

The

Valley Messenger

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Open Doors.*

A Common Thread

By John Green

Many wonderful experiences have come my way since joining our church a couple of handfuls of years ago, and I would like to share one of my most inspirational.

It began quietly enough while Linda and I attended the first Disciple I class in 1997. During this particular period of study, we were to perform some type of outreach. There were several choices available, and I chose to visit with a charter member of our congregation. I had my mind on a particular individual, but when I spoke with John Corson, he suggested another. God spoke to me through John, as I discovered a week later when I introduced myself to Lorraine Jacoby.

I visited with Lorraine at her Diablo Lodge residence several times. I was drawn back after our first visit because so much of my history had been following in her footsteps, and I hadn't even known her. As we began talking, both of us a little nervous, we discovered these common life events:

- Each growing up in Oakland and living on Fruitvale Avenue in our youth
- Each moving to Manila Avenue and attending Oakland Tech high school
- Each working on the Scribe, the high school newspaper
- Each running to Fenton's Creamery for shakes whenever we could

So, while I was soaking up shakes as a teenager in the mid-1950s, Lorraine and Wilbur Jacoby joined with 31 other adults in the Walnut Creek and San Ramon Valley area to build our church, here, where we sit and pray today.

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I admired this woman as she told me about this endeavor. She told me that with only 33 adults, and so many arrangements, plans, grunt work, and on and on to make this happen, the adults could not be too selective in their involvement. They had to accept assignments even if not familiar with them. They learned; they worked together; they accomplished. These 33 folks gave an abundance of all three—time, talent, and treasure.

Forty years after the church was built, here I followed again with my angel, Linda, placing my feet where Lorraine's and Wilbur's were; where Daphne and Dale Kimbell's are.

So, I think of the efforts supplied by these 33 adults and how they worked for God. I hope that in another fifty years, the congregation might look back on our work during our First 50 Years, and admire our efforts, just as we admire the work of our charter and early members. Thank you, Lorraine.

Editor's Note: John Green originally wrote this reflection on his unexpected connections with a charter member of San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church back in 2007. Pastor Sam reminds us that we are all connected, from "Generation 2 Generation."

Carole Johnson invited us to revisit John's article during a search for membership class material. The next membership class is slated for November 6. Learn more [here](#), or contact Pastor Sam directly.



Photo: Charter members Daphne Kimball (left) and Lorraine Jacoby (right). Photo credit: Carole Johnson

Church Office Hours Correction

A member recently pointed out that we have been showing different office hours on each of our media outlets. Well spotted, and thank you! Here are the correct hours.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Closed weekends.

Announcements

Make a Difference in Ministry! Volunteer in the AV Loft

No prior experience or skills needed. Choose your own schedule. Pick one of three simple tasks. Help make Sunday worship happen with the best view of any service! **Contact Sam Hawk for a tour of AV Central at shawk@srvumc.org or (510) 975-0997.**

Sam Hawk on Volunteering in the AV Loft

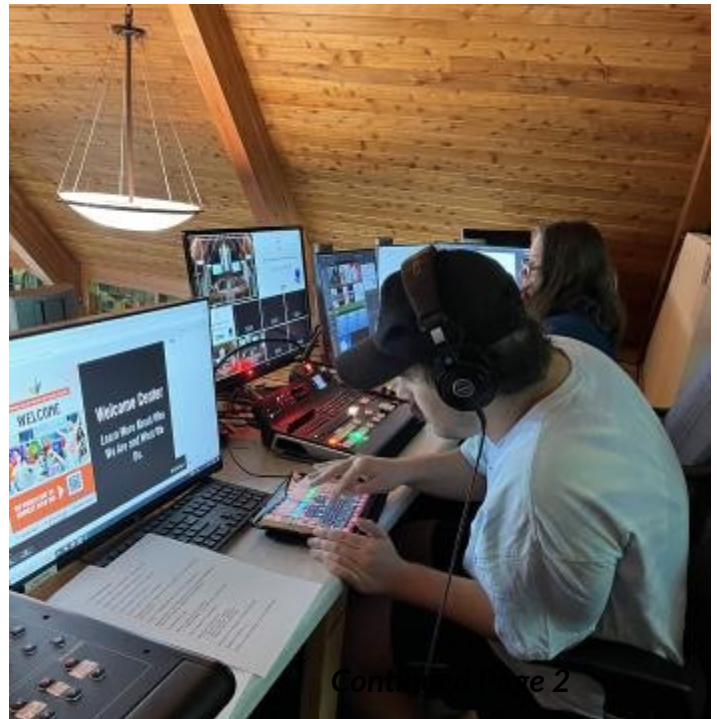
Many of you already know Sam Hawk, our facilities manager and AV director. The Hawk family joined SRVUMC in 2007, and members may know Sam's sister, Katie, and his mother, Teri Hawk.

Sam's interest in audiovisual equipment, particularly sound equipment, goes as far back as his teens, when he assisted with youth services. Much of his experience since then has been informed by use of other gear outside of the church setting, but he learned the most about the church's updated system by working with Jeff Lang. Sam responds here to some common reasons people might not volunteer.

"I can't learn to use all that!" – There's not a lot to learn to be helpful. For one thing, volunteers aren't expected to operate all—or even most!—of what looks like NASA mission control at first glance. Learn more if you like. Besides, Sam points out, he is still learning, too, every time he has to troubleshoot a problem.

"What if I get stuck up there myself?" – "You will not," says Sam, emphatically. Often both Sam and Jeff Lang are present, but at least one experienced person will always be in the loft. Plus, volunteers generally work in groups of two with Sam or Jeff nearby.

"What if I mess up?" – Sam points out that goofs happen all the time, and that they are made by experienced people. Videos don't launch. Hymn subtitles aren't in time. Microphones reverberate. It's not



Sam adjusts sound levels in AV Central before Sunday worship. Behind him, the newsletter editor tries to look busy for the photo, but her task as a volunteer isn't hard: Sam is actually managing three of the four monitors in this shot. Photo credit: Sarah Stribling.

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a big deal, and perhaps you and even the team will learn something from the incident.

Among the most notable mistakes Sam can remember was during a Chorale concert when he dimmed the house lights as an alert for the audience to take their seats...and the show started immediately!

“What if I break/delete something?” – Sam assures any potential volunteer that they won’t be put in a position to do that. He laughed and added, “You can’t delete the Bible; anything else is fine.”

Sam brings his good nature with him into the loft. Together, he and Jeff create a mood that is relaxed but not careless. Overall, the goal with SRVUMC’s audiovisual team is to make sure everyone can see and hear what the worship service has to offer, no matter where they are—in the Sanctuary or online. Ideally, a Sunday team would consist of two volunteers with Sam or Jeff nearby, and these teams of two would rotate about monthly. If you can’t find a partner, volunteer anyway, and solo volunteers can be paired.

A poster for a Christmas concert. The background is a light, textured surface with a green border. The text is centered and framed by a grey border. The word "CHRISTMAS" is in large, bold, dark green capital letters. Below it, "with the" is in small, dark green lowercase letters, followed by "Chorale" in a large, red, cursive script. Below this, "Directed by: Bruce Koliha" and "Accompanied by: Nadia Koliha" are in dark green. At the bottom, there is a table with three columns: "Sunday DEC 3", "4PM", and "Saturday DEC 9". The text is in dark green. There are some decorative elements like pine branches and a red berry in the bottom right corner.

CHRISTMAS
with the *Chorale*

Directed by: Bruce Koliha
Accompanied by: Nadia Koliha

Visit <https://www.srvchorale.com/concertinfo> for information and advance tickets.

Sunday DEC 3	4PM	Saturday DEC 9
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Announcements

Technology in Transition

By Sarah Stribling

We are a church in transition in terms of staffing, technology, and branding. Here are some key updates about online tools and how we are using them at SRVUMC.

Friday Memo Transitions to Sarah

Laura Roy, beloved director of family ministries becomes our office manager starting November 1. Among many other tasks, Laura has been in charge of the Friday Memo. With her transition, Pastor Sam and the communications team have decided that it makes sense to transfer responsibility for the Friday Memo to this writer. To further support and simplify the Memo's updated design, headlines in the Memo will include links to the church website instead of landing pages. This lessens the number of items a reader needs to click through to find the information they are seeking.

Keep the Photos Coming!

The SRVUMC photo repository continues to grow, thanks to members of the congregation taking photos of church activities and events. Some of these photos now appear on the reorganized and revamped church website. The Music Ministry page is a prime example. A member of the church choir graciously took photos during choir rehearsal. These have been uploaded to a digital library shared across our media outlets, allowing a handful of these photos to appear in the Friday Memo,



Messenger, and church website. Claudia Artiga also took photos of the children's Music Makers recent performance during Sunday worship. One of her photos will appear in a social media post. These photos give a sense of who we are as a church and can be used to generate further interest in joining our various music groups. **Email your photos of church events to media@srvumc.org.**

Church Center Workshops

Michelle Cooke and this writer finished conducting two Church Center workshops earlier this month. Small group leaders and committee leaders gathered after worship to learn basic features of Church Center and how to put their group on Church Center. Fifteen people attended the workshops in total. In terms of adding relatively large numbers of members to a group on Church Center, it is easier and faster for group leaders to email their list of group members Sarah Stribling (sstribling@srvumc.org)

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who can add them to their respective group(s). As a Church Center administrator, Sarah can simply add members. Once this has been done, and a group is open to accepting new members, interested individuals can find groups on Church Center and request to join. In terms of workshop follow up, attendees completed a survey so future workshops can be improved. Attendees have a handle on what Church Center does. Follow up continues.

Members of the congregation have been signing up for church events on the Registrations module of Planning Center. Signups have included an interfaith blood drive and an opportunity to serve at White Pony Express. [This] month, women will be able to sign up for the Women's Retreat (*more about the Women's Retreat on Page 8*).

Transitions in Branding

SRVUMC may be ready for a rebranding in the coming months. The new year may be an excellent opportunity to clarify who we are as a church, what this church is about, what our discipleship process entails, and what we want to accomplish as a church. Previous discipleship pathway work that employed the metaphor of a trail to elucidate our relationship with God and each other has not borne fruit. Aside from a handful of people, most people sitting in the pews do not understand how the trail works. We seek to create something more effective.

This report was prepared and presented for the October Church Council meeting. Church Council meetings are open to all interested members and occur monthly.

Beginner Friendly! All Ability Levels! **Mind, Body and Soul Yoga Group** **Mondays, 9 a.m.** **Fireside Room**

The group will include meditative and spiritual exercises as well as the exercise of yoga. Invite a neighbor or friend to come to our group—extend SRVUMC hospitality and find your new favorite Monday activity. Staff Parish Relations Council and Church Council approved the hiring of Allison Gannon as the facilitator of gentle yoga for both men and women. A donation of \$10 per person at each group meeting is suggested to defray expenses. Please do not hesitate if you have never done yoga exercises. Allison is an expert at putting everyone at ease, teaching beginners, and working around our differences in ability. *Please email or call Sylvia Benzler if you have any questions:* skbenz@mac.com or 925-707-4489.

Spiritual Growth

UMeUs November and December Schedule: Holiday Adjustments!

Potluck and Presentation. Tuesday, November 7, Noon, Wesley Center. First Tuesday of the month, as usual. Veterans will be honored with a short talk with Navy Lieutenant Pat Patteson, who served in World War II and will be celebrating his 103 birthday this year! He flew at least 23 missions over Japan during the war. Come honor Pat and all veterans. Bring a dish to share, or stop at Safeway on your way over!



NO Lunch with Friends in November!

Combined Thanksgiving and Christmas Celebration. Tuesday, December 5, Noon, Wesley Center. All are welcome! We will serve up a traditional holiday feast with appetizers, roasted turkey, home-made stuffing and gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, green beans and pumpkin pie for dessert. Yum! If you are not a regular attendee, then we're so happy you are joining us! Please call the office to RSVP. If you are a regular, then you're good! We'll have entertainment too!

Potluck and Presentation. Tuesday, January 2, Noon, Wesley Center. Meet the Afghan refugee family introduced on Pages 13-14 to learn more about them.

Lunch With Friends. Tuesday, January 16, 2024, Noon, Wesley Center. Third Tuesday of the month, as usual.

Methodist Women's Tea Is Back!

December 16, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wesley Center

Sponsor a table! You decorate and invite six friends, and leave two spots open for walk-in guests. Everyone should bring a dish to share: fruit or vegetable, appetizer, lunch/tea item, or dessert/sweets.

Contact Nancy Benvenuto with questions 925-784-1955 or email her at Nancy@NancyBenvenuto.com.

To coordinate food, contact Nancy Banisch at 303-906-2588 or email NancyBanisch@comcast.net.



Spiritual Growth

Save the Date!

2024 SRVUMC Women's Retreat

February 2 to 4

Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz

Pastor Dan Sturdivant leads a retreat with the theme "JOY Through the Back Door."

Our friend and frequent guest pastor Dan says, "The most profound and enduring joy any of us are likely to find arrives through our failures, losses, disappointments; in short, through grief. We can't get there, however, without trusted companions to help us see our lives clearly." We hope you'll join us in 2024. *Registration begins November 5, 2023 online, or register after worship on November 5 or November 12. Contact Nancy Garnick, Linda Jimerson, Linda Albertoni Engman, or Priscilla Wolfram for more information.*



The Harvest Festival Craft Fair 2023—Now With Youth Bake Sale!

November 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wesley Center

Our crafters have gotten their creative juices flowing! This eagerly anticipated event and church tradition showcases quality, handmade items—perfectly timed as a Christmas shopping destination!

Don't miss this fun social event, church fundraiser and good opportunity for outreach to the community! You, your friends and family can take part. Plus, shoppers and crafters alike will be able to fortify themselves with Harvest Festival food, too!

Contact Shannon Dever at shannon-dever62@gmail.com for more information.



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Wesley Center

Carole Johnson Reflects on a Building Central to Church Activity

The present Wesley Center is sited where Wesley Hall, the previous building sat until its demolition in 2002. The center we have today spans 20,000 square feet and came at a cost of \$4 million. Its consecration as “Wesley Center”—named by congregational vote—was held November 23, 2003. That month’s *Messenger* stated, “Think of all we can do with the new building.” These facilities included:

- New fellowship hall, where coffee hour happens weekly after worship
- State-of-the-art kitchen (today known as the Lee and Mary Roush Kitchen), where fellowship meals are prepared, like the ones for UMeUs
- Large choir and bell choir rooms
- Youth meeting and recreation areas, including the small kitchen off the youth room
- Stephen Ministry/Adult education room
- Separate offices for the youth and music directors (today, Pastor Kim has his office upstairs)
- Sunday school room
- Nicely appointed restrooms with shower facilities

Marge Wood created textile art banners depicting the ministry areas of our congregation with the figure of Jesus as the center. The banners are no longer on display in Wesley Center, but they represent the four-fold focus of the “A Vision Worth Keeping” theme: Invitation, Welcome, Integration (Discipleship) and Sending to Serve.



Left: Using the Mary Roush Kitchen to prepare shrimp cocktail at the may 2022 Lunch with Friends, now “UMeUs.” See Page 7 for upcoming UMeUs events.

Right: Winter Nights activities in Wesley Center, 2017. This annual mission with community partners would be impossible without the space Wesley Center affords.

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Quentin Alexander, Chair of Building Committee; Phil Davies, Chair of Trustees; Bob Baker, Liaison with contractor and agencies, and many others took leadership roles. The Vision Campaign had direction from Joel Jung, Finance Committee Chair; Craig Caldwell and Dale Kimbell, Co-Chairs of Capital Fundraising; and John Green, Chair of the Campaign Follow-up. Wesley Center opened the door to major lecture and discussion events and to community concerts.

Carole Johnson serves as unofficial archivist to San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church. If you stand still next to Carole for ten minutes, you'll learn something about SRVUMC that you didn't know!



Left: Rise Against Hunger, 2021. Middle: Vacation Bible School, 2018, "Rolling River Rampage!" Both events occurred in the same versatile space in downstairs Wesley Center. Right: Carole Johnson addresses her Christmas Tea table guests, 2019. Check out Page 7 for information on the return of the Women's Christmas Tea and how to participate.

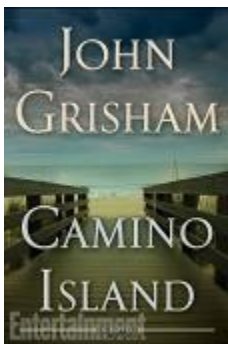
Book Club Discussion November 20, 1 p.m. Church Library

Kirk Wallace's *The Feather Thief*. This nonfiction book about an obsession with rare feathers for tying flies reads like a novel. Discussion led by Nancy Garnick.

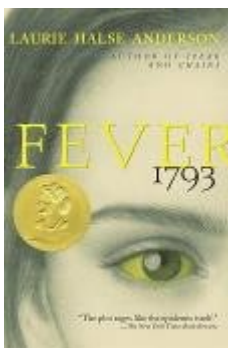
The Book Club will not meet in December.



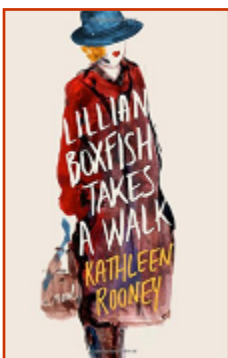
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Camino Island, John Grisham. A departure from the crime novels of lawyers, criminals and courtrooms, Grisham brings us the FBI investigation of the theft of F. Scott Fitzgerald's valuable first writing manuscripts. A young lady, an aspiring author, resides on Camino Island for the summer. The FBI approaches her to assist with the case. She enjoys going to the local bookstore, owned by a man suspected to have the manuscripts. FBI agents have had the store under surveillance and have noted her frequent visits. Will she become a sleuth for the FBI? Grisham gives us an interesting approach to solving crime.



Fever, Laurie Anderson. The author takes the reader back to the history of our country around the year 1793 to the bustling city of Philadelphia, where the yellow fever epidemic hit. The summer was an extremely hot, dry one, upon which mosquitoes, the carrier of the fever, thrive. The insects were vicious, biting everyone, everywhere. Coffeehouses and marketplaces where news was discussed were closing. Supplies coming into the city stopped. Some people tried to head to the far countryside to escape the pestilence. This historical work would be a very good read for anyone interested in the early history of our country.



Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk, Kathleen Rooney. It's New Year's Eve 1984 when 85-year-old Lillian Boxfish decides to walk to her friend's party in Manhattan. This is the story of her two-mile walk and her life in New York, from 1932 to her current walk. Lillian had been wildly successful writing jingle limericks for ads. Her marriage, child-rearing and writing career are all revealed in an enlightening way. Those of you who enjoy limericks will certainly find pleasure in this book.

Something Else To Be Grateful For...Your Librarians Rotate Book Cart Inventory!

Periodically, the library committee takes books off the book cart and replaces them with others for your pleasure. Take time to browse for one or two that might interest you.

Globally, the literacy rate is 86.3% for both males and females, with the U.S. literacy at 99% (but we aren't in the top ten most literate countries!). **Source:** <https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/literacy-rate-by-country>. **Celebrate your literacy with a selection from the book cart!**

Out Into the World

Calling All Angels! Angel Trees

November 19 to December 3

Narthex

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."—John Wesley

With Thanksgiving season on the horizon, we are especially grateful for our many blessings and the opportunity to follow John Wesley's teachings. Make the holiday season brighter...and do "good"! Our gifts this year will assist:

- **Fred Finch Youth Center**—Children in long-term care with developmental or mental illness ages 3 to 18
- **Trinity Center**—Serving homeless adults
- **Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Family Services**—Teenage girls removed from home due to neglect/abuse
- **Hope Solutions**—Formerly homeless families/individuals who have been very recently placed into a home
- **STAND!**—Families and victims of family violence while they stay safe and seek a happier, peaceful life



To support this program:

1. Choose a tag from the trees in the Narthex.
2. Deliver your **unwrapped gift with the tag attached** to the church either by putting it under the Angel Tree during regular Sunday church services (November 26 or December 3) **or** by delivering them to the church office no later than December 5. We will even pick up gifts if that works best for you!

Monetary donations for the Angel Tree are always welcome if you would like us to do the shopping. There are three ways to donate to the Angel Tree:



HOPE
SOLUTIONS



STAND!
For Families Free of Violence.

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- At a worship service. Angel helpers will be in Narthex to collect donations services November 19 and 26, and December 3.
- Online through Church Center.
- By check payable to SRVUMC with “**Angel Tree donation**” on the memo line mailed to the church office: **SRVUMC, Attn: Angel Tree, 902 Danville Blvd, Alamo, Ca. 94507.**

Let us close sharing a message from one of the agencies we have worked with for many years. Fred Finch Director Grace Helton wrote: “...Many of our children do not have homes to go to or family to visit...You [SRVUMC] bring the children here at Fred Finch joy. You provide a bright spot on what can be an otherwise sad and lonely day. Smiles are wide on Christmas morning as they open their gifts. On behalf of us all....THANK YOU.”

We thank you in advance for being “**angels**” and making this Christmas a brighter holiday for many. Contact us with your questions! Our contact information is in the church directory and is also found on the Church Center App.—*Beth McClelland, Roni Item, Nancy Garnick, Linda Green*

Introducing an Afghan Refugee Family

By Lyn Arscott

Several members of our Church are helping an Afghan family settle in Danville. Amin and Laila Nayebi, their son, Basit (8), and their daughter, Yasna (4), escaped from Afghanistan after the Taliban took over in 2021. After a harrowing journey including five days’ delay at the border, they finally entered Pakistan, where they spent the last two years waiting for visas to the U.S. Bill Small of Danville met them through a mutual friend and agreed to become their U.S. sponsor. He supported them during their time in Pakistan. They arrived here on September 22 and are now living with Bill indefinitely.

The Nayebi family waited for **two years** for visas to the United States. What have you wanted badly enough to wait two years for it?

Bill was aware that our church had previously sponsored refugee families, so he reached out to us. Already, Yasna has been enrolled in our Church’s preschool and will start as soon as she receives the necessary medical clearances and vaccinations.

Laila and Amin speak English, and the children are learning it quickly. The family is anxious to make friends and become active in the greater East Bay community. Laila would love to meet other wom-

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en; learn how to use her new computer; and learn more about American family life. For ten years, Amin worked in Kabul for a Seattle-based NGO that ran the Afghan national Girls and Boys Scout programs. He is also an accomplished photographer. He would appreciate help in finding an appropriate job. And of course, Basit and Yasna would love playdates at Bill's house, a local park, or your place. Recently, Lyn Arscott was pleased to be able to take them to an Afghan market in Concord where Laila found familiar cooking ingredients.

We would like to assemble some volunteers for transportation to school and to teach English. Gift cards for food and clothing would be useful. *If you are interested in helping the family, please contact Sherri Fraser (sherriefraser@gmail.com), Lucinda Huffaker (lucinda.huffaker@gmail.com), or Lyn Arscott (lynarscott@comcast.net).*



Laila, Amin, Yasna, and Basit Nayebi with their host, Bill Small.

Did You Know?

According to [ABC News](#), more than 97,000 Afghans have resettled in the United States. Apart from the obvious legal issues, Afghans starting over in the U.S. meet new struggles on their arrival, including some you might not have thought about, like finding groceries for familiar recipes or supplies to observe traditions from home.

Thankful for Going Out Into the World in 2023

Here is an incomplete list of some SRVUMC projects that reached past our own campus this year. Let us be grateful for time, talent and treasure anytime we share it in Jesus' name.

Angel Tree

Backpack drive with Monument Crisis Center

Blood drives

Cleaning buckets assembly for disaster relief

Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano

LIFT projects

Pajaro rebuilding projects

Pittsburg UMC renovation

Rise Against Hunger

SHELTER, Inc.

Trinity Center volunteers

White Pony Express

Wildfires: Camp and Dixie missions

Communion

Trinity Center

This month's Communion offering supports the ongoing work of our partners in mission, Trinity Center of Walnut Creek. Trinity Center provides essential safety net services to vulnerable populations. This organization is non-residential, but it works to support people who need stable housing. Housing can be a significant hurdle to financial stability and wellness for people who have had nowhere to go. According to the [Trinity Center's website](#), this local organization accomplished 82 housing placements in the past twelve months, with over 40,000 tracked services offered.

Historically, SRVUMC members have volunteered with the morning and lunchtime meals. However, Trinity Center also offers shower and laundry services and a volunteer-run clothing room. Clients can make use of a computer lab, a phone and a mail service.

During the months of December through April, 38 participants a warm evening meal and safe, dry shelter at the Walnut Creek National Guard Armory, a program heavily dependent on volunteer action.

Something you may not already know about Trinity Center: this organization offers a Transition Age Youth (TAY) program to support young adults aged 18 to 29 with their unique challenges in housing and food insecurity.

Member advocates at Trinity Center work to connect people with housing, employment, public benefits and wellness.

P.S. Don't forget to further support Trinity Center's efforts by choosing an Angel from the Angel Tree!



Photos: In March 2023, LIFT prepared lunches for Trinity Center clients in the Mary Roush Kitchen and delivered them to the Walnut Creek facility. This event was among the most recent in a long history of coordinated efforts between SRVUMC volunteers and Trinity Center.

Family Ministries

Sunday Night Youth Meetings in Wesley Youth Center

- **Dinner Connection!** First Sunday of the Month, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Middle and high school youth make dinner together. Watch for food and fellowship together on the first Sunday of every month.
- **Second Through Fifth Sundays, 5 to 6:30 p.m.** Combined middle and high school fellowship time.

Nursery Through Grade 5 Sunday School

Classes begin at 10 a.m.

- Tot Spot for infants through age four is temporarily meeting in Wesley Center Room 102, across from the preschool building.
- TK through grade five upstairs in Wesley Center Room 203.

Gratitude Is Letting Others Know You See How They've Helped You

Week One

Give Thanks No Matter What Happens, 1 Thessalonians 5:18

You always have something to be grateful for.

Week Two

David Dances, 2 Samuel 6:12b-22a

Celebrate what God has done.

Week Three

Jesus Heals 10 Men, Luke 17:11-19

Take time to say thank you.

Week Four

The Lord's Supper/Passover, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12

Make a habit of being grateful.

"Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever." — Psalm 136:1, NIV





Celebrations

Birthdays

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| 1 Rob Rudow
Connie Winter | 18 John Coombs
John Green |
| 2 Kathy Hymes
Kate Kocins | 19 Gerard Takiguchi |
| 3 Myla Clark
Jo Ann Hirsch
John Jancarik
LaVena White | 21 Alex Gross
Steve Hawk |
| 4 Jet McWilliams | 22 Mary Nygreen (101) |
| 5 Gemma Heddle Sepull | 23 George Clarke
Adam Kennedy
John Sayers |
| 7 Joan Morris | 24 Pat Patteson (102) |
| 8 John Byers | 25 Jackie Riedel |
| 10 Gay Scott | 26 Jessica Merchant
Eric Newburn
Fred Schreiber
Annemarie Warwick |
| 11 Kelton Lowther
Mary Nelson
Bob Sinclair | 27 Margo Cefalo
Michelle Cooke
Krystelle Frederick |
| 13 Sandy Greenwood
Dick Lam | 29 Paul Kuelz
Spencer Lang |
| 14 Suzan Rowland | 30 Elke Torgersen |
| 15 Barbara Valdriz | |
| 16 Donna Bain
Lael Takiguchi | |

Anniversaries

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| 1 LaVena & Ron White | 21 Dory & Tom Schramm |
| 6 Le Anne & Bart Jacobi (63) | 27 Lynne & Larry Henderson (58) |
| 8 Deirdree Walsh-Krumrei & Gary Krumrei | 27 Priscilla & Ted Wolfram |
| 11 Catharine & Dan Baker | |
| 13 Saba & Shadaab Kanwal
Tamra & Kevin Keen | |
| 17 Shannon & Bill Dever | |

Among Ourselves

Health Concerns

Bob Brown
Bill Dastic
Liz Field
Kay Jones

Kim Maddux-Perry
Barb McWilliams
Marti Sketchley

Continued Prayers For

All those who live with long-term illness, unemployment, life decisions, and sickness in their families, Shana Carroll, Joan Lee, Andy (Susan Madden's husband).

Our Christian Sympathy

To the family of **Bruce Kohila** on the recent death of Bruce's mother.

To the family of **Kathy McShane** on the recent death of Kathy's mother.

Remembering Our Saints, 2023

Rudy Ceragioili
Elizabeth DeChene
Brigette Greene
Joyce Kayser
John Orr, Sr.

Ken Rideout (father of Jeff)
Urban Spediacci
Dave Webb
Don Weis

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