

# The APPLESEED



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## THE GRACE OF HOSPITALITY

Let a little be brought, and they may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way...

*"I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."*

Welcome to the Christian Season of the Pentecost. A season reminding us and acknowledging the coming of the Holy Spirit which was seen in the shape of a tongue with fire. The restoration of thousands of souls with hope unto the mystery of the Holy Spirit. Peter and the apostles were seen as the leading souls in implementing the word of the Lord to everyone.

We are still amazed by the experience of the two travelers on the road to Emmaus soon after the Resurrection, which we have just been reminded of at Easter. Some of us are still trying to understand or debating with ourselves, how the Spirit of Divine was relevantly relayed via a complete stranger. However, strangers or not, anyone should be greeted equally with warm, loving hospitality. Strangers or angelic appearances of the divine agents of God were common since the time of Abraham.

According to the traditional story of Abraham and Sarah on their childless years, they were visited by three men. Despite the days' troubling issues, the visitors were warmly greeted to a comfortable cool breeze area with water to drink and feet washing. The head of the household, Abraham hurried the wife to feed the visitors. He then, hurried to the field to fetch the best tender calf for the visitors' meal. While serving the visitors, Abraham stood by while they enjoying their meal. It sounds like someone had studied Hospitality 101.

Grace of hospitality is freely gifted to humankind by God. The welcoming and greeting impresses the visitors and they start to know the core value of the household, the giving and offering of the best in anything we have. The tone of providing resting, cleaning and feeding. Warm loving and compassionate attitudes clearly speak through selecting the best from their possessions and in their actions. The gratefulness for the visitors applies not to any societal or religious status, but to anyone who needs rest or is searching for food and water.

Christians are blessed by the superb action of hospitality that the Son of God had deep association with us. We were seen to be heading towards death, in deep hunger and thirsty for righteousness. He invited Himself to restore us by his own life. He provided us with a reliever in order to comfort us. His choice had rewarded us with the everlasting life as long as we believe in Him.

It was said, that Abraham and Sarah were promised a child later in their aging life as a reward for their graceful hospitality.

We are reminded that our hospitality has an unknown reward. Do not be weary in doing good, but in everything let God knows and you will be rewarded abundantly.

Blessings on everyone and Happy Season of Pentecost.

Peace, Grace and Hope  
Pastor Iunisi





**The next meeting of the Worship Team will be  
Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
in the Chapel  
(Old Fireside Room).**

## Golden Rule

Golden Rule meets on the second and fourth  
Thursdays of each month from  
11:30 – 1:00 pm.  
Next Meetings are  
June 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Hotdog Lunch Fundraiser

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>.

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.



**June 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.



## THE CARING SUPPORT GROUP

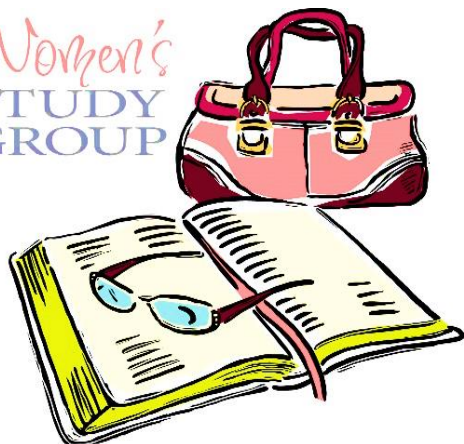
The Caring Support Group will meet on the 3rd Thursday, June 15th, in the Fireside Room, next to the sanctuary, at 1 - 2 PM. All are welcome. Let your friends and family know about this group. We all sign a confidentiality agreement. We share our life experiences and encourage each other.

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

## Church Documents

Please bring any files, photos, and any other Church documents to the Archive Room

Women's  
STUDY  
GROUP



**Our next meeting will be a  
Karen Bohn's  
908 Pleasant Hill Road  
Sebastopol, CA  
Saturday June 10th at  
11:30 a.m.**

Get out your calendars - we've got ourselves  
booked for the summer!

Our hostesses for the following 2 months will be:  
SATURDAY, JULY 8: Barbara Stranzl  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12: Susan Kinder

Details to come on these meetings later - but circle  
the dates, you won't want to miss them!



### May 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 May 2017.

Those supplying food: Jennie Cheshier, Pat & Paul Schoch, Beth Walelee, Barbara and Dennis Hansen, Karen Bohn and Betty Stychno.

Those working at Saturday Table in May were Mark Reed, Beth Wakelee, Barbara Hansen, Jennie Cheshier, and Betty Stychno.

We served 15 meals for our guests and sent out 3 meals.

Next Saturday Table is June 24th.

*Thanks*

to everyone who helped to make bouquets and those who donated flowers for Mother's Day



*Congratulations,  
Graduates!*

## **Graduate Potluck**

*Sunday, June 11, after the service*

*In Epworthian Hall*

*Please help us to celebrate our graduates by  
bringing a favorite snack to share during*

*Coffee Hour.*

**High School:** *Andre Barbic-Carvahlo*

**Middle School:** *Ariana Conway,  
India Wade, T.J. Frati, Alicia Robert  
and Jackson Dunkle*

## **Worship Leaders in June:**

June 11 Vicky Ness

June 18 Pat Schoch

June 25 Florence Stone



## ***Kudos to Our Confirmands***

Richard Thomas John Frati

Paulo Barbic-Carvahlo

India Wade

Gabe Yazzolino

DID YOU KNOW?



...That Howard & Judy Bredesen will be visiting in Sebastopol June 6 - 26, especially to celebrate their granddaughter's birthday!

...That Laura Williams will host her first Art at the Source open studio during the first two weekends in June. Stop by to see her art work!

...That Moses Ost will be a counselor at Camp Hope this summer for week!. Camp Hope, a sleep-away camp in northern California, provides an opportunity for abused children to make friends and to grow with the help of older counselors.

...That Vi Moir has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren!

...That Jennie Cheshier has 2 children and 2 step children, 6 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren!

...That Sally Rose has 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren!

...That Andre de Carvalho played his trombone with the Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra this past season at Weill Hall.!

...That Michael Ost writes computer software used by musicians to record albums and by Hollywood to do soundtracks and sound effects for film. !

...That Martha Wade is working on a new mural for the new Santa Rosa Community Health Center. Also, that Martha Wade created many of the beautiful banners that are hung in our sanctuary and the mural in the Narthex!

...That Gabe Yazollino loves to cook for the volunteers at Analy High School!

...That Mark and Claire's daughter Neela teaches ballet in Oakland!

...That when Pastor Iunisi was 11 years old, she skipped a grade and went straight to High School with a special class.!

We are a church family, and we want to know about our members. Please submit your tidbits to Marlene Felsenfeld:  
**marfels@sbcglobal.net** or cell (808) 255-2343.

# Daily Readings

- **Thursday, June 1, 2017:** Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11
- **Friday, June 2, 2017:** Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17
- **Saturday, June 3, 2017:** Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12
- **Sunday, June 4, 2017: Day of Pentecost**
- **Monday, June 5, 2017:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24
- **Tuesday, June 6, 2017:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27
- **Wednesday, June 7, 2017:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39
- **Thursday, June 8, 2017:** Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a
- **Friday, June 9, 2017:** Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14
- **Saturday, June 10, 2017:** Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17
- **Sunday, June 11, 2017: Trinity Sunday**
- **Monday, June 12, 2017:** Psalm 29; Job 38:39-39:12; 1 Corinthians 12:1-3
- **Tuesday, June 13, 2017:** Psalm 29; Job 39:13-25; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13
- **Wednesday, June 14, 2017:** Psalm 29; Job 39:26-40:5; John 14:25-26
- **Thursday, June 15, 2017:** Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 3:1-6  
OR Psalm 100; Exodus 4:18-23; Hebrews 3:1-6
- **Friday, June 16, 2017:** Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:1-9; Acts 7:35-43  
OR Psalm 100; Exodus 4:27-31; Acts 7:35-43
- **Saturday, June 17, 2017:** Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:10-52; Mark 7:1-13  
OR Psalm 100; Exodus 6:28-7:13; Mark 7:1-13
- **Sunday, June 18, 2017: Proper 6 (11)**
- **Monday, June 19, 2017:** Psalm 126; Genesis 23:1-19; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5  
OR Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Joshua 1:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5
- **Tuesday, June 20, 2017:** Psalm 126; Genesis 25:7-11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5  
OR Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; 1 Samuel 3:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
- **Wednesday, June 21, 2017:** Psalm 126; Nehemiah 9:1-8; Luke 6:12-19  
OR Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Proverbs 4:10-27; Luke 6:12-19
- **Thursday, June 22, 2017:** Psalm 86:1-10; Exodus 12:43-49; Hebrews 2:5-9  
OR Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah 18:12-17; Hebrews 2:5-9
- **Friday, June 23, 2017:** Psalm 86:1-10; Genesis 35:1-4; Acts 5:17-26  
OR Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah 18:18-23; Acts 5:17-26
- **Saturday, June 24, 2017:** Psalm 86:1-10; Ezekiel 29:3-7; Luke 11:53-12:3  
OR Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah 20:1-6; Luke 11:53-12:3
- **Sunday, June 25, 2017: Proper 7 (12)**
- **Monday, June 26, 2017:** Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 16:1-15; Revelation 2:1-7  
OR Psalm 6; Micah 7:1-7; Revelation 2:1-7
- **Tuesday, June 27, 2017:** Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 25:12-18; Revelation 2:8-11  
OR Psalm 6; Jeremiah 26:1-12; Revelation 2:8-11
- **Wednesday, June 28, 2017:** Psalm 86:11-17; Jeremiah 42:18-22; Matthew 10:5-23  
OR Psalm 6; Jeremiah 38:1-13; Matthew 10:5-23
- **Thursday, June 29, 2017:** Psalm 13; Micah 7:18-20; Galatians 5:2-6  
OR Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Jeremiah 25:1-7; Galatians 5:2-6
- **Friday, June 30, 2017:** Psalm 13; 2 Chronicles 20:5-12; Galatians 5:7-12  
OR Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Jeremiah 25:8-14; Luke 17:1-4

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Women's Study  
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Confirmation  
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Father's Day

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Saturday Table

Pastor Iunisi Out of the Office at Conference

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Pastor Iunisi Out of the Office at Claremont School of Theology

