

Connections



Beloved,

We know first-hand how essential it is to receive help and support in a time of crisis. Last October during the fires, I felt buoyed by the countless people who reached out to us from beyond of Sonoma County. Many of those supporters came from within the Cal-Nevada Conference

of The United Methodist Church. I am continually grateful to be part of a denomination with such a strong tradition of responding in times of natural disaster.

Our conference is again leading the way in the work of recovery - this time, a little farther from home. Independent studies are now suggesting that more than 4600 people died in Puerto Rico as a direct result of last September's Hurricane Maria; more than 70 times the official count. The number is almost inconceivable, especially considering how many of those deaths may have been prevented by swift and immediate aid from the United States.

In response to this tragedy, the offering from our 2018 Annual Conference Session will go toward the rebuilding efforts in Puerto Rico. We will gather our offering in worship on Sunday, June 10, and pass it in on June 20, the first day of conference. This Annual Conference offering is an opportunity for us to remember that while Cal-Nevada is a diverse body of congregations, we are all united in a common mission.

This is also an opportunity for us to renew our own congregation's dedication toward serving our community. As was the case of our Annual Conference, this is an opportunity for us to turn outward, and to see anew the needs of our community. How might our unique gifts and graces as a congregation be useful in responding to those needs? In the weeks ahead, I invite you to continue to pray for discernment on how God might next be calling CCUM to witness to Christ's love and compassion in our city and in our world.

In Christ,

Pastor Lindsey

From the pastor...





Mark your calendars for our fun Family Potluck BBQ and Campfire delight!

Day: Saturday, July 7th

Times: 1:00 Swim, 3:00 BBQ, Allen's homemade ice cream and evening campfire sing along and S'mores

Place: Linda and Dave Allen's home

Bring: Potluck items to BBQ and beverages; swimsuits and musical instruments

Who: The entire Christ Church congregation is invited.



First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School

Days: July 30 to August 3

Time: 9:00 to 12:00

Place: First United Methodist Church Stony Point Campus 2150 Giffen Ave. Santa Rosa

Contact: www.FUMCSantaRosa.org for information and registration.



This special camp will be held at the First United Methodist Church Stony Point Campus. Registration is limited to 50 children and the experience will be focused on healing after our fire. Contact person is Elizabeth Walton at First United Methodist Church at 545-3863.

Sunday school plans for this summer

We will be exploring our faith and how it relates to our everyday life. We'll be asking questions such as why we are Christians; how Christianity enhances our lives; how we relate to our friends about our faith, and also learn about other people's faiths and why faith can make a huge difference in our lives.

Interested in Volunteering in Sunday School?

We are hoping to break into smaller groups in Sunday school and may need additional volunteers to help make this happen. If you are interested, please get in touch with Anne Colby. We will provide teacher training and orientation.

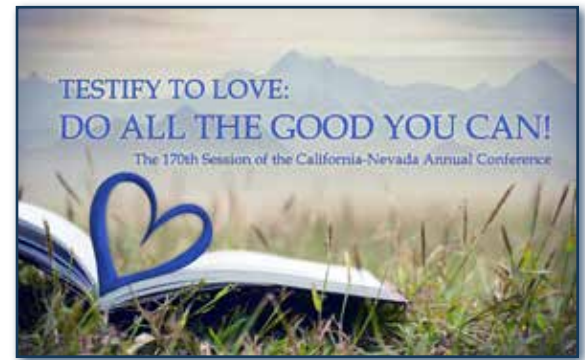
POTLUCK THEOLOGY

Potluck Theology group will start Sunday, September 9 with Dave Allen at the helm. You are invited to join a few of us to explore the powerful stories of Father Greg Boyle's book, *Tattoos On The Heart*, a collection of short stories set in East L.A. where he learns how to communicate with and nurture gang members toward finding respect for themselves and hope for their own future. We will also use a second book for reference, *G-Dog And The Homeboys*, by Celeste Freemon. The stories in "Tattoos" narrated are narrated on audio by the entertaining author himself, after which we will discuss the impact Father Greg has on people's lives (himself included), his church, and the community. There will be time to socialize during the potluck before the audio begins.

There will be a sign up sheet for the Potluck Theology group at the table in the back of the sanctuary after each Sunday service during the summer. Books will be available for participants. For more information, contact Dave, 707-540-3079.

2018 CALIFORNIA NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2018 California Nevada Annual Conference meets June 20- 23 in Modesto with the theme "Testify to Love: Do All the Good You Can". Living out this theme, we are all asked to donate to efforts by UMCOR to continue relief efforts from the devastation of hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. UMCOR has already distributed 13,000 food bags and 24,000 solar lamps. The goal is that by 2020 UMCOR will rebuild towers on the island; build 450 houses; repair 39 churches; fund health clinics; develop 14 tutoring centers; and provide comprehensive disaster management programs in 15 municipalities. A special offering will be taken on June 10th before the conference but donations can be made at any time. Checks should have "UMCOR Puerto Rico" in the memo line.



GOING FOR ZERO WASTE



It's about healing and protecting God's creation. We have a new yard waste can for your use thanks to Recology, our waste pick up. This waste will be ground up and used for compost.

Accepted compost materials:

- Paper plates and cups without plastic or paint or plastic coating
- Leftovers and spoiled food
- Meat (including bones)
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Paper napkins, tissues
- Shredded paper (in paper bags)
- Garden waste and tree trimmings (less than 6 inches diameter and 4' long)

Please check out the signs by the waste cans near the kitchen for a complete list.



VOLUNTEER IN MISSION (VIM) OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2018

Hope City is the rebuild organization we have been working with in Lake County for the past 2 years and also in Indiana several years ago. During the fires last October, Kevin Cox, their director and an expert in Disaster Response, was in Santa Rosa to help get emergency responses organized. He has continued working with churches and other non-profits getting things in place for rebuilding in Santa Rosa. Estimates show that there will be many homeowners in Sonoma, Napa and Mendocino Counties that were under insured and will need help rebuilding. Many can pay for materials but need volunteer help for the labor to build. Hope City is looking for a space that can be rented and used as a dorm building to house volunteers that may come here to help us, much like we have found as our VIM Team has gone other places. The rebuild effort in Santa Rosa is still a while off but plans are underway. If you know of a building that might be used for a dorm, please let us know so we can investigate. UMCOR is providing some of the money for case management and construction management.

SHED BUILD DAY

Saturday, June 9, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Piner High School, Santa Rosa

The goal is to build 100 tool sheds to give to fire victims to use as they rebuild. Families are welcome, children (10 and older) need to be with their parents. Materials will be provided in kit form. Everyone will get a free lunch and a T-Shirt. Teams must sign up in advance. Contact John Davenport if you are interested.



MIDDLETOWN REBUILDS

We have set aside two weeks, SEPTEMBER 23-28 & SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 5. More information to come. Contact John Davenport if you are interested.

Elisha's Pantry

Serving Bennett
and Rincon Valleys



Gifts of food and love

Thanks to all of our congregation for your contributions in many ways to Elisha's Pantry. We have opportunities to serve in many ways. Each week we need a member from our congregation to help distribute food from Elisha's Pantry. Then every third month is our congregation's turn to lead, meaning that we shop at REFB on Wednesday, deciding what items to purchase, and carry them back and shelving the items (ie. wrapping the burritos). During our month we need at least three people to serve from our congregation including one leader. The sign up calendar is on the back table in the sanctuary. Contact Linda Carroll, 546-4807, if you have any questions.

UNITED METHODIST EFFORTS TO REBUILD PUERTO RICO

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Maria, UMCOR:

- Distributed 13,000 food bags
- Distributed 24,000 solar lamps

Goals by 2020 for Puerto Rico with UMCOR:

- Tower rebuilding on the island
- Build 450 Houses
- Repair 39 churches
- Funding health clinics
- Develop 14 tutoring centers
- Providing comprehensive disaster management programs in 15 municipalities



Churches are asked to take an offering between now and the Annual Conference Session in Modesto. Bring the offering to Annual Conference Session Wednesday, June 20 during Communion Service at 9 a.m. Make checks payable to "California-Nevada Conference".

For more information, log on to www.cnumc.org - click on "Annual Conference Session 2018"



PRIDE PARADE

31st Annual Sonoma County Pride Parade - Saturday, June 2

March together! Please join us for the Pride Parade! Meet at 11:30 @ Fremont Park on 4th Street. There are a few seats available in truck for those who can't walk. Contact deannadawson40@yahoo.com with questions.



WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

No meeting in June

Next meeting: Monday, July 9, 7PM

Anita Pitzer's house

The book group is not meeting in June. In July (9th) we are reading Jodi Picoult's SMALL GREAT THINGS. The story of an African American labor and delivery nurse an the racism surrounding her care of a white supremacist couple's newborn son.



Friday, June 24, 7PM

First United Methodist Church
Lehman Chapel

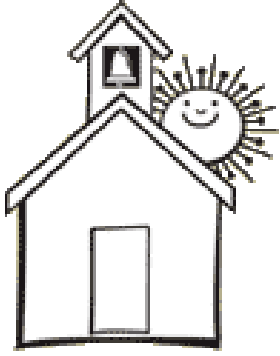
1551 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa

June Birthdays

6	Margo Hoaglund	21	Gary Bunas
10	Vin Hoaglund	25	Fred Ptucha
14	Ron Simpson	28	Ray Magnuson
17	Margaret Healy		



CHRIST METHODIST PRESCHOOL



Another wonderful school year has come to an end! However before it did we packed as much fun and learning in as we could! We learned all about life as well as animals on the farm, space and ended things off with all things ocean! We also enjoyed every minute of our annual trip to the fire station! How lucky we are that fire station #4 is right next door! We said 'see you later alligator' at our moving on ceremony where we got to see our graduates walk the stage, enjoy a magic show and ice cream sundaes! The fun doesn't end there its only just beginning as we gear up for summer school where we will enjoy water play, camping, bubbles and all things summer!!

Arlene



The choir will finish their "singing season" this Sunday, after a joyful Music Sunday service, filled with their favorite anthems from the past year. Thanks to all who have offered their time and talents this year.

Dave Allen
Maddie and Hannes Boevers
Isabelle and Haley Boone
Marcia Burkart
Gary Bunas
Linda Carroll
Tom Clark
Austin and Mikey Coolidge
Nathan and Aubrey Rose Engler
Sue Fleenor
Bob & Myra Gaiser
Diane and Grace Gunderson
Abby Gunter
Laura, Simon and Oliver Haupt
Janice Jacoby
Allan & Karin Jones

Lindsey Kerr
Donna & Nick Lawrence
Oliver and India Lewton
Barbara & Ray Magnuson
Liesel Magnuson Hanchett
Cynthia Morris
Lisa Norton
Isaac and Clarita Penn-Hawks
Jim & Mary Rankin
Meg Scherfee
Janet Smith
Stella Strand
Roger White
Edie Wolterbeek
Ted Wilmsen
and all who picked up an instrument to help us sing a joyful song!



There are so many of you who serve Christ Church... without mentioning a word about it.

- Lois Nimmo worked tirelessly to see the completion of our new pictorial directories. Thanks!
- Thank you to all who contributed to the office/conference room transformation! It looks awesome!
- We are thankful that we are Christ's Church!



One of the ways that we care for each other here at Christ Church is through prayer. We have a team of people who regularly pray for folks who are in need of spiritual and physical healing. Would you like to join those folks who pray daily for others in need? Would you like more prayers for yourself or people you are close to? Our prayer chain members feel honored to receive prayer requests from you. Contact Barbara Magnuson.



We also welcome written prayer requests you can put in the offering plate on Sundays. Prayer request cards are in the "Gray Pad" folder. We have listed names below so that we might all be in prayer for each other.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

"God does nothing except in response to believing prayer."
~John Wesley



Roger White

Barbara Schmidt and family

Meg Hurt & family

Glo Wellman and family

Jean Houser

The Coolidge family

Bob & Janet Smith's granddaughter, Annika, and family

The Lawrence family

All those who were affected by natural disaster

Our church family & community

Those who are experiencing violence throughout the world

Our United Methodist Church as it continues to wrestle with issues of full inclusion in divided world

June 2018



Friday, June 01

9:00 am	Preschool end of year picnic	Patio
1:00 pm	Handicraft	Conf Rm

Saturday, June 02

10:30 am	Master Gardener Workshop – “Fire Resistant Landscaping”	Garden
	Pride Parade	Old Courthouse Square, Santa Rosa
	NBOP Precinct Walk in neighborhood	

Sunday, June 03

8:30 am	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Music Sunday worship	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Potluck/Time for Reflection	Sanctuary

Monday, June 04

10:00 am	Elisha’s Pantry Steering Committee	Conf Rm
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Tuesday, June 05

7am-8pm	Polling Place	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Trustees	Conf Rm
7:30 pm	Pub Theology	Third Street Aleworks

Thursday, June 07

4:00-5:30 pm	Food distribution	Elisha’s Pantry
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Friday, June 08

1:00 pm	Handicraft	Conf Rm
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Saturday, June 09		
10:30 am	Master Gardener Workshop	Garden/Sanctuary
Sunday, June 10		
9:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Time for Reflection	Sanctuary
Monday, June 11		
7:00 pm	Women's Book Group	Anita Pitzer's house
Tuesday, June 12		
7:00 pm	Ad Council	Conf Rm
Thursday, June 14		
4:00-5:30 pm	Food distribution	Elisha's Pantry
Friday, June 15		
1:00 pm	Handicraft	Conf Rm
Sunday, June 17		
9:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Time for Reflection	Sanctuary
Thursday, June 21		
4:00-5:30 pm	Food distribution	Elisha's Pantry
Friday, June 22		
1:00 pm	Handicraft	Conf Rm
Sunday, June 24		
9:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Time for Reflection	Sanctuary
Thursday, June 28		
4:00-5:30 pm	Food distribution	Elisha's Pantry
Friday, June 29		
1:00 pm	Handicraft	Conf Rm