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JULY 2012

Are YOU ready for the Red, White and Blue? By Kathy Glass

The annual Red, White and Blue barbecue will be held at the church **Saturday, July 14th with dinner starting at 5 pm.** Adult tickets are \$8 each. Children aged 4 to 12 years are \$4. Kids three and under are free.

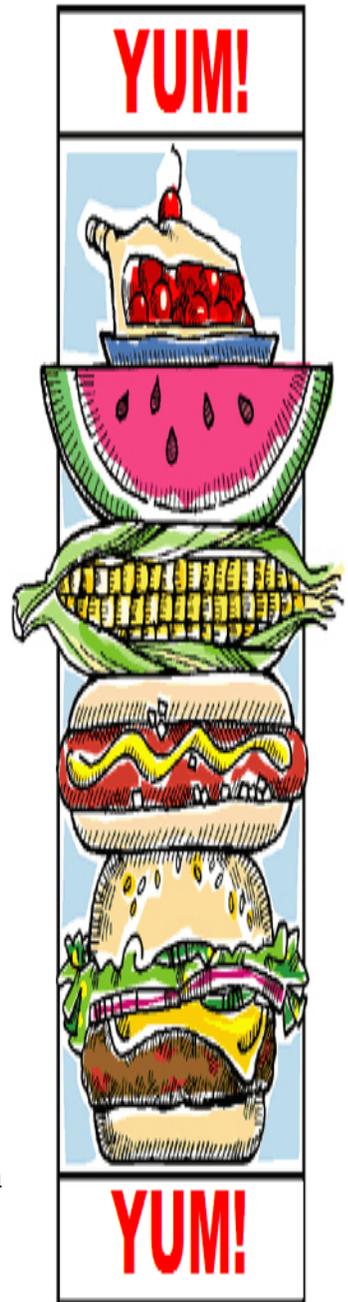
The dinner menu is hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, iced tea, and lemonade. **Anyone attending is asked to bring their favorite salad or appetizer.** Dessert is PIE!

That of course will whet our appetites for the **pie auction that will follow the dinner.** We can all sit back with our full tummies and bid till our pockets are empty, on some of the best pies you have ever tasted. Ben Couch will return as our auctioneer extraordinaire. Of course, we need **anyone with culinary talent to donate a pie** for Ben to auction off.

Our Boy Scout Troop is scheduled to do a flag retirement ceremony before dinner. Anyone with a flag in need of proper retirement is invited to drop it off at the church office anytime before the barbecue.

This is an excellent opportunity to **show off your church's hospitality** to your friends and neighbors. Invite them to visit the church and share the fun! **The cost of this dinner has not changed at all in over 7 years!**

Tickets are available after Sunday service in the narthex. Kathy Glass is chairing the event and can be reached by email: kreativekathyg@aol.com or phone: 916-454-5335. **Anyone wanting to lend a hand with set up, during the dinner, or cleaning up after will be warmly welcomed.** Just let Kathy know!





The Mustard Seed

By Pastor Jeong Park



In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God with an image of a seed. Once the farmer throws a seed on the ground, it sprouts and grows irresistibly without our assistance. The most important job is to plant a good seed on the earth. The seed holds a great future of harvest, it is very important to be planted at the right time and on the right place. I like this parable very much. Then, I have a question for us. Who is the farmer for this good work?

Fair Oaks Church is called to do the farmer's work for planting good seeds to this world. Another question comes to my mind: What kind of seed do we have in our hands and planting on our ground envisioning the harvest? I am so excited that Jim Allen was able to join a short term mission trip to Alabama through UVMIM (United Methodist Volunteer In Mission Team) this summer. He joined the Rancho Cordova mission team and flew to Alabama South area and helped the tornado victims. Our church is actively serving our community locally, but it has been a while since we sent summer mission trips beyond our local church. I appreciated that he extended our passion and enthusiasm in mission and service beyond a local church. I am also very much pleased that we are going to send our children and youth to summer camp this year. You may think that these are not many, but I am for sure we have good seeds planted on the good place. These will sprout and grow among us. I hope that we send more people on mission work and look forward to more active children and youth ministry in the future. I am sure that this will be a good starter. I hope we can continue to support and keep working for our children and mission. Church is not a place only for sitting and listening to the words of God, but the church is a place of people gathering who actively do and serve others with the words of God. Like a busy farmer, the church should be a busy place for good works. I hope our church continues to be a good farmer who plants good seeds of mission and young people's ministry.

When we do our work, we don't have to worry about other things. God will take care of the rest of the things. God made them sprout and grow and the Kingdom of God will reach its full flower through our passionate work and service. God will do great works through our hands and feet!

Pastor Jeong



Prayer Requests

Please pray for **Pat Sherwood** who was recently hospitalized due to anemia.

We pray for healing and comfort for **Helena Hurst** who was recently released from the hospital after a heart attack.

We pray for strength and healing for Loretta Dodge's friend, **Paul Harrison**, who suffered severe injuries after an accident.

We pray with Judy Shearer for her friends, **Susie and Michael Reid**. Michael is beginning a new treatment for Stage 4 cancer.

We pray with Betty Steinbach for **Dyann Steinbach-Parton**, Raven and Joe's mom, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

We lift up prayers of praise with **Vicki Walker** for extra visitors, extra nurses, and extra pounds for **her mother** suffering from Alzheimer's in San Diego.

We pray for **Bill Randolph** who is serving in the military in Afghanistan. Keep Amy and Laura in your prayers as well.



*Do you have prayer requests?
Call or email Nancy Klanjac
(nanklan1@aol.com; 967-5427), so the members
of our prayer chain can pray for you, or call or
email the church office (961-6631) to have your
requests printed in the Acorn.*

Thank You

Karenza Hatfield, our nursery care provider, thanks **everyone** for their generous donations of items to use in the nursery!

Thanks to **Nancy Edwards and Dan Hardt** who keep our website up-to-date, informative, and fabulous!

Thanks to everyone involved in preparing and leading services during Pastor Jeong's vacation. **Ruby Wicker, Pat Eichner, Laurel Jensen, Richard Hill, Dan Hardt, Betty Phillips, Lynn and Gloria Phinney, Mary McCollum, Betty Steinbach, Nancy Klanjac, Cheri Taylor, Amber Bizik, Andrew Maret, Rayven Fletcher, Haden Oliver, Amelia Oliver.**

Special thanks to **Rayven Fletcher** for being incredibly helpful in the office in June.





Endowment Fund Annual Dispersal

Supporting our Community

By Mike Myatt

Greetings from the Endowment Committee! Did you know that the Endowment Fund provides annual funding to support important activities for our church? Each year, up to 5% of the average year ending balance for the previous five years is dispersed to support the “Four C’s” – Campus, Children, Choir, and Community. In previous years, the annual dispersal funded the marquee by the steps in the front of the church, and a new roof over the Davidson Building that houses some of our preschool classrooms. This year, the annual dispersal is \$3,200, and it will fund community projects. Here is how the dispersal from the Endowment Fund for 2012 will be used:

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission: Alabama Mission Project: United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) is the official short-term mission agency of the United Methodist Church. UMVIM promotes, encourages, and enables Christians to exemplify “Christian Love In Action” through short-term mission service in the United States and abroad. This year, \$1,000 was provided to support a team from Rancho Cordova United Methodist Church and FOUMC to support rebuilding efforts from tornados in Choctaw County, Alabama. Another \$500 was provided for airfare, housing, and food costs for our church members.

Family Promise of Sacramento: Family Promise of Sacramento is a nonprofit program designed specifically for homeless families that helps them achieve self-sufficiency and regain a home for themselves and their children. Shelter for the families is provided through a unique, innovative method by utilizing an interfaith hospitality network of 16 congregations and hundreds of volunteers throughout the Sacramento region. This year, \$200 was provided for this program.

Sacramento Loaves and Fishes: Loaves and Fishes is a private charity that feeds the hungry and shelters the homeless. Loaves and Fishes, through their many programs, provide daily meals to 600-1,000 guests each day, counseling and mental health services, jail visitations, shelter for homeless men, women, and children, a free, private school for children 3-15 years of age, a library, a park, and a washhouse. This year, \$200 was provided for this program.

FOUMC Caring Ministry: This program supports our own church family. Caring Ministry supports members of our church congregation who are in need by sending inspirational notes, cards, telephone calls, providing a listening ear, making home and hospital visits, initiating email and telephone prayer chains, coordinating meals, submitting requests for Pastoral visits, taking communion to shut-ins, and alerting our Pastor of emergency telephone tree needs. All assistance is considered confidential. This year, \$200 was transferred to the Caring Ministry account to support this program.

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Pastor's Discretionary Fund: The Pastor's Discretionary Fund allows the Pastor, at his or her discretion on a case-by-case basis, to provide confidential financial assistance to members of the church or members of our community in a time of need, or to help fund a program/opportunity not covered by the budget but that will provide a benefit to the church. The pastor and the finance chairperson are the two authorized signers for this account. This year, \$200 was transferred to this account from the Endowment Fund annual dispersal.

Youth Mission Project: \$900 is being held in the Endowment Fund Expense Account until a designated Youth Mission Project (Sierra Service Project or VIM) for SWAG can be arranged.

When you work on your will or trust, please consider including a gift for the Endowment Fund. Your gift will not only support the long-term needs of the church, but will also encourage the near-term support of God's work in our community and the world.

*Endowment gifts are unique acts of love and faith.
They connect us to the legacy of those who have come before us,
and help us to leave our own legacy for the future.*



Committee Notes

Trustees Corner: Parking Lot Renovation to Begin By Tom Wold

Over the past two years, the Board of Trustees reviewed bids from four paving companies and we have selected a contractor for the much needed re-surfacing and painting of the parking lots. Work will be performed in phases over several weeks beginning in July. Each phase will be designed to try and keep the disruption in normal church activities to a minimum. The funding for this project will come from the recent cell tower lease sale and not from annual pledges and offerings. As you know, your pledges are needed and used to finance the staff salaries, church activities, utilities, and upkeep of our church.

In the June Acorn, Diana Bodner provided an outstanding summary of the recent, current, and future projects aimed at maintaining our "Little Church On The Hill" as a safe and inviting place to worship. We would encourage you to review the article and give any recommendations you may have for consideration by your Board of Trustees and Church Council.



Pastor Jeong's Summer Schedule



July 2 – 15: Education leave for his doctoral degree. The topic is Theology for the Wounded.

July 1: service will be given by Pastor Jeong

July 8: Bill Floyd will speak about the Annual Conference

July 15: Mary McCollum will lead the worship service

Beginning July 16 the pastor will be available in the church office. Please discuss any questions or concerns regarding these absences with a member of SPRC. As always, Mary McCollum and Caring Ministries will be available as needed.

Sunrise Christian Food Ministries

Food donations can be placed in the Narthex for pick up. Any kind of food donation will be appreciated: canned, packed, fresh produce, etc. Protein items such as tuna, peanut butter, or beans are especially needed. Cash donations may be sent to Sunrise Christian Food Ministries, 5901 San Juan Blvd, Citrus Heights, CA 95610.



Rancho Cordova United Methodist Church Provides Free Dinners Once a Month



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Rev. Tina Ballagh, Pastor

On the third Wednesday of each month, Rancho Cordova United Methodist Church provides a free dinner from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Upcoming dates in 2012 are July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14, and December 19.



From the Finance Corner

By Renee Meyer

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:6-7 NIV***

Greetings and peace in Jesus' name! We're down to the wire. The new budget year is right around the corner and the budget is **\$118,000 short** of what is needed to meet projected expenses for FOUMC. I was expecting a \$54,000 deficit due to the loss of the monthly cell tower income. I was hoping not to take any more than \$50,000 from the remaining balance from the cell tower lease sale—in fact I was figuring that the “take” would be thousands less. The Finance Team worked together this month to estimate fund raisers, other misc expenses and such.

To date, pledges total about the same for the entire next year as they did for the last *six* months. That is a HUGE problem. I cannot stress enough, the importance that making a financial commitment to the church by way of a pledge is. It is a very scary decision, given our current economy, and a difficult choice. However, pledges are the only solid way to most accurately figure income so we can project reasonable expenses.

Several people came to the meeting held by the Trustees and Finance Team in early May to discuss the Tower Lease Sale and the list of projects that need to be completed at the church. During that meeting it was discussed that this church has grown to count on that monthly tower rental income to help pay general expenses. While that may or may not have been the original goal, the reality is that as time has progressed over the years it has come to be a way to pay part of general expenses. At that meeting it was emphatically agreed by most people that FOUMC—rather the ministers of FOUMC—need to figure out how to close that gap and find ways to increase member and friend's offerings to the church to cover that difference. The money that was not used to pay off the Conference Loan or fund Trustee projects will deplete over 5-8 years when no new income is coming in to replace it.



Unfortunately all these magical ideas can't happen overnight—or before July 1, but these ideas will need all of us working together (my favorite thing to do) to process, plan and put into effect. I invite all of you to be a part of this huge, overwhelming, but rewarding process. For now it all starts with brainstorming ideas and dreaming about how they will come together. Start the brainstorming process. Feel free to email these ideas to me and I will start a list to share in a future article and then we can start to put the ideas to work for the good of this ministry. Email me emphaticallyme@yahoo.com or feel free to call me at 916-868-5070.

See you next month!!



Babysitters Needed

With Youngjae returning to school this fall and Pastor Jeong attending evening meetings at church, Jacob is in need of volunteer babysitters! If you are available on Fridays either between 12 noon and 5 pm or 5 pm and 9 pm beginning in August and would like to help, please let Pastor Jeong or Youngjae know. Babysitting could be at your house or at the parsonage. You can reach Pastor Jeong at fishermind@gmail.com or at the church office 961-6631.

JULY MEETINGS IN THE LIBRARY



Grief Support Group Sundays, July 1 and July 15 2:00 – 3:30 pm

The Grief Support Group meets the first and third Sunday afternoons (2:00 – 3:30) in our church library. Each session is co-led by two of the following persons: Dan Hardt, Loretta Dodge, Virginia Grabbe, Rachelle Doty, and Mary McCollum. Each person brings differing experiences and expertise. If you feel that this would be a valuable group experience for you, please join us. Feel free to ask any of the co-leaders or Pastor Jeong for more information.

Women's Support Group Mondays, July 9 and July 23 6:30 – 8:00 pm

The 6-week Women's Support Group that began in April has evolved into an ongoing group that will meet every other Monday. The focus of the group is to identify hurts, habits or hang-ups that hinder our being in relationship with God. Also, to experience the benefit of fellowship that comes from being in a small group. The Women's Support Group will meet next on June 25 in the Library from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Please contact Laurel Jensen for more information at laureljensen@ix.netcom.com or call (916) 903-6061.





JULY

Book Club



Join us on
Monday, July 16th
at noon in the
church library as
we discuss Alice
Hoffman's The
Dovekeepers.

According to
Amazon.com, The Dovekeepers is based
on a 2,000-year-old tragedy when 900
Jews held out for months against armies
of Romans on Masada, a mountain in the
Judean desert. *"Hoffman's novel is a
spellbinding tale of four extraordinarily bold,
resourceful, and sensuous women, each of whom
has come to Masada by a different path."*
Bring your lunch and join in our lively
discussion!

Pinochle



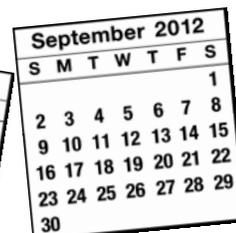
Len and Nancy
Edwards will host this
month's Pinochle
night on **Friday, July**
13th at 6:30 pm at
their home at 5148

Engle Road in Carmichael, 916-224-7545. Please come on out to the church's
monthly game night. Our "professional"
pinochle players are more than happy to
teach newcomers the game!

Looking Ahead:

Mark Your Calendar With These Upcoming Dates

- 8/23** **Fall Choir Practice Begins**
9/25-9/26 **Picture Days for our upcoming Picture Directory**
9/29 **Tongan Luau**
10/13 **Church Work Day**





Postcards from Friends



Thinking of all the FOUMC members.

Our trip has been wonderful.

Have seen some beautiful country through the mid-West
where we enjoyed visiting with relatives.

Rains here periodically keeping everything flush.

Lovingly, Joanne & Dick Cossairt

Stay connected this summer!
www.fairoaksumc.org

JULY

- 1 Tongan Choir
- 8 Tongan Choir
- 15 Trinity Band
- 22 Chanteuses
- 29



AUGUST

- 5 Chanteuses
- 12 Frances Myatt
- 19 Trinity Band
- 26 Chancel Choir



Will and Steve Myatt on the Sonoma Coast.....and at the pool!

Question: What is the meaning of life?

Answer: Cannonballs!



Holly Klamann and Justin Kennedy married in Capitol Park on June 2, 2012.

Left to right: Bria (bridesmaid), Justin (groom), Holly (bride), Christy (maid of honor), Jonathan (best man).

photographer: Wendy Hithe (www.wendyhithephoto.com)





JULY MINISTRIES

Who's doing what, each Sunday of the month.
Please note open items; call the Church office to volunteer.
 Use this page as a reminder of what you've signed up for.



GREETERS

- 1 Helena Hurst
- 8
- 15
- 22
- 29 Kathy Glass

LITURGISTS

- 1 Lynn Phinney
- 8 Elaine Bach
- 15 Betty Phillips
- 22 Nancy Klanjac
- 29 Diane Sommer

CHILDREN'S TIME

- 1 Judy Shearer
- 8
- 15 Margo Williams
- 22 Frances Myatt
- 29

FLOWERS

- 1 George Roth & Cheryl Raney
- 8 Alisia Jones
- 15
- 22 Pat Eichner
- 29 Diane Sommer

COMMUNION STEWARD

Gay and Roy Anderson

COMMUNION SERVERS on July 1st

Alisia Jones and Nancy Klanjac

COFFEE HOUR

- 1 Tongan Members
- 8 Dick & Sue Easterbrook
- 15 Dick & Sue Easterbrook
- 22 Dick & Sue Easterbrook
- 29 Dick & Sue Easterbrook

COUNTERS

- 1 Elaine Bach & Pat Eichner
- 8 Ellen Frosch & Judy Shearer
- 15 Steve Bodner & Mike Myatt
- 22 John Clune & Bill Floyd
- 29

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

One Room School House

- 1 Anne Rohwer
- 8 Ruby Wicker and Sue Easterbrook
- 15 Sue Easterbrook
- 22
- 29

HOW TO SIGN UP

You can help us out – try to sign up a month or more ahead of time. You can call the church office. For the children's Sunday school or church nursery, contact the coordinator of your area if you don't know your schedule. If you don't know who that person is, just call the church office.

Thanks for your help!



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