's Youth Happenings, we are getting ready for our Disneyland trip! We would like to thank Justin Byers, Debbie Byers, Andrea McWilliams, and Trevor Neeley for all of their help on this trip and to all of the young people who went. We offer a special thank you to Anaheim First UMC for allowing us to sleep at the church.

As we are in the month of March, the youth will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 18, in the fellowship hall in Wesley Center (*details above*). We hope to see you there.

For any questions, please contact me at adavis@srvumc.org or Justin Byers at jbyers@srvumc.org. We also have a new Instagram handle, @srvumcyouthgroup. Check it out!

See You There!

Sunday School: middle school/high school at 10 a.m., except on the first Sunday of the month.

Middle school youth group Sundays from 4:30 to 6 p.m., youth room, Wesley Center.

High school youth group Sundays 6 to 7:30 p.m. youth room, Wesley Center.

Family Ministry

Calendar

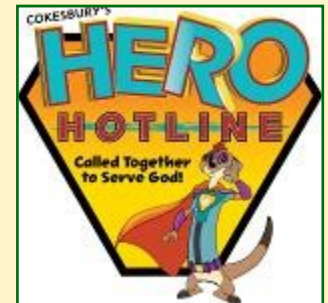
Palm Sunday! Everyone is invited! Sunday, April 2—10 a.m. continental breakfast, 10:30 a.m. Egg Hunt! Craft activity following hunt. **Please RSVP to Laura Roy at lroy@srvumc.org.**



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

Hero Hotline! July 24 to 28—Ages 3 years (potty trained) to grade 5

We will invite children to the Hero Hotline Headquarters where everyone's gifts are valued, and every hero has a role to play! **Contact Laura Roy, Director of Family Ministries at lroy@srvumc.org.**



Sunday school classes begin at 10 a.m.

- Tot Spot for the infant to 4-year-olds.
- TK to Grade 2—Upstairs above preschool in Otterbein room (Laura Roy leads)
- Grades 3 Through 5—Upstairs in Wesley 203 (Tom Roy leads)

March Sunday School Lessons:

Forgiveness is deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

Week One

A Woman Anoints Jesus' Feet: Luke 7:36-50

Everyone needs forgiveness.

Week Two

Zacchaeus: Luke 19:1-10

When you forgive others, it can change them.

Week Three

The Story of the Unmerciful Servant: Matthew 18:21-35

Forgive others because God forgives you.

Week Four

The Story of the Lost Son: Luke 15:11-32

God will always forgive you.

"Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you."

—Colossians 3:13, NIV



Celebrations

Birthdays

1 Bart Jacobi
2 Al Tiedemann
3 Debra Carter
Noelle Doran
4 Steve Roath
Mike Scalzi
5 Patsy Kyles
Richard Carter
Cole Donaldson
6 Ed Keller
7 Cindy Rudow
9 Terry Sherman
Paige Steffy
Roger Ten Elshof
11 Carrie Doyle
Karen Sanson
13 Ellen Kocins
15 Betty Jo Bennett
Cathy Colman
Brian Doyle
Gene Ives
Annette Patch
16 Corinne Pavel
Susan Stevenson
18 Grace Willman

19 Jim Burk
Gavin Helms
Abby Lang
Lori Pavel
20 Bill Van Bezey
John VanderWerf
21 David Bayat
22 Joan Arscott
Liz Field
Michael Gross
Sandra Willman
23 Karen Scalzi
24 Katie Buckley
Judy Slinger
25 Marianne Templeton
27 Dianne Anderson
Elizabeth Beck McDaniel
28 Sarah Koepp
Katie Hawk
30 Corin Drake
Sam Hoff
David Mays
Kevin Peters
31 Candice Newburn
Greg Warwick

Anniversaries

5 Kirsten & Langley Choy
6 Amy & John Riedel
8 Cindy & Tony Leonard
Andrea Bourgeois McWilliams & Dave
McWilliams
Lori & John Pavel
Susie & Peter Ruotsi (54)
22 JoAnne & Jess Erickson (66)
Erin & Rich Lowther

25 Sherry & Sanjiv More'
26 Dianne & Roger Ehlers
27 Darrelyn & John Orr
29 Marilyn & Berry Scott (65)
31 Sandra Greenwood & Ed Davidson
Susan & Dale Stevenson (60)



Among Ourselves

Health Concerns

Sharon (Susan Dowling's mother)
Floy Blair
Bob Brown

Kay Jones
Andy (Susan Madden's husband)
Barb McWilliams

Continued Prayers For

All those who live with long-term illness, those recovering from COVID-19, unemployment, life decisions, and sickness in their families, Joan Lee, Ann Schroeder.

Our Christian Sympathy

To the family and friends of Joyce Kayser on her recent passing.

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