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November Tidings articles are due by October 15.

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

Dear Friends,

Last night (Sept 24th), along with Diana, Becky, Jan, and members of the community, I attended the SOGIE training presented by Diana Hernandez from Outlet. SOGIE stands for sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and the workshop was about increasing our vocabulary and awareness around sexuality and gender as well as tools for creating communities of welcome and hospitality for all young people.

As I listened to Diana, there were a couple of things that I kept thinking about. One was that I look forward to seeing the world that one day my grandchildren will inhabit and the freedom that they and their peers will have to be themselves without needing to conform to any particular box. We've got some work to do in terms of creating that world but, like with climate activists around the world, there are some pretty amazing young people leading the way.

The second thing that I kept thinking about was how incredibly relational all of this is. If someone is in the process of changing their name or pronouns, it might be something that they're doing incrementally. Who a young person is at school may be different from who a young person is at home or at church or on a sports team. And so, one question to ask, among many, is "How should I refer to you in front of others?" Might this mean keeping track of two (or more) facets of someone's identity – yes. Might this be a bit challenging sometimes – yes. Is this about you and what's easy or comfortable for you – no. It's about the relationship we have with young people, putting the relationship ahead of our own potential unease, and, back to the purpose mentioned above, creating spaces of welcome and hospitality.

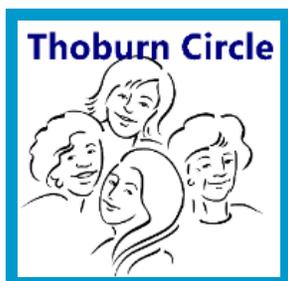
As followers of Jesus, we have a model for creating spaces of welcome and hospitality, and that model is Jesus himself. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke's gospels Jesus gets accused of eating with "tax collectors and sinners." While some of these sinners might actually be folks who have done bad things, I think sinner is sometimes a biblical code word for folks who don't conform to expectations, folks who are on the outside, folks who are made to be other. When folks don't conform, when folks are pushed to the outside, when folks are made to be other Jesus seeks them out and draws them in. As followers of Jesus we're called to this same sort of on-going commitment to relationship and to meeting people where they are.

A couple of months ago we sang the hymn "Help Us Accept Each Other" (UMH 560). In the second verse of this hymn we sang, "Teach us to care for people, for all not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become." These words might be the next step to the mandate that rings throughout our Bibles to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Love folks, work for their well-being, just as they are. Love folks, work for their well-being, as they become more fully who God created them to be in all the fullness of children of God. Sometimes that level of loving can make us uncomfortable, we can end up feeling ill at ease. That's when we remember it's not about us. It's about the folks who are in our midst. It's about loving folks as God loves them. It's about following Jesus into situations of potential discomfort and recognizing that amazing transformation is possible.

See you in church,

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

United Methodist Women



Five members, Bev Barr, Helen Lomas, Mary Marchini, Evelyn Berk and Helen Marin, met on September 2, 2019 in Watters Hall at noon for lunch and general meeting.

We discussed the distribution of our funds for the various groups and plan to make our pledges next month when Mary Nelson will hopefully be present along with Carla.

Helen Marin was our hostess and decorated the table with fall decorations. We celebrated Evelyn's birthday with cake and cherry pie with ice cream!

A Bay District Annual Celebration will be held at the Hope UMC on Saturday 21, 2019 from 9am until 2:30pm. Reservations need to be made by September 11, 2019.

Deodorants, toothpaste and shampoo are needed for the personal care bags. Bev will take 15 bags to San Mateo Service League tomorrow.

Our next meeting will be on October 7, Monday, in Watters Hall at noon.

Helen Lomas

Finance Committee

Financial Facts

7/31/19

Income \$133,837

Expenses 132,347

Positive 1,490

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

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, and 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 represent your love.

UMC Stewardship

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October Birthdays

Ty Swanson	October 2
Mary Ellen Pense	October 2
Marlene Yoder	October 10
Elizabeth Prasad	October 17
Hulita Folau	October 20
Beverly Barr	October 23
Frank Taylor	October 25
Nancy Brown	October 26
Eric Brown	October 26
Wendi Brown	October 26
Betty Kibbe	October 30

Anniversaries

Jeff & Patti Riley	October 2
Georgi La Berge & Warren Dale	October 3
Ben & Hulita Folau	October 30



World Communion Sunday, Sunday October 6th

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

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 October 20th and the month of November. In October we'll be learning about Community Foundations (Exodus) and in November the Theme is 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.



Halloween Potluck Party

The Halloween Potluck Party is Saturday October 26th! 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. You are welcome to come in costume or dress up like yourself (Katie told someone she was going to be "Tiernan and Evelyn's mom for Halloween" recently). The festivities will start at 5pm and wrap up about 7pm.

Church Conference

Our Annual Church Conference to elect officers, celebrate our ministry highlights, receive reports, and look forward to 2020 will be on Sunday, November 3rd following worship. We will meet in the chapel following fellowship time. Rev. Lisa Warner-Carey will preside. (Note: Katie will be presiding at Half Moon Bay UMC's church conference on November 17th and Crystal Springs UMC's church conference on December 8th, so she'll be leaving right after worship on those days.)

Church Membership

Are you interested in becoming a member of Woodside Road UMC? Members of WRUMC affirm their baptismal vows (those questions we've been talking about in worship in late September), commit to being loyal to Jesus through the United Methodist Church, and faithfully participate in the ministries of WRUMC through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We will be talking more about prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness during our stewardship month of October and into November on All Saints Sunday. Please let Katie know if you are interested in church membership.

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 3rd we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. We will honor the saints of the congregation who have died during the past year and provide a table for you to share pictures of the saints in your life who have joined the great cloud of witnesses.

Stewardship Luncheon

Following worship on Sunday, October 27th we will gather in Watters Hall for our annual stewardship luncheon celebration. Join your church family for lunch (and dessert!) as we rejoice in gratitude and remember all the good gifts we have received from God throughout the year.



Save the Date:

7 pm Friday, December 13th

Our choir will join the Messiah Lutheran Church choir in a Christmas Concert and Sing-Along. There's still time to join the choir! If you'd like to participate, please contact Jan Ireland.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3  Choir Practice 7:30 pm	4	5
6 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sun School 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Adult Spiritual Formation	7 Thoburn Circle  Noon Watters Hall	8 Trustees 7 pm	9	10  Choir Practice 7:30 pm	11	12
13 10:30 Family Worship 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Adult Spiritual Formation	14	15 2:30 Finance 3:30 Ad Council	16	17  Choir Practice 7:30 pm	18	19
20 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sun School 11:45-1:30 UMYF 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Adult Spiritual Formation	21	22	23	24  Choir Practice 7:30 pm	25	26 5 – 7 pm Watters Hall Halloween Potluck Party 
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