

Tidings

The Newsletter of Woodside Road United Methodist Church

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April Tidings articles are due by March 15
April Tidings will be available March 26

Dear Friends,

Our Lenten journey begins this week with worship in the chapel at 7:30pm on Ash Wednesday (March 1st). This service will include scripture, prayer, music, the imposition of the ashes, and communion. Lent is a season of reflection, fasting, and repentance – or turning away from sin and towards God – and Ash Wednesday calls us to go deeper in our spiritual practices and walks with God.

Our Sunday morning Lenten journey begins on March 5th and continues through April 9th. This year the worship team decided to tell the story of Lent in a slightly different way. Beginning on March 5th we will tell the story of Jesus' final week before his death, one Sunday morning at a time. To do this we will use Mark's gospel as it follows Jesus day by day through the week we know as Holy Week.

This means that on March 5th we will read the story of Palm Sunday (!). On March 12th we will hear about Jesus overturning the tables in the Temple on Monday. March 19th, Tuesday, will find Jesus teaching, being challenged by the religious authorities of his day, and asking questions. On the Wednesday of Holy Week, which will be March 26th, Jesus an unnamed woman anoints Jesus in preparation for his impending death. April 2nd will be the day we call Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday and April 9th – the Sunday which is Palm Sunday on the calendar – will be Good Friday. On the 9th we will open the service with a brief procession of palms in order to remember where we began the week and then continue with a service remembering Jesus' passion and death. We will still have a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday the 13th of April. Of course, all of this is in preparation for the celebration of Easter on April 16th.

Adult Spiritual Formation will resume in the library on March 5th following the worship service. We will be using the book *Plenty Good Room* which is a study for the season of Lent based on African American Spirituals. The book is easy to find on-line if you want a copy, but purchasing a copy isn't necessary to participate in the study. Everyone is welcome to join in, and it's okay if you can't make all six sessions! This will also be an opportunity to experience a slightly more traditional take on Lent as we explore stories such as Jesus temptation in the wilderness that we typically associate with the season.

Another Lenten opportunity will be the stations of cross coloring sheets from the Illustrated Children's Ministry that we introduced in worship a couple of weeks ago. These poster sized coloring pages tell the story of Jesus' final hours (and resurrection) and as each sheet is completed we will hang it up in the Sanctuary. The sheets will be available for everyone to work on before and after worship in Watters Hall and on Second Sundays in the Sanctuary.

My hope and my prayer is that through worship, study, and art we will draw closer to God during the season of Lent. As we draw closer to God I hope and pray that we are transformed into people who are ever more like Jesus – people who seek out the least and the lost and who strive to build God's kingdom where all are welcome at the table.

See you in church,





By Helen Lomas

Members: Bev Barr, Evelyn Berk, Barbara Fleenor, Betty Kibbe, Helen Lomas, Jean Massing and Mary Nelson.

Absent: Alice Allen, Cassie Allen, Carole Clarke, Anne Hinton, Mary Marchini, Helen Marin and Elizabeth Prasad.

Our meeting began at noon with our hostess, Betty Kibbe, providing refreshments, a chocolate cherry cake and fresh fruit. Mary Nelson, treasurer, passed around our pledge cards and statements from last year. Bev Barr read a story based on 1st Corinthians. Helen Lomas mentioned the Mission Springs Spiritual Retreat, March 31st to April 2nd in Scotts Valley. Unfortunately, none of our members will be able to attend. She passed around a picture of Gum Moon Women's Residence in San Francisco that we help support.

Evelyn passed around cards to be signed for birthdays. She presently has funds for stamps. Betty Kibbe spoke about her bible study meetings that she attends in which there are around two hundred women participants. The leader is very dynamic and incorporates all religious beliefs. There is homework that one has to do in order to fully participate in the sessions. Betty feels that it has been very meaningful and rewarding.

Twenty personal care bags were filled for Bev to take to the San Mateo Service League office in Redwood City.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 6th at 12 noon with Mary Marchini as hostess.



Financial Status as of 1/31/17

Income of \$19,505

Expenditures of \$13,557

Difference of \$5,948 positive.

It is noted that some pledges were paid for the whole year.



Community Focus

The stewardship idea is to make the contribution of the community members – their time, talents and financial resources – focused in the community where they are most needed. There are many roles for the members to play in the church, roles of managers, roles of leadership, roles of service and each one must accept their responsibility according to the gifts that God has given them. The Church community tries to take the personal involvement, which we all have as a duty, and use it effectively for the good of all God's creations.

Howard Macway



Are You Able?

Work Day will be **Saturday, March 11th**, 9:00am to 12:00 noon. If you have some free time come down and join us in helping to keep our church in tip-top shape.



MARCH

Tina Petelo	March 1
Cathy Taylor	March 10
Viliani & Lili Puna (A)	March 11
Mark Pense	March 11
Nigel Blackwood-Chirchir	March 12
Jane Day	March 12
Luisa Serkes	March 13
Jane Petelo	March 19
Elenoa Petelo	March 25
Glenn & Mary Nelson (A)	March 25
Scott Pense	March 28

APRIL

Jean Massing	April 7
Kirmala Dayal	April 8
Rebecca & Kashwan Reddy (A)	April 11
William Petelo	April 13
Kashwan Reddy	April 14
Carole Clarke	April 16
Greg & Nancy Brown (A)	April 17
Anne Hinton	April 18
Joe Palumbo	April 21
Teri Folau	April 26
Elaine Stern	April 28



Senior Fellowship Lunch

Senior Fellowship Lunch - St. Patrick Day's Lunch, Friday, March 17th at the Veterans Memorial Senior Center, 1455 Madison Ave, Redwood City. Lunch tickets are very limited so contact Jean for a reservation if you think you are going to attend. Meet at 11:45 to get your ticket.

For more information call Jean Massing 650-368-0561.

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**State of the City
2017**

*You are cordially invited to the
City of Redwood City's
State of the City Address*

Date: March 6, 2017
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers

•FREE PUBLIC EVENT•

Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.



Life Line Screening

Woodside Road United Methodist Church
Tuesday, May 24, 2017.
 Pre-registration is required.
 Call 866.964.9087

Stroke/Carotid Artery, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, and Osteoporosis Some financial scholarships available.



Fellowship Assignments for 2017

January – Ad Council & Volunteers	July – Triple S
February –Volunteers	August – Nurture & Senior FS
March – Education	September – Staff Parish
April – Lay Leadership & Volunteers	October – Thoburn Circle
May – Finance	November – Ad Council
June – Trustees & Volunteers	December – Ad Council & Vol.



Education News

Report on Rummage Sale February 20



Despite the drizzle all day, receipts from the sale were almost \$1500. This will help our youth participate in a Sierra Service Project next July 9-15. They will be

working with a low income community near San Diego, doing whatever is needed. SSP projects usually involve building fences, painting, cleaning and repairing buildings, etc. The group will also have an opportunity to visit Mexico one day.

Many incredible volunteers made this sale very successful, and we are so grateful for their good natured and energetic help! In particular, before, during and after the event, Helen Lomas, Janice McOmer, Vince Hodgens, Andy Truong, Christi and Rebecca Frost, Cathy Taylor and Nicola and Nico Guarino were invaluable help. Jean Massing was in charge of jewelry, with Rebekah Dubois helping price it. Mary Nelson and Janice were our cashiers. Meg Emori, Charis Borrman, Bonnie Day, Diana Reddy, Anne Hinton and Nancy Whitecar were also great support with setting up, pricing and/or at the sale. We went home tired but it was fun to work with good friends all day!

We had a huge collection of items to sell, and thank all who contributed. On Wednesday Ty Swanson brought his trailer and we transported the unsold things to the Ecumenical Hunger Fund and Salvation Army warehouses. Walter Day and Vince helped with this.

We also thank David Corrales and other Templo members for graciously moving their Children's church on the 19th to rooms 5-6 so we could set up in Watters Hall that afternoon.



I forgot to report earlier that we sent \$1079.90 to Heifer Project at the end of December. What a generous congregation we have!



Looking ahead, we will have our traditional Easter egg hunt for children before worship on Easter Sunday, April 16.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Adult Spiritual Formation resumes on Sunday, March 5th in the library following worship. Our study is *Plenty Good Room* based on African American spirituals. We will look at six different spirituals, including Every Time I Feel the Spirit, This Lonesome Valley, and Were You There, and the biblical stories associated with these songs. Everyone is welcome to join us! You can order the book on-line if you'd like a copy, but having a copy of *Plenty Good Room* is not necessary in order to participate.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday Worship will be on March 1st in the chapel at 7:30pm. We are planning this to be a multi-sensory worship service of scripture, song, prayer, images, the imposition of the ashes, and communion. If you are unable to attend worship at 7:30pm on March 1st, Katie will have ashes available at church from 9am to 2pm on Wednesday. You are welcome to come anytime for prayer and meditation.

An Act of Love Film Screening

On Sunday March 5th we will gather in Watters Hall to watch the documentary *An Act of Love*. We will begin with a potluck supper at 6pm and start the movie at 6:30pm. This film follows Rev. Frank Schaefer who was put on trial in the United Methodist Church for officiating his son's same-sex wedding.