

The APPLESEED



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Pastor's Letter

We are in the Season of Easter which runs from the Easter vigil on Easter eve until Pentecost. After the Resurrection of Jesus we have a number of appearances of Jesus alive and out of the grave until the Ascension story forty days later. We will hear a lot of the interactions between Jesus and his disciples, in which we all can pick and choose which one speaks for us, but with the Holy breath been embedded on the disciples, we are all impacted from that.

The character of the woman presented by John on the third day of the Lord's death uplifting all women. Mary has been known to Jesus prior to his death, that women have the courage and compassion with needed persistence bridging Him and his disciples on that special morning. Women with faith are absolutely fantastic in leading small ministries becoming globally known following their convictions in doing what they have been called for.

Christ is Risen! Finally affirmed by doubting Thomas as the LORD AND THE SAVIOR. Individuals may have different interpretations of the Risen story, however, we could be one of those who need more explanations at first and praising later. Not because, we have to see the proof of concepts, but believe it just as the other disciples with the Power of the Holy Spirit been told. But most of us have our belief fixed in our Lord from day one and then take one step at a time.

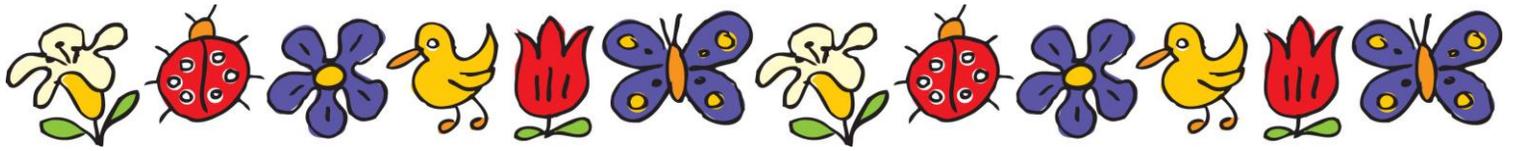
Risen Lord has taught us to be bold and fearless. He had authorized his first followers, sending off and empowering them with the Spirit of Truth into a culture would have them killed. However, the seeds of the Spirit had been planted numerous times throughout thousands of years and we are still in the same track of planting and of reaping seeds from then. A book of Living Positively – one day at a time by Robert Schuller of the 80's talks about Someday has come. Jesus has shown us His day has come and we are his disciples of today and tomorrow. We are replanting seeds of faith and love for our tomorrow's generations in love and hope. Find a need and fill it is the new message for this Easter Season!

Jesus has begun anew of a new culture of discipleship with inclusiveness. Men, women and young people together. Are we willing and ready for a new culture cultivating here at the corner of Souls, community and service? Jesus is still serving food for everyone COME AND EAT!

Down in the valley with my Savior I would go
Where the storms are sweeping and the dark waters flow
With his hand to lead me I will never, never fear
Danger cannot fright me if my Lord is near
Follow! Follow! I will follow Jesus! Anywhere, everywhere, I would follow on
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Shalom, Pastor Iunisi Tovo



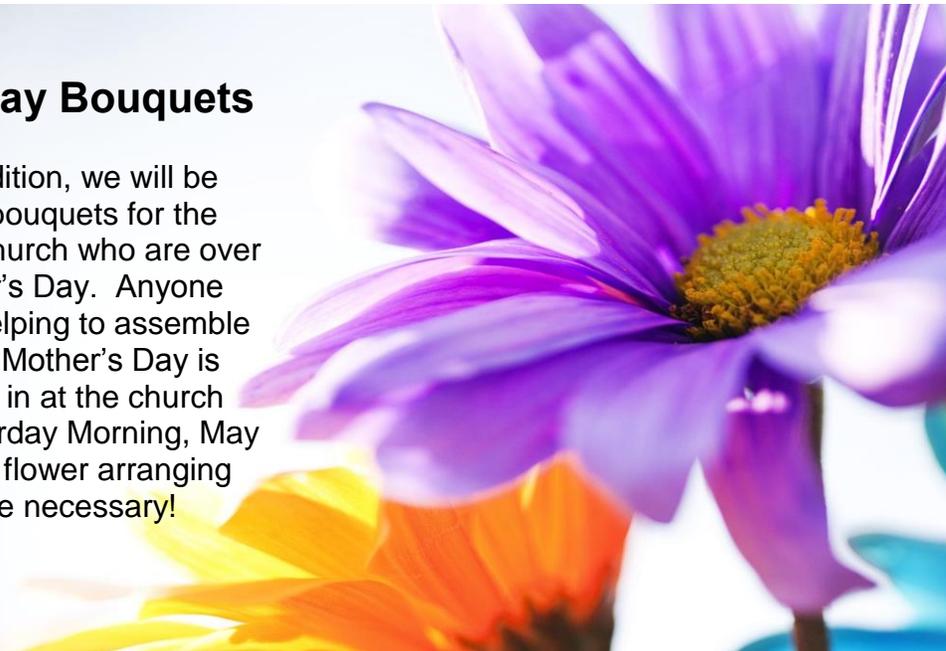


Easter Lilies

Vicki Amtower	In memory of:	Aileen, Richard, and Laurel Amtower
Darlene and Vince Andreotti	In memory of:	Our daughter, Sherry Marie Andreotti
Violet Moir	In memory of:	My parents, Clyde and Marie Butterfield
Don and Dee Schilling	In memory of:	Julie Goold & Sad and Sue Hamaoka
Paul and Pat Schoch	In memory of:	Ester Foster, Wilma Orr, and Carol Arnett
Susan Kinder	In memory of:	My parents, Lowell and Louise Francis
Carol and Mark Wegner	In honor of:	My grandchildren: Ira, Jackson, and Abgail
	In memory of:	Carol's Parents, Earl and Velma Patterson Mark's Mother, Jane Wegner
Renee Barrett and Hank Mauldin	In honor of:	Wegner's 94 Years
	In memory of:	Henry and Bootsaie Mauldin (Hank's parents) Harry and Lucille Venezion (Renee's parents)
Jennie Chesier	In memory of:	(husband) Jack, (mother) Eula Gordon, (brother) Bud Calvert (sister) LaVerda Crow
Finausina Tovo and Iunisi Tovo	In memory of:	My mother, Finau Teisa Tovo
	In honor of:	my sisters and grandchildren
Chris Eberle	In honor of:	All Our Service Men and Women
Barbara Stanzl	In memory of:	Jeanne Brown
	In honor of:	Dick Brown
Linda Coffee	In memory of:	Kenneth Coffee and Anna Gwinn
Marlene and Len Felsenfeld	In memory of:	Their parents and Aaron Kottler, Len's son

Mother's Day Bouquets

As is our tradition, we will be assembling bouquets for the women in the church who are over 80 for Mother's Day. Anyone interested in helping to assemble bouquets for Mother's Day is invited to join in at the church kitchen on Saturday Morning, May 7 at 9:30. No flower arranging experience necessary!



Help Needed

with Sunday Coffee is always appreciated. Just sign up on the coffee hour sheet in Epworthian Hall.

SEBASTOPOL INTER-CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Our congregation has been supporters of Sebastopol Inter-Church Food Pantry since it was organized by local churches more than 30 years ago. Donations of packaged food may be left in a basket in the entrance of the sanctuary. We also need egg cartons. The Pantry provides food every 30 days, if needed, for residents of Sebastopol and surrounding area, including Forestville. No referrals or ID are needed.

It is open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 - 12 am; clients are asked to phone ahead at 823 2483. It is located at the rear of the parking lot at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 500 Robinson Road, Sebastopol. Anyone interested in volunteering at the Pantry can phone Karen Bohn at 707-823-7963 or email ekbohn@comcast.net.

Golden Rule

Golden Rule normally meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 11:30 – 1:00 pm.
Next Meetings are April 14th and 28^h.

Adopt A Highway



The next scheduled date for litter pickup on Highway 12 is Saturday, March 9, at 9:15 a.m. We meet at the Chevron Station just east of downtown Sebastopol. Anyone 16 years and older are welcome to help; but you must view the safety DVD online at adopt-a-highway.dot.gov/ and click on "Safety DVD for all participants". For more information call the Bohns at 823 7963 or email them at ekbohn@comcast.net

Flowers Needed for Mother's Day Bouquets



If you have flowers you would like to donate to help fill the bouquets for Mother's Day please drop them by the back door of Epworthian Hall by Saturday morning May 7 at 9:30. If you have flowers, but are unable to pick them call Carol Wegner at 829-8267 or email her at carolwegner@yahoo.com and she will come pick them on May 6.



Heifer International gratefully recognizes

Lenten Calendar Offering

Thanks to generous giving we purchased 4 goats through the Heifer Project. We donated \$1113.78. This donation was matched by a donor.



When you are planting or crafting, please consider potting or creating items for our annual Summer Rummage Sale and/or Fall Holiday Sale. You may also start bringing donations for both sales; we will store them.

Contact Julie Barbic (707-795-1690) or Marlene Felsenfeld (707-242-7605) or marfels@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.