

The APPLESEED

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MINISTRY of CHANGE

One way to minister is to testify to love and your story matters.

Welcome to the beginning of this new conference year of 2017-18 with its mission statement *Testify to love and your story matters*. This is reminiscent of the main story of the love of Christ that has been told for thousands of years through his disciples, and with the disciples' stories of their lives which have reached out globally and are still relevant for our generations. Each of us has our own stories to tell. Our stories have been influenced by the great love that ended on the cross for our salvation. His story of salvation and with his presence has injected into all of us settling within us as his throne forever. Our stories probably change others when we affirm our life focusing on one Mighty Savior Jesus the Christ. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. And lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and He shall direct your paths. The Psalmist convinces us to lift our eyes to the Lord our God as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress and together we shout, "Peace be within your walls and security within your towers." We are encouraged to testify to the love of God as His steadfast love endures all.

As this Conference year 2017-18 begins, I notice that we have changes in our lives whether we notice it or not. We tend to continue in the same routine, same schedules, same job, however, we are unaware of changes that have happened. Our life changes, our hobbies change, social and political climates change, our family changes, our children are growing older. Parents are a little grayer, but the love of God is still the same from yesterday to today and tomorrow. Our story changes over days, weeks and years and our legacy changes also. Doing ministry changes also, so we need to change our ways of doing ministry especially for the sake of our children, youth and our young adults. Parents' words still have power whether we know it or not, and our children are still listening. My hope is that small steps can be made so we can be able to invest more in our children, youth and young adults. We may not have many, yet we can work with most with what we have. Quality matters more than quantity. God has and continues to reveal himself to us and provided what is necessary for us to have a beautiful relationship with him. We have stories to tell, parents have stories to tell. Children have stories to tell which abound with the love of God, we can all testify to His love. Remember your baptism and be ready for a small change that God has called us to this conference year. Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as it is done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward, you serve the Lord Christ.

While becoming God's chosen ones, you will be clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Let your story be heard, as it will impact others to do likewise

Blessings in Christ
Pastor Iunisi Tovo



July 2017 Church Door Donations

Our church door donations have not been covering the sleeping bag purchases and the church door bags entirely. To continue with our mission efforts we are also accepting sponsorships for the month. To assemble the bags and have toiletries available as needed we usually spend about \$100 per month. We have started offering our congregation the opportunity to sponsor these monthly purchases. If you are interested in sponsoring for our church door bags, please send a check to the office for the amount you would like to sponsor and add CHURCH DOOR on the memo part of your check and let Michelle Olson know so we can make sure you are acknowledged in the Appleseed Newsletter. If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to call Michelle Olson at 707-528-3831.

June 2017 Thank You

Thank you to those who helped with the Saturday Table Lunch, for those in need of a meal, in the month of June 2017: **Those supplying food:** Carol Wagner, Jennie Cheshier, Karen Bohn, Pat and Paul Schoch and Barbara Hansen. **Those working at Saturday Table** in June were Carol Wagner, Jennie Cheshier, Barbara Hansen and Vi Moir.

Thanks for the advance preparations for Church Door Bags, sleeping bags, and socks to Michelle Olson-Brueggemann. Thanks to those who donated money to help with Saturday Table and those who donate food and money to support our church door ministry.

We served 11 meals to our guests and sent 3 meals out with our guests. We supplied each guest with a snack bag.

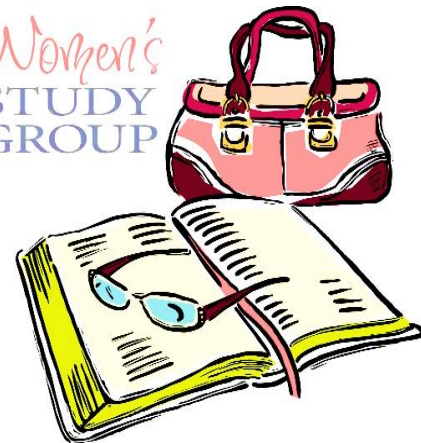
Next Saturday Table will be on July 22, 2017.

Vi Moir



The next meeting of the Worship Team will be
Thursday, July 13th at 10:00 a.m.
in the Chapel
(Old Fireside Room).

Women's
STUDY
GROUP



Our next meeting will be a
Barbara Stranzl
427 Bowers Place
Graton, CA
Saturday July 8th at
10:00 a.m.

Our hostess for the following month will be:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12:
Susan Kinder

THE CARING SUPPORT GROUP

The Caring Support Group will meet on the 3rd Thursday, July 20th, in the Fireside Room, next to the sanctuary, at 1 - 2 PM. Please enter through Choir Room Door. All are welcome. Let your friends and family know about this group. We all sign a confidentiality agreement. We share our life experiences and encourage each other.

Contact Marlene Felsenfeld for any questions: marfels@sbcglobal.net, cell (808) 255-2343.



Yes, it's that time again to clean out your closets and garages. The summer Rummage Sale (aka Methodist Recycling) is scheduled for August 5. Start bringing in your smaller donations for storage in Epworthian Hall; call to arrange pick up for larger items. Consider starting some potted plants to bring the week before the sale. We can use volunteers the Sunday (after service) before the sale to set up the Hall and start sorting; during the week before the sale to continue sorting and pricing; and on the day of the sale. A sign-up sheet will be posted in Epworthian Hall. Contact Julie Barbic by phone at (707) 795-1690, or Marlene Felsenfeld via email at marfels@sbcglobal.net, at res (707) 242-7605, or mobile (808) 255-2343.

Golden Rule

Golden Rule meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 11:30 – 1:00 pm.
Next Meetings are
June 13th & 27th

DID YOU KNOW?



- That Jim Johnson composes music for TV & Film which is distributed through a music library/publishing house in Denton, Texas.
- That Laura Williams has a website for her art: www.wildpencilart.com. Check it out if you weren't able to visit her studio during **Art at the Source** to see her amazing work.
- That Emily Munsch has a website showing her art: www.emiliemunsch.com. See her wonderful creations.
- That Mark and Claire Reed's daughter Molly is a bilingual (Spanish/English) psychotherapist in Santa Rosa. Molly has a regular position with Santa Rosa City Schools focusing on the care of high schoolers/ teenagers, and she also has a private practice.
- That when Dorothy Jennings and her brother George were little kids growing up in Glendale, CA, they got so excited when the train bringing The Ringling Brothers and the Barnum & Bailey Circus to town arrived. They walked to the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks to watch the animals being unloaded. They always loved seeing the clowns, elephants, and other acts perform under the Big Top.
- That Andre de Carvalho is working this summer at In & Out Burger in Novato.
- That Aline Garrison was born 100 years ago on July 1 in Susanville, California, where her Dad was the Principal of the High School. He was Principal at other High Schools, including Analy High School, and retired as the Superintendent of the Petaluma School District. Aline graduated from Petaluma High School.



Dear Pastor Iunisi and the Church:
I want to thank you for the money so I can get shoes. Thank you for helping me with Confirmation.

TJ Frati

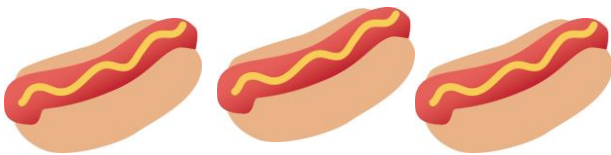
Hotdog Lunch Fundraiser

July 9th, after church, will be the annual Mission Team hotdog fundraiser. This year we will be fundraising for Africa University. The university is the first and only fully accredited institution of higher learning established on the African continent by action of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. The 2017 Annual Conference Session offering will benefit Africa University as the school celebrates its 25th.

One of our members, Maxwell Chambara, is very familiar to this university as he was born and raised at the place where Africa University was built. It used to be a United Methodist Church farm where his father was the farm manager and his mother the bookkeeper. The farm was closed in 1991 because they had chosen the place as the best sight to build the university. It has students from all over Africa and is considered one of the best universities on the Continent.

His sister had a great experience at Africa University, receiving her first degree at a place where she was born and raised.

Come support this university and enjoy yourself as you munch away on hotdogs, and other goodies.



Not able to go to the 2017 California Nevada Annual Conference?

You can still check in on the decisions, events and speakers featured in the conference by going to the California Nevada United Methodist website: <http://www.cnumc.org>.

This year's conference theme was "Testify to Love: Your Story Matters."

Joining us from Washington D.C. was Erin Hawkins (General Secretary for the General Commission on Religion and Race) who acted as a keynote speaker. She said: "Jesus used stories to bring people together, to create a deeper understanding around the bond of our common humanity. Indeed, we are all connected and our unifying story is powerful... The things that make each of us unique are equally powerful."

More about the conference to come in the August Applesed, stay tuned!



Summer Theatre
at
Dream Portal Studio Gallery



Katie Ketchum

Summer Theatre
at
Dream Portal Studio Gallery
presents

Women Who Changed the World

National Endowment Award Winner

Katie Ketchum

shares from her

One Woman Musicals about

Mary Cassatt, American Artist,

Clara Shumann, 19th Century Pianist/Composer

and Mary Magdalene, Spiritual Activist

Friday Evenings

7, 14, 21, 28 July and 4, 11 August, 2017

at 7:30 pm, \$20

(Second Fridays, Open Studio 4-7pm)

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Sebastopol, CA

Enter through Gates at street level

For additional information see website
katieketchum.com

Daily Readings

Saturday, July 1, 2017: Psalm 13; Genesis 26:23-25; Luke 17:1-4

OR Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Jeremiah 28:1-4; Luke 17:1-4

Sunday, July 2, 2017: Proper 8 (13)

Monday, July 3, 2017: Psalm 47; Genesis 22:15-18; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

OR Psalm 119:161-168; 1 Kings 21:1-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Tuesday, July 4, 2017: Psalm 47; 1 Kings 18:36-39; 1 John 4:1-6

OR Psalm 119:161-168; 1 Kings 21:17-29; 1 John 4:1-6

Wednesday, July 5, 2017: Psalm 47; Isaiah 51:1-3; Matthew 11:20-24

OR Psalm 119:161-168; Jeremiah 18:1-11; Matthew 11:20-24

Thursday, July 6, 2017: Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 25:19-27; Romans 7:1-6

OR Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 1:1-6; Romans 7:1-6

Friday, July 7, 2017: Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:1-17; Romans 7:7-20

OR Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 2:6-13; Romans 7:7-20

Saturday, July 8, 2017: Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:18-29; Luke 10:21-24

OR Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 4:1-7; Luke 10:21-24

Sunday, July 9, 2017: Proper 9 (14)

Monday, July 10, 2017: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 27:30-46; Romans 1:18-25

OR Psalm 131; Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22; Romans 1:18-25

Tuesday, July 11, 2017: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:1-14; Romans 3:1-8

OR Psalm 131; Jeremiah 28:10-17; Romans 3:1-8

Wednesday, July 12, 2017: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:31-35; John 13:1-17

OR Psalm 131; Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 13:1-17

Thursday, July 13, 2017: Psalm 119:105-112; Exodus 3:1-6; Romans 2:12-16

OR Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 48:1-5; Romans 2:12-16

Friday, July 14, 2017: Psalm 119:105-112; Deuteronomy 32:1-10; Romans 15:14-21

OR Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 48:6-11; Romans 15:14-21

Saturday, July 15, 2017: Psalm 119:105-112; Isaiah 2:1-4; John 12:44-50

OR Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 52:1-6; John 12:44-50

Sunday, July 16, 2017: Proper 10 (15)

Monday, July 17, 2017: Psalm 142; Micah 1:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

OR Psalm 92; Leviticus 26:3-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Tuesday, July 18, 2017: Psalm 142; Jeremiah 49:7-11; Ephesians 4:17-5:2

OR Psalm 92; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Wednesday, July 19, 2017: Psalm 142; Obadiah 15-21; Matthew 13:10-17

OR Psalm 92; Proverbs 11:23-30; Matthew 13:10-17

Thursday, July 20, 2017: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Isaiah 44:1-5; Hebrews 2:1-9

OR Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 41:21-29; Hebrews 2:1-9

Friday, July 21, 2017: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Ezekiel 39:21-29; Hebrews 6:13-20

OR Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:9-17; Hebrews 6:13-20

Saturday, July 22, 2017: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Exodus 14:9-25; Matthew 7:15-20

OR Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:18-20; Matthew 7:15-20

Sunday, July 23, 2017: Proper 11 (16)

Monday, July 24, 2017: Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 32:3-21; Revelation 14:12-20

OR Psalm 75; Nahum 1:1-13; Revelation 14:12-20

Tuesday, July 25, 2017: Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 33:1-17; Galatians 4:21-5:1

OR Psalm 75; Zephaniah 3:1-13; Galatians 4:21-5:1

Wednesday, July 26, 2017: Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 35:16-29; Matthew 12:15-21

OR Psalm 75; Daniel 12:1-13; Matthew 12:15-21

Thursday, July 27, 2017: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20

OR Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:28-37; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20

Friday, July 28, 2017: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:9-14; Acts 7:44-53

OR Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:38-48; Acts 7:44-53

Saturday, July 29, 2017: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:31-30:24; Matthew 12:38-42

OR Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 2:1-4; Matthew 12:38-42

Sunday, July 30, 2017: Proper 12 (17)

Monday, July 31, 2017: Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:25-36; James 3:13-18

OR Psalm 119:121-128; 1 Kings 3:16-28; James 3:13-18

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