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## *Tidings*

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### **February 2019**

March Tidings articles are due by February 15.

March Tidings will be available on the last Sunday in February.

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Of Protests and Plumbing

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you on Wednesday, January 23rd, so by the time you read this, things may be different.

This morning I gathered at the District Attorney's office in downtown Redwood City with folks of various stripes, including the Raging Grannies, members of the ACLU, community members, and other faith leaders to continue to call on DA Wagstaffe to release the videos in the taser death of Chinedu Okobi on October 3rd. Prior to this I've been showing up at Board of Supervisors meetings, most recently with the kids in tow right before they went back to school in January, to ask for more transparency in the investigation into Mr. Okobi's death. I've rallied and protested before for a variety of things: affordable housing, gun control, immigrants rights, the general category of peace, and women's rights. But today was different. We were in the lobby outside the DA's office. I had no intention of being arrested, see below about the plumbing at the church, but there were representatives of the National Lawyers Guild there as observers, and we were all asked to have their hotline number in case we did. (Spoiler alert: I wasn't arrested.)

I went to the DA's office today, and have been at the Supervisor's meetings before, because Jesus. Remember the answer is always Jesus. The world Jesus calls us to be co-creators of, the kin-dom of God, is one where you are afforded the same level of respect and dignity regardless of the color of your skin or country of origin.

On Sunday we're going to hear a story about Jesus healing 10 people with skin diseases, one of whom was a SAMARITAN, the outsider, the person who didn't belong. But in Jesus' world, belonging is for everyone! And that means that kids, and adults too, with black and brown skin should be as safe in our world as my kids are. It was a wake up call to me, sometime into my adulthood, when I learned that not everyone was taught "If you are lost, in trouble, etc go find a police officer. If something is wrong, call 911."

I left the DA's office about 11am in order to return to church. For a week now, every time we've turned around we've encountered another plumbing problem. Our pipes are old. They've worn out and things need to be replaced. It turns out, this costs money. So I've been thinking about stewardship. I've been thinking about how we're called to be stewards of our building. We're called to maintain a hospitable, safe place. We're called to be stewards of our financial resources. We don't make decisions about spending money lightly. We know that that money has been entrusted to us, not to sit in a bank account, but to further mission and ministry in the world. And we're called to be stewards of our environment, and that means making sure that natural resources are neither wasted nor polluted.

So, I've been thinking about protests. And I've been thinking about plumbing. And I've been praying for justice. For transparency. For a world where everyone belongs. And I've been talking with our trustees and our financial folks about money and resources. I am grateful to be doing this kin-dom building work with you. Let's keep on going.

See you in church,

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

## United Methodist Women

El Camino Real District UMW  
March 15-17 **Spiritual Retreat**  
Mission Springs Conference  
Center, Scotts Valley,  
San Jose, CA

## Finance Committee:

Financial facts  
12/31/18

Income \$202,306

Expenses 211,536

Deficit 9,230

## OFFERING

“Celebrating the offering is a spiritual act of worship every believer can actively participate in each week. Giving becomes a celebration when the believer discovers the joy of generosity, which grows out of God’s grace.”

Melvin Amerson, Celebrating the Offering

## February



## Birthdays

Glen Christoffersen	February 3
Georgi La Berge	February 4
John Hinton	February 6
Nicola Guarino	February 12
Lois Nottingham-Green	February 17
Alexand Nelson	February 18
Jeff Riley	February 22
Daryl Williams	February 27

## Anniversaries

Doug & Mary Ellen Pense	February 14
Walter & Jane Day	February 22





## What Happened to the Second Harvest Food Barrel?

You may have noticed that the Second Harvest Food Barrel isn't in the Narthex anymore. Currently coordinating pick-up with Second Harvest has proved to be challenging. Katie took the last round of food to the Salvation Army so that way it could get to people who were hungry. It's also the case that according to their website Second Harvest wants to do pick-ups for at least three barrels of food to make it worth the time and fuel. So we've put the barrel away for now. However, we don't want to stop providing food for those who are hungry. Please consider bringing food on the first Sunday of the month when we celebrate communion. We'll make sure it gets to places where it can do the most good (are you looking for a volunteer opportunity?).

What foods are best to donate:

- Canned tuna, chicken or salmon
- Peanut butter
- Meals in a can (soup, stew, chili)
- Low-sodium canned vegetables
- Canned fruit in its own juice or water
- Olive or canola oil
- Spices (cinnamon, chili powder, cumin, salt-free spice blends)
- Canned foods with pop-top lids
- Low-sugar whole grain cereals
- Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit)

## Bay District Strategy Session

On Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup> Katie, Jane, and Lisa attended the Bay District Strategy Session: Mission It's Possible. Our Bishop, Minerva Carcano, District Superintendent, Staci Current, and other conference leaders led us in conversations about vision and leadership, lament and celebration. We talked about how the Bible is the story of small things that grow

into big things. We were challenged to not be "used to be" churches. We talked about how making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world requires both inspiration from the Holy Spirit and perspiration on our parts. We were also called upon to be evangelistic (yikes!). To remember that we have good news to share in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We need to stop expecting the world to save us, and go out and save the world.

We were also reconfigured into new circuits. Our new circuit includes Woodside Road, Redwood City First, Fale Hufanga in San Carlos, Crystal Spring in San Mateo, and Community in Half Moon Bay. Previously our circuit included Shoreview and Hillsdale in San Mateo. In the fall we will begin working with Craig Brown, the director of congregational development for our annual conference, to put together ministry action plans. Then in 2020 we will begin working with Griffith Consulting to move into strategic plans for our circuits.

Each circuit will also have lay people designated to serve as circuit lay leader, UMVIM coordinator, disaster response coordinator, prison ministry coordinator, and a lay servant committee member.

**In the meantime, mark your calendars.** On April 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a district wide event for laity "New Places, New People" with Jim Griffith.

## Coming in March

Mark your calendars for:

### **Mardi Gras Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm (Watters Hall)

### **Ash Wednesday Worship**

Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm (Chapel)

# Feb 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>3</p> <p>10:30 Worship 10:45 Sun Sch 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Youth Fundraiser Lunch (Tentative)</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Thoburn Circle</p> <p>Noon Watters Hall</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>Choir Practice 7:30 pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>10:30 Family Worship 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Adult Spiritual Formation</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 pm Trustees</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Choir Practice 7:30 pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
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