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October Tidings articles are due by September 15.

October Tidings will be available on the last Sunday in September.

Dear Friends,

My kids went back to school last week which means we're once again living in the rhythms of the school year. Our summertime carries a fair bit of structure, the kids were in camp for most of the summer, but it's nothing quite like the school year. During the school year there's a bell to say whether or not you are on-time and the curriculum requires your full participation. If you miss a day your parents have to clear that absence, and too many absences result in a scolding letter from the school district. So we're adjusting back into "get your shoes on, eat breakfast, brush your teeth, does your hair need to be brushed?" All so we can get out of the house on time.

In the Christian formation series *Animate: Practices* author and activist Brian McLaren suggests that in the Lord's Prayer we can find a rhythm to prayer that we can use when we're praying the Lord's Prayer, yes, but also throughout our prayer lives. McLaren talks about four movements within this most familiar of prayers. These movements are "Wake Up, Tune Up, Ask, and Re-Enter." Waking up is just taking that moment to rest in the knowledge that you and all of creation are part of God's family. This is the "Our Father who art in heaven..." part of the prayer. Tuning up feels to me a bit more like tuning in. It's getting our lives aligned with God's intentions, dreams, and attitudes. This is the "Thy kingdom come, they will be done..." part of the prayer.

Then we come to the ask portion of the prayer. "Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses..." We ask God to sustain our physical needs (bread) and our spiritual needs (forgiveness and forgiving others). While there is more to our spiritual lives than forgiveness, when we think about our spiritual lives, forgiveness isn't such a bad place to start. It's forgiveness that opens the door to restored relationships and forgiveness is one of the ways that we experience God's grace.

Finally, we come to re-enter. As our time of prayer comes to an end, we once again participate in the world that God so dearly loves. And so we pray, "lead us not into temptation..." It's like we're praying, "Keep us close to you, God. Keep us tuned in so that way we're always aware of your desires and dreams and attitudes and plans and as we go forward we live those dreams and attitudes too."

It's a pretty good rhythm, isn't it? Jesus was really on to something when he taught his disciples this prayer, wasn't he?

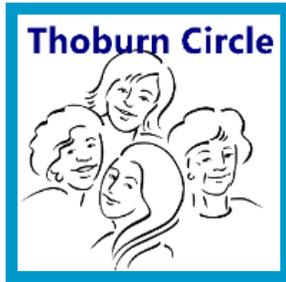
We can all get caught up in "doing prayer right." The disciples were certainly caught up in "doing prayer right" when they asked Jesus to teach them to pray. And Jesus came back to them with something that anyone can do! Each and every one of us can rest in God's love, line up our hearts and lives with God, ask for what we need, and get ready to face the world. We can do this in formal and informal ways. We can do this at the beginning and end of the day. We can do it while washing dishes, folding laundry, or driving the car. This is the sort of thing that can happen at home, work, school, or church.

In early October we're going to be talking about praying for the church. But you don't have to wait for me to talk about praying for the church in worship on October 6th. This is something you can do right now! I invite you to begin, or begin again, praying for Woodside Road UMC. I invite you to pray that we'll know that God loves us. Pray that we line up our hopes, dreams, and attitudes with God's hopes, dreams, and aspirations for us. Pray that as a church community we're taken care of, that we have what we need in order to fulfill God's mission for us in the world. And then pray that we live out that mission. There are so many things to which God may very well be calling us. We're trying on a ministry partnership with the YMCA's early learning program. There's talk of tutoring services for high school students. We've wondered aloud about providing safe parking for folks living in their vehicles. There are opportunities that God has in mind for us that we don't even know about yet. But all of it begins and ends with prayer and the relationship with God that that fosters.

See you in church,

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

United Methodist Women



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

On **September 21st** we will be planning to attend the Bay District Annual Celebration at Hope UMC in South San Francisco from 8:45 AM till 2:30 PM. The CA/NV Conference Lay Leader, Michael Pope, will be the Facilitator speaking on **Matthew 26:7-13**.

Please see Helen Lomas for sign-up sheets that are due by **September 13th**. Cost is \$20 that includes lunch and refreshments.

Helen Lomas

Triple S

Triple S will meet at Harry's Hofbrau at 6 pm on September 10th.

Finance Committee

Financial Facts

7/31/19

Income \$120,672

Expenses 116,711

Positive 3,961

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The Scripture calls each of us to a deeper awareness of the wonders of God's blessings, the gifts that He has showered on us in great abundance, and to the challenge to use those gifts and talents creatively and responsibly.

UMC Stewardship

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September Birthdays

Lisa Hicks-Dumanske	September 1
Debra Clark-Trimble	September 6
Harry Sillin	September 7
Katie Pollard	September 7
Cindee Kibbe	September 10
Patti Fletcher-Riley	September 12
Lauren Righini	September 12
Carla Sillin	September 14
Cleo Susan Guarino	September 20
Janice McOmber	September 21
Mary Marchini	September 29
Marshall Serkes	September 29
Evelyn Berk	September 30

Anniversaries

Carla & Harry Sillin	September 4
Jim & Marlene Yoder	September 25



Christian Formation

As part of our on-going commitment to deepen our spiritual practices, Adult Spiritual Formation continues after worship on Sundays with *Animate Faith: Practices*. We will hear from a variety of speakers (via DVD) about food, worship, sacraments, money, service, and community. Sunday after worship doesn't fit with your schedule? Let Katie know. If we have a few people for whom a morning, afternoon, or evening time slot works better we can make that happen as well!

Sunday School

We are looking for Sunday school teachers for September 15th and beyond. This fall our Sunday school will explore -- Communities Welcome, Community Foundations (Exodus), and Stories that Shape our Faith Community. Curriculum is provided for teaching Sunday school. All Sunday school teachers complete "Safe Gatherings" an on-line background check and abuse prevention curriculum.

Campfire Night

It's that time of year again! Campfire night will be on September 21st in the Alameda de las Pulgas parking lot. Join us for a night of singing, fellowship, and 'smores! Festivities start at 6:30pm. If you have a musical instrument that you're itching to use, bring it along! If you've got a good story to tell, skit to perform, or joke to share – bring that too!

Bay District United Methodist Women

1st Annual Celebration "Continuing Our Legacy" with conference lay leader Michael Pope! Saturday September 21st 9am to 2:30pm at Hope United Methodist Church in South San Francisco. Register in advance for \$20 (includes lunch). Child care is available! See the flyer outside of Watters Hall.

Sexual Orientation Gender-Identity and Expression Training (SOGIE)

Outlet Adolescent Counseling Services will present a SOGIE training on Tuesday September 24th at 7pm in Watters Hall. Why SOGIE? Its usefulness lies in its inclusiveness: The term "LGBT" is specific to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, but SOGIE refers to characteristics common to all human beings because everyone has a sexual orientation and a gender identity. Everyone also

expresses their gender, not just lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

This training is for members and friends of Woodside Road UMC and community members. Please feel free to invite anyone you feel would benefit from this training (that's all of us!).

Serving with Second Harvest Food Bank

As part of our October focus on stewardship, we will be serving with Second Harvest Food Bank on Friday, October 25th from 10am to 1pm. We will be volunteering at the Fair Oaks Community Center in their food distribution program. Please let Katie know if you are interested in this opportunity.

Looking Ahead to Halloween

Save the date: Saturday October 26th Halloween Party! This year we'll be decorating pumpkins (it's too far away from Halloween to carve them), sharing a potluck, doing some crafts, and just having a good time together!

Volunteer at Woodside High School!

Easy communication through email, phone and in person not only has a lasting impact on a student but makes for a fulfilling volunteer opportunity. Would you be interested in making a difference in a teenager's life? Have you had a mentor that made an impact in your life?

The mentor program at WHS pairs students with professionals to discuss academic and career goals. The students' career interests are widespread ranging from medicine and law to landscape architecture and engineering, there is always interest in the trades. The commitment is approximately 2-4 hours per month, with most interactions via email and 4 face-to-face meetings over the course of the school year. The first meeting is scheduled for November 8th at WHS and the program concludes in May.

If you or a colleague have any questions, please contact the Mentor Program Director, Faith Velschow, via email at fvelschow@seq.org or via phone at 650-591-7502.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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