

The APPLESEED



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Pastor's Letter

*Welcome All – Reclaiming your timeshares above!
Colossians 3: 2 “set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”*

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

The goal of this Christian season is Jesus acting of compassion and teaching ministry. His compassionate hopeful eagerness for an understanding of his everlasting ministry. A ministry of teaching the good news to the oppressed, binding up of the brokenhearted, proclaiming liberty to the captives and reclaiming of the year of the Lord.

We welcome the month of August with the voices from the house of music:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are His people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

It has been a joy knowing that praising God with all our being has nothing to do with the right music nor the right instrument but with the right minds, body and soul. The Psalmist sounds so grateful of a chance to live a life praising God. We only have one life to live, and live it to the fullest and dedicating to helping others. Often times, we feel like we are losing in life, somehow, feel like quitting because it feels like we are not getting anywhere, but instead, take a short break and thank God, for every setback there is always a huge comeback, every disappointment there is always happiness. That is what faith is all about. Believe in Him and His mysterious power before you see it. God's favor is always in us, but somehow it is our task to search with his help. It is he who made us, and we are his. Envisioning a door he is about to open for us, and see what he had stored for each of us in the coming days of our journey.

We are torn in different directions in hearing and listening political and earthly stories of life, but our Psalm has reminded us also praising God and seeking to live in His House all the days of our life.

Jesus has a rental free timeshares for everyone, it is open to everyone all we do is giving him our heart and soul.

Matthew 16:26: *“What good will it be for a man, if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul.”*

Always in Christ
Pastor Iunisi Tovo



ADMIN COUNCIL

meets 3rd Sunday of the month.
The next meeting will be August 21st after church.
All are welcome.

Mission Team Meetings

have been moved to
2nd Thursday of the month
Next meeting: August 11th 9:30 a.m.
Epworthian Hall

Golden Rule

Golden Rule normally meets on the second and fourth Thursdays
of each month from 11:30 – 1:00 pm.
Next Meetings are Aug 11th and 25th

Adopt A Highway

The next scheduled date for litter pickup on Highway 12 is
Saturday, August 20th, 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".

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
HAVE CHANGED to
Tuesday and Thursdays 2-5 p.m.**

Saturday Table Thank You for July

Thank you to those who helped with the Saturday Table Lunch, for those in need of a meal, in the month of July 2016:

Those supplying food: Jennie Cheshier, Karen Bohn's sisters Diane from Santa Rosa and Chris from Petaluma, Beth Wakelee, Barbara Hansen, and Marlene Felsenfeld.

Those working at Saturday Table in July were Mark Reed, Marlene Felsenfeld, Barbara Hansen, Beth Wakelee and Vi Moir.

Thanks for the advance preparations for Church Door Bags to Kaci Wegner, the Sunday school children, and Michelle Olson-Brueggemann.

We served 14 meals to our guests.

Next Saturday Table will be on August 27.
Vi Moir

Caring Support Group Update

The first meeting was held on June 30. In August, we will meet on the Thursday Aug 18th, 1 pm - 2 pm. The purpose of this group is to provide a safe place to share concerns, understanding, and mutual support. Everyone is welcome. To join us, or if you have any questions, contact Marlene Felsenfeld at email: marfels@sbcglobal.net, residence (707) 242-7605, or cell phone (808) 255-2343.

Performance Policy

Christian service is spoken of many times in the Bible, for example, Roman 12:6 begins with "So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us..."

With the foundation of serving the SUMC Administrative Council has undertaken a project to review, update, and in some cases, write policies and procedures that will assist each of the members of this church in contributing. Every one of us has been given special gifts and the goal of the policies and procedures is to recognize the service of our members and allow a harmonious celebration of these God-given talents.

The first policy that was approved by the Administrative Council is the Policy for Artist Performance. A copy is available on the website and by request at the office. The addition of music to the preaching of the gospel was one of the first mentions of serving as a joyous Christian.

The Administrative Council will be continuing with their project and we will welcome member comments. The next policy will be facility use and will include a rate structure.

THE CARING SUPPORT GROUP

will meet next on Thursday, **August 18**, 1- 2 PM, Room 5. All are welcome. Please contact Marlene Felsenfeld if you are interested in joining the group: marfels@sbcglobal.net, residence (707) 242-7605, cellular (808) 255-2343. This group will meet once a month on the 3rd Thursday. If this is not a good time for you and you would like to start another group, please let Marlene know.

RUMMAGE SALE Saturday, August 20, 2016

RUMMAGE SALE HAS BEEN MOVED – from August 13th to **August 20th**. Start cleaning out your closets and garages for donations to our annual summer rummage sale. You may start bringing your donations; 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. Please consider volunteering the week before the sale and/or during the sale.

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.

A note from Dee Schilling:

I have been concerned enough about the upcoming presidential election to commit to volunteering to work on the Presidential campaign in October. Because Ohio is an important swing state, I have made arrangements with former church members, Deanne and Ed Zyromski to stay with them for a week while I volunteer my time. If you feel the Spirit leading you to want to participate in this important way, contact Dee for further information.

UMCOR!

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. UMCOR's work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States, as well as internationally: in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. These beneficiaries are seen as partners, not victims, and UMCOR works to empower them. Wherever possible, UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend its reach.

The middle of July to the middle of August we will start collecting items for school kits. Check out the back to school sales! Items can be placed in a UMCOR basket in the back of the sanctuary and Epworthian Hall. Those that do not want to shop for items can donate any amount and we will use the money to buy items we are short on for completing the bags. Place the donations in the Sunday plate specifying it is for UMCOR.

The following is a list of items needed:

- Value: \$ 11.00
- **1 pair blunt scissors**
 - Rounded tip only;
 - No plastic scissors, please.
- **3 pads of paper**
 - Spiral- or top-bound pads;
 - 150 sheets or less of loose-leaf paper can be substituted for 1 pad;
 - Combination of spiral, top-bound, side-bound, or loose-leaf paper is acceptable;
 - No composition books, please.
- **1 hand-held pencil sharpener**
 - Must be at least 1 inch long;
 - Remove from packaging.
- **1 30-centimeter ruler**
 - Hard or flexible;
 - Cartoon characters are acceptable;
 - No advertisements please.
- **6 unsharpened pencils**
 - No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please;
 - Cartoon characters are acceptable.
- **1 2-inch or larger-size eraser**
 - No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please;
 - Cartoon characters are acceptable.
- **1 24-count box of crayons**
 - Only 24-count boxes, please

There will be copies of the lists with exact instructions of items to purchase. Look for the information on the bulletin boards in the back of the sanctuary and Epworthian Hall.

Any questions contact Vicki Amtower at roycestreet@comcast.net or call (707) 792-4327.

Redwood Empire Methodist Mission (REMM)
and the UMC Sonoma County Circuit Present

A Discipleship Weekend

A 2-day workshop with Dr. Phil Maynard of PathOne Network

Day One

Saturday, September 10, 2016 10am-4pm (lunch included)

First United Methodist Church

1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa, Ca.

***“From Membership to Discipleship:
Equipping for Transformation”***

Learn: -six dimensions of life lived as a disciple
-discipleship as a contact sport
-how to distinguish between membership & discipleship
-how to move disciples toward maturity...and much more

Day Two

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Forestville UMC, 6550 Covey Rd, Forestville, Ca.

10:00am worship, Dr. Maynard, Guest Preacher

12:00 Noon Potluck Brunch

1-4pm Workshop: ***“Connect: Creating a Culture of
Relationships That Matter”***

Learn: -How to build relationships beyond the walls of the church
-How to engage with your community through service

Cost

\$15 Saturday workshop (includes workbook and lunch)

\$10 Sunday workshop

\$22 for both workshops

To register, go to: www.cnumc.org/register and click on A Discipleship Weekend
For further information contact mturg@aol.com; 707-539-5949

SEBASTOPOL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

RUMMAGE SALE



You'll find:

- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Toys
- ✓ Jewelry
- ✓ Plants
- ✓ Household items
- ✓ Books
- ✓ And more...

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016

9AM TO 1PM

500 NORTH MAIN STREET
SEBASTOPOL

(ACROSS FROM THE SAFEWAY)

AUG 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
	01	<i>Office Hours</i> 1-4 p.m.	02	03	<i>Office Hours</i> 1-4 p.m.	04	05	06
07	08	<i>Office Hours</i> 2-5 p.m.	09	10	<i>Office Hours</i> 2-5 p.m. 9:30 a.m. Mission Team 11:30 a.m. Golden Rule	11	12	13
14	15	<i>Office Hours</i> 2-5 p.m.	16	17	<i>Office Hours</i> 2-5 p.m. 1 p.m. Caring Support Group	18	19	20
<i>Rummage Sale Set-up</i>								
21	22	<i>Office Hours</i> 2-5 p.m.	23	24	<i>Office Hours</i> 2-5 p.m. 11:30 a.m. Golden Rule	25	26	27
ADMIN Council <i>(after services)</i>								9-12 pm Hwy Clean-up 9-1 p.m. RUMMAGE SALE
28	29	<i>Office Hours</i> 2-5 p.m.	30	31	<i>Office Hours</i> 2-5 p.m.			12-1 p.m. Saturday Table

Ernie Bohn's Memorial Service
will be
Saturday, August 13 at 2 pm
in our sanctuary
with a reception following
in Epworthian Hall
everyone is welcome

Worship Team

will meet on Friday, August 12 at 3:00 at church. At this meeting one of our agenda items will be reinstating a UMW group. All are welcome to attend.

Worship Leaders for August

August 7 - Carol Wegner
August 14 - Beth Wakelee
August 21 - Vicky Ness
August 28 - Loren Brueggemann