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CEO

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday  Good Friday
April 2  April 3
Soup Supper 6 pm  7 pm Service at UMC of Rancho Cordova, 2101 Zinfandel Dr.
Service 7 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5
8:30 & 10:00 am

Communion served at both services.
Nursery care available at both services.
Easter Egg Hunt between services.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SUNDAYS AT FOUMC

05/24  Pentecost Sunday
06/07  Outdoor Worship Service in our Courtyard
07/19  Heritage Sunday
08/30  Hymn Sunday
09/06  Family Sunday Intergenerational Service
11/22  Candlelighting Apportionment Sunday
Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!
By Pastor Jeong Park

Easter is all about the resurrection of Jesus and truly He is Risen not only from the grave, but He is also alive in us! The essence of the Easter story is not about death, but it is more about new life and new beginning possible because of the love of God. Let us remember that Good Friday symbolizes the power of death, but the Easter story shows us that the love of God is much stronger than death. In God, death has no power to control us nor to end our life. Rather God begins a new life out of death. Wherever we see a new life and a new beginning, we need to discern that God is still making Easter events happen in our lives. When new life begins, that is where the event of resurrection happens! God works there!

The resurrection is not a past event every Easter, but it is the reminder of God’s love in our daily lives. Every day can be a new beginning in God’s love and your new day can be a new chapter of God’s new resurrection story. The resurrection story teaches us how we live in God’s love as resurrected people.

May the blessings of Easter be with you always! Amen.
Prayer Requests

Joy Gilberg asks prayers for the SWAG kids and Circuit participants. She asks for greater involvement and commitment. Please pray for the enthusiasm to match Joy's.

Bob Gilberg asks prayers for Steve Robinson who is in the hospital with fever and infections. Pray for healing and comfort.

Prayers for Vicki Walker and her family. Vicki’s mother, Virginia Gebhardt, passed away peacefully after living with Alzheimer’s for many years.

Betty Steinbach is asking prayers for granddaughter Raven's boyfriend, Alf. Alf broke his collarbone and required surgery. Please pray for healing and comfort.

Roy Anderson's granddaughter Lorena, 32, has inoperable cancer. Her chemotherapy is not working. Please pray for a miracle. If this can't be, please pray for strength and comfort for Lorena and her family.

Lyn Gras asks us to pray for her friend Liz Breck who had a lung transplant months ago. Liz has had many complications. She has decided to go into the arms of the Lord. Please pray for her to pass peacefully.

Please continue prayers for Alisha Stewart, Lola Morphis’ granddaughter. Alisha has been suffering from seizures and brain bleeding. Please pray for healing and comfort. Lola thanks us for our prayers.

Please continue praying for Terri Himes and her mom, Ann Goodson, as she continues to deal with health problems and a move.

Joyce Lindner is asking prayers for Florence Jenkins, a friend since 2nd grade. Florence is undergoing chemotherapy treatments for cancer. Please pray for peace and healing.

The Klajac’s neighbor Barbara Sherrill has started radiation treatments for brain cancer. Please pray for comfort and healing.

Roseanne Stephenson asks prayers for her sister, Michelle Hayes and Michelle's partner, Steve Kaufman. Steve has heart failure and other health complications. Michelle is his caregiver. Please pray for healing for Steve and for strength for Michelle.

Lida Clemo asks prayers for Brent Stately for family healing, alcoholism, and faith.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

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

Do you have prayer requests?

Contact Nancy Klajac
(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.
THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!

☞ Thank you Ruby Wicker and our Rummage Sale Crew for another successful and profitable rummage sale in February!
☞ Thanks to the Paper Angels for taking advantage of Staples promotions and keeping the office stocked with paper.
☞ Thank you to all of the Coffee Fellowship Hosts who make our after-church time inviting and delicious!
☞ Thanks to our Nominations Ministry team who regularly recruit the volunteers who keep all our other ministries humming!

From Dedra Beauchamp, Church Secretary:

Lent is the 2nd busiest time of year for me. I would lose my mind if it weren’t for all of our capable volunteers, the ones who effortlessly keep things running Sunday-to-Sunday AND the ones who take on the special Lent and Easter once-a-year tasks. Thanks so much to ALL of you!

From Betty Phillips:

Thanks to all of you for my many get well cards, the meals you prepared, the rides to Church, the doctor’s, etc. I could not have come through this surgery as well as I did without your love and support. And of course the most important part is the many prayers you all prayed for me.

Without those prayers who knows what might have developed?

I am very thankful for all of you.

Love, Betty
Worship Needs Your Help!
By Margo Williams, Worship Ministry Chair

Worship needs your help! We can not have church without your participation.

Every Sunday we need:
1. A Liturgist—to lead us in prayer and read the scriptures.
2. Flowers for the altar (except during Lent). They do not need to be fancy. Flowers from your garden will look beautiful.
3. Children’s Time Leader—there is help available and it only takes 5 minutes.
4. Greeters—to welcome us to worship.

There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the Narthex each Sunday. If you have questions or need help just ask Margo Williams, your Worship Ministry Chairperson. Thank you.

If you already help with these jobs please sign up for the months and times that you are available (so I don’t have to call!) Thanks a billion!

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Easter Volunteer Opportunities

Easter Flowers

Spring flowers adorn our chancel every Easter and this year is no exception. We really need a handful of volunteers to purchase a variety of spring flowers at local hardware stores, gardening centers and nurseries. (You will be reimbursed for your expenses.) Flowers can be delivered to the sanctuary on Friday, April 3 between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm or on Saturday, April 4 at 10 am.

Transform the Sanctuary

The Worship Ministry team and any volunteers will meet in the sanctuary on Saturday, April 4 at 10 am to transform the church for Easter Sunday. This includes placing the potted spring flowers on the chancel rail, changing the altar cloth from purple to white, and hanging Easter banners in place of the Lenten banners.

Contact Margo Williams, Worship Ministry Chair (916-457-8380) or the Church Office (916-961-6631) to volunteer. Thank you!
What is SUMU?

By Gloria Phinney, FOUMC SUMU Representative

SUMU (Sacramento United Methodist Union) is a group of local United Methodist Churches that have come together in answer to the call to plant new church communities to reach new people and have become a group that helps patch together ailing churches. Over the past century SUMU has invested donations from these local churches and amassed the current average amount of $521,308 of which 5% may be spent each year as the group decides to accomplish its stated purpose. At various times, low interest loans have been made to local UM churches, scholarships have been given to assist young participants in Sierra Youth Mission Trips or church camps, and an alternative form of worship has been supported at the Table, formerly Central United Methodist Church.

Currently SUMU has decided to encourage vibrant ideas for revitalizing local UM churches through a grant program. Bob Gilberg applied and received an $8,000 grant for August 2014 through August 2015 for the development of a program to revitalize ministry to youth in the Bridges District to which FOUMC is a part. So, to visit and learn about the progress being made, the SUMU group convened here on March 19 at noon to hear Bob Gilberg’s assessment. A summary of his plan, its progress, and its future goals can be found on the next page.

SUMU Group Visits FOUMC

Bob Gilberg presenting to SUMU on March 19, 2015.
Plans, Progress, and Future Goals for SUMU Grant

By Bob Gilberg

Yesterday Joy and I met with two of our members from SWAG to plan the next Circuit Event which is being held at Fair Oaks UMC on April 10th. What may seem allusive at first is this is what the Circuit is all about, building up youth and young adults to be leaders in our faith community. The words spoken by these two individuals expressed their faith and devotion to Jesus in ways that deeply warmed my heart; which is the other great prayer of the Circuit, discipleship. None of this would have occurred if it were not for the affirmations and support from SUMU in the form of prayers and the $8,000 grant given to Fair Oaks UMC to host the Circuit Revival for the youth and young adults in our faith community. Please join me in lifting up great praise and thanksgiving for the support of SUMU.

Our Circuit Revival kicked off in September last year at St. Mark’s UMC. Since then, we have hosted six Circuit Revivals on the first Friday of each month rotating the locations between St. Mark’s UMC, Rancho Cordova UMC and Fair Oaks UMC. Our Circuit Revivals’ focus is on worship and discipleship in ways which always lead to Jesus. We participate in community building activities, worship, Word, small groups and fellowship. It has been a great joy to see those who have been faithful in participating grow in their faith and devotion for Christ. In December, we teamed up with St. Mark’s in service and outreach to stuff stockings for Loaves and Fishes. In addition to our monthly revivals and service projects, we host quarterly events which allow us to celebrate and grow deeper in our faith. In November, we went on an excursion to the Winter Jam Concert at Sleep Train Arena in Sacramento seeing some of the greatest Christian artists of today perform including Jeremy Camp, Francesca Battistelli, and Hill Song United. In February, we hosted a screening at Fair Oaks UMC of the block buster movie God’s Not Dead; it was truly an intergenerational event in which we had participants from Jr. High School to the Eighties Club join in to view the movie and engage with a powerful discussion afterwards.

This summer we are planning another Summer Mission Week from July 20th to July 24th in which we will Take It to the Streets of Sacramento to serve at our local food banks, feed the hungry, visit those in care homes, explore our local neighborhoods and parks, and more. We will be teaming up with the churches in our circuit plus others including Yuba City First UMC as we respond in faith to serve those in need in our community. To raise funds for this event, we are hosting our Annual Ice Cream Social and Talent Show on May 9th; be sure to mark your calendars now to participate in fellowship and fun and enjoy great treats - all for a great cause. They say it takes a community to raise a child; how much more to disciple the youth and young adults in our faith community. You can participate by spreading the word, encouraging the youth and young adults in your lives to participate, and support us by participating in our events and fund raisers.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28
Spring is in the air and at LMS we are enjoying this beautiful weather! We have had a lot of fun outside… planting, playing games, making chalk pictures, doing messy art and looking for leprechauns.

We kicked off the month with a visit from the Sacramento ZooMobile where our preschool classes got to see and touch a hedgehog, ducks, a snake and a tortoise. We celebrated dads and grandpas at Daddy & Me Night with crafts, songs and desserts. We finished the month learning about dinosaurs, wild animals and Easter. We are looking forward to April where we will learn about Spring, flowers, birds and space.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Trike-A-Thon on Saturday, April 25 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the side parking lot of the school/church. This is an exciting event for the children to ride their bicycles and tricycles around the track for donations. Coffee and baked goodies are also a part of this fun fundraiser. Come on out and cheer on the LMS students!

Registration for the fall is now open to the community. Please contact Elizabeth Avery-Hammond, School Director, for a tour or with questions at 961-0368 or email littlemethodistschool.org.

Looking for something fun for your child(ren) to do in June? Come have fun with us at our Summer Day Camp June 1st thru June 25th! Summer Day Camp is from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday thru Thursday. The ages for our camp are 3 to 8 years old and must be potty trained to attend. Our Summer Day Camp is run by highly qualified preschool teachers. Some of our fun themes are camping, fun in the snow, crazy hair, fun at the beach, lazy pajama day, etc. The cost is $80.00 a week or $300.00 for all four weeks. If you are interested, please email Elizabeth at littleschool@sbcglobal.net or call 916-961-0368. You can also check out our website littlemethodistschool.org. Spots are available at a first-come first-serve basis. We look forward to having fun in the sun with you!
Over 80s Plan by Mary McCollum

We’re planning a Teddy Bear Tea on April 17 at 2 pm at Mary McCollum’s house.

We will enjoy a hearty assortment of mouth watering delights and a fun-filled time together.

Please bring a teddy bear along (in keeping with the theme) if you have one. If not, we will have extra furry friends to share. Also, if you have a favorite china tea cup it would be nice to bring that too. Food offering suggestions will be mailed to you later. Don’t miss out on your place at the table!

Looking ahead — Virginia Grabbe would like to host, again, a pool-side luncheon, perhaps in June. We will decide that date at our tea. So mark your calendars NOW!
Try Something New This Summer!
By Samantha Arrasmith, Music Director

Thanks to a generous donation, we are borrowing a set of handchimes to form a choir for one special performance this summer. Playing handchimes is fun and easy – anyone can join! Kids and adults are both welcome. No musical experience is necessary. All you have to do is show up for a couple of practices this summer and one Sunday to perform.

I played in a hand bell choir as a child and enjoyed it immensely, so I’m excited to share this fun experience with everyone who would like to join.

We will perform Sunday, September 6th during worship. Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled for the following Thursday nights: July 23, August 6, August 20, and September 3.

Please let me know if you would like to join! I’ll have a sign-up sheet on the choir room door.

Adult Bible Study by Loren Guffey
Join us at 9 am on Sunday mornings in the Library.

In March we focused on what the Gospel of John had to say about Holy Spirit. In April we look in on the early church. Holy Spirit was influential in guiding the communities of first-century Christians. The first-century Christians were trying to be faithful and hopeful in a hostile and challenging environment, perhaps on a scale comparable to what Christians in the Middle East face in our time. (I read a news report that of the Christian Community numbering 30,000 in Mosul, none remain. They have been beheaded by ISIS or have been sold into slavery, or have fled and are exiles.) We owe our salvation also to those courageous enclaves of early Christians who preserved the faith for our time.

Brown Bags Needed for Recycling

We use brown grocery bags to collect recyclable paper in the Church Office. This makes it easy to carry the recycling home to add to household recycling pickup. We are running short of brown grocery bags in the office and could really use some more. If you have some, they can be brought in during office hours (Mon-Fri, 8:30-12:30) or left to the side of the copier in the Spencer work room on Sunday mornings.
This is the continuation of the article printed in the last issue of Acorn. For some of you who may not have read Part 1 of this article, this is mostly based on the discussion by Kelly Richardson, a local and licensed marriage and family therapist who is an expert on teenage life. In my last article, I talked about smoking, drugs, and alcohol. This time I will finish off by sharing with you her insights on Social Media, Cellphone and Texting Boundaries, and Teenage Depression.

First off, she said that the advent of social media has tremendously changed the way we parent and that it has made parenting more difficult. We need to accept that this is the generation that talk with their phones and less with their eyes and mouths. Having said this, she has given us practical steps to deal with this reality. First, we need to teach our teens the reality of their digital profiles. They need to be made aware that what they put out there on the worldwide web can never be erased. It becomes a permanent part of who they are and goes beyond their own network and friends. What they put out on the internet becomes the world's property and can hardly be retrieved. Hence, they need to be warned and be made responsible with what they are posting because it can harm them in the future when prospective colleges or employers examine posts and internet profiles of their incoming student applicants or employees. What they hastily post now out of whim and emotions can adversely affect their plans in the future.

Furthermore, she has given these vital facts about the Internet world. There is now such a thing called technology addiction. Teens tend to log on more than five times a day. Because of this, most of our teenagers nowadays have sleep deprivation due to the fact of uninhibited texting. When kids are allowed to sleep with their phones, they tend to get less sleep. Consequently, teens resort to drinking energy beverages like "Monster" to keep up with their texting addiction. There is now a surge of energy drinks because this is the thing that feeds their cellphone addiction. Moreover, the psychiatric community has now recognized another form of clinical depression derived from social media. It is called Facebook depression and it's now an official diagnosis. Another adverse result of social media is the inability of our kids to recognize foul language. To them, this language is the norm in the social media world.

She has advised then that if our kids have social networks, we need to follow them or get connected with them online so we are able to track their posts and be able to guide our kids in what and what not to post. As long as they're below 18, we should have complete access to their accounts. She has also mentioned about a good app that helps track our teens' social media activities. It's called Rescue Time. Lastly, she suggested that teens should not sleep with their gadgets. They need to turn them in with their parents at an agreed-upon time so as to promote adequate rest and sleep. Teens nowadays are so stressed-out and technology is adding to that stress.

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Finally, she talked about suicide and depression. Suicide is now often considered by teens as a coping mechanism. In fact, cutting can lead to cutting addiction because of the sense of "relief" these teens get from self harm. Self harm or cutting is related to depression. She mentioned the following signs of teenage depression (teens manifest signs differently from adults): irritability is one sign; school absences, somatic issues, reckless behavior, lack of interest, persistent lack of energy, and substance abuse are the other signs. Depression is more common among girls and is the leading cause of suicide.

She suggested the following healthy ways to deal with depression. Foremost, we need to empower our kids. We need to allow our kids to decide and take responsible actions on whatever challenges they face in their teenage life. We need to be able to talk "with" our kids, not "at" them. If we can give our message in two minutes, the better for them to comprehend it. We should be the first ones to tell our kids it's okay to fail. We should not beat up our kids when they mess up. Instead, we should be very supportive of them. Our teens should also have three adults (other than the parents) who are committed to talk to them whenever they need a listening ear. They need to have safe and wiser persons on their phone list that they can call anytime they need to. This way, their friends (who might also be going through challenges) won't be the go-to response of our children. And if necessary, do not hesitate to take your kids to a therapist or a psychologist.

I want to end this article by quoting a verse in Proverbs 22:6 "Train your children in the way they should go, even when they are old they will not depart from it."
Finance Ministry by Ellen Frosch

Now that we are in the calendar year 2015 and have made the major changes to improve our financial health such as capping our apportionment spending and obtaining a health insurance plan for our Pastor through Covered California, we are beginning to see the improvements to our bottom line. We held our annual rummage sale in February and that helps our finances tremendously. Kudos to Ruby Wicker for organizing this event and everyone who helped. The rummage sale earned $3,283.30 for the church.

Here is a summary of our income and expenses, through Feb. 2015

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Fundraising with Scrip

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 on the dates listed below. 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

Order Dates for 2015: April 20 June 15 August 17 extra order dates in November & December: Nov. 2, 16, and 30
May 18 July 20 September 21 Dec. 14 and 28

Scrip Update

See’s Candies scrip cards have increased from $18 to $18.50 each. There are still old order forms out there with the incorrect price. If you are ordering See’s Candies, please be sure to update your order form to $18.50. Thank you!
Unique Clothing Drive & Fundraising Opportunity ends Saturday, April 4!

**Last day for donating items is Saturday, April 4 at 12 noon.**

The Heifer Ministry Team is very pleased with the response we’ve had to this Unique Clothing Drive. We are already discussing repeating it in the Fall!

In the meantime, consider giving your items to our sister church, UMC of Rancho Cordova. They are holding this same clothing drive through May to raise money for a summer mission trip. For more information, contact Emily Willis at 363-8313.

**What can be collected?** Items can be in good repair or even torn, stained, and unwearable!

- Women’s - Men’s - Children’s clothing
- Shoes – Purses – Belts – Hats
- Table linens
- Bath linens
- Bed linens
- Stuffed animals

Life’s Challenges Support Group for Men and Women

April 6 and 20, 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.

Call the Church Office 961-6631 or contact Loretta Dodge or Bob Gilberg for more information.

*Meets on 1st and 3rd Mondays.*
I am collecting toiletries for Family Promise. I am collecting soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, and deodorant — either travel size or regular size — until April 19, 2015. Please look for the collection box in the Narthex. Thank you!
Cake Angels for Downtown Ministries by 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.

For years, we have enjoyed many steadfast Cake Angels, however, our numbers are dwindling through attrition, relocation, etc. We would like five families to commit to making two cakes each month for the Ministry, arranging for a substitute when necessary.

Please talk with Karlene Brown or Bob Gilberg about this very worthwhile program. Your service is needed and the smiles on the faces of the recipients of these cakes is so heartwarming. They are often featured in Downtown Ministries’ newsletter which can be found on the Hall Bulletin Board across from the Kitchen.

Tarps for the Homeless

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.)

Ruby and Wayde also take clothing to the homeless community. Wintertime sees an increase in the need for gloves and hats. Clothing items may also be left in the “Tarp” collection bins in the Narthex.

For more information about this outreach ministry or how you can help, please see Ruby or Wayde. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.
Please Lock Up!

Please lock and secure doors when leaving any of the church buildings. The Sanctuary doors have crash bars that require an Allen wrench to engage/disengage. The Allen wrench is attached to a large plastic spoon and kept in the kitchen Misc. drawer. Also please be sure that doors have completely latched behind you. We recently had an incident where someone accessed the sanctuary even though all doors were locked. Most likely a locked door had not fully shut behind the last person out. Almost all of the doors in buildings other than the Sanctuary can be locked by depressing the door knob lock and pulling the door shut as you exit. If you have a key, you can then use it to lock the dead bolt also.

- Large print bulletins and hymnals are available for worship services. One large print red hymnal went missing after the recent rummage sale. If you find it, please turn it in to the Ushers or the Church Office.
- Please avoid using the Sanctuary chairs off of paved or hard surfaces. Some chairs are missing leg glides possibly due to being set in the grass and sinking into the ground.
- Please label all items placed in the refrigerator or freezer even if it is “up for grabs”. Labels can be found in the kitchen. Unfortunately, they sometimes get moved around—look for a small, black, plastic organizer near the refrigerator or tucked out of the way on one of the counters. Any item in the freezer on the third Sunday of the month that is not labeled will be discarded.

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

2015 DEADLINES

For May Acorn — Wednesday, April 22, 8:30 am
(Note: This is the Wednesday BEFORE Church Council meets.)

For June Acorn — Wednesday, May 27, 8:30 am

For July Acorn — Wednesday, June 24, 8:30 am

For August Acorn — Wednesday, July 22, 8:30 am
(Note: This is the Wednesday BEFORE Church Council meets.)

For September Acorn — Wednesday, August 26, 8:30 am
Do you recognize anyone in these photos? Do you know the story behind the photo?
Updated information can be included in the next Acorn.

I found this photo pinned to the Narthex bulletin board. I think I can name everyone in it but I don’t know when it was taken. The American flags lining the steps makes me think that it is a Red, White, & Blue BBQ but the Dr. Seuss-themed 2001 behind them confuses me! Can anyone shed light on that for me? -- Dedra


Handsome gentlemen and 2 more lovely ladies in the back row: Lynn Phinney, Ellen Frosch, Sandy Milne, Jack Ashworth, Jeff Couch, Marty Martin, Gloria Phinney.

Do you have any “Remember When” photos? Photos can be mailed, emailed, or handed in to the Church Office. You can also drop them off in the blue pouch on the Narthex Bulletin Board (lower right corner) on Sunday mornings. Photos will be returned.

Welcome New Members!

Joyce and Bill Lindner joined our church family on Sunday, March 22, 2015. They come to us from Pioneer United Methodist Church in Auburn. Bill has already joined our Jiffy Fixers team and Joyce has been attending the monthly Book Club. Be sure to introduce yourself next time you see them!
Upcoming Events at United Methodist Churches in the Sunrise Circuit

Sunrise Circuit Churches include Rio Linda UMC, Elverta UMC, North Sacramento UMC, Trinity UMC, St. Mark’s UMC, St. Andrew’s UMC, Citrus Heights UMC, Sacramento Cho-Un Korean UMC, Fair Oaks UMC, UMC of Rancho Cordova, and Wesley UMC.

UMC of Rancho Cordova
2101 Zinfandel Dr.
635-4242

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE
Holy Monday, March 30 at 6:30pm
Sunday, April 26 at 6:30pm

An hour-long meditative candle-lit service of prayer, music, scripture and silence, to quiet the mind, open the heart and feed the soul…

Taize is a time of prayer and praise, thanksgiving and assurance practiced in community in the presence of God.

Come and see. Experience this unique practice of contemplative prayer. May it feed and fill your own heart and spirit.

Pray

Citrus Heights UMC
7833 Highland Ave.
725-6363

PRAYER VIGIL
Saturday, April 4, 7 am to 7 pm

Come quietly, pray at the altar or sit in a pew. Read hymnals or bibles if you like. Come for a moment, stay for an hour. Light a candle. Prayer always helps.

Come as you are. You are accepted & loved.
Book Club

April’s Book Club selection is The Valley of Amazement by Amy Tan. From Amazon.com: “Amy Tan’s The Valley of Amazement is a sweeping, evocative epic of two women’s intertwined fates and their search for identity, that moves from the lavish parlors of Shanghai courtesans to the fog-shrouded mountains of a remote Chinese village. Spanning more than forty years and two continents, The Valley of Amazement resurrects pivotal episodes in history: from the collapse of China’s last imperial dynasty, to the rise of the Republic, the explosive growth of lucrative foreign trade and anti-foreign sentiment, to the inner workings of courtesan houses and the lives of the foreign “Shanghailanders” living in the International Settlement, both erased by World War II.”

Bring a sack lunch and join us on April 27 at noon in the library!

Pinochle

Ellen and Ben Couch will host pinochle on Friday, April 10 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….

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April 5 - Communion Sunday & Easter Sunday

Greeters
5 at 8:30 am
5 at 10 am The Lindners
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26 SWAG Youth Group

Liturgists
5 at 8:30 am Sammie Lee Wilhoit
5 at 10 am Betty Phillips
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Children's Time
5 at 10 am Kathy Glass
12 Dedra Beauchamp
19
26 SWAG Youth Group

April Communion Steward:
Elaine Bach

(2) Communion Servers on April 5 at 10 am
Anne Rohwer
Nancy Edwards

Flowers
5 at 8:30 am Spring Flowers
5 at 10 am Spring Flowers
12 Norma Bennett
19
26 SWAG Youth Group

Offering
5 at 8:30 am Ellen Frosch, Bill Floyd, Elaine Bach
5 at 10 am Ellen Frosch, Bill Floyd, Elaine Bach
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Counters
5 at 10 am Ellen Frosch/Pat Eichner
12 Judy Shearer/Elaine Bach
19 Lynn Sabatini
26 Bill Floyd/Chris Globis

Coffee Fellowship Hosts
5 at 10 am Tongan Ministry
12 Marets
19 Phinney/Couch/Floyd
26 Ruby Wicker and Lora Allen

Easy Worship Operators
5 at 8:30 am Andrew Maret
5 at 10 am Adriane Samcoff
12 Andrew Maret
19 Juddine Adizas
26 Andrew Maret/SWAG

Sunday School Teachers
5 at 10 am Phyllis Martin
12 Nancy Klanjac
19 Vicki Walker
26 Nancy Klanjac

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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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 to learn more.

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