

The

Valley Messenger

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

A Time to Reset

One Christmas, when I was seven or eight years old, I asked Santa Claus for a Nintendo gaming system after playing Mario Bros. on my cousin's Nintendo. I had an Atari gaming system, so I was obviously hooked on video games at an early age. In the early days of video games, there was not the game-saving option we have now, so you literally had to play for hours to beat a game, and every so often, had to hit the reset button. Sometimes, it would be hard to leave a game, especially when someone wanted the TV or when it was time for bed. Over the last three years, I began playing video games again, thanks to Trevor's Nintendo Switch. It brings back those fond memories, plus an amazement at how video game technology has evolved, especially since you can save and pick back up where you left off when it's time to take a break from the game.

I am departing after serving a year at SRVUMC—hitting the reset button on ministry and life. As I reflect on these last seven years of pastoral ministry, so much has happened in a relatively short time. When I took my first appointment in 2016, little did I know how much life would change, that I would find the love of my life, and experience a great deal of upheaval in our world. Likewise, I have felt a shift in my calling towards a different expression of ordained ministry, although am still discerning what direction that call is going to take.

As I move into a new season of ministry and life on July 1, I come away grateful for this past year. I am grateful for the many conversations, meals, and cups of coffee enjoyed with many of you, as these are truly sacred moments. I am grateful for Pastor Kim and her mentoring, which I will take with me into future ministry. I am grateful for our youth and families; for Justin Byers and his help in leading the youth program; the Sunday/Wednesday pickleball group; our music ministry; the small groups, our staff, the lay leadership in the church; and I am espe-

May 2023

- 1 A Time to Reset
- 2-4 Announcements
- 5 Local Talent
- 6-7 Spiritual Growth
- 8-12 Out Into the World
- 13 May Communion Offering
- 14-16 Youthful Energy
- 17 Family Ministries

- 18 Birthdays & Anniversaries
- 19 Among Ourselves

Next Issue: June 2023

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

Announcements

cially grateful for my fiancé Trevor for standing by me and partnering with me in leading the youth group and supporting me in my ministry, even on the days when I struggled and wasn't at my best. While this will be a new rhythm of life come July 1, I look forward to this reset and thank you all for this past year together!

Peace & Blessings,
Pastor Andrew



Left: Pastor Andrew shares a meal in fellowship. Middle: Always glad to see you! Right: Morning announcements with Pastor Andrew. Photos by Terry Bailey.

Farewell to Pastor Andrew Sendoff

June 11, After Worship

Church Courtyard

Pastor Andrew will be moving on to new adventures at the end of June. There will be an open mic, cake, beverages, and gift-giving. A book for members of the congregation to sign will be in the Narthex before church, and either in the courtyard or Wesley Center during fellowship starting April 16. An additional gift will be given to Andrew. Donations toward Andrew's gift can be made to the church by a check made out to SRVUMC with Pastor Andrew's name in the memo line. *If you wish to be formally added to the speaker list, contact Terry Bailey at baileyzoobob@comcast.net.*



Announcements

New Spiritual Practices Class Now Available on Church Center

A “spiritual practice” is defined as any practice with the intention of growing closer to God. Have you ever wanted to learn a spiritual practice? Tune into “Signposts,” an on-demand video class now available on Church Center! You'll learn how to do a new spiritual practice in every episode! Learn why spiritual practices are important, consider short prayers to transform your life, make the Bible more relevant, and more! [Here's](#) a link to the first episode! Contact [Sarah Stribling](#) with your questions.



The Online Giving QR Code for Church Center

Just in case your phone's camera has been a little bit fidgety during worship, here is the QR code for the Church Center giving website. Worship doesn't have to be in progress to use it. *Thank you for any of your contributions through this portal. If you have questions, contact Michelle Cooke at mcooke@srvumc.org or call the church office at 925-837-5243 x102.*



Living Water and Chancel Choir Meet Weekly in May Choir Room, First Floor Wesley Center

New participants are welcome!

- **Living Water** (middle school to adults) from 6 to 7:15 p.m
- **Chancel choir** (high school to adults) from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information or if interested in participating, see Pastor Andrew or contact him at adis@srvumc.org.



Photos: Men's Faith Sharing Group and their spouses performing stations of the cross at the San Damiano Retreat in Danville on Easter Saturday. Photos courtesy of Bob Baker.

Announcements

Dear Friends in Faith,

Greetings on behalf of your Conference Committee on Mission Service!

Your Conference is hard at work assisting the survivors of the flooding in Pajaro and elsewhere. In Pajaro, near Watsonville, we have deployed volunteers to assist with cleanup. We are providing survivors with cleaning buckets, and we have issued a grant of \$10,000 to Watsonville First UMC to help survivors with pressing needs. [See more.](#)

We are also assisting the flood impacted farmworkers in Tulare County. Most have been unable to work for several months due to flooded fields. The Conference has provided a grant to Vida Nueva UMC in Porterville to offer immediate aid. Your help with these ongoing efforts would be appreciated. Donations can be mailed to the Conference Office or made online at this link: [California-Nevada Disaster Response Fund \(brtapp.com\)](#)

An excellent way to actively participate in our Conference Disaster Response Ministry is to become trained as an Early Response Team (ERT) volunteer. ERTs are the cornerstone of our response to the relief and recovery from a disaster. Our next online training class will be **Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, 2023.**

For more info and to register: [Virtual ERT Training](#)

Are you interested in a mission experience in 2023?

Teams have already been out this year and are planned for the coming months. Contact Steve Elliott

for upcoming opportunities at UMVIMCoordinator@calnevumc.org. There is a team just back from Kyrgyzstan and teams are being planned for this summer to Fuji, Angola, Kenya, and Cuba plus several local opportunities.

And lastly, would you like to consider leading mission service in 2023? The April issue of **The Mission Connection**, the newsletter of our Conference UMVIM Program, addresses team leader training opportunities. Read the conference newsletter [here](#).

We share Conference missions and outreach opportunities each month. If you have a mission story you want to highlight, just send an article and photos to me, Justin at justincryu@gmail.com or to Jessie Conklin at jessiec@calnevumc.org.

Living in Hope,

Justin Ryu

On behalf of the California-Nevada Mission Service Committee

**Train Online as an Early Response
Team (ERT) Volunteer**
**Sat. April 29 and Sun. April 30, 1 to 5
p.m.**

\$15 per person for ERT training, \$41 for Safe Gatherings background check. Read more about the program or register [here](#).
Leslie Carmichael is our instructor.

Local Talent

San Ramon Valley Chorale Presents...

“Love Is in the Air”

Sunday, April 30 at 4 p.m. or Saturday, May 6 at 4 p.m.

SRVUMC Sanctuary

It's back! Director Bruce Koliha and accompanist Nadia Blank-Koliha coordinate with the local voices and talents we love for the Chorale's spring concert.

The program features one of Johannes Brahms' most loved choral works, the *Liebeslieder Waltzes* (*Lovesong Waltzes*). These short, tuneful pieces, will be sung in German (but you can read the translations). They describe the many moods of love, couched in Brahms' lush harmonies. This work has been an audience favorite since their composition in 1868!

The program also features a fabulous tango, a French art song, a heart-breaking Irish love song and several pieces by American composers Norman Dello Joio and Kirk Mechem, as well as others. Rounding out the eclectic nature of the program (and subject matter as well), is a classic barbershop/beautyshop arrangement of “Lida Rose/Will I Ever Tell You”, from the musical *The Music Man*.

Tickets for adults \$25, kids and students \$10. *Purchase your tickets at www.srvchorale.com and click on “Buy Tickets” for the date of interest. Ticket availability at the door will be limited!*



Did You Know?

The SRV Chorale's choir was selected to perform with The Eagles (yes, *those* Eagles!) in February at the SAP Center in San Jose.

Book Talk With Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer

May 21, 7 to 9 p.m.

Fireside Room

Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer discusses her book, *Shetland Mist: A Shetland Family in the Methodist Movement*. She will sell and sign books (\$20 cash or check to Heather), or buy in advance on Amazon. Heather celebrates her great-great-grandmother, Ann Leslie, who raised nine children in the Shetland Islands in the 1800s in this historical fiction tale of hardship, faith, and resilience. Heather was Associate Pastor here 2006 to 2009.

For more information, visit <https://www.heatherlesliehammer.com/>.



Spiritual Growth

Fun and Fellowship in May and June!

Spend some quality time with your church friends and ease into summer with some activities you can only do in the Bay Area! **Contact Jerry Ricker at 925-382-2862 for details about either event.**

Filoli Gardens Outing

May 9, 9 a.m.

Meet in Church Parking Lot

Join us in the beauties of Filoli in the spring! Filoli's fourteen full-time horticulturists make sure the grounds are always blooming! Over 75,000 spring bulbs and 250 fruit trees await you.

Bring friends and a camera for a special day. The group price includes \$31 admission fee, group welcome and orientation with staff, reusable shopping bag and garden guide, house and garden tours, and a no-host lunch in the Quail Café.

Friendship Day! Giants v. Diamondbacks

June 24, 10 a.m.

Meet in SRVUMC parking lot

Join your church and friends for a day at the park! The package for this event includes:

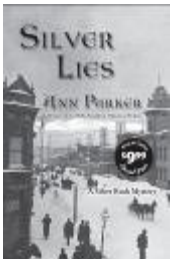
- Free parking at 101 Washington St., Oakland
- Round-trip ferry
- Ticket to ballgame
- Fellowship Day hat
- Postgame player/coach testimonial about how faith affected their lives
- Postgame concert



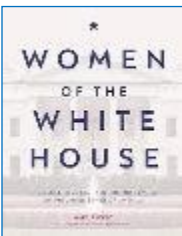
A portion of tickets benefit the Salvation Army. Fellowship and love at no additional cost! **Package price is \$75. Contact Jerry Ricker for tickets.**

Editor's Note: Get in the mood for this sports outing by doing the only thing more exciting than watching baseball—reading about baseball! Your church librarians didn't put me up to saying that, but don't miss the Between the Bookends topical reading suggestions on the next page.

Spiritual Growth



Parker, Ann. *Silver Lies*. This historical Western fiction mystery takes place in Leedsville, CO in 1879. There are miners, saloon owners, ladies of the evening, counterfeiters, a Methodist minister, and ordinary folks who tell this tale. Inez is the heroine, and Reverend Sands is the hero. The twists and turns of the story will keep you guessing!

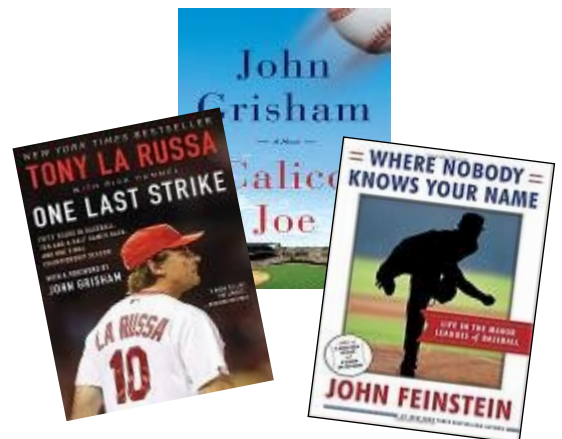


Russo, Amy. *Women in the White House*. In March, women who contributed to the history of our country by their achievements were honored. The library has added this book, which tells of the accomplishments of the wives of our presidents. The reader might consider starting at the back with Jill Biden, Melania Trump, Michelle Obama, etc. Many of the ladies had a common desire to improve the education of children, especially in reading. Barbara Bush encouraged reading to a child each day, as she did on her radio show. What each woman decided to do during her time as First Lady is of most interest.

For It's One...Two...Three Strikes, You're Out at the Ol' Ballgame!

To help you get in the spirit of the baseball season, these books will be on the book cart for your reading pleasure.

- Grisham, John. *Calico Joe*
- Feinstein, John. *Where Nobody Knows Your Name*
- La Russa, Tony, with Rick Hummel. *One Last Strike: Fifty Years in Baseball, Ten and a Half Games Back, and One Final Championship Season*



Out Into the World

Thank You to Trinity Center Volunteers!

More than thirty-five SRVUMC members participated in Trinity Center's Evening Program. These volunteers from several of our faith sharing groups prepared eight Friday evening dinners in our church kitchen. They delivered and served the meals to the participants at Trinity Center's new facility on Trinity Avenue in Walnut Creek. After the meal, Trinity participants spent a safe, warm night at the Armory. The program ran from December through early April to provide an alternative to those who sleep in their cars or on the street. Thanks to all who lovingly joined in this ministry!



Out Into the World

Serve Your Community at the ARC

The ARC has been a valuable asset for our church for the past six years. There is a shortage of gym space in our community, so the ARC is close to fully booked between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. every day except Sunday morning. After school hours, the ARC is used primarily by youth organizations for basketball, volleyball, and indoor soccer. The boys and girls are supervised by coaches from the various organizations.

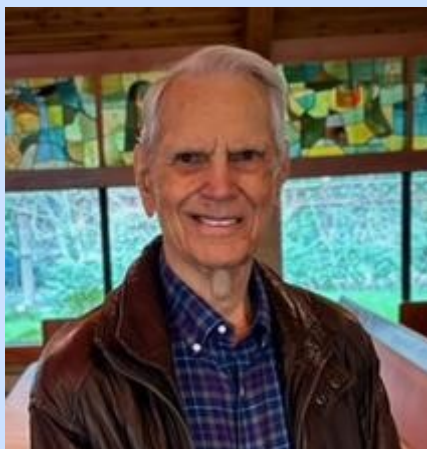
For four mornings a week, during school hours, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., the ARC is open to the public for pickleball and badminton. These sessions are supervised by volunteers from our church who set up the nets and collect the fees.

A team of around seven church members provide this service, but we need a few more to act as substitutes. These volunteers are the face of the church to the community players. *If you are interested in being involved in this community service, please contact Lyn Arscott at lynarscott@comcast.net.*



The ARC in action, serving the youth of our local groups and neighborhoods. Providing gymnasium space is a way SRVUMC can bring value to anyone in the community.

Some members have requested photos of Bill Sabin following an article about him a few months ago. Bill is a longtime member of San Ramon Valley UMC. If you missed it, you can more read about him in the lead article of the [February 2023 edition](#) of The Messenger.



Out Into the World

A Sobering but Fruitful Mission to Pajaro

On Thursday, March 30, a group from Asbury UMC and San Ramon Valley UMC met at the volunteer center run by Hope Crisis Response Network (HCRN) in Pajaro, the site of recent devastating flooding. Driving into this small blue-collar village, we were immediately struck by the large piles of mud-covered household goods in front of each home.

The beehive of activity from governmental and volunteer groups gathering to assist with cleanup was impressive. Volunteers were outfitted with protective clothing and cleanup gear, given the significant contamination and challenging conditions. It was nice seeing a goodly stack of flood buckets provided by Lynnwood UMC.

There was a large group from the Monterey California Conservation Corp (CCC) fire fighters and high school students from Santa Cruz. We later met a group from Rubicon, a disaster response group made up of veterans. Red Cross was present as well as the California Office of Emergency Management.

We met with the onsite director and were immediately warned that the scope of the disaster and range of relief activity made recordkeeping difficult. It was a timely warning! We were given an address and headed out. After arriving, we ran into the first glitch—none of us knew Spanish! Fortunately, the homeowners' daughter arrived, and we could quit using Google Translate. After conferring with her parents, they decided they didn't need any additional help because other groups had cleaned the house out and removed the wet sheetrock.



Left: Some of the devastation awaiting volunteers from Asbury UMC and SRVUMC. Right: Other services already serving the local population.

Out Into the World

Back to the HCRN command trailer, where we were given the address of a small trailer park. Fortunately, we came across a bilingual gentleman who assisted us. We again found no work to do as the trailers' wheels were high enough off the ground to prevent flooding. Back to the command center and lunch on a sunny set of benches.

After lunch, we found that the owners of the first house we visited had changed their minds and wanted more help. To prepare to install insulation, they wanted the sheetrock removed to above the fire block, about five feet. We also removed the ceiling that had previously been water damaged by a roof leak. This work went rapidly, and we asked for another assignment.

Our final task of the day was a house built in the late 1800s in the strawberry fields outside of town. It had been hit by a wave of water ten feet high! We met the owners, Patrick and Joanne, who were delighted with our help. The water had come into their living room to a height of about five feet, leaving a neat line we could use for cutting. Fortunately, they still had power, and we were able to use our multi-tool to cut the sheetrock. We pulled out the drywall to let the structure dry and not form mold. We were able to clear the living room, and start on the walls in the dining room, halls and one bedroom.

A lot of work left to do in Pajaro! But we had another United Methodist team following into this house to continue what we started.

In Mission Together,

Dick Crawford

On Behalf of the Team



Photos: Sheetrock was definitely a theme for our volunteers. Their team efforts meaningfully advanced recovery with this intense work. Can you see the line in the photo on the right where the water level had been?

Out Into the World

If the Pajaro mission trip inspired you to put on your work gloves, Hope Crisis Response Network has more work planned on the Camp Fire project. See below for the details.



Mission Trip to Assist with Recovery from the Camp Fire

June 4 to 9, 2023

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.

Signup is now available for our next mission trip to help rebuild. We will be working in Paradise teamed with Hope Crisis Response Network (HCRN). We will drive up on Sunday afternoon, work the week and return on Friday afternoon. We will be staying at housing provided by HCRN. Two people per bedroom with a shared bath, plus common and dining areas.

We will receive our work assignment about a week beforehand. HCRN provides the tools.

The cost will be \$175 per person. This includes the cost of carpooling, food, and housing. *For questions or to register, contact Steve Elliott at stephen.elliott1951@outlook.com or 925-362-8697. Register by no later than May 15, 2023.*



Left: Camp Fire Mission 2023 in progress. Right: The Camp Fire photo from the 2018 newsletter, when SRVUMC first joined in the volunteer efforts to recover from this wildfire.

Communion

Habitat for Humanity East Bay

Our church has a longstanding relationship with this familiar organization, supporting its mission to provide safe, decent housing to people for whom this basic need might be out of reach. Decent housing invites further opportunity through strength and self-reliance. Habitat makes housing available with affordable mortgages, repairs and renovations to existing homes, counseling for first-time buyers and neighborhood revitalization. You can read more about this nonprofit organization's ongoing work at Esperanza Place on their [blog](#).



Left: Esperanza Place build, 2022.

Right: Playhouse build from 2015. We have a long history with Habitat for Humanity!

Always Something Happening!

May 7—Communion Sunday. Our communion offering supports Habitat for Humanity

May 14—Mother's Day, and distribution of third grade Bibles. It's Endowment Sunday, too! Lots to celebrate!

May 21—Join us for a baptism and recognition of our graduating high school seniors

May 28—Memorial Day Weekend

June 4—Music Sunday and Holy Communion

June 11—Pastor Andrew's last Sunday

June 18—Father's Day, and recognition of men in our congregation who have blessed us beyond measure; Pastor's Kim last Sunday leading worship

Youthful Energy

Youth Happenings With Pastor Andrew

The San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church Youth Group has been quite busy as we enter the final stretch of the school year. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised \$1621 at the spaghetti dinner and dessert auction on March 18, and we're grateful for everyone who came to support our youth. We also thank everyone who came to the car wash on April 23 during and after worship. Now in the month of May, we have several things happening leading into summer activities:

On Sunday, May 7, we will meet in the youth room at 2 p.m. and go to the Bay Area Smash Room in Fairfield, the perfect way to de-stress from getting ready for finals and final projects for the school year. Signed releases will be due the day of the event. We plan to return to the church around 6 p.m.



Youth Group will not meet on May 14 for Mother's Day.

On May 21, we will honor our graduating high school seniors in worship.

May 21 and 28, middle school and high school youth groups will meet in the Wesley Center youth room.

- Middle school youth (grades 6 to 8) meet from 4:30 to 6 p.m.
- High school youth (grades 9 to 12) meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Pastor Andrew Davis at adavis@srvumc.org or Justin Byers at jbyers@srvumc.org.

Unfortunately, our group will not be able to attend Sierra Service Project in Del Norte County from June 19 to 24. However, we have been invited to participate with Livermore Asbury UMC's group from July 23 to 28. ***If anyone knows any youth grades 6 to 12 interested in attending, please see Justin Byers, jbyers@srvumc.org.***

Youth Calendar

May 7—Bay Area Smash Room, 2 to 6 p.m.

May 14—Mother's Day, no meeting. Go celebrate your moms, grandmas, aunties and women who love you!

May 21—2023 graduating seniors honored in worship; Youth group meets in youth room

May 28—Youth group meets in youth room

Youthful Energy

Share Camping Opportunities with your Church Family!

Camp offers kids and young people the opportunity to develop independence, have fun, and deepen their faith in Christ.

There are various camps offered throughout our Conference, including Family and Adult Camps. Find out more at calnevypm.org.

Though Camping & Young People's Ministries does work to offer tiered pricing to make camping more affordable, scholarships and financial assistance are sometimes a need for young families. Consider offering scholarships in your church to help support your kids or youth who may want to go to camp. Your church, or individuals in your church, are invited to [make a donation](#) designated for specific kids or youth going to **Camp Lodestar** or **Toyon Camp** online as a way of providing scholarship. (You may also use the online form to indicate that a check will be mailed in). General, non-designated donations are also welcomed. Other scholarship opportunities may be available soon. We will share more opportunities on our website as they arise.

Contact Rev. Jacey Pickens-Jones at jaceypj@calnevumc.org or Senior Administrative Assistant Jessie Conklin at jessiec@calnevumc.org with your questions.

2023 Camping Opportunities Through Cal-Nev Conference United Methodist Camping & Retreat Ministries

June 11 to 27—Adult and Family Camp

July 8 to 14—Camp Monte Toyon

July 16 to 22—Camp Lodestar

...and others. Explore calnevypm.org for more opportunities.



CAMPING & YOUNG PEOPLE'S
MINISTRIES
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Find a New Way To Do Church!

Messy Church

May 21, 5 to 7 p.m.

Wesley Center

Adults, kids, dinner and worship in a whole new way! Don't sit still, don't be quiet, and don't be bored. Bring your creativity and come ready for celebration. Contact Laura Roy at lroy@srvumc.org with questions.



Youthful Energy

Preschool: New Families Can Join the Fun!

Our fabulous United Methodist Preschool has a limited number of openings we would love to fill. If you know someone who is looking to join our UMP community, then we would love to hear about them. When considering families for admission, it is so helpful when they come to us with a recommendation from one of our fabulous United Methodist families! Please let us know if you have any friends or family members who may be interested in applying.

A beloved family move, opening up space in our MWF 3's class and in our Monday through Friday Pre-K. With just six weeks left in our school year, it's a great way for a child to get a taste of our amazing preschool program.

We have limited space available for three-, four- and five-year olds in our summer school program. Summer runs the weeks of June 6 to 10, 13 to 16, and 20 to 23. Our theme is "Enchanted Forest"—We will explore magic potions, princesses and dragons, and a variety of mystical forest creatures!

We also have limited space for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Registration is in full swing, so don't wait! Have your friends or family reach out to apply today!

Vacation Bible School: Hero Hotline!

July 24 to 28, 9 to NOON!

This year, VBS is 30 minutes longer because we've added a music station! We invite children ages three (potty trained) to grade 5 to the Hero Hotline Headquarters, where everyone's gifts are valued, and every hero has a role to play! Enrollment is \$55 per child, discounted to \$50 per child for families with three or more children. Student take-home music download card is \$5. Register [here](#) for VBS 2023. Pay for VBS [here](#). Release forms available [here](#).

Deadline for refunds is July 16. Contact Laura Roy, Director of Family Ministry for more information.



Third Grade Bible Presentation

**Sunday, May 14, 10 a.m.
In Worship**

Mark this important milestone in the development of our third graders as followers of Jesus.



Family Ministry

Calendar

"Messy Church"—May 21, 5 o 7 p.m., Wesley Center. Dinner and a new way to "do church" that will include creativity and celebration. **Contact Laura Roy at lroy@srvumc.org!**

Third Grade Bible Presentation—Sunday May 14 during 10 a.m. worship.

Join us for Vacation Bible School! Invite your neighbors, friends and family. Hero Hotline, July 24 to 28, ages three years (potty trained) to grade five. **We've added more fun! A music station! We will go half an hour longer—9 a.m. to noon—no extra charge! See Page 16 for more information.**



Above: Everyone can participate in Messy Church!

Sunday School Classes Begin at 10 a.m.

Tot Spot for infants to age four temporarily in Wesley 102

TK to grade 2—Upstairs above preschool in Otterbein room (Laura Roy leads)

Grades 3 through 5—Upstairs in Wesley 203 (Tom Roy leads)

May Lessons: *Confidence is living like you believe God is with you.*

Week One

Great Commission and Ascension: Matthew, 28:16-20, Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:1-11

Share God's love with others.

Week Two: The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost, Acts 2:1-41

God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.

Week Three

Peter and John Are Taken to the Sanhedrin, Acts 3:1-4:21

God is with you no matter what.

Week Four

Philip and the Man from Ethiopia, Acts 8:26-40

God is with you even when you have questions.

**"So we say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper; I will
not be afraid."**

—Hebrews 13:6a, NIV

Celebrations

Birthdays

1 Catharine Baker	Barbara Carlson	Rich Braden
Gary Hansen	Jim Kretsche	Robert Kelly
Barbara Nicco	11 Josie Riedel	22 Maria Sturdivant
Bethany Pavel	Kathleen Wood	23 Gary Krumrei
2 Cheryl Morones	13 Al Banisch	26 Norma Jean Bunker
3 Bruce Templeton	Sylvia Hemmerich	Skip George
4 Sylvia Benzler	Carole Johnson	27 Justin Farhang
Floy Blair	Jim McKnight	Hannah Stephenson
Mike Prenger	14 Gin Calvin	Thomas Valdriz
Jim Warnock	Saba Kanwal	28 Kay Jones (93)
5 Hannah Sidhom	15 Greg Longstreet	John Riedel
Scott Smallwood	16 Lorry Dahl	Tom Schramm
6 Mary Jane Brusher	17 Rick Doran	29 Jan Geahry
Susan Doran	18 Sanjiv More'	31 Margaret Hansen
8 Jason Doyle	19 Alice Impraim	Audrey Kennedy
Abby Ten Elshof	Marla Nakaso	JT Kennedy
9 Winnie Stribling	21 Gerry Aude	
10 Jerry Butlin	Bob Baker	

Anniversaries

4 Linda Albertoni Engman & Dave Engman	22 Lisa & John Jancarik
5 Floy & Jerry Blair (60)	24 Connie & Ray Winter
6 Kathleen & Briggs Wood	26 Anita Weir & Jim Ball
8 Marty & Jerry Osborn	28 Kari & Kevin Dimler
10 Nancy & Steve Garnick	Barbara & Mike Nicco
14 Angela & Tom Norton	30 Christy & Bruce Campbell
18 Donna & Dave Bain	Anne & Paul Kuelz
21 Debra & Richard Carter	Marilyn & Thomas Mathis

Among Ourselves

Lunch With Friends

May 16, Noon to 2 p.m.

Wesley Center

Come and enjoy our monthly food and fellowship! The menu is always delightful, and the conversation is at least as good. See what's cooking to kick off the summer. Lunch With Friends is always the third Tuesday of the month. **Contact [Nancy Benvenuto](#) with questions.**

Health Concerns

Sharon (Susan Dowling's mother)

Bob Brown

Kay Jones

Andy (Susan Madden's husband)

Judith (Debbie Myers' mother)

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

John Orr passed away on February 25. Condolences may be sent to Thelma Orr at 1228 Rossmoor Parkway, #257, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

SRVUMC

902 Danville Blvd • Alamo, CA 94507

Office Hours: 9 a.m.-12, 1-4:30 p.m.

Phone (925) 837-5243 • Fax (925) 837-7263 • www.srvumc.org

Ministers EVERYONE • Lead Pastor Kim Risedorph (ext. 107) • Associate Pastor Andrew Davis (ext. 108)

Director of Family Ministries

Laura Roy (ext. 106)

Preschool Director

Christine Pezza (ext. 113)

Office/HR Manager

Soledad Cuenco (ext 104)

Accountant

Pritya Gupta

Accounts Receivable Clerk

Susan Madden

Office Administrator

Patsy Kyles

Organist

Nadia Blank-Koliha

Messenger Editor

Lisa Jancarik

Director of Social Media and Online Ministries

Sarah Stribling

Director of Recreational Ministry (ARC)

Matt Clawson