

THE VALLEY MESSENGER.

A publication of San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church

Pursuing a life with God and a life with each other by following Jesus,
thriving in community, and healing the world.

Our Values: Inclusion, Inspiration, Impact



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FROM EMPTY TOMBS TO LIMITLESS LIVES



Dear SRVUMC Family,

Can we just take a moment to say... **WOW**. Easter weekend was absolutely incredible! I'm still feeling the spiritual goosebumps from our worship and the sugar rush from all the Easter treats. What a powerful and joyful celebration of resurrection hope we shared together. From the beauty of the worship services to the overflowing sanctuary, to the spirit of connection and community in every corner of our church — it was truly something special.

A **huge shoutout and THANK YOU**

to all who made it happen: our amazing staff, committed volunteers, and the ever-talented music teams that brought the Spirit to life. Special thanks to **Karen Hernandez, Justin Byers**, our rockstar teachers, and the youth for preparing such a fun and colorful Easter Egg Hunt — I think the kids are still talking about it (and some of our members are still finding random plastic eggs in the courtyard).

But friends, Easter is not just a day... it's a way of life. That resurrection power? It's not meant to be packed away with the pastel decorations. It's meant to **fuel us forward**.

That's why I'm beyond excited to **launch a brand-new sermon series** starting on **Mother's Day, May 11**, called "**LIMITLESS**." For three weeks, we'll dive into what it means to live out the resurrection every day. If Jesus conquered death and that same power now lives in us, what are we waiting for?! God didn't call us to average, to barely-get-by, or to "meh" living. We are God's workmanship—crafted for greatness, called to live boldly, and made to be **limitless**. This is the perfect time to invite your **(continued on next page)**

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friends and family to come and experience what Easter momentum can look like beyond the lilies.

Speaking of Mother's Day — I want to offer a heartfelt blessing to **all our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and mother-figures**. You are living witnesses of love, strength, and perseverance. Scripture lifts up so many matriarchs of faith — from **Hannah's fervent prayers, to Mary's courageous yes, to Naomi's deep wisdom**. I'm especially thankful for my own mom (who still wishes I'd wear a suit on Sundays). Even if I show up tie-less and in sneakers, she loves me anyway — now that's grace!

May is also **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**, and as a proud Korean-American, I'm celebrating in the most spiritual way I know how: **by eating my way through Korea**. Yes — when this newsletter lands, I'll be on vacation in my motherland, enjoying good food, deep roots, and stretchy pants. But don't worry — I'll be back on **May 8**, rested, inspired, and ready to launch into our **LIMITLESS** series with all of you!

Let me leave you with this: **Easter was amazing... but it was only the beginning**. There is so much more ahead. Stay tuned. Stay connected. And stay fired up about what God is doing in and through this community. Christ is risen! He is (still) risen, indeed!

With resurrection joy and limitless hope,

P. Sam | syun@srvumc.org



Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Celebrating Diversity, Inclusion, and Cultural Contributions



May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! Take this opportunity to appreciate the history, culture, contributions and achievements of the AANHPI community.

For more info, visit: <https://asianpacificheritage.gov>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERFAITH EARTHFEST.

Mark your calendar for EarthFest on May 4th from 1-4:30PM! Interfaith-San Ramon Valley's (I-SRV) event will be hosted at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

This year's event explores the essential wisdom of interconnectedness, reciprocity, and relationships—the foundation of a flourishing ecosystem and regeneration. Spiritual traditions around the world acknowledge humanity's existence within the web of relationship. I-SRV invites people to align with their shared values. Recognizing those who have gone before and our responsibility to those who will come after, they offer EarthFest to spur meaningful action. Live music, storytelling, activities, speakers, booths, and rituals will spotlight local eco-success stories, enable us to draw hope from one another, and inspire local commitment to action!

Sign up to volunteer at this meaningful event by clicking [here](#) or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0945AAAA2B0-54964225-isrv#/>

Learn more at interfaithsrv.org.

This year's Earthfest will feature music and dancing. In the photo below, dancers perform to honor Creation. Photo credit: Jerry Ricker.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN THE GATHERING MAY 4.

The Gathering is our monthly contemporary worship experience, grounded in a simple yet powerful purpose: to gather together as a community and seek God's blessings. Each service is creatively centered around a unique theme, featuring inspiring music, a heartfelt message, and the celebration of communion at Jesus' table. We also extend the fellowship to a shared meal that nourishes both body and soul.

The next Gathering will be **May 4th at 5PM** in Wesley Center.

Justin Byers will be the speaker and will share an interactive message entitled, "Where Is The Human Soul?" Don't miss out!

Scan the QR code below to donate to The Gathering fund!



Justin Byers and Jeff Howe sing fully contemporary worship music.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISCOVERY CLASSES LAUNCH THIS MAY.

Are you interested in church membership or learning more about SRVUMC? **Join one of two Discovery classes offered on May 18th and May 25th at noon.** The classes will cover information on United Methodist history and theology as well as the history of SRVUMC. The two hour session led by Pastor Sam includes a light lunch.

Please RSVP directly to **Pastor Sam** at syun@srvumc.org.

Discovery class participants learn more about SRVUMC as well as our deep Methodist roots. Lunch is included!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

DATE: July 21-25, 2025

TIME: 9:30AM-12PM

**Ages: 3 (potty trained) thru Grade 5
(ages 3 years old through ages 11)**

For more information, please reach out to
Director of NextGeneration Ministries, Dr.
Karen Hernandez, at
khernandez@srvumc.org.

Got Compassion?

Join us this Summer for Vacation Bible
School!

San Ramon Valley United Methodist
Church is happy to announce this
year's Vacation Bible School,
Compassion Camp - Changing the
World with LovingKindness

Join us for 5 days of music, movement,
art, play, and so many more activities,
while your child learns about empathy,
compassion and lovingkindness.

**Registration begins today, May 1,
2025!** Click [here](#) to register your child
or visit [https://
srvumc.churchcenter.com/
registrations/events/2864949](https://srvumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2864949).

**Join us for Compassion Camp! Your child
will learn about empathy and compassion in
a fun and supportive environment.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS TO THE COMMUNION TEAM.

By Peggy Crawford

The first Sunday of each month we traditionally celebrate Holy Communion at SRVUMC, one of the two sacraments of our United Methodist Church. The table is beautifully arranged, elements are in place, preparations are done. Who are the volunteers who help make this happen? For several years, Lori Pavel did it by herself, with occasional help. She retired from this responsibility in 2023, leaving good instructions for a new Communion Team to go forward.

Presently, the group consists of ten faithful volunteers who alternate preparing and serving the elements: Purchasing of bread and juice, cubing bread, being sure we have cloths and gluten-free bread, and other supplies. On Communion Day, the servers arrive early, fill the trays of cups, and put out the elements in their proper locations. When called forward, the team serves the congregation alongside the pastor and lay leader. We are thankful to these volunteers who are honored to serve in this ministry.

We are so grateful for the dedicated volunteers who help prepare Holy Communion each month!



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Take a moment to care for your mental health

It's ok not to be ok. You are not alone.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org.





MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

LOOKING UP AT MUIR WOODS.

By Sarah Stribling

May is Mental Health Awareness month! This is a perfect time to check-in with yourself to assess the state of your mental health. If your mental health could use a boost or even if you're just looking for a bit more serenity in your life, experiencing nature has been scientifically proven to improve one's mental health. Are you searching for a beautiful place to bask in God's creation? Look no further than Muir Woods National Monument in nearby Mill Valley. This stunningly scenic forest is significant because it is one of the few intact old growth redwood forests in North America, was one of the first federally protected areas specifically set aside

for conservation purposes, and continues to be a place to enjoy outdoor recreational activities as well as ongoing conservation efforts.

The Timeless Redwoods

Redwoods are some of the oldest plants on earth, dating back hundreds of millions of years to the Cretaceous period when dinosaurs roamed. Redwoods are part of the sequoia subfamily. The word sequoia is named after Sequoyah, the Cherokee scholar who invented the Cherokee syllabary in the 1820s. There are two redwood species in California; Muir Woods is home to the **(continued on next page)**

HISTORY MARCHES FORWARD, BUT THE REDWOODS WITHSTAND THE TEST OF TIME.

(continued from previous page) coast redwood. This species lives along the Pacific coast from southern Oregon to the central coast of California. The coast redwoods are the tallest organisms on earth, reaching an astounding 379 feet – as tall as a 34-story building! The closely related but slightly shorter giant sequoia lives in the Sierra Nevada and can grow up to 311 feet tall.

As history marches forward, the redwoods withstand the test of time. Compared to the lifespan of a human, the redwoods might as well be immortal. Many of the redwood trees in Muir Woods are over 600 years old; some are over 1,000 years old. Redwood tree bark contains tannin that resists fungi and beetles that can kill other tree species. Fires can be fatal to redwoods if the flames penetrate the layer of wood underneath the bark called the heartwood. Other common causes of redwoods tree death are high winds and, in the past, logging.

A Delicate Dance

Muir Woods is a delicately balanced ecosystem; the redwoods are

interdependent on certain environmental factors and other species in the forest for their survival. Scientists hypothesize that redwoods grow tall because they obtain water from three different sources: The Redwood Creek that flows through the national monument, rain, and importantly, the moisture-rich coastal fog. The moist environment provides a suitable habitat for other trees, including Douglas-fir, tanoak, bay laurel, buckeye, and madrone.

Shade and sunlight play crucial roles in the forest ecosystem. Shaded by the forest canopy, the forest floor is home to three-leaved sorrel. When a redwood tree falls, more sunlight reaches the forest floor, allowing flowers and pollinators such as butterflies to thrive. When plants and animals die, insects like slugs, snails, flies, moths, and beetles decompose once-living organic matter that helps enrich the soil.

Other wildlife in Muir Woods include salamanders, deer, squirrels, moles, bobcats, mountain lions, foxes, coyotes, woodpeckers, egrets, and the endangered spotted owl. Coho salmon and **(continued on next page)**

THEODORE ROOSEVELT PROCLAIMED MUIR WOODS A NATIONAL MONUMENT IN 1908.

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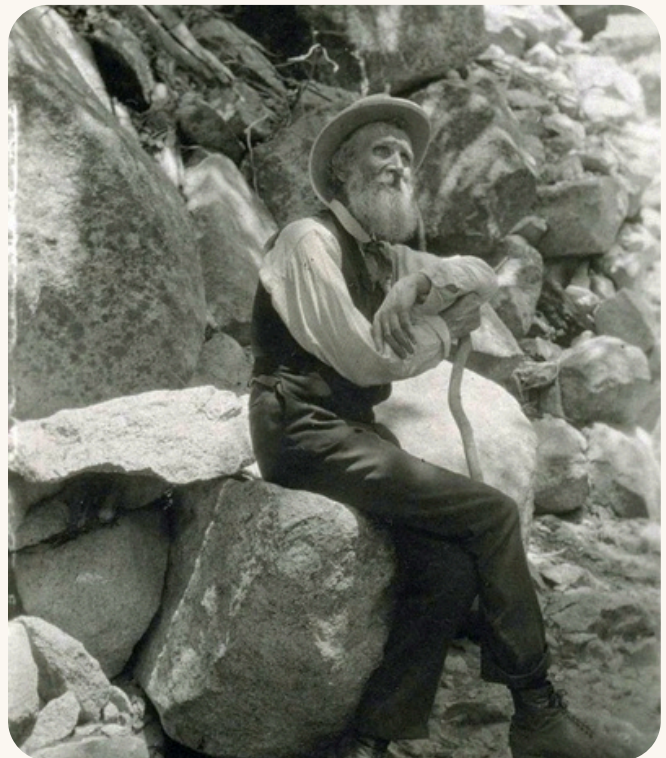
steelhead trout inhabit Redwood Creek. Salmon born in Muir Woods spend much of their lives in the ocean before returning to their natal stream to spawn. The coho salmon is currently endangered due to overfishing and habitat loss due to dams that obstruct spawning areas. This species continues to be the subject of conservation efforts, as does Muir Woods in general.

Early Conservation Efforts

The Coast Miwok were the original inhabitants and stewards of the area that eventually became known as Muir Woods. In 1905, William Kent, a driving force behind the formation of the National Park Service, acquired the land now encompassing Muir Woods to protect it from logging and a proposed reservoir. Two years later, Kent donated the land to the federal government, ensuring its preservation. Named in honor of famed naturalist and early conservationist John Muir, Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed Muir Woods a national monument in 1908.

Now a site of national significance,

Muir Woods drew crowds eager to enjoy the outdoors. The park rangers were tasked with preserving the natural beauty of the forest as well as providing a place where the public could enjoy themselves. In these early days of conservation, well-intentioned park rangers allowed tourists to dine at picnic tables and cars could be driven through the forest! In the absence of trails, crowds unwittingly trampled redwood sprouts. They also picked flowers and ferns for souvenirs, and even vandalized tree trunks. **(continued on next page)**



EVERY EARTH DAY, DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS PLANT SEEDLINGS WITHIN THE PARK.

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Wanting to keep the forest floor clean, rangers cleared the ground of fallen leaves, depriving insects of a needed food source. Interfering with nature and the public's poor behavior took its toll on Muir Woods. Years passed before the forest recovered from these early misguided conservation efforts. In time, trails were built, and some paths were paved so that visitors would not step on budding redwood sprouts. Now when a tree falls, nature is allowed to run its course.

Muir Woods Today

Second only to the Boston Marathon, Muir Woods is the site of the second oldest footrace in the United States. The Dipsea Race began in 1904 as a race between members of the San Francisco's Olympic Club and has been run nearly every June since 1905. The challenging course is seven miles long. From the starting point at Mill Valley, runners race up hundreds of stairs, cross Redwood Creek bridge, hike up "Cardiac Hill," traverse a narrow canyon, and sprint to the sandy finish line at Stinson Beach. The original course was a bit longer,

ending at the Dipsea Tavern which is the race's namesake. The fastest recorded time for the course is 44 minutes.

Conservation continues in Muir Woods. Every Earth Day, dedicated volunteers plant seedlings within the park. This conservation is particularly important as the forest faces the growing impact of a changing climate. One potential threat derives from changing summer fog patterns. A decrease or disappearance of this fog could profoundly affect the redwoods, further disrupting their already limited habitat.

Conclusion

The seemingly eternal redwoods encourage visitors to take a long view of time. After an afternoon strolling through Muir Woods, personal problems appear small compared to the resilient redwoods. The hearty trees have survived 100 million years of history, including the meteor that heralded the demise of the dinosaurs. Standing beneath a tall redwood tree, humanity is dwarfed. The woods foster a reorientation to humanity's proper **(continued on next page)**

HOW WILL YOU CONSERVE NATURE'S BOUNTY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS?

(continued from previous page) place in creation as nature's humble and fallible stewards. The woods whisper an enduring question, one posed to every visitor who sets eyes upon the forest: How will you, inspired by nature's bounty, conserve it for future generations?

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Many of the redwood trees are hundreds of years old, as evidenced by their tree rings.



Easy Ways to

SMALL STEPS

LIVE MORE SUSTAINABLY

BIG
IMPACT



REDUCE PLASTICS

Use a reusable water bottle and bag to reduce plastic waste.



SAVE ENERGY AT HOME

Unplug devices when not in use and choose energy efficient appliances.



USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Walk, bike, carpool, or take public transportation when possible.



SHOP SMART

Buy second-hand, support sustainable brands, and limit waste.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

A NEW EARTH CARE GROUP WELCOMES YOU.

By Lyn Arscott

You are welcome to join a new group called the Earth Care Hiking and Meditation group. The mission is to enhance our connection with the divine spirit in the natural world.

Our first meeting is planned at the labyrinth at Hap Magee Ranch Park on Thursday, May 8th at 10:00 AM. Bring a chair, and be prepared to offer a favorite reading or poem, about love of nature and care for the Earth. We will spend a short time sharing and we will provide a guided meditation with time for silence. Attendees will then have the opportunity to take part in a group hike, or walk the trail, or walk the labyrinth, or just sit in peace in the park.

No need to give advance notice, just show up.

For more information contact [Lyn Arscott \(lynarscott@comcast.net\)](mailto:lynarscott@comcast.net), [Sylvia Benzler \(SKBenz@mac.com\)](mailto:SKBenz@mac.com), or [Lucinda Huffaker \(lucinda.huffaker@gmail.com\)](mailto:lucinda.huffaker@gmail.com). If you're interested in joining the email distribution list, please contact [Lucinda Huffaker](#).

Hap Magee Ranch Park in Danville has a labyrinth, a Native American historical site, and several hiking trails.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

IN THE PEW: LINDSAY HIRATZKA.

By Sarah Stribling

Lindsay Hiratzka was born and raised in Berkeley, California. He and his wife Peggy are third generation Japanese American. They have two daughters and one granddaughter. Lindsay is a retired mortgage banker.

Lindsay is a lifelong Methodist. He grew up attending a Japanese American Methodist Church in Berkeley and participated in Sunday school and youth group. Time passed and Lindsay volunteered for leadership positions and eventually brought his children to the church. During the pandemic, Lindsay sought a Methodist Church closer to home, finding SRVUMC online in 2021. He was warmly welcomed by longtime members Bill and Lee Rust and Ann and Jim Burk. Lindsay now actively participates in the SRVUMC community, cherishing the fellowship.

Driven by a desire to serve, Lindsay completed 50 hours of training to become a Stephen Minister. He was commissioned in 2023. He finds this ministry deeply fulfilling. Currently in his second year on the Staff Parish Relations Committee, Lindsay fosters a supportive environment for staff

and congregation.

A fun fact about Lindsay is his enduring love for the 1959 film "Ben-Hur," which profoundly influenced his faith journey. He appreciates the film's exploration of Jesus' life and its depiction of life in the first century as well as truths about the human condition.

"People long for something better, for freedom. But there's a cost to being free...Grace is unconditional; it was paid by Jesus," Lindsay reflects. He believes true freedom comes through humility and surrendering to Jesus.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

By Lara Mays

On Sunday, March 30th, the Sunday "Lift" women's group gathered at San Damiano Retreat (located at 710 Highland Dr, Danville, CA 94526) for a meaningful walk through the Stations of the Cross. With hearts open to reflection, the group followed the journey of Christ, guided by readings that offered a deeply moving perspective—through the eyes of Mary as she witnessed her Son's path to Calvary.

This Sunday's gathering was led by Marilyn Mathis, who beautifully facilitated the readings and discussions. Each member of the group contributed by reading from the packets provided by San Damiano, creating a shared experience of reflection and prayer. Claudia Artiga assisted with Bible references, enriching the reflections with scriptural guidance, and led the closing prayer, offering a heartfelt conclusion to the group's time of contemplation and spiritual renewal.

In attendance were Lara Mays, Kristen Choy, Debbie Byers, Claudia Artiga, Valerie Waltjen, Shirin

Beshara, Jane VanderrWerf, and Marilyn Mathis. Their collective participation fostered a profound sense of connection and faith, reminding all of the strength found in fellowship during this holy season.



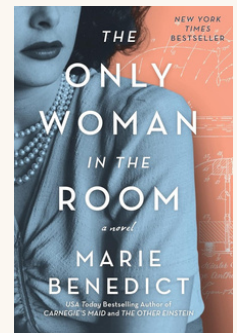
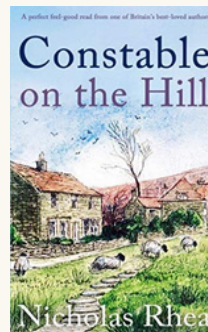
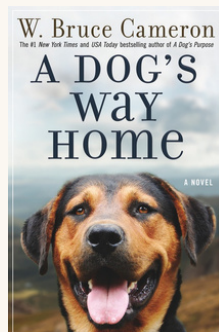
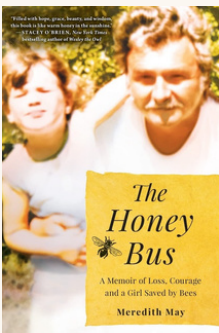
BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS.



SPRING CLEANING & READING!

Springtime is often the start of spring cleaning with sorting and disposing of unwanted household goods **and books!** **Be sure** to look for the church stamp on top of any book before you give away.

Here is a list of some that are missing:



[The Mystery of Mrs. Christie](#) by Marie Benedict

[The Last Castle](#) by Denise Kiernan

[The Spy Who Loved](#) by Clare Mulley

[Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey](#) by Maya Angelou

[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) by Rufus Burrow, Jr.

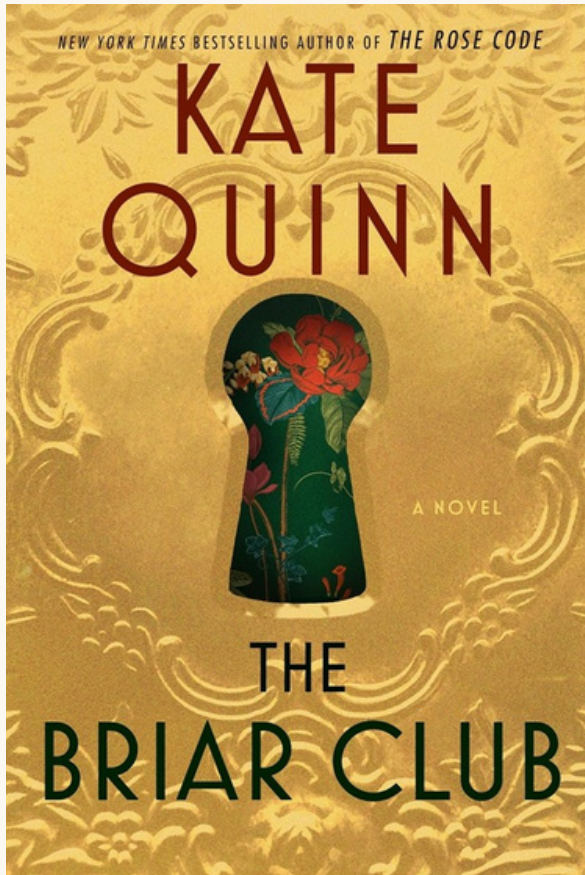
A very generous donation was given to the library in memory of our dear Joan Arscott. Since the typewriter in the library was irreparable, a new one was purchased so that the work she preferred to do would continue. The Library Committee wishes to extend a thank you to the donor for this gift.

Sharon Ross, Caroline Walsh, Ann Radick

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1 PM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY.



NEXT BOOK SELECTION: THE BRIAR CLUB

On **May 19th** we will discuss **The Briar Club** by Kate Quinn. This is a book set in Washington DC during the McCarthy Era. It takes place in a boarding house and is a mystery.

Click [here](#) to buy the book or go to https://www.amazon.com/Briar-Club-Thrilling-Powerful-Friendships/dp/0063244756/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0.

Contact [Jenny Swanson](#) (jenny.swanson646@gmail.com) for more information.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Director of NextGen Ministries, Karen Hernandez is back this month for an encore presentation!

POTLUCK & PRESENTATION TUESDAY, MAY 6TH, 11:45AM, WESLEY CENTER

You asked and we listened! Back for an encore, and to finish her stories, is Karen Hernandez, our Director of NextGen Ministry. Please bring a dish to share or stop at the grocery store on your way over. We always have plenty of food, it's your company we want!



Spring into flavor! Savor a lovely refreshing spring lunch with good food and delightful people.

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS TUESDAY, MAY 20TH, NOON, WESLEY CENTER

As we round out spring, we're excited to host our annual Salmon Bake in May! Don't worry if fish isn't your thing—there will be a delicious alternative available. Join us for a delightful spring lunch and enjoy good food, great company, and the fresh vibes of the season.

FIELD TRIP

Join us on **May 31st at 11AM** for a creative and fun-filled event! We'll be using reclaimed wood to craft unique art pieces, including painting personalized wood signs to take home. Afterward, we'll head to Fat Maddie's Grille in San Ramon for lunch. The cost for the painting activity is **\$40 per person**, and lunch (which is optional) will be paid separately. Space is limited, so don't miss out! Sign up [here](#) on Church Center.



H A P P Y

Mother's Day

M A Y 11

“...do not forsake your
mother’s teaching.”

~ Proverbs 1:8



OUT INTO THE WORLD

WINTER NIGHTS PROGRAM GETS UNDERWAY.

By Nancy Garnick

As you read this, we are in the midst of hosting unhoused families for Winter Nights for two weeks (nine families as this is being written; the numbers change constantly). With the help of lots of our church volunteers, plus St. Isidore's Catholic Church and the Danville Congregational Church, we are providing meals, housing, children's activities, laundry service, and support for these families, most of whom are employed and all of whom are actively looking for housing.

Please respect their privacy and do not enter the Fellowship Hall in Wesley from April 28 - May 12 unless you are a volunteer working with us or have business in the kitchen.

Many thanks to those who have offered their time, cooking skills, and financial support for this valuable service project!

In this photo from a recent Winter Nights event, volunteers serve dinner to families.



OUT INTO THE WORLD

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST HOSTS LOCAL AUTHOR.

By Larry Pasquale

All men (and their guests) are welcome to attend the Methodist Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 17, 8-10AM in Wesley Center.

Enjoy a great breakfast prepared by members of the group.

The guest speaker will be Dan Hanel, a celebrated author and educator especially grounded in the early history of Contra Costa County. He will talk about the inspiration behind his award-winning historical mystery novel series, In the Shadow of Diablo. The novels blend fascinating, yet little known, local history with a present day murder mystery.

There will be a suggested donation of \$10 a person which will be collected at the event.

Register [here](#) on Church Center or visit <https://srvumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2865493>.

**These quarterly
Men's Breakfasts
are always well
attended, so be
sure to register
today!**



OUT INTO THE WORLD

CHRISTCARE VISITORS DELIVER EASTER JOY.

Christ Care Visitors are dedicated volunteers who provide companionship to people who are homebound. Recently this ministry added a touch of Easter joy to their activities. Donning whimsical Easter bunny ears, these compassionate individuals prepared to deliver not only their usual caring visits but also a dose of Easter enjoyment to their care recipients. Thank you to the Christcare visitors for your compassion and care.



An American flag is shown waving on a flagpole against a soft, hazy sky. The flag is positioned diagonally across the frame, with the top left corner near the top center and the bottom right corner near the bottom left. The stars and stripes are clearly visible.

Memorial Day

MAY 26

“Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

~ John 15:13

PRESCHOOL

SPOTLIGHTING SPECIAL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS.

By Christine Pezza



Christine Pezza, Director of United Methodist Preschool, recently had the opportunity to meet the artist who created and donated the beautiful stained-glass windows that adorn either side of our main preschool doorway. **Rosemarie Dawn Place** was touring the campus with the lovely Carole Johnson, and they stopped by to take these wonderful photos. As Carole pointed out, it is important to document the history of the gorgeous artwork that adorns our beautiful campus. We are so grateful to Rosemarie for her generous gift and thankful to Carole for allowing us to meet the talented artist whose work we have the privilege of admiring every single day.



The Children's Building was dedicated in 1984. Rosemarie Dawn Place created and donated the stained glass windows which are on each side of the main door. They depict the life of Jesus as a baby and as a youth.

Special thanks to Carole Johnson for taking these photos!

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Catharine Baker
Bethany Pavel
Gary Hansen | 13 Sylvia Hemmerich
Carole Johnson
Jim McKnight |
| 2 Cheryl Morones | 14 Saba Kanwal |
| 3 Bruce Templeton | 19 Alice Impraim
Marla Nakaso
Ginny Fereira |
| 4 Sylvia Benzler
Floy Blair
Mike Prenger
Jim Warnock | 21 Bob Baker
Robert Kelly |
| 5 Scott Smallwood | 23 Gary Krumrei |
| 8 Jason Doyle
Abby Ten Elshof | 26 Norma Jean Bunker
Skip George |
| 9 Winnie Stribling | 27 Thomas Valdriz |
| 10 Barbara Carlson | 28 Kay Jones (99)
Tom Schramm |
| 11 Josie Riedel
Kathleen Wood | 29 Jan Geahry |
| | 31 Margeret Hansen
Audrey Kennedy |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Linda Albertoni Engman & Dave Engman
Bill & Sue Fulcher
- 5 Floy & Jerry Blair **(62)**
- 6 Kathleen & Briggs Wood
- 8 Marty & Jerry Osborn
Marian and Bob Marquardt
- 10 Nancy & Steve Garnick
- 14 Angela & Tom Norton
- 17 Kim & Dave Bridges
- 21 Debra & Richard Carter
- 22 Lisa & John Jancarik
- 24 Connie & Ray Winter
Susan Pickering Gest & Steven Gest
- 26 Anita Weir & Jim Ball
- 30 Anne & Paul Kuelz
Marilyn & Thomas Mathis



AMONG OURSELVES.



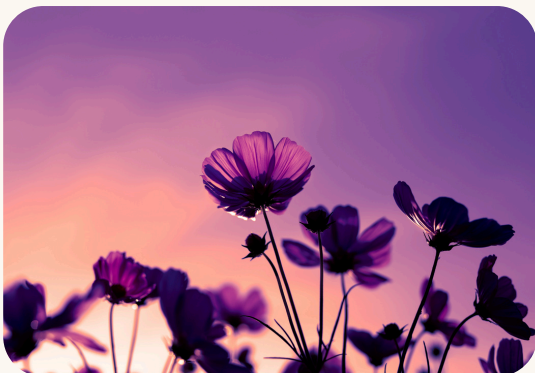
HEALTH CONCERNS

Kay Jones, Barb McWilliams, Jeff Lang, Mary Nelson, Jo Ann Hirsch, Melanie and Boyd Hasik, Adam Kennedy, Lonnie Bristow, Judy Slinger, Carol Fhlug, Isabel D'Elia, Andrea Bourgeois, Teri Hawk, Julie Klug's nephew Taylor, Chris Hoff, ClaudeC Johannesen, Shana Carroll.



CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

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



OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Marilyn Scott on the passing of her husband, Berry.

NEVER MISS AN ISSUE!

The Valley Messenger is delivered right to your inbox. Stay connected with all things SRVUMC, and read interviews, book reviews, and more.

Check out our website to keep up with church happenings, sign up for upcoming events and groups, and read our newsletter anytime, anywhere.



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