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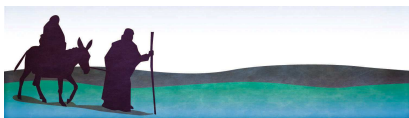
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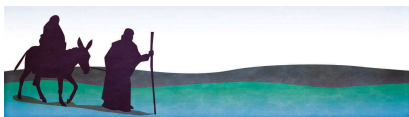
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CEO

## Seeking Christ in Christmas Advent 2015

**Wanted: Sheep, Angels,  
Shepherds, Mary, Joseph  
and All Kids with Talents  
They Would Like to Share!**

During the early service on Christmas Eve, the children perform a Christmas Play and share with us any special talents they have such as playing a Christmas song on the piano or flute or singing. The only requirement for participating is that the child will be at the Early Christmas Eve Service. We will practice for the play for about 20 minutes after the regular Church services in December and will run through the play a few times before the service on Christmas Eve. Please contact Anne Wilhoit ([wilhoit@surewest.net](mailto:wilhoit@surewest.net), 916-726-2195) to participate and let her know if your child would prefer a speaking or non-speaking role and if they have any other talents they would like to share.

**Advent Concert**  
Saturday, December 12  
6:30 pm

**Christmas Eve Services**  
6 pm service is family-friendly  
with our Christmas Play.  
9 pm service is quieter and  
communion is served.

**Tongan Ministry**  
Christmas Day Service

**SEEKING  
CHRIST IN  
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# Advent Journey Together!

## by Pastor Jeong Park



'Advent' originates from the Latin word, *Adventus*, meaning 'Coming'. God is coming down to meet us in this special season. Our Christ Jesus is 'coming down' towards us as a special gift. And we are anxiously anticipating his arrival! What an exciting time we will be waiting for our Messiah's arrival! It is not a season of 'passively' waiting, but truly it is an 'exciting' season. In this special season of waiting, I'd like to invite you to join us on a special Advent journey together. Let's imagine that we will be traveling back two thousand years ago from Nazareth to Bethlehem to seek our Christ Jesus with people in the Bible. How exciting this trip will be! The theme of this year's Advent is "Seeking Christ in Christmas" as follows:



1st Sunday of Advent

November 29:  
"Seeking"



2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6: "The  
Gift of the Magi"



3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13:  
"Elizabeth and Mary  
with Christ Child"



4th Sunday of Advent

December 20:  
"Shepherds Living in  
the Fields"

I hope this Advent season will also be a special journey for you to see your Messiah!

*Pastor Jeong*



## Ushers Needed!

Jeff Couch's work schedule has changed and he will be working on Sundays for at least 2 months, maybe longer. This means we will not have a dedicated usher on Sunday mornings. Please do what you can to help out before, during, and after worship. Contact the Church Office if you would like training to be Jeff's replacement.



## Pray Always. Pray All Ways.

*Do you have prayer requests?  
Contact Nancy Klanjac (nanklan1@aol.com;  
967-5427), so the members of our prayer  
chain can pray for you, or contact the  
Church Office (office@fairOaksumc.org;  
961-6631) to have your requests printed in  
the Acorn.*

## Prayer Requests

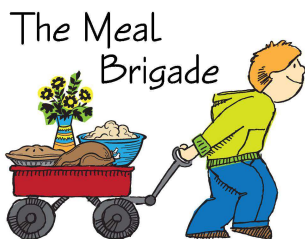
Teri Steinman has been dealing with heart health issues. Please pray for improvement and for comfort and peace of mind.

Ed Klanjac is still at Manor Care after his recent illness and seizures. Please pray that the doctors are able to find a medicine that works and he improves enough to go home. Also pray for strength and comfort for Nancy. Cards for Ed can be sent to their home at 7612 Pleides Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610.

Mary White passed away November 28 after being hospitalized for pneumonia. Please pray for comfort for Mary's friends and family.

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Please keep Stan and Alma Andrus, Lola Morphis, Norma Bennett, Margy Lauritzen, and all of our church members and friends who may not make it to church regularly in your prayers.



## Fair Oaks UMC Meal Brigade

**By Nancy Klanjac, Prayer Chain and Meal Coordinator**

Do you like to cook? Do you often have leftovers? If you say yes to either question, you would be a welcome addition to our Meal Brigade.

Sometimes our church members have surgery or are ill or for some other reason are not up to fixing a meal or getting out for one. They are so thankful to the wonderful Fair Oaks UMC cooks who not only bring a welcome meal, but bring a visit as well. What a great way to let folks know we care about them.

If you are interesting in joining the Meal Brigade, sign up next time there is a request or contact Nancy Klanjac at 967-5427 or nanklan1@yahoo.com to let her know that you would like to help.



# Thank You!

Thank you to a generous donation and our Board of Trustees for the new armchairs in the Sanctuary.

Thanks to Ben Couch, Gloria Phinney, and Helena Hurst for unpacking and setting out the new chairs when they arrived.

Thank you, Ruby Wicker, for painting the replacement trim around the Narthex windows.

Thank you to Ben Couch for allowing Heifer International to borrow barrels for the clothing drive.

Thank you to the following for help with Charge Conference forms and reports:

- Gretchen Hatfield
- Ellen Frosch
- Karlene Brown
- Gloria Phinney
- Diane Sommer
- Lance Bach
- Renee Meyer
- Tom Wold



## **Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 1 pm**

The Church Office will be closed  
Thursday, December 3  
through Monday, December 7  
and Friday, December 25.

On these days, urgent prayer requests or pastoral care needs can be directed to Pastor Jeong, Nancy Klanjac (Prayer Chain, 967-5427, [nanklan1@aol.com](mailto:nanklan1@aol.com)), or Betty Phillips (Caring Minister, 482-3514, [bettyharrahs@hotmail.com](mailto:bettyharrahs@hotmail.com)).





# Acorn Monthly Newsletter

## 2016 DEADLINES

*(Usually the Wednesday after Church Council meets.  
Exceptions noted below.)*

**For January 2016 Acorn — Monday, January 4, 2016, 9:00 am**  
*(Note: This is the 1st Monday in January 2016.)*

**For February Acorn — Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 9:00 am**  
**For March Acorn — Wednesday, February 24, 9:00 am**

**For April Acorn — Monday, March 28, 9:00 am**  
*(Note: This is the Monday AFTER Easter.)*

**For May Acorn — Wednesday, April 27, 9:00 am**  
**For June Acorn — Wednesday, May 25, 9:00 am**

**For July Acorn — Wednesday, June 22, 9:30 am**  
*(Note: This is the Wednesday BEFORE Church Council meets.)*

**For August Acorn — Wednesday, July 27, 9:30 am**  
**For September Acorn — Wednesday, August 24, 9:00 am**

**For October Acorn — Wednesday, September 21, 9:00 am**  
*(Note: This is the Wednesday BEFORE Church Council meets.)*

**For November Acorn — Wednesday, October 26, 9:00 am**  
**For December Acorn — Wednesday, November 23, 9:00 am**

**For January 2017 Acorn — Monday, January 2, 2017, 9:00 am**  
*(Note: This is the 1st Monday in January 2017.)*



## Poinsettias for the Chancel

Poinsettias have been ordered to decorate the Chancel for worship on Christmas Eve. If you would like to purchase any of the 6-inch poinsettias, please fill out the form below and return it to the Church Office by Wednesday, December 16. Forms and checks may be placed in the offering plate on Sundays, mailed to the Church Office, or left in the blue staff pouch on the lower right corner of the Narthex bulletin board. Cost is \$10 each.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Celebration Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please place a check in the offering plate or mail it to the Church Office by December 16th. Write "poinsettia" in the memo line.



## No Second Sunday Storytime in December

**By Dedra Beauchamp**

Second Sunday Storytime will take a break during December since most kids will be participating in Christmas play rehearsals on Sundays. We will be back in full force on January 10, 2016 — see you next year!



## Children's Sunday School

Occasionally we have 5 Sundays in a month (January and May). If you are interested in teaching on the 5th Sundays, please contact Nancy Klanjac, 967-5427 or [nanklan1@aol.com](mailto:nanklan1@aol.com).



## Heifer Happenings by Dedra Beauchamp



Thank you to all who purchased early Christmas gifts (for yourself or others!) at our Jewelry Sale Fundraiser in November. \$147.75 was raised towards a Heifer Ark! Thank you also to Lynn Sabatini who donated all the items for sale.

Thank you to all who donated clothing during the recent clothing drive. I will post the amount raised in the January Acorn newsletter. We will do another clothing drive in the spring so save your stuff for us!

Don't forget that a Heifer donation makes a great gift this holiday season. Pick up your copy of "The Most Important Gift Catalog in the World" from the Heifer Sharing Table in the Narthex. See Dedra Beauchamp or Virginia Guffey with any questions.

## Marathon Road Closures and Delays Sunday, December 6

The California International Marathon will run on Sunday, December 6, 2015, causing some intersections near the church to be closed. The race starts at 7 am near Folsom Dam and travels Oak Avenue, Fair Oaks Blvd., and J Street to the Capitol. Intersections will be closed only while the race comes through, but be prepared, if necessary, to leave home early and avoid the race course on your way to church.



Mile	Cross Street	Close Time	Open Time
1	Oak	5:20am	7:15am
2	American River Canyon	5:20am	7:30am
	Santa Juanita and Oak	5:20am	7:30am
3	April and Oak	7:06am	7:45am
4	Beach and Oak	7:09am	8:00am
5	Wachtel	7:12am	8:15am
6	Oak and FOB	7:15am	8:30am
7	Woodlake Hills and FOB	7:18am	8:45am
	<b>GREENBACK LN</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
8	Niessen and FOB	7:21am	9:00am
	<b>MADISON AVE</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>9:10am</b>
9	Dorian and FOB	7:24am	9:15am
10	Main and FOB	7:25am	9:30am
	<b>SUNRISE BLVD</b>	<b>7:25am</b>	<b>9:40am</b>
11	New York and FOB	7:30am	9:45am
12	Hollister and FOB	7:33am	10:00am
13	California and FOB	7:35am	10:15am
	<b>MANZANITA AVE</b>	<b>7:35am</b>	<b>10:20am</b>
14	Grant and FOB	7:39am	10:30am
15	Kenneth and FOB	7:42am	10:45am
16	Garfield and FOB	7:45am	11:00am
17	Paloma and FOB	7:48am	11:15am
18	Saverien and FOB	7:50am	11:30am
19	Coronado and FOB	7:50am	11:45am
	<b>WATT AVE</b>	<b>7:50am</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
20	Hawthorn and FOB	7:57am	12:00pm
21	University and FOB	8:00am	12:15pm
	<b>HOWE AVE</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>12:15pm</b>
22	Carlson and J Street	8:03am	12:30pm
23	Bear Flag and J Street	8:05am	12:45pm
24	33rd and J Street	8:05am	1:00pm
	<b>ALHAMBRA BLVD</b>	<b>8:05am</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>L STREET</b>	<b>7:50am</b>	<b>1:15pm</b>
25	22nd and L Street	7:50am	1:15pm
26	8th and L Street	7:50am	1:30pm





## The Over 80s Group

### Next Gathering: 2/3/16

### Save the Date!



### Adult Bible Study by Loren Guffey

Tradition plays an important role in worship. Different denominations have varying customs in their orders of worship. For what it is worth, I like the order we use in Methodist churches. We feel close to God and take comfort in the familiar parts of our liturgy. But traditions did not just begin with the beginning of Methodism. They go back further than that.

Some traditions have been created by mankind. These, I contend, are not wrong but are less important than scripture. We want to focus on those traditions that have their origins in scripture.

During the winter quarter we will learn that certain traditions were instituted by God for the purpose of keeping His Spirit alive in us. Some seem to have their origins in seasonal, secular rites. It is not so much that God's people co-opted secular traditions; the bigger issue is that traditional rites such as marriage and death have been secularized. It is, for example, a part of our Christian struggle to keep Christ alive and in the cultural traditions of the Christmas season.

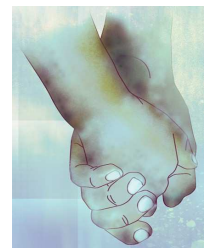
**Join us on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Library.**  
**Home Study Guides available on the Narthex Bulletin Board.**

### Life's Challenges Support Group for Men and Women

### December 7 and 21, 6 pm in the Library



Life's Challenges provides support for persons coping with difficult challenges such as divorce, unemployment, loss of a loved one, financial problems and more. We offer opportunities for renewal, restoration and kinship in a safe, nurturing and confidential environment. Meets on 1st and 3rd Mondays. Call the Church Office 961-6631 or contact Loretta Dodge for more information.





## How is it with your Soul? The Purpose of a Small Group Meeting by Kathy Glass



John Wesley formed small groups of believers who met on a weekly basis to work on their connection with God as well as with each other. Small group is a place to share what is weighing on our hearts, the struggles we may be having in our faith and prayer life, or just to spend an hour sharing how the Grace of God has been blessing your life. New members to our church, returning members, or people who feel the need to connect with like-minded persons are invited to attend. When the group gets too big to be considered a “small” group, we will break into sections. Currently, our small group meets on **Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Sanctuary**. For further information, contact Kathy Glass at [kreativekathyg@aol.com](mailto:kreativekathyg@aol.com) or 916-838-5335.



### Trinity Band by Rosanne Stephenson

Trinity Band is looking for new members including singers and additional musicians for fall performances. This is a great opportunity for new musicians to develop performance skills. Two rehearsals a month and performance every third Sunday. We are also open to guest musicians if the ongoing Band commitment is too much time. Contact Rosanne Stephenson at [rosanne23@comcast.net](mailto:rosanne23@comcast.net).

### Samantha Arrasmith, Music Director

#### Chancel Choir Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

As always, new members are more than welcome to join. There's no commitment necessary and no audition, just show up and be ready to sing! Being able to read music is not a requirement, you'd be surprised how fast you can learn in a choral setting. Practices are on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the sanctuary. Hope to see you there!

Please contact me at [s.arrasmith14@gmail.com](mailto:s.arrasmith14@gmail.com) if you need more information or have any questions.







# Family Promise Volunteers Needed

**By Debbi Oliver**

Once a quarter, Rancho Cordova United Methodist Church hosts the families of Family Promise for a week. For several years, our church has provided dinner and someone to stay the night at the church on the Saturday night that RCUMC hosts. Sadly, over the years, our church's participation level has decreased. We need your help! We typically provide a main dish, 2 or 3 sides, and dessert for the 3-5 families who are staying at the church on those Saturdays. If you can help provide a main dish or even just a side or two, we would appreciate it. More importantly, the families who depend on us to help them get back on their feet appreciate it. It is a great way for families with even small kids to give back, since it is one of the very few charities that will allow young children to participate.

The next date FOUMC is scheduled to help is December 5. We typically serve dinner from 5:30-8:00, have some fellowship time with the families, then clean up the kitchen and leave by 8:00. If you can cook, but can't make it to help on those Saturday nights, Haden, Amelia, and I would be happy to pick up your dish! Additionally, we need someone to stay overnight at RCUMC to be there for the families in case they need anything. That person will be finished by 7 am on Sunday. Even if you can't help out right now, please keep this amazing opportunity to help in mind for next year. So often we are asked to give money and never see where our donations go. This is one opportunity for us to actually see how greatly one act of kindness can affect so many families who just need a little help.

If you can help in any way, please contact me at [debbip1@aol.com](mailto:debbip1@aol.com) or call me at 916-207-2653. Thank you!



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## **Cake Angels for Downtown Ministries**

**Contact: Karlene Brown**

Fair Oaks United Methodist Church furnishes ten quarter-sheet birthday cakes each month for the children who are living in transient housing, waiting to get a permanent home. These are delivered by Downtown Ministries, who work with these families through voucher programs, etc.

This is a wonderful opportunity to involve your children in giving to the community and a fun project to bake a cake as a family.

Cake pans and lids are given out the second Sunday of each month, with the filled pans being returned on the third Sunday of each month.

## **Sunrise Christian Food Bank**

**Contact:**  
**Sheri Johnson**



Canned Fruit or Vegetables  
Canned Tuna (5 oz. preferred)  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Dry Beans — Rice  
Peanut Butter (18 oz. preferred)  
Ramen-type Soup Mix  
Cold Cereal  
Canned Meats

**BRING YOUR DONATIONS  
1st SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH!**

**What Are You Passionate About?**



## **Tarps for the Homeless**

**Contact: Ruby and Wayde Wicker**

On the 3rd Saturday of each month, Ruby and Wayde Wicker reach out to the homeless community in Fair Oaks, Carmichael, and downtown Sacramento by providing tarps for shelter in the winter and shade in the summer. They have become known for their ministry and are recognized by people in need. However, Ruby and Wayde need our help to continue helping others. Tarps may be dropped off in the collection bin in the Narthex. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate. (Please write "Tarps" in the memo line of a check or on the outside of an envelope for a cash donation.)



## Scrip can make your life EASIER this holiday season!

Store Name / %	Amount	Quantity	Total	Store Name / %	Amount	Quantity	Total
<b>Going somewhere?</b>				<b>Dinner at your house?</b>			
76 Gas (1.5%)	\$25.00			Bel-Air (4%)	\$25.00		
76 Gas (1.5%)	\$100.00			Bel-Air (4%)	\$100.00		
ARCO (1.5%)	\$50.00			Raley's (4%)	\$25.00		
ARCO (1.5%)	\$100.00			Raley's (4%)	\$100.00		
ARCO (2.5%)	\$250.00			Safeway (4%)	\$25.00		
Chevron (1%)	\$50.00			Safeway (4%)	\$100.00		
Chevron (1%)	\$100.00			Sprouts Farmers Market (5%)	\$25.00		
Chevron (1%)	\$250.00			Sprouts Farmers Market (5%)	\$50.00		
				Sprouts Farmers Market (5%)	\$100.00		
<b>Gift ideas...</b>				<b>Want somebody else to do the hard work?</b>			
Amazon.com (3%)	\$25.00			Boston Market (12%)	\$10.00		
Amazon.com (3%)	\$100.00			Honey Baked Ham (12%)	\$25.00		
Babies"R"Us (3%)	\$20.00						
Babies"R"Us (3%)	\$100.00			<b>Need a yummy dessert?</b>			
Barnes & Noble (9%)	\$10.00			Cheesecake Factory (5%)	\$25.00		
Barnes & Noble (9%)	\$25.00						
Barnes & Noble (9%)	\$100.00			<b>No matter how much they ate the day before, does your family still want breakfast in the morning? Tell them the kitchen is closed, the cook is retired, hand them a scrip card, and go back to bed!</b>			
Bath & Body Works (13%)	\$10.00			Denny's (7%)	\$10.00		
Bath & Body Works (13%)	\$25.00			Hometown Buffet (5%)	\$25.00		
Big 5 Sporting Goods (8%)	\$25.00			IHOP (8%)	\$25.00		
Harry & David (10%)	\$25.00			Noah's Bagels (10%)	\$10.00		
Omaha Steaks (11%)	\$25.00						
Sports Authority (8%)	\$25.00			<b>You might want to keep these on hand "just in case."</b>			
Sports Authority (8%)	\$100.00			Cold Stone Creamery (8%)	\$10.00		
Toys"R"Us (3%)	\$20.00			Jamba Juice (7%)	\$10.00		
Toys"R"Us (3%)	\$100.00			See's Candies (20%)	\$18.50		
<b>Do you have friends and family in another state with different stores/restaurants than here? Ask the church office to look up a regional store or check online at <a href="http://www.shopwithscrip.com">www.shopwithscrip.com</a> and click on "Retailer List" at the bottom of the page.</b>				Starbucks (7%)	\$10.00		
Cracker Barrel (9%)	\$10.00			Starbucks (7%)	\$25.00		
Cracker Barrel (9%)	\$25.00			<b>Are you making something for your home or as a gift?</b>			
Bloomingdale's (12%)	\$25.00			Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores (6%)	\$25.00		
Bloomingdale's (12%)	\$100.00			Michaels (4%)	\$25.00		
Dillard's (9%)	\$25.00			<b>Don't forget the thank you notes!</b>			
Dillard's (9%)	\$100.00			Hallmark (4%)	\$25.00		
Lord & Taylor (8%)	\$25.00			<b>And just because it makes me happy that they still exist...</b>			
				Piggly Wiggly in WI and IL only (3%)	\$25.00		

Anything else? Extended order forms are available in the Narthex, Spencer, and online at <http://fairoaksumc.org/#/upcoming-events/downloads-slidesinserts>.

Feel free to use the extended order form or handwrite any additional cards you would like to order below.



Extra order dates for the holidays! December 14 and 28.



<p><b>Date</b></p> <p><b>Name</b></p> <p><b>Phone #</b></p> <p><b>Email</b></p> <p>Please circle your delivery preference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pick up in church per the order schedule to the right.</li> <li>2. Pick up in church office (M-F, 9 am-1 pm).</li> </ol> <p>Please make checks payable to FOUMC and write Scrip in the memo line. (Checks written for scrip orders should be separate from other checks written to the church. Please do NOT combine scrip payment with your pledge donation or any other contribution.)</p> <p><b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>  <b># of cards =</b>  <b>total \$ amount =</b></p> <p>Fair Oaks United Methodist Church  9849 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA 95628  ph: 916-961-6631 fax: 916-961-1572  office@FairOaksUMC.org</p>	<p><b><u>Holiday Order Schedule for 2015</u></b></p> <p>11/2 (Mon) scrip order placed</p> <p>11/4 (Wed) scrip order arrives &amp; can be picked up during office hours</p> <p>11/8 (Sun) see Geri Ann Alviso or Kathy Glass to pick up your scrip order after worship</p> <p>11/16 (Mon) scrip order placed</p> <p>11/18 (Wed) scrip order arrives &amp; can be picked up during office hours</p> <p>11/22 (Sun) see Geri Ann Alviso or Kathy Glass to pick up your scrip order after worship</p> <p>11/30 (Mon) scrip order placed</p> <p>12/2 (Wed) scrip order arrives &amp; can be picked up during office hours</p> <p>12/6 (Sun) see Geri Ann Alviso or Kathy Glass to pick up your scrip order after worship</p> <p>12/14 (Mon) scrip order placed</p> <p>12/16 (Wed) scrip order arrives &amp; can be picked up during office hours</p> <p>12/20 (Sun) see Geri Ann Alviso or Kathy Glass to pick up your scrip order after worship</p> <p>12/28 (Mon) scrip order placed</p> <p>12/30 (Wed) scrip order arrives &amp; can be picked up during office hours</p> <p>1/3/2016 (Sun) see Geri Ann Alviso or Kathy Glass to pick up your scrip order after worship</p>
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### What is Scrip?

It's fundraising while you shop! Scrip fundraising gift cards are the same gift cards you would normally purchase from a retailer in your local retail stores, and they work the same way. You'll find cards you can use at grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, home improvement stores, and more. You are paying full face value for a gift card that can be used in place of cash, checks, or credit cards for everyday shopping. The Church Office will place a group order. We pay a reduced cost for the gift card and immediately "earn" the difference.

### How Do I Place an Order?

Orders may be

1. handed to Kathy Glass or Geri Ann Alviso on a Sunday
2. placed in the blue pouch on the Narthex Bulletin Board (lower right corner)
3. placed in the Admin Asst Spencer mailbox (lower right corner)
4. mailed to the Church Office
5. turned in at the Church Office during office hours



### Questions?

Do you still have questions about the program? Are you unsure whether you would like to participate? Please contact the church office during office hours (Monday—Friday, 9 am—1 pm) and I will be happy to talk to you!

## **Fundraising While You Shop!**

Are any of these scrip cards a gift to someone? We have a supply of holiday gift card wrappers (the little cardboard envelopes) in the office. Just let us know if you need one or two or more!





## Cub Scouts Bay Fishing, an Adventure Story in 3 Parts by Wes Ward

### Part 2: "Reel 'em up!" (Part 1 can be found in November Acorn, page 17)



As we reached the end of the first drift, the order crackled on the PA system to "reel 'em up." Almost in unison, the entire group exhaled as if they had been holding their breath for the past ten minutes. As the boat rocked in the gentle waves, the freshly landed stripers slid around the deck before being scooped up and counted by the crew. The young anglers, now veterans of their sport, held their trophies high, or at least as high as an eight year old can hold a 5-10 pound fish, as cell phones snapped pictures soon to be plastered across social media for the world to admire.

Captain Jon quickly maneuvered the boat into position for another drift as anxious anglers took their positions along the rail. Once again, the order came.

Before first cannon ball weight made contact with the bottom, rods started doubling over as little hands began fiercely cranking on the reels. Maybe it was the adrenaline overload, a fierce competitiveness to catch as many as possible, or fatigue setting in after the 4AM wake up, but as the second drift continued, there were a substantial number of snags, tangles, and missed fish all around the boat. The few fortunate ones who were able to keep their gear away from others and avoid snagging were awarded with fish.



The tally after only a couple of drifts was near 20 for a dozen or so rods. However, if you asked the kids at that moment, I'm pretty sure they would insist that they had landed at least 100 fish.

For the next 90 minutes, we made several drifts around the bridge and Alcatraz Island, filling the box more and more with each one.

With each passing drift, the kids began to migrate away from the rail into the cabin of the boat making room for the grownups to get in on the action.

Signs of hunger and exhaustion began to emerge in the form of groaning and dragging feet. It was time for a break to recharge and reenergize everyone. A steady stream of sandwiches, chips, crackers, and cookies flowed about the cabin and deck as the physically and emotionally drained kids recounted the morning's events to each other, with some embellishments of course.



About the time the youth began to get their second winds, the adults had pretty much finished landing the boat's limit of stripers. When all was said and done, we had 50+ stripers up to about 12 pounds in the box and a dwindling supply of live bait in the tank.

The plan was to head out of the Gate towards Point Bonita to finish off the day fishing for rockfish and maybe lingcod. However, as we started motoring West, the wind was really starting to blow as the seas began to churn.

Considering the fact that we had experienced zero motion sickness issues with the young crew up to that point, and that the weather was deteriorating quickly, the decision was made to return back to the Bay in search of rockfish.

The kids still thought it was pretty cool to be able to say that we were on the ocean for at least a few minutes.

*"SHARK!", Part 3 in the January 2016 Acorn...*





## Upcoming Events at United Methodist Churches in the CA-NV Annual Conference

**Nevada City  
United Methodist Church  
433 Broad Street  
Nevada City, CA 95959  
530-265-2797**

### Victorian Christmas Open House

Sundays, December 6, 13, 20  
from noon til 6 pm

Wednesday, December 16  
from 5 til 9 pm

- ☞ Beautiful Crafts
- ☞ Coffee & Cookies
- ☞ Visit with Santa

**Flyers on Hall Bulletin Board**

**St. Mark's  
United Methodist Church  
2391 St. Mark's Way  
Sacramento, 916-483-7848**



### **MOON LECTURE 2015 SERIES FRIDAY EVENINGS, 7:00PM**



**December 4, 2015 - Jessica Jackley**  
Author of "Clay Water Brick" and co-founder  
of KIVA, the world's most successful micro-  
lending site.

## Ivy Hammond's Service Project for the Homeless

Ivy is collecting donations for the First United Methodist Church community breakfast for the homeless. She is gladly accepting donations of pancake mix, syrup, paper plates, napkins, cups, or cash donations. A collection box is located in the Narthex. Thank you for providing food for the homeless!





## Book Club

December's Book Club is a free choice selection:

Choose your own holiday-themed book to share with the group!

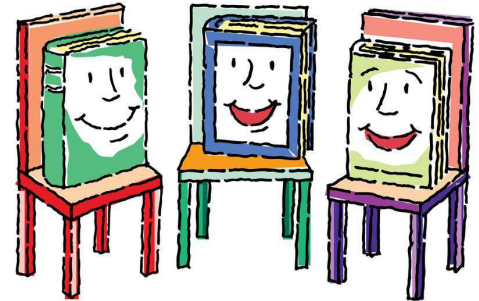
Bring a sack lunch and join us on December 28 at noon in the library.

Upcoming Selections:

Night Road by Kristen Hannah

Katherine by Anya Seton

The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh



## Pinochle

Ben and Ellen Couch will host pinochle on Friday, December 11 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Come on out for a night of fellowship and fun. We will teach you to play Pinochle if you have never played before!



## Mark Your Calendar With These Upcoming Dates...

December 2015						
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January 2016						
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12/03 - 12/07 Church office closed.

12/12 Advent Concert

12/24 Christmas Eve services

12/25 Christmas Day — church office closed

**2016**

01/01 New Year's Day – church office closed.

01/18 Martin Luther King Day - church office closed.

02/03 Over 80s Gathering

02/10 Ash Wednesday – Lent begins

02/14 1st Sunday in Lent

02/15 President's Day - church office closed.

02/20 Annual Chili Feed & Cake Auction

03/20 Palm Sunday

03/24 Maundy Thursday

03/25 Good Friday

03/27 Easter Day

February 2016						
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March 2016						
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# DECEMBER WORSHIP SIGN-UPS

December 6 - Communion Sunday

## Greeters

6 Nancy Edwards  
13  
20  
27

## Liturgists

6 Bill Floyd  
13 Elaine Bach  
20  
27

## Children's Time

6 Nancy Edwards  
13 Pastor Jeong  
20 Carol Spiker  
27

## December Communion

**Steward:** Nancy Klanjac

## Flowers

6 Joanne Cossairt  
13 Joanne Cossairt  
20 Joanne Cossairt  
27 Poinsettias

## Offering

6  
13  
20  
27

## Counters

6 Ellen Frosch/Pat Eichner  
13 Bill Floyd/Elaine Bach  
20 Bill Floyd/Helena Hurst  
27 Judy Shearer/

## Communion Servers:

Nancy Edwards/Ellen Couch

## Coffee Fellowship Hosts

6 Tongan Ministry  
13 Marets  
20 Phinney/  
Couch/Floyd  
27 Wickers/Allens

## Easy Worship Operators

6 Adriane Samcoff  
13 Andrew Maret  
20 Youngjae Park  
27 Andrew Maret

## Sunday School Teachers

6 Ruby Wicker/  
Phyllis Martin  
13 Mary Ellen Milne  
20 Vicki Walker  
27 Nancy Klanjac

# CHRISTMAS EVE SIGN-UPS

6 pm service is family-friendly with our Christmas Play.

9 pm service is quieter and communion is served.

## Greeters

Early Service at 6 pm: Late Service at 9 pm:

## Ushers

Early Service at 6 pm: Late Service at 9 pm:

## Worship Media

Early Service at 6 pm: Late Service at 9 pm:

## Liturgists

Early Service at 6 pm:  
Late Service at 9 pm:

## Offering

Early Service at 6 pm: Late Service at 9 pm:

## Offering

Late Service at 9 pm:

## HOW TO SIGN UP

You can help out – try to sign up a month or more ahead of time. You can call the Church Office or sign up on the clipboard found on the Narthex shelf. Thanks for your help!



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Wed Dec 2, 2015

7pm - 8pm How is it with your soul? SANCTUARY

Thu Dec 3, 2015

All day Church office closed.  
Thu Dec 3, 2015 - Fri Dec 4, 2015

11am - 12pm Centering Prayer LIBRARY

7pm - 8:30pm SWAG Youth Group TEEN ROOM

7:30pm - 9:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal SANCTUARY

Fri Dec 4, 2015

All day Church office closed.  
Fri Dec 4, 2015 - Sat Dec 5, 2015

5:30pm - 8:30pm Little Methodist School Parent's Night Out

Sat Dec 5, 2015

9am - 11am Trinity Band Rehearsal SANCTUARY

7pm - 9pm Tongan Choir Rehearsal SANCTUARY

Sun Dec 6, 2015

All day Communion  
Sun Dec 6, 2015 - Mon Dec 7, 2015

All day Food Drive Sunday - bring canned goods.  
Sun Dec 6, 2015 - Mon Dec 7, 2015

9am - 10am Adult Bible Study LIBRARY

10am - 11:30am Worship SANCTUARY

4pm - 5:30pm Tongan-language Ministry Gathering

Mon Dec 7, 2015

All day Church office closed.  
Mon Dec 7, 2015 - Tue Dec 8, 2015

6pm - 7:30pm Life's Challenges Support Group LIBRARY

7pm - 8:30pm Board of Trustees SPENCER

Wed Dec 9, 2015

7pm - 8pm How is it with your soul? SANCTUARY

Thu Dec 10, 2015

11am - 12pm Centering Prayer LIBRARY

7pm - 8:30pm SWAG Youth Group TEEN ROOM

7:30pm - 9:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal SANCTUARY

Fri Dec 11, 2015

11am - 11:30am Little Methodist School Chapel SANCTUARY

6:30pm - 9pm Pinochle SANCTUARY

Sat Dec 12, 2015

9am - 11am Trinity Band Rehearsal SANCTUARY

10am - 12pm Rehearsal for Concert SANCTUARY

5pm - 6:30pm Set up for concert SANCTUARY

6:30pm - 8:30pm Advent Concert SANCTUARY

7pm - 9pm Tongan Choir Rehearsal WESLEY

Sun Dec 13, 2015

All day Be a Cake Angel - pick up cake pans.  
Sun Dec 13, 2015 - Mon Dec 14, 2015

9am - 10am Adult Bible Study LIBRARY

10am - 11:30am Worship SANCTUARY

11am - 11:30am Second Sunday Storytime LIBRARY

11am - 12pm Worship Ministry SPENCER

4pm - 5:30pm Tongan-language Ministry Gathering

Mon Dec 14, 2015

9am - 9am Scrip Orders Due to CHURCH OFFICE

Tue Dec 15, 2015

6pm - 6:30pm  
Pre-Council meeting with Pastor and Council Chair PASTOR'S STUDY

6:30pm - 8:30pm Finance Ministry SPENCER

Wed Dec 16, 2015

7pm - 8pm How is it with your soul? SANCTUARY

Thu Dec 17, 2015

11am - 12pm Centering Prayer LIBRARY

7pm - 8:30pm SWAG Youth Group TEEN ROOM

7:30pm - 9:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal SANCTUARY

Sat Dec 19, 2015

7pm - 9pm Tongan Choir Rehearsal SANCTUARY

Sun Dec 20, 2015

All day Be a Cake Angel - drop off cakes.  
Sun Dec 20, 2015 - Mon Dec 21, 2015

9am - 10am Adult Bible Study LIBRARY

10am - 11:30am Worship SANCTUARY

4pm - 5:30pm Tongan-language Ministry Gathering

Mon Dec 21, 2015

All day Little Methodist School Christmas Break  
Mon Dec 21, 2015 - Tue Dec 22, 2015

9am - 9am Scrip orders due to Church Office.

6pm - 7:30pm Life's Challenges Support Group LIBRARY

Tue Dec 22, 2015

All day Little Methodist School Christmas Break  
Tue Dec 22, 2015 - Wed Dec 23, 2015

Wed Dec 23, 2015

All day Little Methodist School Christmas Break  
Wed Dec 23, 2015 - Thu Dec 24, 2015

7pm - 8pm How is it with your soul? SANCTUARY

Thu Dec 24, 2015

All day Christmas Eve  
Thu Dec 24, 2015 - Fri Dec 25, 2015  
Calendar: Holidays in United States

All day Little Methodist School Christmas Break  
Thu Dec 24, 2015 - Fri Dec 25, 2015

11am - 12pm Centering Prayer LIBRARY

6pm - 7:30pm Christmas Eve Worship SANCTUARY  
Where: SANCTUARY

9pm - 10pm Christmas Eve Worship SANCTUARY  
Where: SANCTUARY

Fri Dec 25, 2015

All day Christmas Day  
Fri Dec 25, 2015 - Sat Dec 26, 2015  
Calendar: Holidays in United States

All day Church Office closed.  
Fri Dec 25, 2015 - Sat Dec 26, 2015

All day Little Methodist School Christmas Break  
Fri Dec 25, 2015 - Sat Dec 26, 2015

All day Tongan Ministry Christmas Day Service SANCTUARY  
Fri Dec 25, 2015 - Sat Dec 26, 2015  
Where: SANCTUARY

Sat Dec 26, 2015

All day Day After Christmas Day  
Sat Dec 26, 2015 - Sun Dec 27, 2015  
Calendar: Holidays in United States

7pm - 9pm Tongan Choir Rehearsal SANCTUARY

Sun Dec 27, 2015

9am - 10am Adult Bible Study LIBRARY

10am - 11:30am Worship SANCTUARY

4pm - 5:30pm Tongan-language Ministry Gathering

Mon Dec 28, 2015

All day Little Methodist School Christmas Break  
Mon Dec 28, 2015 - Tue Dec 29, 2015

9am - 9am Scrip Orders Due to CHURCH OFFICE

12pm - 2pm Book Club LIBRARY

Tue Dec 29, 2015

All day Little Methodist School Christmas Break  
Tue Dec 29, 2015 - Wed Dec 30, 2015

Wed Dec 30, 2015

All day Little Methodist School Christmas Break  
Wed Dec 30, 2015 - Thu Dec 31, 2015

7pm - 8pm How is it with your soul? SANCTUARY

Thu Dec 31, 2015

All day Little Methodist School Christmas Break  
Thu Dec 31, 2015 - Fri Jan 1, 2016

All day New Year's Eve  
Thu Dec 31, 2015 - Fri Jan 1, 2016  
Calendar: Holidays in United States

All day Tongan Ministry Watch Night Service SANCTUARY  
Thu Dec 31, 2015 - Fri Jan 1, 2016

11am - 12pm Centering Prayer LIBRARY

7pm - 8:30pm SWAG Youth Group TEEN ROOM

7:30pm - 9:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal SANCTUARY

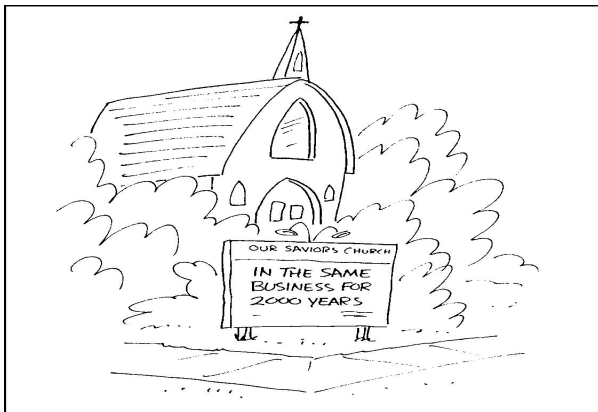




## Fair Oaks United Methodist Church Business Directory

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**Joseph Kovill, Ph.D.**  
CEO

***Q: Why do we have a business directory in a church newsletter?***

A: The donations provided by the above businesses help offset the cost of publishing a monthly newsletter.

***Q: Who are the people behind these businesses?***

A: They are members or regular attendees who consider FOUMC their church home and wish to share their business talents with their church family.

***Q: Can I be listed in the business directory each month?***

A: Yes! Contact the church office at 961-6631 or [Office@FairOaksUMC.org](mailto:Office@FairOaksUMC.org) to learn more.

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## Why does the church calendar look different? By Dedra Beauchamp, Church Secretary

Our free online calendar is no longer being fully supported by the company that bought the company that provided it in the first place. I am experimenting with Google calendar and am finding it to be very user friendly. I have discovered that printing the calendar as an agenda/list instead of a monthly grid makes it more readable. There will be other adjustments as I make the switch including linking the calendar to our website.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the calendar format, please let me know during Church Office hours (Monday-Friday, 9 am – 1 pm).

*Thank you for your patience!*





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