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## *Tidings*

*The Newsletter of Woodside Road United Methodist Church*

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December Tidings articles are due by November 15.

December Tidings will be available on the last Sunday in November.

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“For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!” – William W. How, 1864

Dear Friends,

William Walsham How was a bishop in the Church of England when he wrote the words to “For All the Saints”. While our United Methodist Hymnal includes six verses, the hymn was originally 11 verses long (you can find all of them on Wikipedia) and different hymnals select different verses to include. This hymn describes the Christian journey – with the original text including not just a verse

about faithful soldiers, which you can find in our hymnal, but also verses describing apostles, evangelists, and martyrs. When we gather together to celebrate All Saints Day in worship on November 4th we will sing this hymn as we remember the “great cloud of witnesses” that surrounds us. In addition to remembering the saints through song, we will also name those saints who have died during this past year, as well as providing a space for you to bring pictures of your deceased loved ones and light candles in their memory.

As you remember the saints in your life, what is it that makes them memorable? In some cases, we remember people because they were dear to us, sharing our lives daily – spouses, siblings, parents, children. Some of the saints that we remember will be dear friends, they are the people with whom we raised children, worked, and grew old. And some of the saints will be the people who shaped us as followers of Jesus. These are our parents in faith – perhaps they were Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, wise ones in the community. These are the saints who listened to our questions, doubts, and wonderings as we discerned what it meant to follow Jesus and to live a life of Christian discipleship. These are the saints that capture another hymn that we’re going to sing on November 4th, Lesbia Scott’s “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God,” where she writes, “They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still. The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus’ will. You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church, by the sea, in the house next door; they are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.”

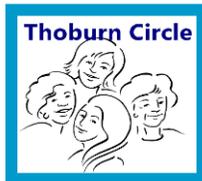
One day all of us will be part of the “great cloud of witnesses.” Which can be a little odd to think about, but it turns out that living and dying are both parts of our Christian journey. So this All Saints Day, as we are remembering the saints, I also want to know, how do you want to be remembered, how do you want your life to be celebrated? I know at least one of you doesn’t want a memorial service, you’ve said if people want to say things to, or about, you people should do that now. But for most of us, one day there will be a worship service in celebration of our lives. What scripture texts do you want shared? What hymns sung? Is there a poem that’s important to you? Do you want a time of community sharing from the congregation or just designated people to speak?

Included in your newsletter this month is a handout on “My Memorial Service.” This is an opportunity to reflect on what songs and texts reflect how you have lived your life and how you want to be remembered. For those of you who want to do this reflection in community we will gather together on November 6th and/or 13th at 10 am for a time of reflection and sharing. (If there is desire for an evening time slot, please let me know.)

Friends, in this season of remembering the saints it is a deep joy to be on my journey of Christian discipleship with you. We shape one another’s faith and help each other grow ever more in love with Jesus. Let us keep traveling together.

See you in church,

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



**Members:** Bev Barr, Evelyn Berk, Helen Lomas, Helen Marin, Jean Massing and Mary Nelson.

**Absent:** Alice Allen, Carole Clarke, Jane Day, Anne Hinton, Betty Kibbe, Mary Marchini and Elizabeth Prasad.

Thoburn Circle members gathered together on October 1st at noon in Watters Hall. Bev Barr was our hostess and brought decorations for Halloween. We sang Happy Birthday to Evelyn.

Carla Sillin brought information regarding distribution of our annual budget. We will make further decisions before the end of the year. It was decided to contribute \$100 to Red Bird Mission in memory of Barbara Fleenor who passed away suddenly on September 16th. Barbara had been faithfully sending the box labels to Red Bird Mission for schools for many years. Evelyn took a plant to Barbara's home.

There are two UMW programs this month. Mary Nelson and Helen Lomas will attend the CA-NV Annual Celebration on October 20th in Campbell.

We decided to continue providing \$15 gift cards from Target for teenagers as Christmas gifts under the San Mateo Service League program. Large bottles of shampoo, soaps and deodorants are donated to Hope House. Bev will take the fifteen personal care bags that we filled to the Service League today.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at noon, hosted by Evelyn Berk and Mary Marchini. ~ Helen Lomas

## Triple S

The Triple S annual dinner and ornament exchange will be held at Harry's Hofbrau at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.



## Finance Committee:

### Financial Facts

9/30/18

Income \$142,152

Expenses \$146,515

Deficit \$ 4,363

## Leaves

Leaves of trees come in a variety of shapes.

There are even differences among leaves in same tree. Yet despite all their differences, all leaves have the same purpose: to make food for the tree, using water, light, and carbon dioxide. Without these three things the tree cannot grow or even survive.

Your church is like a tree and its members are like leaves. Without their donations of time, talent and treasure, the church will suffer. However, with careful stewardship the church will flourish. A healthy church, like healthy tree, will benefit many. It can be a source of inspiration. Remember this as you decide how you provide your time, talent and resources to make your "tree" flourish.





### Winter Sunday School

It's time to prepare for Winter Sunday School at Woodside Road United Methodist Church. During the winter months (December, January, and February) our young people will explore stories of Advent, healing, and family wisdom as they learn about all the different ways God creates families. We are looking for people who are willing to lead Sunday school on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>; January 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>; February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>.

### New Members

November is upon us! This is a month of gratitude and we are glad you are a part of Woodside Road United Methodist Church. Are you interested in becoming a member? Church members are baptized Christians who make a commitment to be loyal to Christ through the United Methodist Church and support the mission and ministry of the church through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Katie would love to talk more with you. Please let her know a good time to meet for coffee, lunch, etc.

### Christmas Pageant

On December 9th we will present a "A Mary Carol" by Rev. Katherine Willis Pershey in worship. This is the story of the annunciation – when the angel Gabriel comes to Mary to share the news that she's been chosen to be the mother of Jesus. All are welcome to participate. We will gather after worship on November 4th to review the script and begin assigning roles. There are parts for people of all ages and stages – speaking parts and non-speaking parts! Can't be there on the 4th? But you still want to participate? Let Katie know!

### Church Conference

Our annual all church conference is Sunday December 2nd following worship. Rev. Ted Pecot will preside. Join us as we elect new officers, approve Katie's salary package, and celebrate the mission and ministry of Woodside Road UMC over this past year.

### Hometown Holiday Photo Booth

Hometown Holidays December 1, 2018  
More help is needed for Hometown Holidays. If you have not signed up yet, we need a firm/confirmed 6 people per shift to run the photo booth. A few extra volunteers would be great for covering last minute illnesses. Please respond to confirm whether you are okay with your scheduled time. If you are not on this list and can add your name to work, please let me Elaine Stern know.

#### Preparation

Janice McComber, Elaine Stern  
Rev. Katie Goetz — handouts/flyers

#### Set up

Roger Stern, John Whitecar

#### 9 am-12 pm Shift (6 people minimum)

#### Unpack, set up costumes, dress festival-goers

Jane Day, Elaine Stern, Cathy Taylor,  
Sarah Blatner  
Carla Sillin & Katie Goetz (Time TBD)

#### 12 pm -3 pm Shift (6 people minimum)

#### Pack up costumes after the event.

Elaine Stern, Elenoa Petelo, Diana Reddy  
Cynthia Jara, Phillip Chen, Vince Hodgens  
MYF TBD

#### Booth Break down

Vince Hodgens, Roger Stern

### November

#### - Birthdays -

Sara Dumanske	Nov 1
Tiernan Weaver	Nov 1
Katie Goetz	Nov 3
Gordon Kibbe	Nov 6
Georgina Dussau	Nov 23

#### - Anniversaries -

Jeff & Debra Clark-Trimble	Nov 7
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sun Sch 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Christmas Pageant Intro	5  Noon Watters Hall	6  <b>Memorial Service Reflection 10 am</b>	7	8  <b>Katie out of office.</b> →	9	10
11 10:30 Family Worship 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Christmas Pageant Practice	12	13  <b>Memorial Service Reflection 10 am</b>  <b>Trustees 7 pm</b>	14	15	16	17
18 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sun Sch 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45	19	20  <b>3:00 Finance 3:30 Ad Council</b>	21	22  Office Closed →  	23	24
25 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sun Sch 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Christmas Pageant Practice	26	27	28	29	30	

## My Memorial Service

My favorite scripture passages:

My favorite hymns:

I want this song/these songs included:

This poem meant a lot to me:

I think sharing from the congregation is a great idea!

I'd rather only these designated people speak:

A slide show of pictures is/is not a good idea.

Bring on the flowers/Please request donations be made to \_\_\_\_\_ organization(s) instead of flowers.

I have strong feelings about a reception afterwards. I don't have strong feelings about refreshments.

