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## *Tidings*

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### **July 2019**

August Tidings articles are due by July 15.

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

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Dear Friends,

It was just a few days ago that I got home from Annual Conference. I gathered with United Methodists from our conference and from all over the world. To give you an idea of who was there, at the ordination service on Friday night, in addition to ordaining four amazing pastors, we also commissioned a missionary from the Philippines, Hased Soriano Lim, who is on her way to serve in South Africa. There is much that is broken and sinful in our United Methodist connection especially around how we treat our LGBTQ+ siblings, but there is also much that is beautiful in our connection. The idea that mission is “from everywhere to everywhere” is one of those beautiful things.

As United Methodists we celebrate two milestone anniversaries this year. The first is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church (one of our predecessor denominations). The second is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Methodist Women. In 1816 John Stewart, an African American who was raised a Baptist but became a Methodist, began preaching to the Wyandotte tribe in Ohio. In 1819 he was granted a license as a missionary and then in 1820 the Missionary Society was born. I learned that the Wyandotte were, like so many other native people, removed from their homeland in 1830 on a Trail of Tears to Oklahoma. Since that time Methodists (now United Methodists) have held on to a small piece of Wyandotte land in Ohio: the mission building and a cemetery. This coming September that land will be returned to the Wyandotte people. The history is much rich and more interesting than what I can cover in a newsletter paragraph. I recommend doing your own poking around online to learn about John Stewart, the Wyandotte, and the events planned for this September.

When it comes to the United Methodist Women, the history might be a little more familiar – at least to members of the Thoburn Circle! Isabella Thoburn and Clara Swain were missionaries to India in 1870. Isabella was asked by her brother to come to India to open a school for girls and with the founding of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in 1869 she was able to travel to India with Clara who was a medical doctor. They arrived in India in January 1870. Isabella would spend the next thirty years serving in India, with a few trips back to the United States for fundraising and health reasons. Clara, after graduating from medical school in 1869, would spend close to forty years in mission service, also traveling back and forth between India and the United States. I grew up at a church that had a Clara Swain Circle, but I was an adult and well into serving churches before I knew about the tradition of naming UMW Circles after women missionaries.

In early June we hosted another missionary, Katherine Parker. About 10 of us, from our congregation and beyond, gathered to hear Katherine share about her work in Nepal which focuses on health, sanitation, and empowering women and children. Perhaps the piece I found most meaningful was learning about how because the youth oversee part of the budget for their schools, the young people were formally invited to be a part of the government budget conversation in one of the regions where Katherine serves. Friends, when I am not hanging out with you I spend a disproportionate amount of my time working on fundraising for Tiernan and Evelyn's school. I want to figure out how to spend some of that time giving the students some more agency in where the money goes! Granted Katherine was talking about teenagers, not elementary school students.

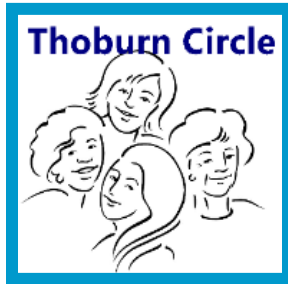
The missionary work of the United Methodist Church takes place around the world and here at home (the Waller Center in San Francisco is often staffed by a Global Mission Fellow). You can support specific missionaries like Katherine Parker or United Methodist Mission in general. You can do this by making an offering to WRUMC and designating it for global mission (or a missionary) or by going online to [advance.umcmision.org](http://advance.umcmision.org). We support the work of mission around the world when our congregation makes our conference tithe as well. At Annual Conference we passed an approximately \$6 million budget for the conference. About \$1 million of this budget is for the World Service Fund which supports mission around the world.

When it comes to following Jesus, we are better equipped together than we are apart. When it comes to following Jesus it takes all of us working together. When it comes to following Jesus, I can't imagine doing it without community. I need the community of WRUMC in order to best follow Jesus. I need my colleagues and friends from the Cal-Nev Annual Conference. I need missionaries like Hased and Katherine to inspire me to dream of what could be. I need the witness of John Stewart, Clara Swain, and Isabella Thoburn. Let us this summer and always follow Jesus together.

See you in church,

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

## United Methodist Women



Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon in Watters Hall. Helen Marin will be our hostess. Remember to bring articles for the personal care bags.

### Bay District UMW Meetings:

#### **August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Mission U, Santa Rosa, CA

#### **September 21<sup>st</sup>**

Annual Celebration

Hope UMC, South San Francisco

Helen Lomas

### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

*United Methodist Women was founded in 1869. With approximately 800,000 members is "the largest denominational faith organization for women" in the world.*



## Finance Committee

### **Financial facts**

5/31/19

Income \$90,528

Expenses 81,373

Positive 9,155

### **OUR TIME**

We did nothing to earn the hours, the days, the weeks of our lives. Time is a gift of God. How we choose to use it is a matter of stewardship. Some people lead lives of frenetic activity, always over-extending themselves to the point of exhaustion, while others sit around in apathetic boredom. Some spend all their hours serving the needs of others at the expense of their own, while others live only for themselves.

As Christian stewards we try to manage time wisely and in a balanced way. We give our time gladly to family and friends, to strangers, to the community the church and to ourselves

UMC Stewardship

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### ***July Birthdays***

Karen Ross	July 5
Jim Yoder	July 8
Liam Dumanske	July 8
Cheryl McGovern	July 11
Warren Dale	July 14
Michael Taylor	July 19
Cleo Jackson	July 25
Stefanie Sillin	July 26
Diana Reddy	July 28
Rebecca Reddy	July 29

### ***Anniversaries***

Gordon & Betty Kibbe	July 11
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### **UMYF in Chiloquin, Oregon**

As the sun rises on July 28<sup>th</sup> four of our United Methodist Youth (Marco Guarino, Nico Guarino, Ashley Hodgens, and Jane Petelo), two of our adult volunteers (Vince Hodgens and Andy Truong), and our pastor (Katie Goetz) will head to Chiloquin, Oregon for a week of serving in this rural community. They are likely to find themselves doing repair work on community homes, perhaps volunteering at a school or community center, and doing brush clearing at a State Park to prevent fires. These seven will not be alone. Once they arrive in Chiloquin they'll join volunteers from other church youth groups, as well as a few folks who came to Sierra Service Project on their own.

Before they go the UMYF is hosting **one more fundraising lunch on July 7<sup>th</sup>** following worship. Join them for a BBQ to close out your 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend! As always your generous support is deeply appreciated. You've read about United Methodist Mission around the world in Katie's frontpage article. This is an opportunity for all of us to be in mission with and through our UMYF. One final way to support our youth is to send them mail! Mail should be sent to:

**Name**

c/o **Chiloquin United Methodist Church**  
**204 South 4th Street**  
**Chiloquin, OR 97624**

### **Lights for Liberty Redwood City**

On **June 30, 2018** people from Redwood City and beyond gathered at Court House Square to protest family separation at the US Mexico Border (we've had the poster from the event in outside of Watters Hall for the past year). The protest continues on **July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in front of the Redwood City Library. In the meantime, you can write to our senators, congresswomen (Speier or Eshoo depending on where you live), CA legislators, governor, and??? to say that as people of faith we cannot stand idly by as children are separated from their parents and incarcerated.

### **Community Response Line**

Have you noticed the yellow posters on the Sanctuary doors, on the bulletin board by the office, and in Room 5/6? These posters provided by Faith in Action provide information on the Community Response Line (203-666-4472). The community response line provides information on immigration problems, rent increases, evictions, and living conditions and workers' rights violations. If you know someone who could use this in pocket form Katie has smaller cards with the same information that's easier to carry around. Katie also has "Red Cards." No, these aren't penalty cards for soccer games (even though the World Cup is going on). These cards are "Know Your Rights" cards which immigrants (and others) can use in the event that they are approached by Immigration and Customs Enforcement or other law enforcement without a warrant. Again, if you or someone you know could benefit from having these cards, let Katie know. In the meantime, know that members of this congregation have been trained as Rapid Responders and are ready to bear witness in the event of immigration raids in our community.

### **Happy Birthday, Andrue!**

For many years Alexand Nelson has faithfully served as one of our Sunday morning AV technicians. On **August 18, 2018** Alexand and Quyen Dang welcomed Andrue into the world. On August 18, 2019 we have the opportunity to celebrate his first birthday following worship! Please join us for a first birthday party in Watters Hall. Contact Sarah Blatner ([sblatner@gmail.com](mailto:sblatner@gmail.com)) if you want to contribute towards a gift.

### **Hearing Devices**

We have a new set of 12 hearing assistance devices. These devices come with two options. These can be used with the traditional ear bud or a "t loop". Doug Pense can answer questions about the t loop (which works with some new hearing aids). Please return the devices to their box so that we can recharge them. Someone will be available to answer questions before the service for the next few weeks. ~ Janice McOmber

# July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  <b>Katie on Vacation</b>	2	3	4  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	5	6
7 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sun Sch  <b>11:30 BBQ Lunch Hosted by UMYF</b>	8	9	10  <b>Belong Circle</b>  6 - 8:30 pm Watters Hall	11	12  <b>Lights for Liberty</b>  7 pm RWC Library	13
14 10:30 Family Worship 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Fellowship 11:45 Adult Spiritual Formation	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sun Sch 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Adult Spiritual Formation	22	23	10  <b>Belong Circle</b>  6 - 8:30 pm Watters Hall	25	26	27
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