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July Tidings articles are due by June 15.

July Tidings will be available on the last Sunday in June.

Dear Friends,

As summer approaches we begin a journey of invitation. Using *An Illustrated Invitation: Joining God at Work in the World* as our guide, we will travel through the Old and New Testaments, hearing stories familiar and (probably) new. From June 17th through Labor Day weekend we will be invited to join God at work in the world – whether that's through offering hospitality, reaching out to those who need the love of community, or remembering that no one stands outside of God's family and Jesus' love.

It can be hard to remember that God invites everyone to the banquet, including us! In a social media world where it's easy for people to see everything they've been excluded from, this is especially true for our young people, it's important for us to remember that Jesus' circle is radically wide. The radically wide nature of Jesus' circle is both a blessing and a frustration. The blessing of Jesus' circle is that even when we are feeling the most unloved, even when we are feeling the most excluded, there is a place for us in the family. The frustration of Jesus' circle is that it means that we need to include people when "they" aren't so loveable themselves.

The beauty of church is that we get to practice radical love over and over again. We get to practice loving when it isn't necessarily convenient, easy, or exactly what we want to be doing at the moment. We get to practice loving the child who talks during worship or wanders around a bit. We get to practice loving people who don't always remember to lock the doors behind them. We get to practice loving people who would solve problems differently than we do. We get to love people who complain about how it is that we solve problems!

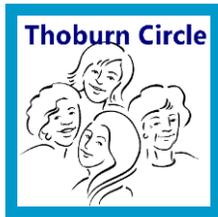
We practice this love at church so that when we leave this place we call Woodside Road United Methodist Church we can better follow Jesus in the world. If we've loved children, complainers, door unlocked leavers, and people who are just different in their approaches to life than we are at church, it's a lot easier to love these in our neighborhoods, extended families, and beyond. So this summer will be all about drawing the circle wide (which is other way of saying practicing radical love) at WRUMC.

We will see how God invites people of all ages, people who have been cast out, people who are different to the banquet. We will be encouraged to remember that God both loves us deeply and that we are called to love our neighbors deeply. It's so easy to think about what it is that divides us, it can sometimes be hard to remember all the ways that we are called to be in community with one another. So join us this summer. Join us in exploring God's invitation to community. Join us in receiving God's invitation to the banquet. Join us in sharing God's love in the world.

See you in church,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie".

United Methodist Women



Members: Jane Day, Barbara Fleenor, Betty Kibbe, Helen Lomas, Mary Marchini, Helen Marin and Mary Nelson.

Absent: Alice Allen, Bev Barr, Carole Clarke, Anne Hinton, Jean Massing and Elizabeth Prasad.

Thoburn Circle members gathered together on May 7, 2018 at noon at Helen Marin's home. She prepared delicious sandwiches, fruit, cake and cupcakes for lunch.

We offered prayers for Alice Allen who is homebound and our other members who are unable to attend.

Mission U will be held on August 4, 2018 at the Korean Santa Clara UMC in San Jose. You need to register by July 1st. Contact Helen Lomas for further information.

The Service League bags will be prepared and delivered to them tomorrow.

Lyft transportation is available for seniors through the Red Morton Senior Center for \$4 one way.

Betty will make reservations for lunch at I Hop Restaurant in Belmont for June 4th at noon.

Helen mentioned the Legacy Fund that is being promoted to raise funds to make sure the UMW Organization will have a future. Jane Day read the story about the beginning of the Missionary work of the UMC by women in Lucknow, India in 1870.

The future meeting dates for this year are:
October 1st November 5th December 3rd

Helen Lomas

Triple S

The next meeting will be at Harry's Hofbrau on Tuesday, June 4th at 6 pm.

Finance Committee:

Financial Facts

4/30/18

Income \$66,631

Expenses \$68,242

Deficit \$2,611

Your Money Represents You

The money you earn isn't an inanimate object, a coin or engraved paper. It represents you. It represents your talents, your initiative, your resourcefulness. Money is the fruit of your labor. It represents the way you devote your time a good half of your waking hours. What you give does represent you. Your giving is an act of love. What matters is whether or not your giving truly represents your love.

UMC Stewardship

Birthdays

Shylah Danica Williams	June 3
Camille Taylor	June 3
Peggy Pagan-Quebec	June 16

Anniversaries

Roger & Elaine Stern	June 7
Anne & John Hinton	June 8





Adult Spiritual Formation and Study

We have two regularly scheduled times for adult spiritual formation and study. After fellowship time on Sundays (approximately noon to 1pm) and Tuesday mornings at 9:30am. Both of these groups are “drop in” opportunities for spiritual growth, study, and fellowship. The Tuesday morning group is primarily scripture based and the Sunday mid-day group is primarily topical.

Children’s Sunday School News

May 27th will be the last day of Sunday School with me for Pre-K-5th grade. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who will take over June 3rd-August 26th. I will be back in September for our regular “school year” Sunday School. Anyone interested in sharing it with me or subbing is more than welcome to do so! Just let me know. Have a great summer everyone!

Love, Cathy

Many thanks to Cathy Taylor for faithfully teaching our preK-5th grade students throughout the school year. Week in and week out Cathy creates a nurturing environment where children grow in love with God and their neighbors. Now it is time for her to take a much deserved summer break. We have the following opportunities and volunteers for the summer:

- June 3 & June 17 – Vince Hodgens
- June 24 -- Jara/Chen
- July 1 -- Mary Ellen Pense
- July 15 -- Jane Day
- July 22 -- John/Gulati
- July 29 -- Patti Riley
- August 5 -- Jane Day
- August 19 -- Patti Riley
- August 26 -- Mary Ellen Pense (tentative)

We also welcome people to make a longer-term commitment to our Sunday school ministry by rotating teaching with Cathy during the school year.

Filoli Gardens in July

You are invited to join our friends from Redwood City First, UCC on Saturday July 14th for a tour of Filoli Gardens. The tour begins at 10am and is 1 ½ hours. Lunch afterwards in the Café. Tickets are approximately \$18 (not including lunch). Please RSVP by June 29th to kathie@firstchurchrwc.org.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018!



We celebrate with the following members of our community:

Andrew Blatner graduated from UC Berkeley with a Masters of Science in Electrical Engineering/Computer Science and he plans to travel and look for a job this summer.

Eric Blatner passed all his flight training and now works as a flight instructor at San Carlos Flight Center.

Gretchen Fermer will receive a certificate in Project and Program Management from the UCSC extension in June.

Rachel Frost graduates from Menlo Atherton High School and will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall.

Marco Guarino will complete 5th grade at Laurelwood Elementary School and will go to Peterson Middle School in the fall.

Kilifi Lea’aetoo graduates from Menlo Atherton High School and will attend Fresno State this fall.

Claire Prasad graduated Westminster College in Utah with a Bachelors of Science in Biology.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:30 am Cooking for First Steps	2 10:30 am Serving at First Steps
3 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sun School 11:45 – 1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Adult Spiritual Formation	4  Thoburn Circle Noon Watters Hall	5 9:30 am Mid Morning Study Triple S 6 pm Harry's Hofbrau	6	7  Choir Practice 7:30 pm	8	9 8 am Trustees Workday 9 - noon
10 10:30 Family Worship 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Adult Spiritual Formation	11	12 9:30 am Mid Morning Study	13	14	15	16
17 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sun School 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Adult Spiritual Formation	18	19 9:30 am Mid Morning Study 2:30 Finance 3:30 Ad Council	20 Annual Conference Modesto CA	21	22	23
24 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sun School 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Adult Spiritual Formation	25	26 9:30 am Mid Morning Study	27	28	29	30



On May 20th our United Methodist Youth Fellowship served at Glide Memorial UMC along with adult leaders and friends.

From the Glide Memorial UMC website (www.glide.org):

The Volunteer Resource Program at GLIDE places about 10,000 volunteers each year, totaling 65,000 hours of service.

Serving a meal in the **Daily Free Meals Program** is a transformative experience. This program requires 85 volunteers each day to fill the breakfast, prep, lunch and dinner shifts, 364 days a year. With your help we can serve approximately 2,000 meals per day to our community. Volunteers assist with everything from serving food, to bussing tables, to handing out silverware and condiments. Be prepared to roll up your and make some beautiful human connections!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the volunteer team at volteam@glide.org or **415.674.6081**