

Tidings

The Newsletter of Woodside Road United Methodist Church
"We Seek God, Welcome All, Love and Serve our Neighbors"

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Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I look forward to beginning my time as your pastor on July 1st and worshipping with you for the first time on July 5th. As many of you know this will be a return to pastoral ministry for me. I left my previous congregation shortly before our second child (Evelyn) was born, and I have spent the last two years chasing Evelyn and her brother, Tiernan (age 4), full time. While these upcoming months will be a major adjustment for our family – Tiernan doesn't remember a time when Mommy went to work – I am excited about all the possibilities that God holds in store for Woodside Road UMC, my family, and me.

This summer will be a time of getting to know one another, both as individuals and as a church community. Jane and Lisa are working on setting up informal gatherings so I can get to know you on a more personal level. Committees like Finance and Ad Council are meeting in July when they normally wouldn't, so we can talk about our prayers, hopes, and dreams for WRUMC specifically within the context of the strategic plan you developed with Greg Bergquist.

As we spend this summer getting to know one another, we will also be responding to the question, "How are we called to be in Christian community together?" Some of this will be answered in conversations about continuing to put the Strategic Plan into action. Some of this will be answered with new insights and movements of the Holy Spirit. I will also begin answering this question in worship through a series of five sermons beginning on July 5th. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, wrote a short document on the Character of a Methodist. A quick Google search will find it for you. Some of the language is a bit dated now, so Steve Harper has done some interpretation of Wesley's work in a short book called, Five Marks of a Methodist.

Harper draws out five points from Wesley's work. A Methodist:

1. Loves God
2. Rejoices in God
3. Gives Thanks
4. Prays Constantly
5. Loves Others

Our first five Sundays together will look at these themes, and how we live them out together and individually as followers of Jesus at the corner of Woodside Road and Alameda de Las Pulgas. I believe that God has called each and every one of us to WRUMC at this time to do God's own work in the world. I believe that Jesus needs us to be his body so that others may come to know what love, joy, and peace he has for us – even when the work is challenging. And I believe that the Holy Spirit is alive and in our midst, calling us, strengthening us, and inspiring us to be Jesus' disciples.

With great anticipation of the journey ahead,

Katie



Get Acquainted With Our New Pastor!

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee is planning a number of small get-acquainted meetings with Pastor Katie Goetz, to be held in July. Please sign up!

There will be signup sheets in Watters Hall after worship, from June 28 through July 19. You can volunteer to host a gathering or to attend one that is convenient for you. You can also call the church office to sign up for your preferred time (650-368-3376). Lisa Hicks-Dumanske and Jane Day are organizing these. The schedule is:

- Tuesday July 7, 7:30 - 9pm
- Thursday July 9, 10:30am - noon
- Monday July 13, 7:30 - 9pm
(Hosted by Lisa & John Dumanske)
- Saturday July 18, 2 - 3:30 pm
(Hosted by Jane & Walter Day)
- Monday July 20, 7:30 - 9pm
- Thursday July 23, 10:30am - noon

Katie can be reached either at (408) 315-3169 or at (650) 260-3414.

Thoburn Circle



Eleven members met on June 1st for lunch at the Spaghetti Factory. We decided to begin

our meetings in September at 12:30 pm in Watters Hall, bring our own sandwich and the hostess will provide hot water for tea and a dessert or fruit. It was suggested that we bring an article about events in South America for discussion.

Bev previously made up twenty personal care bags and delivered them to the Service League.

Our next meeting will be September 7th at 12:30pm.

Helen Lomas



JULY

Karen Ross	July 5
Jim Yoder	July 8
Liam Dumanske	July 8
John Dumanske	July 9
Gordon & Betty Kibbe (A)	July 11
Cheryl McGovern	July 11
Warren Dale	July 14
Michael Taylor	July 19
John & Lisa Hicks-Dumanske (A)	July 21
Cleo Jackson	July 25
Margret & Glen Christoffersen (A)	July 25
Stefanie Sillin	July 26
Diana Reddy	July 28
Rebecca Reddy	July 29

AUGUST

Barbara Fleenor	August 5
Lili Puna	August 7
Alice Allen	August 9
Nancy Willson	August 9
Marco Guarino	August 10
Marc & Nicola Guarino (A)	August 19
Florence Wray	August 22
Adrian Williams	August 23
Frank & Cathy Taylor (A)	August 23
William Puna	August 25

SEPTEMBER

Lisa Hicks-Dumanske	September 1
Carla & Harry Sillin (A)	September 4
Debra Clark-Trimble	September 6
Harry Sillin	September 7
Katie Sillin	September 7
Cindee Kibbe	September 10
Patti Fletcher-Riley	September 12
Lauren Righini	September 12
Carla Sillin	September 14
Cleo Susan Guarino	September 20
Janice McOmber	September 23
Jim & Marlene Yoder (A)	September 25
Doris Rotella	September 27
Mary Marchini	September 29
Marshall Serkes	September 29
Evelyn Berk	September 30

UMYF News and Plans

Our next UMYF meeting will be Sunday, July 5. We will plan a couple of outings for July and August, hopefully one a retreat.

Summer Sunday School is Underway

Children's Fellowship has begun and will meet each Sunday in room 4, through September 6. Elenoa and Tina Petelo and Kookie Leaetooa will take turns leading it. There will be stories, videos, crafts and playtime, and all children who are entering grades K-5 are welcome. We invite older children to join worship with their families. Our Fall Education program will begin September 13.



Report on Education Sunday

June 14 was a really lovely day -- sunny, warm and with a light breeze -- and we managed to keep the tables mostly in the shade! During worship we thanked all who have helped with our Education program through the previous year. Liam Dumanske grilled 40+ hamburgers, quite a feat. There were many great salads and desserts, so it was a fine meal. Many thanks to Liam for the cooking and to all who brought food or helped set up, serve and clean up, especially Helen Lomas, Mary Nelson, Kilo Leaetooa, Diana Reddy, Walter Day, John & Lisa Dumanske and the Petelo family.

