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Tidings

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"We Seek God, Welcome All, Love and Serve our Neighbors"

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June/July Tidings articles are due by May 16
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Dear Friends,

What a joy it has been to celebrate Easter with you this year. Two weeks ago we joyfully celebrated Christ's resurrection in worship with song, stories, some coloring sheets (go figure, now that Lent is over we've almost finished all the Lenten posters), and prayers. Last week we celebrated Abhay's baptism and Leena and Abhay becoming members of our congregation. It's during this time of year that we tell the story of how Jesus' first disciples encountered the risen Christ and how the early church grew through the witness of those same disciples and the folks who heard those disciples' stories.

These encounters with the risen Christ remind us that we are called to live as an Easter people all year long. This can be hard to do. In various ways life beats us up – we get sick, we get hurt, we face job or financial insecurity – or perhaps even worse life beats up the people around us. Often times it can be harder to watch the folks we love suffer than it is to suffer ourselves. When we are feeling beaten up it can be harder to remember that we are called to live as Easter people. It can be hard to live as Easter people. And yet, that is what we are called to do.

How do you live as Easter people on the 364 days of the year that aren't Easter? What gives you life and hope when you are otherwise confronted with despair?

For me, it's helpful to focus on what I *can* do. And what I can do is nurture relationships. This winter and spring I've been volunteering as a Reading Partner at John Gill Elementary (Tiernan's school). Once a week I tutor a 2nd grader in reading – right now we're focused on reading comprehension. Spending some time with her each week isn't going to fix all the broken places in the world, but it's allowing me to build a relationship with a student I otherwise wouldn't get the chance to know.

I've also spent this winter and spring building relationships with other pastors and religious leaders here in Redwood City. I don't spend as much time doing this work as I would like – it turns out it's challenging to get people in the same place at the same time – but slowly it's happening. On the Wednesday of Holy Week, Evelyn and I were in downtown Redwood City for footwashing service as people from across the county gathered in support of immigrants' rights here in San Mateo County. On May 7th members of the Jerrahi Mosque will share with us in worship and join us for lunch afterwards – please plan on coming and joining us for worship and a taco lunch.

What about you? What gives you new life? Maybe it's making phone calls to stay connected with members of this community who might otherwise feel isolated. Maybe it's teaching a new skill or sharing a favorite hobby with someone. Perhaps what fills you with hope is being in the natural world or marching or reading with a cup of hot cocoa. For all of us, of course, I hope that being in community here together at WRUMC gives you hope – whether that's being together in the worshipping community, at fellowship gatherings, in mission together, or studying together.

My hope and my prayer this Easter season and beyond is that each and every one of us meets the risen Christ. I hope that we meet him in the gathered community and as we walk with perhaps one other companion along the road. I hope that we are both expecting him to come into our midst and caught by surprise when we discover that he's been with us along.

See you in church,

Katie

Thoburn Circle



Members: Bev Barr, Evelyn Berk, Barbara Fleenor, Katie Goetz, Helen Lomas, Jean Massing, Helen Marin, Mary Marchini and Mary Nelson.

Absent: Alice Allen, Carole Clark, Betty Kibbe and Elizabeth Prasad.

On April 3, 2017, Mary Marchini was our hostess and decorated with an Easter theme and served fresh fruit, tea and coffee.

The California-Nevada Annual Conference UMW Breakfast will be held on June 24th. Mission U will be at the Palo Alto UMC on August 24th.

Bev mentioned that we need to donate more items for our personal care bags or limit the number of bags we give to the San Mateo Service League each month. Bev has been generous adding to our donations and then transporting the bags to the Redwood City office. We may have to cut back the number of bags we fill that cost about \$10.00 per bag.

Helen read a poem and there was discussion regarding the housing crisis, congestion and transportation issues.

We filled twenty personal care bags. Mary Nelson will be hostess on Monday, May 1st for our next meeting in Watters Hall at 12 noon.

Helen Lomas

Special Worship Services in May

In May we have the opportunity to welcome two special guests to our Sunday morning worship service:

On May 7th Dr. Robert Frager, Imam of the Jerrahi Mosque of Redwood City, will speak in the worship service about Islam. Dr. Frager has been practicing Sufi Islam since 1981. Members of his congregation will also be present with us to teach us about and lead us in their prayer practice. Please come join us for what promises to be a rich multi-religious worship experience.

On May 14th Michael Harris will once again share with us his inspirational music ministry. Since it is Mother's Day he will be sharing with us about how his mom and his aunt shaped his journey with God. In addition to being a powerful story teller and talented musician, Michael Harris is also the son-in-law of Helen Lomas. We look forward to worshipping with you on Mother's Day as Michael shares his story with us.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Financial facts as of 3/31/17

Income of \$46,701

Expenditures of \$51,676

Deficit of \$4,975



What do you want out of life?

It is natural to desire both the essentials
and the reasonable comforts of life.

But you should keep a healthy balance
between the two.

You have been delegated by God to
make a unique contribution to life.

It may seem insignificant to you,
but from God's viewpoint you are irreplaceable.

Be willing to share with others,
especially to those who are less fortunate.

Howard Macway



EDUCATION AND YOUTH NEWS

by Jane Day

Lovely Lasagna Lunch! Sunday May 21

The UMYF invites you to lunch after worship on May 21, in Watters Hall. There will be meat and vegetarian lasagna, salad, and a variety of rolls and desserts. Also we will entertain you some! Do invite friends and neighbors, and let us know the number in your party. Look for a signup sheet in Watters Hall on upcoming Sundays.

We'll have a basket for donations, which will go toward our Sierra Service Project trip in July. We are very grateful to our wonderful congregation for all the support toward this trip that you have already given during our See's Candy Sale last fall, Rummage Sale in February, and special gifts.

Education Sunday June 4

On June 4 we'll congratulate our graduates and thank our teachers and supporters. Please tell us by May 21 about anyone in your family who's graduating in 2017 - name, school, degree, and any special plans for the future! Call or email Jane Day (650-384-5607 or janemday@earthlink.net).

Note: We will not have our traditional BBQ on June 4; instead we'll hold that after the youth return from their SSP trip in July. Watch for details!

Summer Sunday School

During the summer we'll have a less formal class for children after Youth Moments, except on Second Sundays. As usual, Pastor Katie designs a less formal worship for those days and we encourage families to worship together. Regular Sunday School will resume in mid September.



EL CAMINO REAL DISTRICT SPRING 2017 COURSE

MAY 6 & MAY 13 ** 2 Saturday's from
9:30am-3:00pm

Advance Course Offering

LOCATION: **Valley Faith UMC 1251 Sandia Avenue,
Sunnyvale, CA**
Church Office #: (408) 735-1034

Advance Course—Local and Certified Lay Servant are required to take an Advance course or complete a refresher course every 3 years to continue as a local or certified church lay servant.

The Book of study will be ***“Living Our United
Methodist Beliefs”***
by George Hovaness Donigian

Class Facilitator: **Rev. Arnel Clemente of Valley
Faith UMC, Sunnyvale CA**

Cost \$25.00 includes cost of Book,
Refreshment and Lunch for 2 Sessions

**“Participants must attend both sessions for
credit”.**

To register and questions for the Advance course,
contact: Joshua Andres: jaandre@comcast.net or
408-807-1842



MAY

Elijah Folau	May 2
Kristin Nelson	May 2
Rosa Pissani	May 4
Gwen Farey	May 8
Lisette Fletcher	May 8
Nico Guarino	May 18
Galen Leach Taylor	May 24
Greg Brown	May 28
Roger Stern	May 29
Penisimani (Ben) Folau	May 31
Rachel Petelo	May 31

JUNE

Shylah Danica Williams	June 3
Camille Taylor	June 3
Roger & Elaine Stern (A)	June 7
Anne & John Hinton (A)	June 8
Peggy Pagen-Quebec	June 16

If you do not see your name listed, it's because we don't have your birthday or anniversary information. Please let the church office know your information so that we may correct it.

The birth of Mother's Day

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) loved her mother dearly. It was Miss Jarvis who first suggested a national day to honor all mothers. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each person in attendance. Within a few years, the idea to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was soon observed annually in many large cities of the United States.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living. The custom continues to this day.



Woodside Road United Methodist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 5/24/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.



Life Line Screening
 Woodside Road United Methodist Church
Wednesday, May 24, 2016.
 Pre-registration is required.
 Call 888-653-6450

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

"Memorial Day"



Is it enough to think today
 Of all our brave, then put away
 The thought until a year has sped?
 Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song
 And deck a grave; and all year long
 Forget the brave who died that we
 Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,
 That we who live give heart and soul
 To keep the land they died to save,
 And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

—Annette Wynne

Thoburn Circle



MAY 2017

	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 Thoburn Circle  12-2pm Watters Hall	2	3	4  Choir Practice 7:30pm	5	6
7 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Taco Lunch w/members of Jerrahi Mosque	8	9	10	11 Trustees 6:15pm  Choir Practice 7:30pm	12	13
14 10:30 Family Worship 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Adult Spiritual Form. 	15	16 2:30 Finance 3:30pm Ad Council	17	18  Choir Practice 7:30pm	19	20
21 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship Youth Lasanga Lunch	22	23	24 Lifeline Screening	25  Choir Practice 7:30pm	26	27
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