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A SEASON OF SHIFTING PERSPECTIVES TOWARDS SALVATION

I have come across a story of a child and his grandfather watching the airplane. Smoke from the plane left a line on its way up above them. The longer they were watching, the line of the smoke disappeared. Grandpa was asked by the boy of where was the smoke had gone. Grandpa said is a mystery. The boy suggests, may be Jesus has an eraser. Jesus has erased our mistakes with His life on the cross.

We will remember the Holy Week and with the seven statements from the cross. I encourage you to meditate on the seven statements of Jesus from the cross:

#1. *My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? Matthew 27:46*

#2. *Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing Luke 23:34* #3. *I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise. Luke 23:43* #4. *Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit Luke 23:46*

#5. *Dear woman, here is your son!* Then he said to the disciple, *"Here is your mother!" John 19:26-27* #6. *I am thirsty- John 19:28* #7. *It is finished John 19:30*

John 13:4-11 And during supper, Jesus knew the time has come to leave this world to go to the father: He got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, put on an apron, poured water into a basin and began washing his disciples feet, drying with his apron. Simon Peter refused to be washed. Jesus responded, you don't understand now but it will be clear enough to you later. If I don't wash you, you can't be part of what I'm doing.

The ongoing message of our participation in the body of Christ is the continuity of serving others with the realization that we are all partakers in His great mission into the world.

We are resonating with this message in our Maundy Thursday Service in our sanctuary following with the Lord's Table (Holy Communion). We may not know now why we are here, but it will be understood later. Invite your friends and bring your family.

We will do hand washing instead of feet washing, and feet washing shall be provided by myself if you want to experience it.

In light of Jesus own words, I came to serve not to be served.

PLEASE JOIN US ON PALM SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY and be ready to acknowledge Cross and Resurrection.

GOD IS RISEN ALLELUIA!

THEY CRUCIFIED MY SAVIOR AND NAILED HIM TO THE TREE

THEN JOSEPH BEGGED HIS BODY AND LAID IT IN THE TOMB

MARY CAME RUNNING LOOKING FOR MY LORD

ANGEL CAME FROM HEAVEN AND ROLLED THE STONE AWAY AND THE LORD WILL BEAR MY SPIRIT HOME.

HE ROSE, HE ROSE, HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD

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AND THE LORD WILL BEAR MY SPIRIT HOME.

***Blessings to you all,
Pastor Iunisi Tovo***



ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS & LILIES

You may make a contribution of any amount in honor of a living loved one or in memory of a deceased love one. Please complete this form, fold it around your cash or check (payable to Sebastopol UMC), and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

The deadline is March 20th.

A list of those remembered will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Proceeds above the cost of the flowers will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



*Please Join Us
on
Palm Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday 7 p.m.
and
Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m.*

A KOWS Benefit Concert

Our terrific new tenant, KOWS radio station, is hosting a benefit in our own Epworthian Hall to support their daily operations. Come enjoy refreshments and some fabulous boogie-woogie to blues music on

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 @ 7:30 PM.

Tickets are \$20.

It's a great way to show your support for this all-volunteer station, and also help out our own budget: 20% of the proceeds go directly will go to the church.



For more information go to www.kows.fm

INTERFAITH COUNCIL EVENT

An alarming wave of Islamophobia is sweeping our nation. It has taken the form of hate crimes, profiling, and verbal attacks. The Interfaith Council of Sonoma County is committed to preventing this from happening in our community. Let us as Catholics, following the way of Jesus, commit ourselves to working for justice, equality, inclusion, and safety for all the members of the community.

We are invited to join many others of different faiths on March 13 from 3-5 p.m. at Ner Shalom in Cotati (85 La Plaza). We will stand together, affirming our common humanity and honoring our differences, all people of faith, respecting the rights, dignity, and safety of the Muslim Community. The speaker will be Dr. Hamid Mavani, Professor of Religion at Claremont Graduate School in Los Angeles. Opportunities for new friendships, refreshments, and music are included in this FREE event.

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.

Help Needed

with Sunday Coffee is always appreciated. Just sign up on the coffee hour sheet in 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 March 10th and 24th.

Adopt A Highway



The next scheduled date for litter pickup on Highway 12 is Saturday, March 12, 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



With the recent retirement of Sally Rose, the Bell Choir is in need of another person to join.

The choir meets most Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at the church for practice and performs 6-7 times a year.

It is rewarding experience to help make music for worship. You need not be a musician or be able to read music. You only need to be able to count to 4.

So please consider that you are especially invited. More information can be obtained from the director, Charlotte Fisher at 707.823.4817

SCRIP Notes

Thanks to all of you that faithfully use scrip. We have two new items -- Subway @ \$10 and Sport Authority @ \$25. If you ever want to know the broad range of businesses available, from furniture to hotel reservations and everything in between, google "glsc" and read their list. We can order anything there.



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.

Thanks for Letting Your Opinions Be Known!

First, on behalf of the Trustees and Finance Committee thanks to everyone who participated in the Epworthian Hall and Kitchen walk-through. To refresh, on February 14th members of the congregation gathered before and after the church service to take a critical look at these areas and make suggestions as to how they could be improved.

Utilizing post-it notes, members conveyed their thoughts and views of what they wanted to see for improvements in the kitchen and hall. There were over a 120 post-it notes from members on how to improve the facilities. This was an amazing response!

Rather than provide you with all those post-it notes I thought the following summary of everyone's comments by topic would be the best approach for informing you.

EPWORTHIAN KITCHEN

- **Cabinets-** Lots of opinions about them. Some thought they should be replaced; others wanted to see them refaced, painted or stained. If replaced, the thinking was they should be designed for better use i.e. pull out drawers for low cabinets.
- **Garbage disposal-** Resoundingly the response was to add one.
- **Sink-** There was a couple of suggestions with regard to replacing the existing one. If replaced, recommendations were to reconfigure the sink to be larger on one side for pots and smaller on the other for washing smaller items. Also there was a request to have a deeper bowl for same reasons. **Kitchen Facet-** Replace with a taller one. **Stove Facet-** Replace with extension so it can reach pots on stove.
- **Countertops-** Consensus was to change them out for something new. There were additional comments about increasing the size of the island so it held more storage. Also, there was interest in potentially making it a different shape as in round or "U" shaped.
- **Lights-** Replace light fixtures ---especially in alcove area. **Walls and Ceiling-** There was an overwhelming response for painting the kitchen walls and making some repairs to the kitchen ceiling. **Windows-** There was a suggestion on changing the kitchen windows to a double hung style. **Flooring** – Replacement of old flooring with new materials was the dominant point of view.
- **Appliances-**
 - **Refrigerator-** Replace the current refrigerator for a commercial one. Everyone wants a bigger freezer. The overwhelming opinion was the existing refrigerator is too small for our current needs.
 - **Stove-** Opinions diverged on this. Those who wanted to keep the stove advocated a major overhaul to improve safety and use. For example, there was a recommendation for a gas kill switch to be added because there is not one. Others wanted the stove to go because of cost of needed repairs....one of the ovens is not operational and burner controls are not functioning well. One comment I thought clever from someone was "Bring this (oven) into the 21st century". We can do that.
 - **Warming Cabinet-** Some questioned the need for this in the kitchen. If kept, everyone wants added an electronic switch. Currently the cabinet requires manual lighting of the gas pilot assembly located on the floor.
 - **Sanitizer-** Consensus of opinions coalesced around replacing it with a under the counter commercial dishwasher.

EPWORTHIAN HALL

- **Storage Space-** Currently storage space in hall is cordoned off by two rolling bulletin boards. Recommendations were twofold. One was to replace the dividers with walls and add double doors and the other was to keep dividers and paint them.
- **Windows-** Add blinds and take down the curtains. **Tables-** Replace more of the wooden tables with lighter ones.
- **Piano** - Tune the piano otherwise the prevailing point of view was to get rid of it.
- **Ceiling fans-** There were multiple questions about whether or not the fans were operational; and if not, then recommendation was to repair them.
- **Sound system-** Several recommended the sound system be upgraded or replaced.
- **Fireplace-** There was a lot of interest in this area. For the fireplace itself, there was a recommendation to modify for gas logs or insert. Many expressed interest in converting this area into a comfortable seating area with sofas and chairs for classes and meetings and space for hanging out.
- **Main Entrance-** There was a couple of recommendations for adding planters by the exterior doors and to re-stain or paint those doors.
- **Flooring-** Same as the kitchen flooring, there were recommendations to replace it.

